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Court Watching:

Jury trial set March 2 in Sumpter Twp. murder

A jury trial on charges of second-degree murder and felony firearm has been scheduled for March 2 for David Paul McPherson of Sumpter Township for the death of his live-in girlfriend. The jury trial will be held before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey.



McPherson

McPherson, 39, of Sumpter Township was

video-arraigned in custody on July 31 by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on charges of second-degree murder and weapons on June 29 on Montana Street in Sumpter Township. He told police his 24-year-old girlfriend Haleigh Price committed suicide. She had recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University. But Sumpter Township police investigated the death further and found it to be a homicide.

Bond is \$1,000,000 cash or surety and if he does bond-out he is to be on a GPS tether and not to contact the protected party. All firearms

are to be forfeited to the police department and he is not to purchase or possess firearms.

A pre-exam hearing was held Aug. 13 and his exam held Oct. 2 when he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. A disposition conference was held Oct. 9, along with a calendar conference. The final conference is Dec. 5, before the March 2 jury trial.

He remains in custody. If convicted, McPherson faces up to life in prison for the murder charge and up to two years for the felony firearm charge.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City of Belleville seeks input on new recreation plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

A half hour of Monday's regular Belleville City Council meeting was spent with the consultants from Giffels Webster discussing the proposed new Parks and Recreation Plan and its schedule for adoption.

The city has to have a revised Parks and Recreation Plan in order to qualify for state grants for parks.

Interim city manager Steve Jones said the public survey on recreation was put on social media from June 24 to Oct. 13 and got "no traction at all." There were five or six total responses, according to different statements in the report from Giffels Webster.

The proposed Parks and Recreation Plan was based on these responses. It will be upgraded after an open house to get more information from the public.

Stephanie Osborn and Eric Kudla from Giffels Webster explained the project timeline, which plans an open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, just before the city council meeting at 6:30

p.m. People will be asked to tell what they want the city's parks to be like and how they should be funded. Participants will get \$100 in fake money to spend on projects they support. There will be no presentation at the open house and people will be free to come and go.

The schedule puts a Nov. 17 city council review of the draft plan and a sharing of the draft plan by Dec. 6 for 30 days. The city council will then adopt the plan on Jan. 5 or 19 and the plan will be submitted no later than Feb. 1 to the DNR website.

Jones said the city's former Parks and Recreation Committee "died in COVID" and efforts were unsuccessful to get it restarted.

In other business at the 55-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the closure of City Hall on Friday, Dec. 26, and to keep it closed over the holidays until the staff returns on Monday, Jan. 5. Jones said the goal is to have the new city hall ready to be occupied by Christmas and so they can move from the old city hall to the new city hall in a day or two and the staff can settle into their

new spaces on Jan. 5;

- Approved accounts payable of \$420,000.51, which includes \$228,071.50 to Davenport Construction for work on the new city hall at 330 Charles St.;

- Heard Jones report that work continues on the new city hall and all the walls and windows are up. He said the office staff took a tour of their future workplaces and were happy to see they would have outside light at their desks. He said the goal is to be in city hall by Jan. 1. He also reported Hennessey engineers said they will have something to show the council on Horizon Park bank stabilization plans in the next couple of meetings;

- Heard clerk/treasurer Briana Papin say those wishing to run for one of the two council seats open in the Nov. 4 election must file as a write-in candidates by Oct. 24. She said those write-in candidates who already filed are current candidates Julie Kissel and Jeremiah Beebe, who are seeking reelection. The election is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 4, and both precincts are at St. Anthony Catholic Church. For more information on the election, voters

may contact the clerk's office;

- Heard councilwoman Kissel say there was a long line of kids at the trunk or treat event at the final car show of the season that afternoon; and

- Heard police chief Kris Faull say Main Street will be closed around 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, for the downtown trick or treaters and reopen around 8 p.m. She said Belleville High School is hosting a playoff game at 7 p.m. that night and so there will be a lot of out-of-towners here for the game who will be trying to get to the school while Main Street is closed. Chief Faull said the first couple of hours of the trick or treat street closing should be difficult. After the game, however, the crowd will clear easily. She said reserve officers will be at the trick or treat event first and then go over to work at the football game.

Mayor Ken Voigt and councilman Randy Priest were absent from the Oct. 20 meeting. Mayor-pro-tem Kelly Bates presided at the meeting with a bare quorum of three members, including council members Kissel and Beebe.

District Library gets chokeberry bushes to replace boxwoods

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

The Belleville Area District Library now has a row of black chokeberry bushes lining the Charles Street edge of the property along the library parking lot.

At the Oct. 14 regular meeting of the library board, Library director Mary Jo Suchy said that Randy Brown Landscape had just replaced the boxwood bushes that were dying.

At the July 8 meeting, she reported that she was told the shrubs were dying possibly due to a boxwood disease and they should try another kind of bush.

According to gardening sites on the internet, black chokeberry is a dependable small-to-medium-sized shrub that is upright and mounded. Small clusters of white flowers in the spring are followed by glossy black, edible fruit, which are great for jellies, pies, and wine.

It is an adaptable shrub native to Minnesota with hardiness and wide tolerance to a variety of soil textures, densities, pH levels and moisture conditions.

In other business at the 45-minute meeting on Oct. 14, the board

- Heard Suchy report that since last May she has been running into roadblocks in getting Otis Elevator to schedule an elevator test required by the state. She said Matt Ratzow of O'Neal Construction is assisting her in finding alternative elevator vendors. Also,

in speaking with Ratzow, she discovered that the library elevator most likely does not need the door lock monitoring system for which Otis sent a quote of \$27,000. The elevator was installed in 2019 and the state code that mandates the system went into effect in 2016. She said they may have another company do the required state test;

- Learned library staff member Jennifer Richardson will present a workshop on how to start a memory café at the Michigan Library Association Fall Conference at the end of October. Suchy said this memory program has been greatly successful and is partially funded by the Friends of the Library. Artist Kathryn Wood assists with a communal art piece that the group works on during each café and then the artwork is displayed;

- Heard Suchy report about 500 people attended the many programs in the library during Harvest Fest on Oct. 11. She said the weather was great and it was, "a magical day" with so much activity. Board member Joy Cichewicz captivated people with her information on bees;

- Was informed about 50 people attended the Michigan Birds of Prey outdoor program that wrapped up the library open house at the Sumpter Media Center. Board chairperson Sharon Peters said those attending greatly enjoyed seeing the red-tailed hawk, owl, and eagle up close;

- Heard Suchy say as a result of the

library's successful program on learning how to play Mahjong, the library is now holding a Mahjong Meetup on Fridays at 11 a.m. Peters said the game is very challenging. The library also is adding an informal, one-hour English Conversation group at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. This is intended for those who are learning English and will also be attended by some of the literacy volunteers. Also, Jazz Night at the Library features the Dawn Giblin Quartet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29;

- Was informed the winners in the weekend's community art show are being displayed at the library, along with other art from the show. Some of the artwork is for sale, but they will stay on display until the exhibit is over;

- Learned long-time book vendor Baker & Taylor, one of the country's largest book vendors that was founded in 1828, is shutting down operations. Suchy said they have served as a very important vendor for the library and she is sorry to see them go. She said they continue to use Brodart and Ingram. She said Amazon is making a bid for library services, including providing processing and brief catalog records. She said Amazon sends individual bills and individual deliveries when the library buys books from them and that is difficult for the library to process one by one. Amazon is working on fixing that problem, she said;

- Heard board secretary Alma Hughes-

Grubbs thank board members for their prayers during her illness. Board members said they were happy to see her back;

- Welcomed visitor Thays Harris, a library user since she moved to this area 17 years ago. She said she wanted to see what went on at a board meeting so she decided to visit the meeting.

Belleville DDA offers businesses \$1,000 each to put up holiday lights

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is offering up to 15 city businesses \$1,000 each to put up holiday lights.

The DDA voted unanimously to set aside \$15,000 for the program at its regular meeting on Oct. 15. Valerie Kelley-Bonner was the only DDA member absent from the meeting.

DDA member Mike Gatterer proposed the holiday light grant program, which he had mentioned at the Aug. 20 meeting. He was encouraged to work out the details.

He suggested that Carson Abney put up the lights for the businesses because he has done that for a lot of businesses.

He pointed out the annual cost to the

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Belleville offers scarecrow contest, ignores promise

We were disappointed to see at Monday's Belleville City Council meeting that the city again had ignored its promise to award prizes in its scarecrow contest. Last year, it was the same thing, although last year the winners were listed in the consent agenda. Nothing in person.

In the years before last year, the winners in the scarecrow categories were invited to get handed to them pictures of their scarecrows while standing before the council and they also got a round of applause.

The entry application, that costs \$10, tells the date of the council meeting when the winners will be announced. This year it said Oct. 20, but there was no mention of the scarecrows, except for when the *Independent* asked before the meeting. Nothing on the agenda. No list.

We were told the city council had not been asked to judge and we should ask interim city manager Steve Jones about it, so we did. Jones said pictures of the scarecrows were put online for votes and they took the top vote-getters for the winners.

We received an email with pictures of winning scarecrows from Kathleen Springer, the social media vendor hired by Jones and the DDA to promote the city. He said at a recent DDA meeting that his plate was full and so he would get her to help him. And, he has.

It's too bad the city doesn't do what it promises to do any more.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

In today's paper we have the death notices of Bob and Betty Ferguson who died after an accident Up North involving a hay wagon. Bob was driving the tractor pulling a hay wagon when they were rear-ended. Betty was on the wagon and died in the crash on Oct. 11. He died Oct. 19. Bob grew up in Sumpter and still has lots of friends and family here.

When the Amazon Web Service was interrupted early Monday morning, people and businesses using it around the world were reminded how much we rely on the internet. In a few hours, it was being mended. There are conflicting accounts about what happened, but we know it disrupted lives.

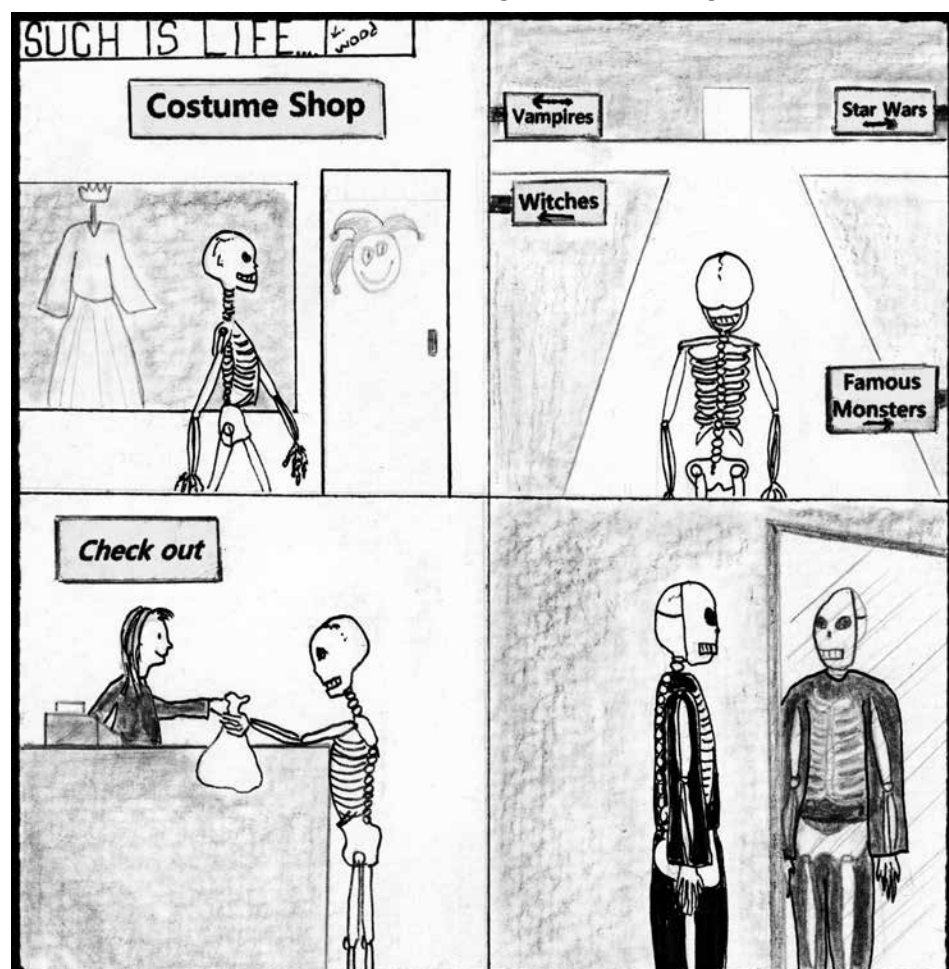
At our house it was only that we couldn't see the feral cats playing in our driveway that we like to watch. For others, it was their businesses at risk.

In the city of Belleville there are a large number of senior citizens who do not use the internet. We know because they come in for their papers and say they don't use the internet.

That's why we are concerned about governmental bodies thinking it will be so much easier to just put everything on the internet. Some even use internet for their newspaper of record, even though the law requires paper papers for that.

The scarecrow contest was announced online only this year, so we didn't know it was going to happen until it did. Then, the results were only online. Other things are being handled online and many seniors won't have a clue. We won't either. We rely on information from the source and don't trust online stuff.

Maybe that's why the city got only five or six responses to its survey on what the



residents want in recreation services. The survey started on social media on June 24 and ran until Oct. 13. Nobody mentioned the survey at public meetings that we attended.

At Monday's city council meeting, the council was told the city wants to close its offices between Christmas and New Year's Day because it hopes to be able to move to its new city hall over that time period.

They usually get extra days off during Christmas and New Year's Day anyway, but this is a good reason to add in a few more days.

At Monday's meeting, they were talking about how Belleville's part of the Denton Road bridge repair will be \$500,000 to replace a big square of damaged cement roadway on Main Street at the entry to the bridge. Apparently, the bridge contractor is letting the city in on the good price.

Interim city manager Steve Jones was asked when the bridge would be done and he said it wouldn't be done until next May. He said something was missing in the plans and they had to stop and go back which delayed the project into the winter season when the cement couldn't be poured.

The National Transportation Safety Board recently released its final study on the MiG helicopter crash next to an apartment complex in Van Buren Township during the 2023 air show at Willow Run Airport. Because the engine was made in Russia and

the NTSB didn't have details of the engine, the reason for the crash was not able to be determined.

There has been some back and forth comments between the pilot and the co-pilot who disagreed whether there was time to land safely over by the airport or whether it would crash before then. The co-pilot said there was no time and so he pulled the cord to exit the plane. The pilot and co-pilot ended up in Belleville Lake and were not seriously injured. No one on the ground was injured either.

The pilot and co-pilot have had disagreements in the past, according to reports.

On Tuesday, just before deadline, we received the following anonymous message: "On Monday, the 20th, the city of Belleville had five incidences. Including two fires, along with medicals that the fire department did not respond to. On Tuesday, the 21st, they had an accident involving injuries to a child that they did not respond to. Is this due to the city taking away the duty crews during daytime hours, in order to pay for their new city hall, or is it because they have a hiring freeze? In order to pay for the new city hall?" Please make this an anonymous question. As it may affect my business.



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Letters

Library used-book sale coming Nov. 1, 2

To the editor:

Thank you to the patrons of the Belleville Area District Library who donated used books for the "Holiday Treasures" Book Sale, starting Saturday, Nov. 1.

Thousands of used books will be available, including adult, teens' and children's fiction and non-fiction, with the different genres: biography, classics, cookbooks, fantasy, gardening, history, literature, music, religion and self-help. Special collections of military books are an added feature this time.

Novelty gift bags and book-related merchandise for adults, teens and children, perfect for stocking stuffers or "elf on the shelf," are new for this sale.

A members' only preview sale will take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday for the Friends of the Belleville Library. Memberships will be available at the door.

The used-book sale will be open to the public:

- Saturday, Nov. 1, 12-3 p.m.; and
- Sunday, Nov. 2, 1-4 p.m.

Used books will be discounted as follows: Adult and teen hardcovers two for \$1, paperbacks four for \$1; children's books four for \$1; audio books, Blu Rays, CDs, and DVDs, all four for \$1.

Sunday only, there will be a bag sale. Fill a bag for \$4 each bag.

Credit cards will be accepted.

There will be a table of collectible, special-priced books including boxed sets, coffee-table books, and complete series for holiday gifting.

Proceeds from the sale are used to maintain the rooftop beehives, summer reading programs, participation in Lake Fest, Harvest Fest and Winter Fest, and other library programs, including the memory café, classic movie series, and jazz nights.

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Elaine Gutierrez
Friends of the Library

Join us at St. Anthony to honor veterans

To the editor and members of the community:
My name is Stephen Walsh, and I am the president and treasurer of the St. Anthony's Men's Club of St. Anthony's Parish in Belleville. Some of you may have heard of our club which has been around since 1968, which is longer than I've been alive!

On Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, we will be hosting a breakfast (scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and Tator-Tots) at our parish (located at 409 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, MI 48111) to collect funds which will be used to assist disabled veterans through the local VFW Post 4434.

I myself am not a veteran; however, I have the absolute pleasure of being married to a veteran, and I have met some veterans through my involvement in our club that have proven to me our veterans are some of the most dedicated, disciplined, loyal, God-loving people I have ever met and it makes me very proud to know them. Unfortunately, not all veterans come back from their duty as military personnel to a stable life and/or are permanently disabled from the things they have been involved with or have witnessed during their active duty.

These are the type of people this breakfast is all about supporting. Every one of us has someone in their lives they know who has served our country in peace time or war time, and whether they saw the front line in a battle or were tasked to do less life-threatening duty, they all have one thing in common. They put their country and our freedom first.

So, if you can, please come out and shake a veteran's hand and thank him or her for their service. Donate a little bit of money to help the disabled veterans (if you are financially able to) and if you are hungry join us for breakfast.

Thank you for your time and thank you to all the veterans who have made it possible for me to write this letter in Comfort and with Freedom and Peace.

God Bless,
Stephen Walsh

Support group for blind meets in Sumpter

To the editor:

There is a support group for the blind and visually impaired that meets every fourth Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Transportation is available for those who reside in Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

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LORRI LOUISE ROSE

March 5, 1956 – October 19, 2025

Lorri Louise Rose, age 69, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2025, at her home. She was born March 5, 1956, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Vernon Fredric & Loretta Florence (Carter) Wieduwilt. She graduated from Cody High School, class of 1974. Lorri enjoyed music and singing solos in church. Most of all she loved being a wife and mother and taking care of her home and family.

Mrs. Rose is survived by her loving husband of 43 years Michael Roy Rose, two sons Michael A. Rose and Kyle Rose, all of Belleville, MI, a brother Alan Wieduwilt of Belleville, MI, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also 4 siblings.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. Interment will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Youth Haven and would be appreciated.

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ROBERT ALLEN FERGUSON

December 19, 1945 – October 19, 2025

Age 79. Born in Belleville. Served in U.S. Army in Germany, then worked at Ford for 30 years. Preceded in death by wife Betty on Oct. 11. Survived by siblings Roger (Diane), Richard (Lennie), Marie (Regis) Prioulx; six children; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, with the service at 2 p.m. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park.

BETTY JEAN FERGUSON

February 14, 1940 – October 11, 2025

Age 85. Died in Kimball, MI. Survived by husband Robert Ferguson, who died Oct. 19; six children; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six siblings. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, with the service at 2 p.m. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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More Letters

Thanks to those who helped tractor parade

To the editor:

We want to thank everyone who donated to the raffles, all of the participants of the tractor parade, spectators, Belleville and Sumpter PD for the escort to ensure we were safe. Farm Bureau sponsored us by giving us insurance for the event and buying donuts for the morning. Plus, a donation for Girls Town. This year the weather was great. We had around 40 tractors.

Thank you to the Belleville Central Business Community for feeding the participants lunch.

We would like to send a special thanks to these people who donated (baskets/gift cards/items): LeeAnn Edwards, Carleton Farm Supply, Belle Nails (2 gift cards), NAPA Auto Parts, Captain Nemo's-Romulus, Brian and Nancy Shepard (4 baskets), Denny and Alice Wilkin (2 baskets), Moody Brews (2 gift certificates), Morris Machine Service (2 baskets), Bradley and Diane Traskos, Mike and Linda Remus, Sumpter ACE Hardware, Services of Michigan (Pat Edwards), O'Reilly Auto Parts-Belleville (2 baskets) and Hungry Howie's (2 gift certificates).

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Obituaries

Franciszek "Frank"
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FRANCISZEK 'FRANK' SIERAK

September 25, 1929 – October 18, 2025

Franciszek "Frank" Sierak, age 96, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Regency of Canton, after a brief illness. He was born September 25, 1929, in Chkopia, Krasnosielcu, Poland. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. Frank retired from Ford Motor Company, Sheldon Road plant, after more than 27 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. He enjoyed gardening and farming. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Marianne (Tupacz) Sierak, two sons: Slavik (Darlene) Sierak, all of Belleville, and Randy (Liesl) Sierak of Saline, MI; 3 grandchildren: Megan (Drew) Ramey of Dundee, MI, Jessica (Brandon) Snead of Adrian, MI, and Matthew Sierak of Saline; 4 great-grandchildren: Chase, Lucas, Hunter, and Payton; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended-family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also 6 brothers and 4 sisters.

Visitation was 11-12 on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, with a noon funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Father John Hedges officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony Catholic Church or Hospice of Michigan and would be appreciated.
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MARK ANDREW 'BUTCH' MALLETT

April 12, 1966 – October 13, 2025

Age 59, of Ann Arbor. Survived by loving companion of 14 years, Theresa Adkins; two bonus kids, three grandchildren, his father, and a bonus sister. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Jeanette "Jan" Mullins

JEANETTE 'JAN' MULLINS

September 16, 1940 – October 17, 2025

Jeanette "Jan" Mullins, age 85, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, October 17, 2025, at Trinity Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born September 16, 1940, in Elkhorn, Kentucky, daughter of Ollie Matthews. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1960. She owned her own hair salon -- Jan's Hair Shop -- for many years. She was smart and outgoing. She loved people and animals.

Jan is survived by her husband of 20 years, Donald Carrol Mullins, also numerous clients, friends, and classmates. She was preceded in death by her parents, also two brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, and 4-7 p.m. Friday with a 12 noon Funeral Saturday, October 25, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Jack Daniels will officiate.



Margaretta Gilbert

MARGARETTA GILBERT

March 6, 1971 – September 15, 2025

Margaretta Gilbert (Maggie Klein), 54, of Belleville passed September 15 surrounded by family. Survivors include her husband, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 sisters also many family members and friends. She had a different love for music; she felt it in her soul. Her smile was contagious, it would light up a room! In honor of her wishes, cremation has taken place.

JUDITH KAY OSBORN

November 12, 1948 – October 17, 2025

Age 76, of Belleville. Survived by husband Orman James "Ozzie" Osborn, son Orman Matthew Osborn. Visitation Friday, Oct. 24, 1-2 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Funeral Service at River of Life Church, 16650 Sumpter Rd. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Our BHS boys were the victors last Friday with Wayne Memorial falling 57 vs. 19. That was our last conference game and on Friday we are scheduled to play a home game with Howell High School at 7 p.m. – gates open at 5:30 p.m. Let's all show up and be really loud so those Tigers know they have the support of the community!

More Letters

Jeff Kotlarek for Romulus City Council

To the editor:

Hello! I'd like to address all the Romulus citizens who read this paper. If I haven't had a chance to meet you yet, I'd like to tell you a little bit of info about why I'm running. I'm tired of politics in general, I'm tired of the said, she-said way. The goal is to make the City a better place for everyone. I plan on bringing new energy to this Council and to the City and citizens. I want to bring a positive change. I have worked on the City Charter Commission, help local charities and a member of St Aloysius Church and a member of their fish fry team! I have been in automotive business for a very long time and know how the art of negotiating works and how it can benefit both sides. Absentee ballots have been mailed out, early voting starts soon and the election is Nov. 4. I look forward to being your new Romulus City Council member. Please vote for me. Thank you.

Jeff Kotlarek
Romulus

Don't forget to stop by the Sumpter Police Department between 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday to get your fill of Halloween sweet treats. Thanks to Sumpter Parks & Rec. for scheduling this Trunk or Treat.

Next Friday is Halloween and the Belleville Central Business Community and the downtown businesses are ready for the onslaught of children who will be trick or treating up and down Main Street from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be food trucks in Fourth Street Place and a Costume Contest in the Fourth Street Square starting at 6 p.m. See the ad in this week's paper listing age times for the different groups for the costume contest. When the night ends, so does Booville and we move closer to November events.

Just to pique your interest a little – here are a few events scheduled for November: Nov. 8, Diamonds & Denim fundraiser by Guiding Harbor at Diamondback Music Hall; Nov. 14, Trivia Night by the Van Buren Public School Education Foundation at the BYC; Nov. 20, 21 and 22, a Tiger Drama at BHS called "A Wrinkle in Time." If you have never attended a BHS play, you really must take the time this year. They are extremely well-done and the auditorium has great acoustics.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 3 – Belleville City

Council, 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 4 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Monday, Nov. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting moved to Nov. 12.

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Sumpter Township agrees to hire Enterprise Fleet Management firm

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

After a lengthy presentation by Evan Crank of Enterprise Fleet Management the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting of Oct. 14 voted unanimously to authorize an agreement with Enterprise for vehicle replacement and management.

Crank said most people know Enterprise for car rentals, but it also represents 72 municipalities in Michigan and 2,400 across the country for managing vehicle fleets, from acquisition to sale.

He gave an analysis of how much money he could save the township with the services. He said Enterprise would purchase the vehicles the township needs for cash and then finance the vehicles to the township. When asked about the expensive equipment that has to go on the police cars, he said that could be added into the township's payments so it wouldn't have to be paid all at once, the way it is now.

The board authorized township staff to initiate and finalize the agreement that can be terminated whenever the township wants to.

In other business at the one-hour-and-24-minute meeting, the board:

- Opened the meeting with an invocation from Pastor Doug Valentine of Faith Community Center of Belleville. He prayed for wisdom for all, especially the township leaders;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of business owner Adil Al-Maliky to the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 14, 2027, pending a background check. He also will be given information on being a commissioner. Several members of the board said they had never met the new commissioner who wasn't at the meeting, but Trustee Matthew Oddy said he had been at a few planning commission meetings;

- Approved a schedule for tentative budget workshop meeting dates for the 2026-27 fiscal year;

- Terminated the COVID emergency Work from Home policy;

- Approved a resolution terminating a non-union Work from Home policy;

- Removed from the agenda without explanation a proposal to provide 60-day notice to Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. to halt all township building department operations;

- Removed from the agenda without explanation a proposal to post for two positions: full-time building clerk and full-time building official / inspector;

- Approved Option 2 "without the wheat" as the new township logo effective immediately, pending review. Treasurer Bart Patterson said the detail of the wheat in the design would be hard to reproduce by embroidery for t-shirts and other items

that would carry the new logo. Trustee Tim Rush said he would like to see the logo in color. The logo was not displayed at the meeting;

- Approved extending the employment of Wyatt Behrendt as a seasonal, part-time DPW worker effective Oct. 7, 2025 through Jan. 5, 2026 at the AFSCME rate of \$23.33 per hour up to 29 hours per week;

- Approved the supervisor's appointments of engineer John Hennesey and architect Ray Parker to serve as hearing officers for proceedings regarding unsafe or dangerous buildings per ordinance Sec. 6-203;

- Approved initiating proceedings to sell township-owned property, parcel #81-087-99-0005-002, to Stanley and Lisa Galbreth;

- Heard township manager Ken Marten report he has given the updated draft of the staff hiring policy to board members and will be bringing it for a vote at a future board meeting. Marten also said he would be at a Southeastern Michigan Council of Government meeting in Troy on Oct. 23 and will be gone for jury duty on Nov. 13; and

- Heard clerk Donald LaPorte ask everyone to say Happy Birthday to deputy clerk Herman. He said he had been to a clerk's conference and he has lots of notes, but, first, the township doesn't have a properly sworn-in Freedom of Information Act coordinator and Sumpter has to get one in place.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

Van Buren Township

Public Notice

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Citizen's Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the DDA Conference Room located at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the draft amendment to the Downtown Development Plan for the DDA District. This is an Open Meeting. Downtown residents and others are encouraged to attend and will be provided opportunity to speak. This notice is given pursuant to Act 57 of the Public Acts of 2018.

Merrie Coburn, Executive Director

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority

Publish: October 23, 2025



Oct. 24 – Debbie Moss
 Oct. 28 – Hiren Patel
 Oct. 30 – Amanda Riggs Cozart, Chandra Warren, Jere Pendergrass
 Oct. 31 – Rebecca Hasen
 Nov. 1 – Ashela Trevino
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Correction:

Rutting done to Robson Road, not to a yard

We've been asked to clarify the damage done at the front of a home after a resident filed an official complaint to police about the drift race track in their neighborhood. The story on page eight of the Oct. 16 *Independent* said that damage was done to his yard, which felt like retaliation. He reported at the Oct. 7 township board meeting that a truck came by 45 minutes after the official complaint was filed and maneuvered so it left gravel all over his yard. But, the deep ruts are in the roadway not in his yard and the ruts remain. Gravel was thrown everywhere, the resident said. We apologize for not reporting his comments correctly.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Oct. 23:** Girls Volleyball vs. Riverview, Freshman and JV at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m.; Girls Swim vs. Dearborn (senior player night), 6:30 p.m.
 • **Friday, Oct. 24:** Varsity Football KLAA Crossover (senior player night), 7 p.m.
 Jamie Cichowski
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Belleville DDA

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business would go down after the first year because the lights and decorations would already have been purchased.

DDA vice-chairman Chris Donley said he would like to see lights flowing, a corridor of lights.

Gatteri said he has drape lights at his Health Markets business at the corner of Main and Second streets. He said it cost him \$2,500 the first year and then \$600 a year thereafter. When asked about storage, he said the boxes for his lights are small and easily store at his office.

Donley noted that Van Buren Township doesn't have a Main Street.

Mayor Ken Voigt suggested they contact the city of Rochester for its lighting guidelines and give that to the city manager to review. He said the grants would be coming out of the fund balance since it is not budgeted.

Mayor Voigt made the motion to go ahead with the plan with a set of guidelines in place. He said they could work with a committee of two: Gatteri and Donley.

Donley said communication is the key and he said it would be in the *Independent* and on social media.

Interim city manager Steve Jones, who is the DDA coordinator, said he has a list

of city businesses, but not all have email addresses. New DDA member Whitney Beaubien said she could go door to door to let businesses know about the grant.

Chamber of Commerce president Dinara Strikis said the chamber could send emails. Donley asked her to share her list of businesses with the DDA.

In other business at the one-hour-and-four-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Took no action on the \$20,000 façade grant request by Hayward's until more information could be gathered. Jennifer Kouza, owner of Hayward's Liquor Store at 573 Main St., was not present, but Jones said she wanted to do exterior façade improvements, including the roof, shingles,

corner repair, and sign replacement. He said someone damaged the corner of her building and also the sign had been knocked down. He said the DDA's grant program allows up to a \$10,000 grant and up to \$10,000, three-year no-interest loan. Gatteri said when he got the grant for his business he was not allowed to include the sign. Jones said he would talk to Kouza to get more understanding of what she wants to do. DDA member Phil Miller, at his first meeting, said the mansard roof on the building is part of the façade. They could put on a roof instead of shakes, he said. The DDA put the issue off until the next meeting. Mayor Voigt said the sign ordinance also needs to be checked;

- Put off until the next meeting a proposal to put up a Christmas tree at Five Points. Jones said since Van Buren Township is putting up a live tree in Harris Park, that the city might like to do so too. Jones said it could be in front of Victory Station at Five Points. It would cost \$1,000 for the live, 15-foot tree from the tree farm in Ida, plus extra for lighting. Gatteri said \$1,000 for a cut tree is a lot. Kathleen Springer said you could get a 12-foot tree from a local tree lot for \$120. Mayor Voigt said they could see what they could do with \$500, but Donley said it would be more than \$500 with lighting. He said a flagpole tree could be put up at the Five Points flagpole. Donley said they should table the tree for this year and look into the flagpole idea and other prices. Miller said on line the flagpole tree is priced at \$400 and Donley said it depends on how elaborate it is. They directed Jones to call the flagpole company that maintains the flagpole for the city to see if they have a proposal;

- Took no action on a proposed DDA newsletter that would go out either monthly or quarterly to announce events, explain the façade and holiday lighting programs and give out other information, such as the status of the hardware store. It would be by email with some printed out for those businesses who don't check their emails. When asked who would do it, Jones said he would get his social media vendor to help because, "My plate is full." Donley asked Strikis to give a quote from her business. Strikis asked about *VBT Today*, since the copy for the next issue was due that Friday and no one has alerted them as to what is needed. Jones was directed by the DDA to call *VBT Today* in the morning to see what is needed for the DDA part of the publication;

- Heard social media vendor Kathleen Springer give a report on her projects for the DDA. She said 70% of those reached are in Van Buren Township, New Boston, Ypsilanti, and Romulus. Donley said he wants to get other communities, such as Canton, Plymouth, Monroe, and Carleton. She said they have started to monetize the DDA page to earn money and they've made \$8 so far. The DDA voted unanimously to pay them \$200 more a month for their expenditures in a targeted marketing campaign;

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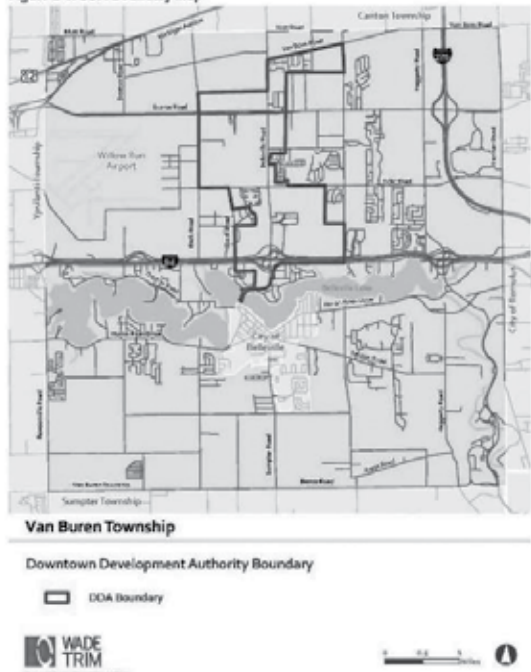
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP Downtown Development Authority Development and TIF Plan Amendment

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Van Buren Township will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Township Hall 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The hearing is to consider adoption of a proposed Third Amendment to the Development and TIF Plan for the DDA of Van Buren Township.

Purpose of Amendment: to add projects, revise cost estimates, include updated maps and updated tax capture revenue spreadsheets.

Figure 2-1: DDA Boundary Map



District Boundaries: The Van Buren Township DDA Development Area generally includes the east and west sides of Belleville Road and the north and south sides of portions of I-94, Tyler Road, Ecorse Road and Van Born Road. The approximate boundaries are Van Born Road to the north, Morton Taylor Road to the east, the City of Belleville to the south and Beck Road to the west.

The Development Area Citizens Council has reviewed the proposed amendment and provided recommendations, which will be considered at the hearing.

The proposed Amendment is available at:

- 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111
- 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111
- www.vanburendda.com

All interested persons may attend or submit written comments to Clerk Leon Wright at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or lwright@vbtmi.gov

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New residents bring their problems with the township to Sumpter board

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editor Emeritus

“If EGLE came to the township and saw what’s been going on, there would be hell to pay,” said Brent Strong at the Oct. 14 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

Strong, of Carlisle Wortman planning consultants, was referring to the township building department that his firm was hired to straighten out. Carlisle Wortman had been working at the township since May.

“We’re not here to take advantage of the residents,” he said. “We’re here to help.”

He said this after two of the people who had got up for public comment told of how much money and lost time it has cost them to deal with the township in trying to build their dream homes. The third speaker spoke of all the money his son is being charged for damage to a rental unit that had been flooded.

All three said this was the first time they have ever spoken at a governmental meeting.

April Flores said they used their life savings to buy property at the corner of Sherwood and Judd in October of 2024, planning to build their dream home and retire there. They went step by step, trying to do everything right.

They got a perk test for a septic field and that was OKed. In June they got a building permit to build a barn first and they wanted the water tap that was on their permit. The township wouldn’t give them an answer on their water tap. In August they finally got their water and the holding tank for the barn that was approved by the county.

She said while Diversified was putting in their water tap a township ordinance officer showed up and said they had an illegal septic tank. She said she told him it was a holding tank for the barn and it was approved by the county.

Flores said on Sept. 4 she got an email from “Abby” at the building department. She tried to find out Abby’s title, but Abby wouldn’t tell. The letter said they wanted to see her county right of way permit and her septic permit. The ordinance officer came out and began to take pictures. She said that was making her uneasy so she asked him to leave.

She was given the name of someone at EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) and so she called him and he told her he was in the enforcement department for when people build on wetlands. The township had sent a complaint to him about her property.

She said she eventually was told EGLE was not concerned about her property. That was after she had spent \$3,000 of her hard-earned money to get a delineation of the wetlands in her area and paid \$1,000 to EGLE for a study. She told the board she finally got their house permit last week. She said they can’t pour cement or the porches until the spring because of the delay.

“Welcome to Sumpter Township,” she

concluded.

Strong said this was the first he’d heard of this and he offered to meet with her and get her project on track.

It was said Sumpter Township complained about eight people to EGLE.

“It cost us \$4,000 we didn’t have to pay,” said the husband of the first speaker.

Trustee Tim Rush said Sumpter Township doesn’t have anything to do with a septic tank and it’s all under Wayne County.

Strong said he doesn’t know who complained and, “We don’t complain.”

Trustee Matthew Oddy said in a meeting with EGLE the township was told to ensure they aren’t letting people build on wetlands. He said there may have been confusion and if it looks like there were wetlands on the properties the township

may have called.

Trustee Oddy said Carlisle Wortman took over the building department in May to try to improve conditions.

Oddy said building inspector Chris Brinkmeier approved her barn, but, “We do not allow barns to be built before houses.” Oddy said she should talk to the township manager for follow up.

Oddy said with the change over there were hiccups and this was “obviously one of the hiccups.”

The second speaker was Jacob Woodring, a brand-new resident of Sumpter, who was using his hard-earned savings to build the family’s first new home. He said he reached out to EGLE, because he deals with them in his job, and hired a flood plain consultant for a delineator, spending

thousands of dollars.

He said he knows a large portion of Sumpter Township is in floodplain.

Woodring said his project was put on hold by the township because he was told the new ordinance said you can’t build in a floodplain. He said he looked in the ordinances on line for the ordinance and he can’t find it.

He pushed EGLE to see if he needed a permit for his building and it would take 30 to 90 days to get an answer. He hired a wetland consultant and then hired a floodplain consultant and in one and a half hours, the floodplain consultant found a letter from EGLE saying that property does not need a permit. The letter had been sent to the township months previously.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 6, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt Present

Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Absent - Excused

Council Member Kissel Present

Council Member Beebe Present

Council Member Priest Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

• Presentations

i. None.

• Citizen Comments

i. Lisa Jackson

1. Seeking transportation for her disabled son, inquired if there were any services available in the city.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups’ routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

• Approval of Minutes

i. September 22, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

• Budget report

i. Monthly update.

• Communications

i. None.

• Council Follow-up List

• Police Stats

i. None.

• Fire Stats

i. None.

• DPW Report

i. None.

• Special Events

i. None.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

• None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

• None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

• **Resolution # 25-025 - Belleville High School Band Boosters – Non-Profit Designation**

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve **Resolution # 25-025**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-023 – Gateway Pocket Park**

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to

approve **Resolution # 25-023**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-026 – Property Disposition – 6 Main & Savage Road Property**

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution #25-026**, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-027 – Lawsuit – City of Belleville v. Republic Services**

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 25-027**, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-024 – Changes to Election Year Schedule and Scheduling of Public Hearing**

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendment at the November 3, 2025 regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-028 – Shifman Fournier – Rate Increase**

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve **Resolution # 25-028**, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

• **Resolution # 25-029 – Morton Salt – Quote**

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 25-029**, contingent on the amount being comparable to last year, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

• **America in Bloom Evaluation**

i. The city was presented with a plaque from America in Bloom, along with an evaluation showing areas in which the city’s landscape could improve.

• **Quote for Purchase of Woodchipper**

i. This item was tabled pending further information.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

• Accounts Payable

• Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental

Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• The Police Department is currently down a patrol vehicle, due to mechanical issues. The newest patrol vehicle is still being outfitted for equipment.

• SLC Meter will be in the city the week of October 20th to install the last batch of resident water meters.

• The special project crew has been working to clear out plant overgrowth inside Hillside Cemetery.

• Will be attending a bank stabilization meeting this week alongside Mayor Voigt.

• Giffels Webster would like to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

• This weekend is the Belleville Community Art Show, held at the Belleville Yacht Club.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• **Council Member Kissel**

i. Giffels Webster will be at the Planning Commission meeting on September 13th.

ii. Met with fellow representatives of the tri-community area to discuss a master plan for all three communities.

iii. Learned that juniper is recommended to help with bank stabilization.

• **Council Member Priest**

i. Proud to be participating with America in Bloom.

ii. Several locations in the city are in a state of disrepair and/or lack of maintenance; would like to see it addressed.

• **Council Member Beebe**

i. None.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

• Looking forward to the rest of Booville, including the Monster Mutt Walk.

• Appreciates the Van Buren Public Schools band program.

• Harvest Fest will be held this Sunday.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

• **Joanie Laginess**

i. Asked if the sidewalks that have been marked by DTE would be repaired by the end of the year.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 7:28 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Belleville DDA

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• Heard treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams report on her attempts to get a program set up for Belleville High School students after spring break next April, maybe in the hardware parking lot. She has contacted BHS but has no reply yet. She will need volunteers to help and will be seeking parents;

• Approved accounts payable of \$90,030 for September and \$24,582.31 for October. The October checks include \$4,060 to Friends Fine Floor Covering for tile rip up and disposal of old hardware at the old hardware store, \$5,225 to Snider Electric for LED lights replacement at the old hardware store, and \$1,600 social media package for August; and

• Heard Dave Anderson, president of Victoria Commons Homeowners' Association, thank the DDA for trimming

the overgrowth at the bridge and sending the police car to calm speeders. He said the nets are all missing at the new pickleball court following the vandalism. He said it is black out there, with no lights, so he suggested putting in solar lights. He said the neighbors' cameras can't pick up anything. He suggested trimming along the asphalt paths. He said the two dog bag places are too close to each other and one should be moved to the other side of the bridge. Also, the work to kill the phragmites is looking good. He also said the geese are migrating and there were 200, easy, that day along the ponds of Victoria Commons.

He said the letter was issued in May 2025 to the prior property owner and copied to the township by email. He said he feels he should be reimbursed by the township.

"We want people to move here and build here," Oddy said, referring again to a few hiccups. He said this is the first time he has heard of the problems.

Woodring said it's the job of the township officials to be accountable and not make excuses.

Clerk Donald LaPorte said his job is to be in charge of all the township documents and he would like to know how the letter came here and to whom it was sent. He said this is the first time he heard about this.

Woodring said he has the letter and a copy was sent to the Sumpter Township Building Department.

"If we're responsible, you should be reimbursed," said supervisor Tim Bowman.

Woodring said they are responsible and it was found with the property parcel number.

Strong said building in a floodplain is in state law. He said Carlisle Wortman got away from paper files and now with the click of a mouse you can get information on properties.

The third speaker told the problems his son has after renting a house on Reid Street. He said there had been a water leak and he was sent \$2,300 in sewage fees when none of that leakage went into the sewage, but only into the crawl space. He said his son's last bill was \$5,500 and he has paid \$4,583. There was some confusion about the exact numbers and Oddy suggested he sit down with the township manager again to get it all straightened out.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Thursday, October 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI. This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Local General Election.

Testing will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010 or 7038).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Complaints

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Woodring said he spent \$1,200 to hire an individual as a floodplain consultant, using his life savings to do so, and the letter was already done and had been sent to the township and should have been on file.

The township's reasoning was that "We were in a turnover phase" and that is a cop out, he said.

He said his family was moving into this township and trying to build and the township held them back.

Trying to move to Sumpter "has been a burden," he said.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville - Hillside Cemetery REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Veterans Day 2025
9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1st
(Rain date: Nov. 8th)



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

We will begin placing flags on Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Should you wish to volunteer, contact the City Clerk. If you would like to work in a specific section, the Clerk's office must be contacted, or that section may not be guaranteed.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Michigan Civil Code sections of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 570.522 and, or, § 570.525, whichever is applicable, that the property listed below, believed to be abandoned by Michael West will be sold at public sale on November 03, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. MT via online auction with Storage Treasures <https://www.storagetreasures.com/auctions>.

Storage Address: 8090 Edward Ave, Center Line, Michigan, 48015. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Non running tool boxes, air compressor, mini bike, miscellaneous items, and cabinets.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 332 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 12:

0102 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0155 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
0235 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0526 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1026 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Lohr Rd.
1115 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1140 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1308 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1310 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1310 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1406 – 911 welfare check, Cobblestone Ct.
1437 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1713 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1727 – suicidal person, Ayres Ave.
1803 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1801 – assault & batter, S. Bellridge Dr.
1834 – vehicle lockout, Martz Rd.
1902 – assist fire dept., Jeremy Rd.
1932 – threat, Westlake Cir.
2125 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2136 – welfare check, Beckley Rd.
2208 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2210 – welfare check, Alden Ave.
2251 – harassment call, Sheldon Rd.
2301 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Oct. 13:

0027 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0050 – intrusion alarm, Revere Dr.
0223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0301 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – repossession, McBride Ave.
xxxx – juvenile complaint, Brookview Dr.
0757 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0804 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
0757 – mental subject, Martinsville Rd.
0829 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd./Ecorse
0906 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
1120 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1132 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1216 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1245 – mental subject, Cross St.
1252 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1422 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1427 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Jackson
1436 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1543 – assist other dept., Village Center Dr.
1554 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
1639 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
1623 – breaking & entering, E. Adams
1905 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2041 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2206 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2232 – disorderly, Savage Rd.
2241 – domestic, Vista Dr.
2319 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:

0124 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0734 – animal complaint, Soop
0910 – fraud, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
0915 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1041 – intrusion alarm, Truman
1102 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
1226 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1237 – larceny, Outer Dr.
1315 – traffic offense, Westlake Cir.
1242 – suicidal person, Village Green Ln.
1328 – intrusion alarm, Reene Dr.
1351 – assist fire dept., America
1400 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

1500 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1553 – parking complaint, Fairfield/Lancaster
1555 – assist other dept., Michigan/S. Beck
1833 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.
1840 – juvenile complaint, Elwell Rd.
1916 – intrusion alarm, Bak Rd.
2033 – property check, Village Center Dr.
2206 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2351 – animal complaint, Lake Point Blvd.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:

0222 – misc. complaint, W. Wesley
0442 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Freedom Way
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0849 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0956 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1027 – civil matter, E. Adams
1039 – family trouble, Roosevelt
1114 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.
1114 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.
1213 – animal complaint, Fret/Martinsville
1316 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Clayton Rd.
1330 – property damage accident, Hull/Sumpter
1347 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1443 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Pond Bluff Dr.
1422 – motorist assist, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1530 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Haggerty Rd.
1650 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1757 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hardwood Dr./Vine St.
2038 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2036 – domestic, Locust Dr.
2108 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2301 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 16:

0132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lauren Ct.
xxxx – repossession, Rebecca Ct.
0243 – disorderly, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0258 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0308 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Holly Ln.
0820 – sex offender registration, Dellor St.
0839 – sex offender registration, Hawthorne Ct.
0849 – sex offender registration, Peachtree Ln.
0857 – sex offender registration, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0902 – sex offender registration, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1034 – civil matter, Savage Rd.
1227 – unattended death, Park Estates Dr.
1233 – traffic offense, Ecorse/Morton Taylor
1241 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1328 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.
1311 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1424 – warrant arrest, Ford Rd.
1427 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1556 – misc. complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1823 – sex offender registration, Castell Blvd.
1831 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1901 – sex offender registration, Arthur St.
1913 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1934 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Monterey
1929 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2039 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
2005 – domestic, Pinewood Ln.
2134 – neighbor trouble, Freedom Way
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victoria St.
2221 – civil matter, N. Cumberland Dr.
2244 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Archwood Dr.

Friday, Oct. 17:

0059 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0509 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0758 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
0845 – misc. complaint, Pinewood Ln.
0902 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1013 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1214 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1228 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.

1228 – sex offender registration, Parkside Dr.
1234 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
1236 – sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.
1246 – sex offender registration, Sylvia Dr.
1254 – sex offender registration, Sylvia Dr.
1307 – sex offender registration, Parkside Dr.
1316 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1315 – sex offender registration, Outer Dr.
1333 – sex offender registration, Ecorse Rd.
1401 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1409 – personal injury accident, Alden Ave.
1515 – dumping complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1623 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1549 – animal complaint, Evelyn Ctt.
1623 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
1622 – juvenile complaint, Fay Dr.
1640 – family trouble, Cross St.
1642 – threat, Oak Ln.
1854 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1921 – sex offender registration, Purple Sage Ct.
1943 – sex offender registration, Ecorse Rd.
2000 – hospice death, Lenmoore Ave.
2000 – sex offender registration, Outer Dr.
2151 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
2213 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2315 – welfare check, Oak Ln.

Saturday, Oct. 18:

0013 – assist other dept., Chippewa
0201 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0339 – welfare check, Chinkapin Dr.
0655 – animal complaint, Huron River/Hannan
xxxx – repossession, Meadows Ln.
1040 – assist other dept., Astor Pl.
1218 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1242 – 911 welfare check, Lancaster Dr.
1401 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr.
1440 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1446 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1514 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1604 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – parking complaint, Water's Edge Ln.
1541 – personal injury accident, Water's Edge
1817 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
Xxxx – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1844 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1912 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2039 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mission Pointe
2110 – neighbor trouble, S. Woodbury Green
2150 – juvenile complaint, Rogers Ave.
2237 – threat, Harmony Ln.
2320 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also, on this log are 135 traffic stops, seven of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 12:

0356 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0912 – malicious destruction of property, Astor Pl.
1514 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1634 – civil matter, Light Tower Ct.
2018 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

Monday, Oct. 13:

0935 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Huron River Dr.
1050 – property check, Village Park
1126 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Huron River Dr.
1639 – property check, Denton Rd.
1715 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/Liberty
1759 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:

0942 – property check, Village Park
1019 – harassment call, Breakwater Ct.
1150 – larceny from auto, Astor Pl.
1157 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Wabash Ave.
1656 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
1821 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave./E. Huron River Dr.
1936 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Charles St.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:

0057 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
0455 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

0701 – neighbor trouble, Astor Pl.
1124 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Henry St.
1459 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Angola
2015 – fraud, Main St.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Industrial Park Dr.
Thursday, Oct. 16:
0407 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0823 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
0902 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1135 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1207 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1823 – civil matter, Main St.

Friday, Oct. 17:

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1219 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1259 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1632 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1649 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 18:

1039 – breaking & entering, Astor Pl.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1509 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1618 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
There are 60 reports on this week's log, 20 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 12:

0021 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0346 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
0500 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
0819 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
0851 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
1003 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Willis/California
1449 – family trouble, Oregon St.
1828 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1838 – motorist assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1856 – motorist assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1944 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Willow
2002 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Willis
2057 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
2104 – neighbor dispute, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
2105 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2105 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.
2309 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Oct. 13:

0839 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0954 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1314 – larceny report, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – animal complaint, Arizona St.
1402 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1536 – citizen assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1551 – neighbor dispute, Virginia St.
1829 – noise complaint, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
1836 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1846 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1901 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Elwell
1912 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1918 – assist other agency, Arizona St.
2037 – citizen assist, Birch Dr./Arbor Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:

0054 – 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0113 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
0926 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0943 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1042 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1153 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1204 – welfare check, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
1303 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1315 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1602 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Clark / Judd
2020 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2119 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2204 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
2227 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2242 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:

0014 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
0709 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
0727 – property damage accident, Clark/Willow

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1150 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1227 – traffic complaint/hazard, 18000 bl. Morton
1351 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1521 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1627 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1847 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Carleton West
1907 – juvenile matter, Birch
1909 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
2008 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2119 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2204 – suspicious circumstance, Utah St.
2359 – assault, Mulberry Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 16:

0133 – animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
0651 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd./Sully
1205 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1209 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell
1225 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Judd
1408 – welfare check, Utah St.
1529 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1617 – animal complaint, California/Wyoming
1705 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
1707 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Elwell
1840 – juvenile matter, Birch Dr.
1925 – neighbor dispute, Birch
1931 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1948 – suspicious circumstance, 8300 bl.

Rawsonville

Friday, Oct. 17:

0035 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0411 – larceny complaint, Rustic Ln.
0424 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0713 – property damage accident, Bemis/Odyssey Dr.

0812 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0826 – animal complaint, Willis/California
1116 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1201 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1231 – assist other agency, Utah St.
1302 – mental health call, Oregon St.
1443 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1542 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1900 – neighbor dispute, Timberlane Dr.
2109 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2132 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2212 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
2232 – noise complaint, Nevada St.

Saturday, Oct. 18:

0041 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0700 – mental health call, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1016 – follow-up investigation, Iowa St.
1425 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Judd
1515 – civil matter, Utah St.
1725 – suspicious person, California/Wyoming
1911 – noise complaint, Georgia St.
1958 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Karr
2031 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
2226 – assault, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Also on this week's log were 196 patrol checks, 82 traffic stops and nine misc. details.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 23** – Fund raising banquet with Belleville / Ypsilanti Young Life at the Belleville Yacht Club from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets now available.

• **Friday, Oct. 24** – Fund raiser at the Eagles on Beck Road in Van Buren Township benefitting the Kirk Gibson Parkinson Foundation. \$25 per ticket. A live auction, raffles, and food. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m., and live auction is at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Kelsey Jenny and the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra will be there.

• **Friday, Oct. 24** – Taco Margarita Night, 5-7 p.m. (or until we run out), at the Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the building fund.

• **Friday, Oct. 24** – Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation October Jam Meet & Greet concert featuring The Stone Blossoms, 7-10 p.m., outside behind community center. Pack your cooler and your chair. Food trucks available on site.

• **Saturday, Oct. 25** – Sumpter Parks and Recreation Trunk or Treat event 6-8 p.m. at the police department parking lot.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – Trunk or Treat from 3 to 5 p.m. behind the Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Bring your kids or join us in passing out candy. Also, a prize for the best-decorated trunk. Everyone welcome.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 29** – Jazz Night at the Library at 7 p.m. The Dawn Giblin Quartet. Free. At the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St.

• **Friday, Oct. 31** – Halloween

Downtown, 5-7 p.m. A costume contest is at 6 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square.

• **Saturday, Nov. 1** – Chili Cook-Off from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Romulus VFW Post, 39270 Huron River Dr., Romulus. Have a favorite chili recipe? Bring it to the VFW by 5 p.m. Do you love chili? Come out, sample, and vote. \$10 for five samples. Extra bowls available for purchase.

• **Sunday, Nov. 2** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors all those who are serving or have served in the military, put on by the VFW and PLAV. The event includes a salute to the flag, singing of the “National Anthem” and a bugle playing “Taps.”

• **Monday, Nov. 3** – Attend the open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Belleville City Hall to tell consultants what you want the city's recreation to be like. Consultants are taking comments as they write up the new Parks and Recreation master plan. You can come and go during the open house. The city council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 4** – If you haven't voted already, vote between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. today. If you don't know where your address' voting is taking place, call your city or township clerk.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 5** – “Bravery and Innovation: Early American Heroes” is the presentation by Wendy Zielen at 7:30 p.m. at the Michigan Flight Museum, 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport. Free to members; \$10 per person for non-members. A fascinating journey through the early days of flight, when daring pioneers pushed the boundaries of what was possible. Hear the stories, challenges, and triumphs of the men and women who proved the sky was never the limit.

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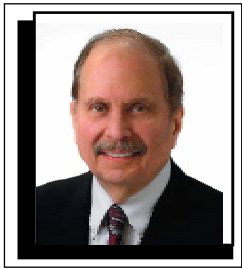
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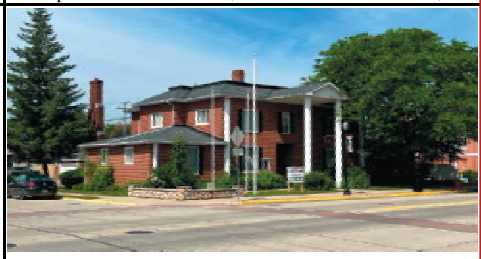
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