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# Judge Cox to consider radioactive waste order Oct. 9

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox adjourned the Sept. 26 show-cause hearing on his temporary restraining order to stop the delivery of radioactive waste to a Van Buren Township landfill until Oct. 9 for a motion hearing. A status conference was set for Dec. 16.

The restraining order refers only to the new projects near Niagara Falls and Cleveland and the delivery of waste from the Luckey, Ohio site, now underway, was allowed to continue.

The waste from the World War II Manhattan project was due to start arriving Sept. 25, via a route from Niagara Falls, New York, through Canada to the Blue Water Bridge and then to Van Buren Township.

The defendant, Wayne Disposal, Inc., had until Sept. 24 to file a response.

Listed on the complaint by Canton Township attorney Brandon Michael Grysko, were plaintiffs Canton Charter Township, City of Belleville, City of Romulus, Van Buren Charter Township, and Van Buren Township Fire Chief.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the removal of low-level radioactive soil from Lewiston, New York, a legacy of the Manhattan Project, the secret government project to develop atomic bombs during World War II featured in the 2023 movie "Oppenheimer."

Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township is considered to be the closest licensed facility that can take the hazardous material, according to the Army Corps.

The lawsuit was filed after a town hall meeting and claims by elected officials that they were in the dark about the plan. Members of the audience said it didn't belong in their back yard.

Republic Services, owner of Wayne (continued on page 11)



The Belleville High School Class of 1959 celebrated its 65th year with a reunion dinner at Johnny's on the Lake on Sept. 27 and then attended the Belleville Tiger football game. Members said they had a great day.

#### VBT DDA agrees to give executive director a \$5,128 raise in salary

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, the board voted unanimously to amend the proposed 2025 budget to give executive director Merrie Coburn a \$5,128 raise in salary.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, said everybody got raises in the proposed budget and so they want to raise Coburn's pay up to where the last director was.

He said when they hired Coburn they paid her less than retiring director Susan Ireland, but now they are very happy with Coburn's work and they want to keep her. Her pay will be \$90,000 starting Jan. 1, up from \$84,872 for 2024.

The 2025 TIF revenue is expected to be slightly higher than in 2024 due to the rise in taxable value and a slightly higher increase in investment income is expected.

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

• Heard a presentation from Aerotropolis CEO Christopher Girdwood on large-acreage township properties for sale. He said he is the township's "chief dirt salesman." He announced a \$700,000 grant from the state for site readiness and environmental testing for the 440

acres north of Ecorse between Beck and Belleville roads. He said a house and two barns have to be torn down on that property. He also said a \$100,000 due-diligence grant from MDEC for the 68-acre Racer Trust land for traffic counts and unlicensed landfill remediation. Also, he said the state is funding part of an intra-state charging network to support operation of electric aircraft "puddle jumpers" at Willow Run Airport. He said he is working with the township on water/sanitary capacity for the large township sites north of Willow Run Airport:

 Approved an amount not to exceed (continued on page 25)



The Denton Road bridge has been closed by Wayne County for 732 days as of today.

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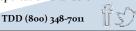
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# Riggs Park grew from homesteaders to farm to part of subdivision deal

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Peter Riggs received his large tract of land in southeast Van Buren Township by purchase from the government at \$1.25 an acre in 1836, not by a land grant like many of the other pioneers.

The Peter Riggs family can be traced to an unnamed ancestor who departed England as a stowaway on a sailing ship in 1665, about the time of the Black Plague in London, according to Van Buren Township's history book "Water Under the Bridge.'

Peter and his wife Harriet lived in New York and Pennsylvania during the first years of their marriage. Nine children were born to them during this time. Then they made plans to go west and settle near Minor and Clarissa Savage in Van Buren Township. Clarissa was Harriet's sister.

In September 1836 they took the Erie Canal to Cleveland, then traveled across Lake Erie to Gibraltar, then overland to Van Buren Township, where they stayed with Clarissa Savage and her family for the

At the age of 58, Peter began the difficult task of clearing his land and built a home of rough logs to shelter his family.

A letter from Peter dated Jan. 22, 1837 and found in a barrel in the attic of a relative in Waterloo, NY, detailed the first months in Van Buren Township.

Peter Riggs harvested his first crops in Van Buren Township in the fall of 1838. He traveled to the water-powered mill at Rawsonville on horseback several times that year to have his sacks of corn ground into meal to feed his large family. With the sale of subsequent crops, the family prospered.

In 1839 tragedy struck the Riggs family. Harriet suffered a paralytic stroke. She never fully recovered and the main burdens of both farm and family fell to Peter from that time on. It is believed Peter began construction of the family's permanent wooden home, directly across Haggerty Road from the log house, in about 1850.

Harriet died in her new home in 1862 at age 69. She is buried in Hillside Cemetery, along with her huband Peter who died May

The couple had a total of ten children and each went to raise families of their own. William built the brick home at 13320 Haggerty for his wife Harriet Bull, who he met after his first wife died in childbirth.

This brick home has continuously been occupied by the Riggs family for more than 100 years. Albert Richardson Riggs was born in 1908 and in 1944 married Anne Silvenis, who at the time was living in the first wooden house built by Peter. Eventually, the two lived in the brick home



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Richard A. Riggs, left, and his sister Constance Genevieve Riggs, both of Van Buren Township, show off the bench they donated to Riggs Park in Van Buren Township with a metal plate naming the children of Albert and Anne Riggs, including themselves and Paul M. Riggs (and his wife Karen Dworski) and Mark D. Riggs.

built by William and raised their family.

For many years, the extended Riggs family farmed a large area of southeastern Van Buren Township and its many family members built and populated the area.

In the early 2000s, about 27 acres of a Riggs farm at the corner of Martinsville and East Huron River Drive north of the railroad tracks was deeded to the township for a park as part of a deal with the developers of Country Walk subdivision.

Country Walk was designed to be the biggest subdivision in the township with 536 units planned. Its Planned Residential Development (PRD) was first approved in 2002 and changed several times. The development has yet to be fully constructed.

The 140-year-old brick home on the park property, called the Riggs Park Heritage Farm House, was built by Loren Riggs, a member of the pioneer family. It was marked by a cupola on the third floor, where family members could watch for the farmers coming home from the fields

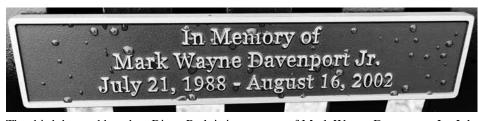
The township had considered making a

mini Greenfield Village there and moving other old homes from the township to the site. Riggs Park and a walking trail was established. The township put a new roof (continued on page 11)

Children of Anne and Albert Riggs Constance Genevieve Riggs Paul M. Riggs and (wife) Karen Dworski Richard A. Riggs Mark D. Riggs



Another bench donated by Richard A. Riggs and Constance Genevieve Riggs is in memory of their parents: Anne Marie Silvenis Riggs and Albert Richardson Riggs.



The third donated bench at Riggs Park is in memory of Mark Wayne Davenport, Jr., July 21, 1988 - Aug. 16, 2002.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Crow bar

Editorial

### National Newspaper Week is Oct. 6-12

Every year, newspapers across the country remind readers of how important they are to a free society. And, it's that time of year. Oct. 6-12 is National Newspaper Week.

The city of Belleville and surrounding townships have had many different newspapers over the years. The oldest is the Belleville Enterprise at 139 years that now has devolved from the glory it once had to a two- or three-page posting on the internet covering seven communities and called *The* Eagle. It doesn't work because the legals posted on those pitiful few "pages" aren't in line with current Michigan law because they aren't posted in the statewide site required.

Four or five other papers were published in Belleville over the years, but the only one that has survived is the Belleville-Area Independent which serves you today.

A local newspaper brings a sense of community to an area, since people can be aware of what their local governments are doing, who died, who is up for election, what events are going on and, most of all, what businesses are serving them.

We cover the governmental meetings to let you know how your tax money is being spent, so you can object if you like. We have trouble covering Sumpter Township, but do the best we can via its video of the meetings, that lately is taking two weeks or

Let's celebrate the upcoming National Newspaper Week.

# **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

We were concerned to read in the SUCH IS LIFE ... " Such IS Plymouth-Canton Patch that 12 minors were arrested while leaving Friday night's homecoming football game at John Glenn High School in Westland. Several police officers were injured as they tried to restore order, with one officer suffering a concussion and strain to her neck muscles.

Police from Canton, Garden City, Inkster, Romulus, and Wayne came to assist.

recovered

Another officer had their body-worn

camera stolen during the fight. It later was

"Unfortunately, this problem is not unique to Westland as there has been a trend of issues at high school football games occurring in our region. The Westland Police Department understands the concerns that this incident has generated, especially for those that have children that attend these games," police said in a statement.

Teens often get into fights with each other at football games but this is completely unacceptable when police are so assaulted as well. Hope they are harshly dealt with so a message goes out that this is not what we do in a civilized society.

In the spirit of transparency, I wish to tell you that Richard and Contance Genevieve Riggs of Van Buren Township, who put a couple benches in Riggs Park to honor the Riggs family, are my beloved first cousins. I thought the new benches were an interesting story, so I covered it.

For those who love Halloween and scary stuff, Booville has arrived in Belleville and

A scarecrow walks into a bar and orders a beer. The Bartender asks, "Can I get you something to eat?" 90000 The scarecrow says,

"No thanks, I'm stuffed."

the sign was put up Tuesday at the entrance to town. You will see a list of Booville events published in the paper today.

I remember years back when Rosemary Loria was president of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. She came up with the name of Booville for the month of October and the idea stuck.

We have lost Rosemary, but her dream of Booville persists.

The last day of the season for the Farmers Market and the Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville is Oct. 14. That's when the Trunk or Treat event for kids will take place at the car show.

I was disappointed when the writer of the letter against atomic waste in Michigan decided to remove his name at the last minute before publication, citing fear of retaliation. He also said he is a member of a group and he doesn't want to take credit because other group members have worked on this as well. We don't know who are members of that group, so that cuts down our belief in what they are saying.

Secret anyone asking you to do something raises a red flag.

All the local politicians have issued resolutions against bringing the radioactive waste to Van Buren Township and they signed their names at the bottom of their resolutions.

It was with great delight that I read the agenda for the Oct. 1 Van Buren Township meeting. It included an agenda item to sell a piece of township property to the three adjoining property owners on Haggerty Road.

Must be 21. We don'

It's a few parcels down from our house and over the years we were nervous about what the township wanted to do with that property back near our woods and others. Was it to be a park? A place for a tower? What was to be in our backyard?

The property was given to the township by

the county as the right of first refusal when it became available when the taxes weren't paid.

That's how everyone when feels there's something strange planned for their backvard.

And, that's how the residents of the township feel about the hazardous waste landfill that's in their backyard. It's been there a long time, but when it's brought up and waved around by the media and

The landfill has been opposed before. It will be interesting to see how it works out this time.

activists, the fears reassert themselves.



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#### Letters

#### **Toxic** waste injunction tip of nuclear iceberg

To the editor:

We applaud our local leaders and the communities of Wayne County for their efforts to get an injunction to halt the transport of nuclear waste from the Niagara Storage site in Lewiston, NY (FUSRAP/Manhattan Project site).

We are pleased they recognize that this material does not belong in a densely populated area, with over 100,000 residents within a five-mile radius, situated along the shores of the Huron Valley watershed.

This region feeds into the Great Lakes, which supply 20% of the world's fresh water. Shockingly, there are three alternative sites in remote areas with near-zero population — yet WDI continues to target our community.

The hearing on this injunction will be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit on Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

#### The amended injunction and ongoing shipments

On Sept. 23, 2024, Wayne County Judge Kevin Cox amended the injunction to limit it to only the radioactive waste from the Niagara site, following a request from Wayne Disposal. Consequently, hazardous shipments from other sites remain unaffected. As Avery Schneider, an Army Corps spokesman, stated, "We have resumed safely shipping material from Luckey, Ohio, to Michigan."

And the issue continues to grow: Schneider states, "Nuclear soil and debris from Cleveland, Ohio, will soon be enclosed in 'burrito bags,' transported to Wayne Disposal beginning in October 2024" These shipments of radioactive waste further exacerbate the environmental risk to our community.

#### A promise unfulfilled lack of oversight

In 2023, in response to the East Palestine accident waste coming to Wayne Disposal, Debbie Dingell vowed, "Our job, and we will deliver on our job, is to ensure that those we represent are safe. And that no one ever, ever again blindsides everybody the way they did on the delivery of this material," Dingell said.

Sadly, this promise rings hollow today, as we continue to learn about new shipments only through vigilant media coverage.

#### A call to action: join our citizen town hall

Our group of concerned citizens has mobilized to uncover alarming information about these threats to the safety of our water, air, and long-term health. We invite you to



join us at our citizen-led town hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. at Angel Food Catering's banquet facility, 44850 N. Interstate-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Here, we will present data, propose solutions, and discuss how we can prevent any further nuclear waste from coming into Van Buren Township and the State of

For those interested in staying informed, please join our public Facebook group, Michigan Against Atomic Waste, where you'll find much information and supporting documents related to the injunction lawsuit.

Together, we can make a difference and protect our community from further harm.

Michigan Against Atomic Waste

#### Water meter installation needs appointment

To the residents of the city of Belleville:

Starting in October, our contractor, SLC Meter, will begin reaching out to residents to schedule an appointment for the installation of new water meters in your homes.

This is part of our effort to improve water service and enhance accuracy in water usage tracking. You will be contacted to select a convenient day and time for the installation. Please be on the lookout for communication from SLC Meter and respond promptly to secure your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve our community's water infrastructure.

#### **Church Street closing**

Starting next week, Church Street between Second Street and Roys Street will be closed for road construction. This necessary work is expected to improve the overall condition of the road and ensure long-term safety for all residents. The project is scheduled to last approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Please note that residents whose driveways are impacted by this closure will be allowed to park on Second and Third Streets during this period. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to complete these important improvements as quickly and efficiently as possible.

City of Belleville

#### Wayne Mobile Health Unit to visit here

To the editor:

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Wayne Mobile Health Unit will be in the parking lot of Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. General health screening for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, and kidney function will be available. Flu vaccinations will be available for ages 5 +. If it rains, the screenings will take place inside the We hope residents will take advantage of this free service.

Marilyn Wood, coordinator **Emergency Food Closet** 

### **More Letters**

#### Sumpter Twp. deprives citizen of his rights

To the editor:

My mind reels at the idiocy of our current township government.

I would suggest the supervisor's office would teach their Secretary to stop involving themselves in offering legal opinions to people asking for information as this would include them in a potential

Sumpter Township Ordinance 7.4

No license to commence or continue a business shall be issued until the owner or operator thereof shall have first submitted an application to the licensing agent of the township on a form provided by the licensing agent for such purposes. A fee as prescribed by resolution of the township board (see Appendix B) shall accompany the application. Upon the filing of a properly completed application and upon payment of the fee, the licensing agent SHALL issue a license to the person to commence or continue the business designated in the application if the business complies with the terms of this chapter.

The inspection that was completed was a continuation of the business inspection that was done in April and was merely verifying all of the repairs listed were verified. I have paid my fees as required. This does NOT give discretion to the township if all of the requirements are met. You are violating my rights under color of law. This has specific penalties by law. Title 42 Section 1983

What this statue does in effect, removes the "cloak of immunity" to a government employee, officer or officials so that they become personally liable.

AND, Title 42, Section 1985 (3) conspiracy to deprive a citizen of his rights. This assigns prison time.

What this moron TIMMY the TYRANT and his cronies are doing are attempting to force me into compliance with the state. Of course, it's so he can pursue very profitable state building contracts (after all, he is only doing the state a "favor" and is in no way obligated to pursue on behalf of the state). I would like to challenge the state facility licensing. The only way to do so is being prosecuted by the state and challenging it in court. Where the state refuses to prosecute and my only desire is to change bad law. I have a RIGHT to challenge a law that is unjust and unreasonable but I cannot force them to prosecute, the township acting as an agent of the state is using something I have complied with and respect i.e. the township business license (and I have a Right to) makes the violation of my rights even more heinous. They are ... refusing to give me something I have a right to, by forcing me to give up a right to challenge a bad law. TIMMY the TYRANT isn't even as bright as Hunter Biden. At least Hunter

This hell that TIMMY the TYRANT has created in our town hall has to stop.

has a daddy that will pardon him.

It reminds me of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed. Mr. Rush is nothing more than a polyp in TIMMY the TYRANT's lower intestine. Imagine making a trustee his Deputy Supervisor. This is an incestuous act and our elected officials should refrain from even the appearance of impropriety. In plain words, Timmy the Tyrant has bought the vote of a township trustee. Gave him powers he wasn't elected to have and made a mockery of our local government. Also, why in this economy do we have two bureaucrats in charge of the day-to-day running of our township and, of course, TIMMY the TYRANT has no office hours.

Do we really deserve our township supervisor to isolate himself from the citizens? Should we let him bully us, obfuscate and LIE to our faces?

John Chapman

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Monday, Oct. 7 Belleville City
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7
- Monday, Oct. 14 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
- Tuesday, Oct. 15 Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16 Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6

p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 21 Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22 Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 28 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
- Tuesday, Nov. 5 Van Buren Township regular meeting canceled due to election.
- Monday, Nov. 11 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.. BHS; Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30

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# **Obituaries**





David Alan Curson

(November 4, 1948 - September 23, 2024) David "Friz" Alan Curson, born November 4, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio from the union of George L. and Kathryn I. Curson, died September 23, 2024. David grew up the youngest of six children. He loved sharing stories of his beloved parents and his childhood memories of his siblings. He fondly remembered his mother's cooking and his father's dry humor.

After graduating from Whitmer High School in 1966, David followed in the footsteps of his mother, working at the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company, and attended the University of Toledo. However, he was one of the few that was drafted into the United States Marine Corps

When he returned from service in the Vietnam War in 1970, he began work at the Ford Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he became a Die Cast Die Maker Journeyman. While working at the plant, David became involved with the UAW by being elected UAW Plant Chairman. He was a long-time member of the International Union staff including Top Administrative Assistant to several UAW Presidents. He began negotiating Big Three contracts in 1982 and also testified on behalf of Chrysler and GM at their bankruptcy hearings after President Obama's automotive bailouts. He worked on countless contracts and always negotiated for fairness and equality.

David was a United States Congressman as a member of the 112th U.S. House of Representatives' 11th District in 2012. It was important to him to be a part of the vote for American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 that addressed the fiscal cliff's revenue side by implementing smaller tax increases which helped the working person. He believed deeply in representing the voices that needed to be heard, strengthening the working class.

David met the love of his life, Sharon, on a blind date. His infectious belly laugh and humor won her over. Excited to start their new lives together, they were married in Hawaii in 1989. David's children meant the world to him. He spent many hours fishing with his oldest son, David Jr. He loved sharing laughter and teasing his daughters, Lisa and Katie. He cherished his time attending the Wings' games with his son, David Claude. He enjoyed talking sports with his sons-in-law, Scott and Nick.

Though David loved golfing, fishing, and tinkering, his favorite role was that as a Papa. He treasured his time with his grandsons and granddaughter. He enjoyed teaching them, attending as many of their sporting events as possible, cooking their favorite meals, and enjoying snickerdoodles.

Friz was surrounded by many, many friends who he called family. He was known for making others feel loved and capturing the whole room with his stories and sense of humor. David was preceded in death by his son, David Claude Jones II; his brother, George Curson, Jr.; and his sisters, Nancy Moore and Mary Beck. He is survived by his soulmate, Sharon Curson;

his son, David Curson, Jr.; daughters, Lisa (Scott) Beard and Kathryn (Nick) Watson; sister, Alice Schorling; brother, Frank (Beverly) Curson; and grandchildren, Peyton Sizemore (Emma Jones), Parker Beard and Jackson, Jacob and Jamie Watson. David's love for his family and friends was his legacy. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to

Wounded Warrior Project. Services have taken place at Nie Family Funeral Homes.

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Leonard Frank Gasieski

#### **LEONARD FRANK GASIESKI**

(November 3, 1924 – September 28, 2024)

Leonard Frank Gasieski, born on November 3, 1924, in Sumpter, Michigan, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2024, in Westland, Michigan, at the age of 99.

Leonard was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy; his parents, Walter and Jennie; his daughter, Susan Deer; and his brothers, Eddie and Archie.

He is survived by his cherished grandchildren. Gregory and Dina Traskos; his precious greatgranddaughter, Camille; and his dear sister. Eleanor Wilczewski. His presence will be profoundly missed by his family and friends.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during visitation on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A service in his honor will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Both events will take place at a location to be announced.

Following the service, Leonard will be laid to rest with full military honors provided by the Downriver Veterans Honor Guard at his gravesite in Michigan Memorial Park. May he rest in eternal peace.

#### TEEA ANN ELKA

(May 15, 1976 – September 22, 2024)

Age 48 of Belleville. Served as preschool teacher at a Montessori school. Survived by daughter Mackenzie Haladye of Belleville, mother Sharon McClellan, brother Keith Caples. Memorial Celebration of Life held September 29 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Carol Ann Fitch

#### CAROL ANN FITCH

(December 27, 1940 – September 19, 2024) Carol Ann Fitch, 83 of Saline, MI passed away peacefully at home after a long fulfilling life. Carol was born on December 27, 1940. She attended Hillsdale High School where she met the love of her life, James Fitch. They married in 1959 and spent almost 65 years beside each other navigating life's ups and downs.

Carol is survived by her husband James; three daughters: Pamela Childers (Steve) of West Chester, Ohio; Holly Cosgro (Matt) of Dundee; and Cynthia DeRousie (Tom) of Belleville. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Over the past few years Carol took great pride in telling all who would listen about her beautiful great-grandchildren, especially mentioning that 14 of the 17 are aged five years and younger. She also fostered a number of babies and children, making sure she loved them like her own.

Carol was passionate about sewing. She was a generous individual who used her sewing talents to bless her family and friends with items she had made. She spent numerous hours behind her sewing machine making matching dresses, pajamas and coats for her three daughters. She later expanded her sewing talents to quilt making. She enjoyed spending time with her quilting friends going to retreats, quilt guild functions and monthly meetings with her Wacky Wednesday group.

Carol also enjoyed crocheting, knitting, cross stitching, card making and scrapbooking. She spent very little idle time, always having something to do with her hands. Carol was also known to stay up into the wee hours of the night/morning reading a good book.

Carol was an active and devout member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church where she enjoyed dancing with the Sacred Dance group and attending functions with her Come Doubles friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, Rachel Moyer, her son Darrin James Fitch, and her grandson Matthew Ulrich.

A memorial service to celebrate Carol Fitch's life will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church. Friends and family are invited to join in remembrance and support during this difficult time.

May Carol rest in eternal peace and may her memory continue to bring laughter and warmth to the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her.



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Jerry E. Taylor

#### JERRY E. TAYLOR

(November 8, 1944 – September 28, 2024) Jerry E. Taylor, age 79, of Canton, MI, longtime Belleville area resident, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Trinity Health, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born November 8, 1944, in Asheville, North Carolina, son of Earl Joseph & Marjorie Elizabeth (Powell) Taylor.

He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1963. Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a former Belleville Moose Lodge member and a founder of the Michigan Nationals baseball club. Jerry spent 43 years selling cars at Sesi Lincoln Mercury Dealership of Ann Arbor. He then volunteered at Pheasant Run in Canton. Jerry's love for the game of golf kept him busy all spring. His love and passion for baseball had him chasing his grand boys around the baseball field all summer. Jerry was also an avid hunter and loved to fish.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carmen (Fenech) Taylor; three sons: Rodney Jerry (Tarie Lee) Taylor of Virginia, Jason C. Taylor of Canton, MI, and Ryan (Lisa) Taylor of Van Buren Township, MI; two grandsons Jake Ryan and Joshua Ethan Taylor; a sister Peggy Dowling of Chelsea, MI; also several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Wednesday, 3-8 PM Thursday, with an 11:00 AM Funeral Friday, October 4, 2024, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

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#### **CALVIN EUGENE STARLIN**

(September 23, 1935 – September 27, 2024) Age 89, of Ypsilanti. Air Force veteran. Survived by wife Connie, sons Kenneth and Mark, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and sisters Phyllis and Karen. Service Oct. 1 at Metro Baptist Church. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery. www.davidebrownfh.com

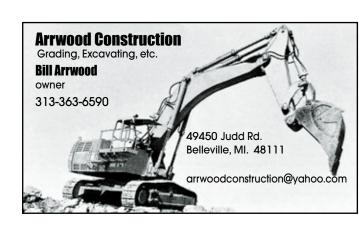
# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, Oct. 3 -- Romulus Public Library offers a free, live music show from 6 to 7 p.m. by Matthew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid, a piano and song man of 5 million YT views. He will perform American songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Era. The library is next to 34th District Court at 11121 Wayne Rd., phone (734) 942-7589, for more info/register.
- Friday, Oct. 4 Euchre Tournament at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 Huron River Dr., Romulus. Doors open at 5 p.m., tournament at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, with no tickets sold at the door. Cash prizes of \$300, \$150, and \$50. Hot dogs and chips. This fund raiser is to support the VFW building fund. Information: Jan Lemmon, (734) 941-0996.
- Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6 St. Paul's Apple Fest 2024 at 19109 Craig St., New Boston. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Apple pies, \$10; Apple Shooters, \$2; food/drinks, vendors & crafters. Info at: (734) 625-0514 or (734) 753-9048.
- Sunday, Oct. 6 Bethany Bible Church celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its daycare from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during church and its Fall Festival, with food, games, hayride, dunk tank.

- Tuesday, Oct. 8 A town hall meeting on Michigan Nuclear Waste, led by concerned citizens, begins at 6 p.m. at Angel Food Catering banquet hall, 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township. The public is invited.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For \$15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 2024 State of the Community with a breakfast beginning at 9 a.m., followed by speeches from leaders of the community. The event is being held at the Van Buren Township Community Center Black Box Theater, 46425 Tyler Rd. Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for others. To register contact Martha Hanoian at bacc48111@gmail.com.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 The Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., presents "Solemn Echoes Uncovering the Dark and Eerie Practices of Victorian Death Culture" at 6 p.m. The lecture is by Nikki Pickeral, library assistant at the Belleville Area District Library. RSVP to: <a href="mailto:bam@usenburen-mi.org">bam@usenburen-mi.org</a>
- Friday, Oct. 11 Lifepointe Church, 45170 Hull Rd., presents The Bash Pixar Style from 6-8 p.m. including trunk or treat, games, inflatables, food truck, hay ride, bonfires, donuts, and a ton of candy.
- Saturday, Oct. 12 Harvest Fest at the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Area Museum, and Fourth Street Place, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Tractor Parade on Main Street is at 11 a.m. and a Harvest Market music, and Nickel Dig.









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#### Musings **Bv Janet Millard** Independent **Advertising Director**

Well, Livonia Franklin High School went the way of the other two Livonia schools losing 35-6 to our BHS Tigers. The boys in Black & Orange take on John Glenn High School next Friday, and this away game should end the same as the rest -ANOTHER WIN!! Go get'em Tigers

Welcome to BOOville. All you parents looking forward to giving your kids a sugar high, let's talk Trunk or Treat and upcoming festivals to take care of that urging. Oct. 6, Noon to 3:30 pm, Fall Fest at Bethany Bible Church on E. Huron River Drive (food, games, dunk tank, bounce house & hayrides); Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m., The Bash at LifePointe Church on Hull Road (lots of candy, bounce house, food trucks, games, hayride & bonfires); Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m.-1.p.m., Harvest Festival at Open Arms Church & Day Care on Belleville Road (Trunk or Treat, bounce house, petting animals, hay ride); Oct. 12, 6 - 8p.m., Fall



Fest at Faith Community Church on E. Huron River Drive (Trunk or Treat, games, food trucks, bounce house, hayrides, Bible stories & lots of candy); Oct. 14, 5-7:30 p.m., Trunk or Treat at Egan's Classic Car Show on Main Street. Oct. 19, 4-6 p.m., Candy Loop at Quirk Park (rain date 10-26). Oct. 27, 5 p.m. BYC Trunk **or Treat** on E. Huron River Drive.

Oct. 12 will be a busy day in the Ville because in addition to the above events, the annual Harvest Fest at the Library, Museum and 4th Street Place will run from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It starts with an 11 a.m. Tractor Parade and lots of activities for the kids and adults to enjoy. See the ad in today's paper. On top of all these activities, the Van Buren Fire Department will hold a pancake breakfast in Fire Station 2 on Belleville Road from 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

A friend, who is much more politically astute than I, said I should share the following: "Politicians who become hubris, money grubbing interlopers, should be removed from office." I guess that is something to keep in mind as you cast your ballot this year.

Also in today's paper is information on putting your fur baby or babies in the BOOville Costumed Monster Mutt Walk scheduled for Oct. 19, Noon to 2 p.m. Tees are also available to celebrate the occasion. Such a fun day to see the creativeness of the owners, so come and watch even if you don't have a dog to participate. It is also a fundraiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue so feel free to bring a cash donation or dog/cat food for the shelter.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

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# **Dingell announces \$50M to Cabot** for battery manufacturing in VBT

Press Release

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-06) on Sept. 20 announced Cabot Corporation will receive \$50 million from the Department of Energy (DOE) to build the first commercial-scale facility in the U.S. to produce critical components for lithiumion batteries in Van Buren Township.

The grant was awarded under the DOE's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing funding opportunity as part of a \$355 total million investment in battery manufacturing in Michigan.

"Our state is driving the next generation of auto innovation and technology, and there's no better place for this plant than here in Southeast Michigan. To keep America a global leader in EVs and manufacturing, we must ensure electric vehicles, their batteries, all their components, and their infrastructure are built here at home," Dingell said.

"This investment will strengthen our domestic battery supply chain, create goodpaying union jobs, support Michigan's auto leadership, and advance our transition to a clean-energy future."

Martin O'Neill, Cabot Corporation, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer, said, "We are grateful for the Department of Energy's support in selecting Cabot Corporation for this significant grant, which underscores the importance of building a strong domestic supply chain for critical battery materials in the U.S.

"With the strong support of Congresswoman Dingell and other congressional leaders, we are confident this project will contribute meaningfully to the future of clean energy and drive sustainable innovation in Michigan and the U.S.

"This funding accelerates our efforts to establish the first U.S. commercialscale production facility of battery-grade carbon nanotubes and conductive additive dispersions located here in Michigan. We are excited about the opportunities this project brings to the state, not only in terms of job creation and local economic growth, but also in advancing the clean energy

Cabot Corporation will build and operate a plant capable of producing an initial

1,000 tons per year of battery-grade carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and up to 12,000 tons per year of conductive additive (CA) dispersions at a commercial scale to support the domestic lithium-ion battery supply chain.

Conductive additives, including CNTs, are indispensable ingredients in battery within a conductive matrix. Without electrodes, connecting active materials conductive additives, lithium-ion batteries do not work. Cabot's plant will be the first productionscale facility to manufacture and supply battery-grade CNTs and CA dispersions in the U.S., expanding U.S. capabilities in advanced battery manufacturing, reducing reliance on imports, and strengthening national security.

The facility is expected to employ approximately 85 permanent workers and more than 250 tradespeople during construction. Cabot will work with the local government to sign a Good Neighbor Agreement and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North American Building Trades Union (NABTU) for construction of the facility and a neutrality agreement with the International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC) for the operations of the

Cabot will also partner with local and regional universities, colleges, and trade schools to implement internship programs, support STEM career development, and promote training opportunities to develop a qualified and skilled domestic workforce.

Cabot's project will revitalize, retrofit, and restore a brownfield site in Van Buren Township and create high-quality jobs with competitive wages and industry leading benefits in a region where workers have experienced displacement from fossil energy jobs.

The 68 acres in the RACER Trust site is at Michigan Avenue and Ecorse Road, north of Willow Run Airport and west of the GM Parts Center. RACER Trust stands for Remediating Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust.

RACER Trust, which was put in place by GM's bankruptcy spinoff, has received EPA permission to remediate the old GM properties.



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#### Court Watching

#### Jonathon Edward Hughes

Jonathon Edward Hughes, 43, of New Boston had his bench warrant arraignment by zoom while in custody on Aug. 11, 2023 after not appearing to face Dec. 16, 2022 charges of possession of narcotics paraphernalia, driving while license suspended, and receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$200 in Van Buren Township. Judge Green set his pretrial for Sept. 7, 2023. Personal bond is \$10,000. He failed to appear. On Sept. 11 a bench warrant was issued.

On Oct. 27 the defendant was in custody and arraigned on his bench warrant. He was scheduled for a remote pretrial by zoom on Nov. 16. On Nov. 13, he was arraigned on a Nov. 10 offense of fleeing police in a vehicle and possession of narcotics in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 22. A preliminary examination was set for Jan. 3, but the post office said the court notice could not be delivered and was returned. He failed to appear and so a bench warrant was issued.

On Sept. 26, 2024 he was video-arraigned while in custody by Magistrate Hindman on the bench warrant on the original charges. Bond was set at \$3,000/10% and a remote pretrial set for Oct. 17.

He also was arraigned on a new charge of fleeing a police officer and possession of narcotic or cocaine on Nov. 10, 2023 in Van Buren Township. Probable cause conference was set for Oct. 9 and bond set at \$5,000/10%.

Another new charge was possession of narcotic or cocaine on Aug. 11, 2023, a charge brought by Western Wayne Narcotics. A probable cause conference was set for Oct. 9 and bond set at \$3,000/10%.

#### William Raymond Pitt

William Raymond Pitt, 39, of Whittaker was arraigned on a bench warrant on Aug. 10 for fleeing police in a vehicle, operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup>, driving while license suspended, reckless driving and open intoxicant on Nov. 9 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and alcohol tether. The probable cause conference was set for Aug. 23. At that time, he waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 30. On Sept. 7 he pled guilty to fleeing a police officer and operating under the influence of liquor / per se / 3<sup>rd</sup> offense / felony and the other three charges were dismissed. He was sentenced to one year, six months to five years in state

confinement and was given credit for 57 days of time served. Also, there was a fine of \$198.

#### James Daniel Patterson

James Daniel Patterson, 22, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 10 on charges of retail fraud on Feb. 8 and 9, 2023 in Van Buren Township. He had failed to appear for his court dates. His pretrials were set for Sept. 7, 2023 and his personal bond set at \$3,000 each case. On Sept. 6, 2023 it was noted that the attempts for the court to contact him for documents have been unsuccessful and the court will try to locate the defendant before a show-cause hearing is set. On Sept. 11, 2023 a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. On July 18, 2024 he pled guilty and his case was sent to probation for a pre-sentence interview. The necessary paperwork was required by Aug. 5, but it did not appear. An interview was set for Aug. 13. Sentencing was set for Aug. 15 and then moved to Oct. 7.

#### **Juan Carlos Darty**

Juan Carlos Darty, 43, of Van Buren Township was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Oct. 11 on 12 charges concerning assault and firearms on Aug. 20, 2023 in Van Buren Township.

The preliminary exam was reset for Nov. 22. Surety bond of \$25,000 was posted by a bail bondsman. A GPS tether and house arrest is part of the bond and he must not contact the victims or return to the scene of the incident.

He is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm less than murder, two counts of assault, and six weapons counts.

On Nov. 22, the exam was held and he was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 6 arraignment on the information. Final conference was Jan. 24 and a jury trial was March 4. The jury trial was canceled by the court and a pretrial set for April 3.

The pretrial was set for June 5 and a jury trial Aug. 28. That was adjourned and a pretrial set for Nov. 13.

#### **Daniel Neil Oliver**

Daniel Neil Oliver, 45, of Sumpter Township is charged with operating while intoxicated-third offense and driving while license suspended-second offense on Aug. 16, 2022 in Sumpter Township.

He was present for his arraignment/ probable cause conference on June 14. Judge Martin set a personal bond of \$10,000 and adjourned the probable cause conference to June 28 for discovery. His preliminary exam was set for Sept. 20

and then changed into a probable cause conference for Oct. 11.

The probable cause conference then was reset to Nov. 22 for Sobriety Court consideration. A live exam was set for Jan. 3 and at that time the exam was waived and the defendant bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 17 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was held Feb. 9 and a final conference was set for March 8 followed by an April 3 jury trial.

On March 25, he pled guilty to both charges and the jury trial was canceled. Sentencing was May 28. Total fees were \$2,398 and he was confined to the Michigan Department of Corrections for a term from 1 to 5 years with 11 days credit for time served.

#### Jayla Dawn Wilkerson

Jayla Dawn Wilkerson, 26, of Sumpter Township, was in Stonecrest Hospital and could not be present in person for her probable cause conference before Judge Martin on Oct. 18. Judge Martin adjourned her probable cause conference until Nov. 1 in person.

On Nov. 1 she was in-patient at Stonecrest, so her probable cause conference was rescheduled for Dec. 6. At that time a preliminary exam was set for Jan. 17. She waived her preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 31 arraignment on the information, adjourned until Feb. 8 reset until Feb. 9. A final conference was set for March 1 and a jury trial for March 25. On March 18 she pled guilty to one count of deliver/manufacture controlled substance and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. The rest of the charges were dismissed. The trial was canceled and sentencing set for April 18 and reset to May 1.

She had been charged with a count of (continued on page 18)



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Riggs Park

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on the house, had hazardous materials professionally removed, and then fenced it in. The renovations never moved forward.

The township demolished the house in 2016. The demolition was paid for with the \$30,000 the township got in insurance money when the large barn behind the house burned on Thanksgiving 2013.

Now the whole acreage is a natural parkland with a walking path, restroom, picnic tables, and benches. The new Iron Belle Trail skirts the northern end of the property.

The former sign that used to tell the story of the Riggs pioneer family has been

removed.

Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department Director Jason Locke said he is working on procedures for others to buy memorial benches, but it is too early to announce that yet.

# **Judge Cox**

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Disposal, released the following statement:

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"The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have stated that the material from the Niagara Falls Storage Site does not pose a risk to public health or the community.

"Many industries rely on Wayne Disposal Inc. to responsibly manage waste material, and the court ruling, which was issued without a hearing, impacts our ability to serve these customers. It also hinders important environmental remediation activities and interstate commerce. We look forward to presenting our position to the court in the very near future."



Oct. 4 - Charles Tackett

Oct. 5 - Cornell Anton

Oct. 7 - Bailey Millard

Oct. 10 - Anna Smith

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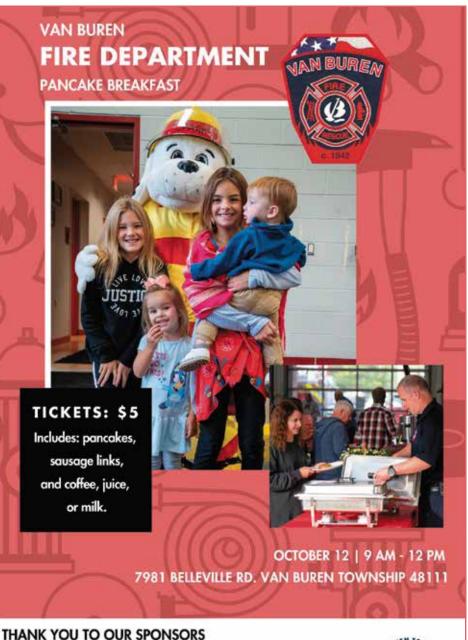
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Fri Oct 11- Sun Oct 13	ANNUAL COMMUNITY ARTS SHOW Opening Reception Friday, October 27, 7- 9pm, Free event	IBYC F Huron River Dr	BACA/Belleville Area Council for the Arts	
Sat Oct 12	·	Between Library, Museum, and 4th St Place	Library, Museum, with other organizations	
Sat Oct 12	HARVEST MARKET 11am – 3pm	Δ <sup>ui</sup> Street Place	Belleville Central Business Community/CBC	
Mon Oct 14	Main St Car Show – Trunk-or-Treat 5-7p	Main St from 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Egan's Pub	
Fri Oct 18	ANNUAL WITCHES BALL 7p-11p	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Square/ tent	Egan's Pub	
Sat Oct 19	MONSTER MUTT WALK 1-3pm Costumed dog walk, prizes. Fee	Meet in 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Place	Belleville Central Business Community/CBC with Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue	
Sat Oct 19	Book Signing w/Lance Parrish & Tom Gage, noon-2p	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Square	Belleville DDA	
Sat Oct 19	Apple Pie Contest Pie drop-off btw 12&1:30 Winner announced at 2p	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Square	Belleville DDA	
Sat Oct 19	CANDY LOOP 4-6pm Free event	Quirk Park, off Tyler Rd	Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation	
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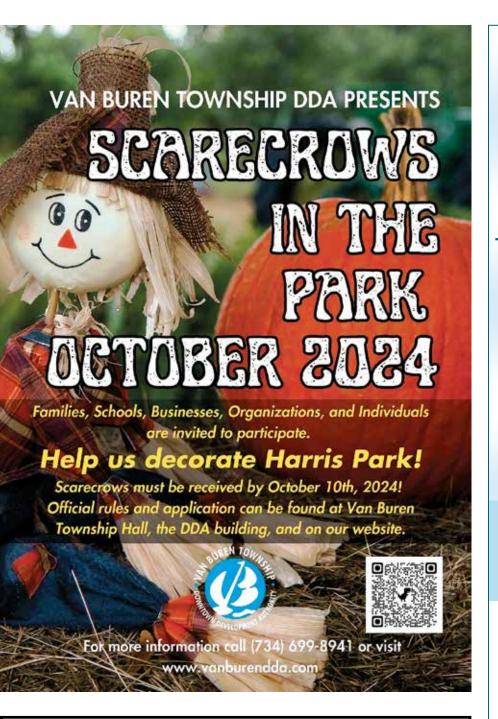
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### **MONSTER MUTT WALK**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

E-mail Address 1st Dog's Name 2<sup>nd</sup> Dog's Name

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 19, 2024. The Walk will begin and end at 4th Street Place.

The first 50 dogs registered will receive goodle 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 will be given 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, plea ase bring the dog or cat food donation with you to the event plus the fee if you haven't advance registered.

- (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
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

This event is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Belleville DDA, Atchinson Ford, Van Buren Twp DDA, Wayne County Community College District, & KSpringer Media Management For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: <a href="mailto:jfayemillard@att.net">jfayemillard@att.net</a> however, you may also call/text me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator, Belleville Central Business Community







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# Court watching

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deliver/manufacture narcotic or cocaine over 50 grams, deliver/manufacture schedule 1, 2, 3 drugs except for marijuana or cocaine, receiving and concealing firearms, carrying a concealed weapon, three counts of felony firearm, and allowed suspended/revoked driver to drive on Oct. 4 in Sumpter Township.

On May 1, she was sentenced to fines and fees of \$1,966, two years of probation, and 40 hours of community service.

#### **Robert Derek Jackson**

Robert Derek Jackson, 30, of Detroit is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and retail fraud on Sept. 18, 2023 in Van Buren Township. His warrant for failure to appear was canceled at his probable cause conference on Oct. 18.

He waived his preliminary exam and Judge Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 1. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 17 and a motion hearing and final conference for Jan. 5, 2024. A jury trial was set for March 18. That was canceled when he pled guilty to the weapons charge and the retail fraud charge was dismissed. He was sentenced to two years of probation, 80 hours of community service, and fees of \$988.

#### Alexis Kristine Alexander

Alexis Kristine Alexander, 32, of Ypsilanti, failed to appear for her show-cause hearing on Oct. 18, 2023. She is charged with retail fraud-second degree on June 23, 2022 in Van Buren Township. A notice from the post office reported it was unable to deliver the court notice. On Oct. 24, 2023 a bench warrant was issued.

# Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announces award winners for 2024

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announced its 2024 award winners at its annual meeting last week:

- Small Business of the Year BB's Belleville Boutique;
- Large Business of the Year Davenport Brothers Construction;
- Ted Kuckleman Award Janet Millard;
- Leona Van Buhler Award Angelica Renaud.

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- Thursday, Oct. 3 Freshman Football vs. John Glenn HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Football vs. John Glenn HS, 6:30 p.m.; Girls Swim & Dive vs. Churchill HS, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 Varsity Volleyball Tournament, 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 Boys & Girls Cross Country Tri Meet, 4 p.m. at Willow Metropark Chestnut Grove Area

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#### Tamara Marie Perkins

Tamara Marie Perkins of Ypsilanti was scheduled for a show-cause hearing on Oct. 18 for failing to appear on a charge of retail fraud-second degree on June 23, 2022 in Van Buren Township. She failed to appear and on Nov. 2, 2023 a bench warrant was issued.

#### **Kivonte Keith-Valdez Green**

Kivonte Keith-Valdez Green, 28, of Ypsilanti, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on July 11, 2023 in Van Buren Township. He was present for his probable cause conference on July 26 and a preliminary exam was set for noon on Sept. 6. But his defense attorney was ill, so the exam was adjourned until Oct. 18.

At that time, he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 1. His surety bond of \$2,500, which was posted by a bail bondsman, was transferred to circuit court.

A calendar conference was then set for Nov. 13 and reset to Nov. 14. Final conference was set for Jan. 11, 2024 and he pled guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and his DWLS charge was dismissed. Sentencing was Feb. 9. Fines were \$198, probation of two years, and 40 hours of community service.

#### **Stephen Alfred Campbell**

Stephen Alfred Campbell of Van Buren Township, is charged with stalking on Sept. 19, 2023 in Van Buren Township and was due for his arraignment/pretrial on Oct. 18. His attorney, Jeff Bowdich, said his client was in the hospital. The prosecutor said on Oct. 15 the defendant violated bond, came to the victim's home, attempted suicide, and was hospitalized.

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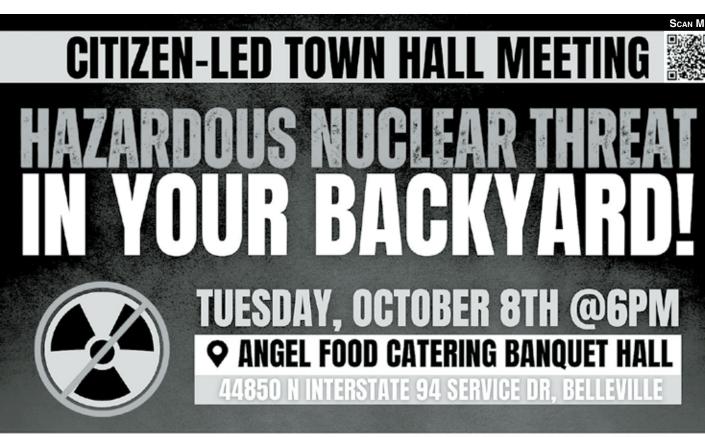
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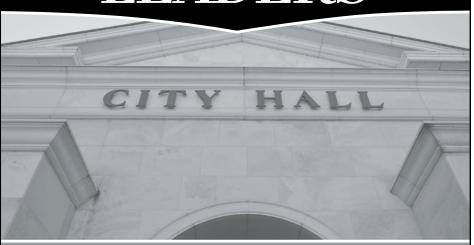
And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors His tales became a **joke**. All his buddies listened quietly For they knew whereof he **spoke**.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, For ol' Joe has passed **away**, And the world's a little poorer For a Veteran died **today**.

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When politicians leave this earth, Their bodies lie in **state**, While thousands note their passing, And proclaim that they were **great**.

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Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow Who in times of war and **strife**, Goes off to serve his country And offers up his **life**?

The politician's stipend And the style in which he **lives**, Are often disproportionate To the service that he **gives**.

While the ordinary Veteran, Who offered up his **all**, Is paid off with a medal And perhaps a pension, **small**.

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Recently retired, seasoned hunter is looking for 10 to 40 acres in the greater Belleville locations.

Needed for hunting coyote & deer. Please contact Pete at (734) 635-9355 to discuss use of land costs.

CRAFTERS & VENDORS – Now taking applications for the Belleville Co-op Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please call Pam at (734) 334-7113

WANTED – ANY SIZE MEN'S JEANS for the homeless. Please drop off at Bladez's 601 E. Huron River Drive. (734) 697-5600

WANTED – SMALL CONTAINERS of shampoo, toothpaste, etc. to take to homeless in Detroit. Drop off at Bladez's 601 E. Huron River Dr. (734) 697-5600

#### **Notice to Advertisers:**

The Belleville-Area Independent will not be liable for failure to publish an ad as requested or for more than one incorrect insertion of an advertisement. In the event of any error or omission in printing or publication of an advertisement, you must notify us within five days of publication or on the date of insertion, if an ad is scheduled as part of a package, so there is time to correct subsequent publications. The Independent's liability shall be limited to an adjustment for the cost of the space occupied by the error with a maximum liability being cancellation of the cost of the first incorrect advertisement or republication of the corrected advertisement. Under no circumstances shall the Independent be liable for consequential damages of any kind.

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Photo courtesy of Margaret Waggoner

Last week demolition continued on the buildings at the corner of Fifth and North Liberty streets in the city of Belleville. The Belleville Downtown Development Authority purchased the former hardware store on Main Street and the property behind it with buildings there that once housed various businesses including a taxi service, insurance office, U-Haul office and other things. Davenport Brothers is tearing down the buildings and constructing an extension to the city parking lot, as directed by the DDA.



# **City of Belleville Public Notice**



#### NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 5, 2024

#### TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Presidential General Election will be held in the City of Belleville on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, with nine (9) days of Early Voting beginning on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Polling locations, dates, and times will be as follows:

#### Saturday, October 26, 2024 - Sunday, November 3, 2024

- Polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.
- Location: Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.
- Location: St. Anthony's Church Gymnasium, 409 W. Columbia Ave.

Both polling locations are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Sample ballots may be obtained in-person as soon as they become available, at the City of Belleville Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111, or by visiting the City's website: www.bellevilleonthelake.com.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: October 3, 2024

#### **PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:**

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

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





# City of Belleville Public Notice



# CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration to vote can be completed online at <a href="Michigan.gov/voterregistration">Michigan.gov/voterregistration</a>. Physical forms can also be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

Voters who are already registered may update their registration at <a href="www.expressSOS.com">www.expressSOS.com</a>.

The last day to register in any manner <u>other than in-person</u> with the local clerk is **Monday, October 21, 2024.** 

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

- ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 31<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT
- MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
- REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
- TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
- GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WAYNE COUNTY
- SHERIFF WAYNE COUNTY
- CLERK WAYNE COUNTY
- TREASURER WAYNE COUNTY
- REGISTER OF DEEDS WAYNE COUNTY
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT
- JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, 8 YEAR TERM
- JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, INCUMBENT POSITION PARTIAL TERM
- JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS, INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT
- JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM 3RD CIRCUIT
- JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM 3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT
- JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, INCUMBENT POSITION, PARTIAL TERM 3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT
- JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT, INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM
- JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT, NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM
- JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT, NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, 6 YEAR TERM 34<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT
- BOARD MEMBER VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY
- CITY PROPOSAL # 1 A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5.3 (REGULAR MEETINGS) OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY
  CHARTER
- CITY PROPOSAL # 2 A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5.7 (RULES) OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY CHARTER
- CITY PROPOSAL # 3 A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15.8 (PURCHASE PROCEDURE) OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE
  CITY CHARTER
- CITY PROPOSAL # 4 A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DELETE CHAPTER 16 (CIVIL SERVICE) OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY
  CHARTER
- WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY, RENEWAL OF REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Sample ballots are available at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville and on the City's website: www.bellevilleonthelake.com.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office: 734-697-9323, extension 7010.

Briana Hootman,

City Clerk/Treasurer

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# City of Belleville Public Notice



#### **CITY OF BELLEVILLE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.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 5, 2024 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).

Briana Hootman City Clerk/Treasurer

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To build a better world, start in your own community!

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

On October 9th 2024, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2011	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZC5E19BF287439	24-3906
2012	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3CCAAG5CH104493	24-8262
2003	DODGE	VN	2D8GP54LX3R237117	24-8356
2001	DONZI	WC	DNAZ2026L001	24-8822
2006	FORD	PU	1FTPW14526FB55454	24-8394
2004	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NF52E54C221516	24-8464
1998	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13W1W2227426	24-8244B
2002	FORD	PU	1FTRW08L12KA75575	24-8244A
2015	FORD	4D	3FA6P0H79FR278031	24-7087

At 11:30am, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2008	CHEVROLET	SW	2CNDL23F086288864	24-9372
2012	FORD	PU	1FTFW1EF8CFA39612	24-9109
2009	DODGE	2D	2B3LJ54TX9H603222	24-9236A
2007	FORD	4D	1FAHP37N77W153151	24-8340
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WC581469211561	24-9984
2010	DODGE	4D	1B3CC1FB3AN191924	24-10072
2011	FORD	SW	1FMCU9DG2BKB86902	24-10521
2017	KIA	4D	3KPFL4A72HE155818	24-8877
2014	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3CCAGT6EH222592	24-9430
2010	FORD	PU	1FTLR1FE8APA46194	24-9675
2015	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCVKRECXFZ368858	24-8061
2016	HARLEY	MC	1HD1KBM11GB643001	24-8061
2012	DODGE	4D	2C3CDXBG8CH145909	24-9161
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K481374785	24-8652
2018	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JD5SH9J4103509	24-8485
2007	TOYOTA	SW	JTEDP21A470127159	24-7964
2016	CHEVROLET	4D	1G11C5SA3GF112032	24-7697
1999	SKAMPER	TC	4PXT32229X3012149	24-7740B
2016	FORD	4D	1FADP3K26GL313632	24-7635
2003	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCEK14V43Z135994	24-5619
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All vehicles are sold in "As is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk, Published: October 3rd, 2024

# **Court Watching**

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Judge Martin adjourned the arraignment/ pretrial until Nov. 14. Bond is \$10,000 cash or surety.

An aggravated stalking charge on Oct. 16 in Van Buren Township was filed and at a hearing on Nov. 8 a probable cause conference was set for Nov. 22 and then to Dec. 6. Bond was set at \$100,000/cash or surety. The original stalking charge had its pretrial reset for Nov. 22 and then to Dec.

On Dec. 6, the defendant waived his preliminary exam on the aggravated stalking felony and it was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 20 arraignment on the information. The final conference was set for Feb. 1 and the pretrial for Feb. 15. At that time the case was dismissed.

The misdemeanor stalking charge was adjourned to Jan. 10 in district court and then to Feb. 14 when he pled guilty. He was sentenced to a fine of \$645, 12 months on a GPS tether, no contact with the victim and to have a psychiatric evaluation.

#### **Deja Janae Bibins**

Deja Janae Bibins, 27, of Romulus, was arraigned by Magistrate Al Hindman on Oct. 26 on charges of fleeing a police officer-4<sup>th</sup> degree and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on Oct. 24 in Van Buren Township.

She was in custody at Van Buren Police Department for her video-arraignment. Bond was set at \$1,500/10% and her probable cause conference scheduled for Nov. 8. At that time, her preliminary exam was set for Dec. 13 and then rescheduled for Jan. 24. On Jan. 23, the preliminary exam was set for March 13.

At that time she waived her preliminary exam and the case was bound over to circuit court for a March 27 arraignment on the information. At that time a calendar conference was set for April 9. A jury trial was then set for July 8 but then canceled when she pled guilty on May 23. She was sentenced to a fee of \$831 or 50 hours of community service and two years of probation. She also was ordered to continue with the treatment set up for her in Washtenaw County and to find legitimate employment of 40 hours a week.

#### Jakeem Rodney Ware

Jakeem Rodney Ware, 23, of Ann Arbor, was present for his Oct. 18 probable cause conference from the Washtenaw County Jail where he was incarcerated on an unrelated matter. He is charged with malicious destruction of property from \$1,000 to \$20,000 in value and assaulting/ resisting/obstructing a police officer on July 21, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

On Oct. 25 he was present by video from the Washtenaw County Jail where he was incarcerated on an unrelated charge. The preliminary exam was set for 11:30 a.m., Jan. 10, 2024. His attorney said by Jan. 10 he is expected to be in custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections, so a writ will be required to get him to court for the exam.

If released, he is not to return to Town and Country mobile home park.

On Jan. 10, Officer McCarthy said there were multiple unsuccessful attempts to reach the victim, so the malicious destruction of property charge was dismissed. The second charge of assaulting/ resisting/obstructing police officers Christopher Chris Valinski and Ryan McCormick was dropped to "attempted" assaulting / resisting / obstruction of a police officer and 60 additional days were added to his prison sentence to run concurrent with his present sentence. He is expected to be released in 2025.

#### Ali Ahmed Hussain

Ali Ahmed Hussain, 35, of Ypsilanti, was present on Oct. 25 for probable cause conferences on two separate charges. One was for two counts of criminal sexual conduct-third degree (force or coercion) and a count of domestic violence on May 16 in Sumpter Township.

The other was for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder / strangulation and domestic violence on July 15 in Sumpter Township.

His attorney said he has no digital discovery and the prosecutor said the complainant was recorded as a walk-in.

The two probable cause conferences were adjourned to Nov. 22 and then to Jan. 10, 2024. Bond is \$5,000/10% on each of the two charges and there is to be no contact with the victim. He is not to return to the protected address.

On Jan. 10, he waived his preliminary exams and he was bound over to circuit court for Jan. 17 arraignments on the information, adjourned to Jan. 24. A disposition conference also was set for Jan. 24. A calendar conference was set for Feb. 15 and final conference on March 22 and then April 4 and reset to April 25 and then May 7. A jury trial was set for July 15 and then canceled. A pretrial was set for July 30. On July 30 all the charges were dismissed.

#### Jacob Marschall Duzan

Jacob Marschall Duzan, 32, formerly of the city of Belleville and now of Eastpointe, is charged with assault or assault and battery on March 28, 2021 in Sumpter Township. He was before Judge Oakley for his pretrial on Nov. 30, 2022. Final pretrial was scheduled for Dec. 7, 2022 and on that date, Judge Oakley dismissed the charges. Case closed.

Duzan, now of Flint, also was charged with open container in a vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on Jan. 2, 2023 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 1, 2023 but the defendant failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued. On Jan. 31 he was present for his probable cause conference and his preliminary exam was set for April 17 and he waived the exam. He was arraigned on the information at circuit court on May 1. Calendar conference was set for May 15. Final conference is July 3 and jury trial July 31. On July 3, he pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and the other

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# Court Watching

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two charges were dismissed. On July 26, he was sentenced to a fine of \$1,898 and was put on two years of probation.

#### Joshua Michael Emery

Joshua Michael Emery, 44, of Battle Creek was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Nov. 1, 2023 on charges of possession of weapons by a felon, assault

with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, and three counts of felony firearm on Sept. 5 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond is \$25,000.

He failed to appear on Nov. 1 so a bench warrant was issued. Cash/surety bond of \$250,000/10% was set.

On Dec. 11, he explained from the Kalamazoo County Jail that he was in a hospital on Nov. 1 due to complications

from a from a head injury from Sept. 5.

A probable cause conference was set for Jan. 24, 2024 on all the charges and a preliminary exam was set for March 13. On March 13 he was present by video from the Kalamazoo County Jail for a probable cause conference. His attorney asked for a competency exam and Judge Oakley ordered the exam. The next court date will be set when the exam report is complete. A review was set for April 17, but that

was adjourned until July 10 because the competency exam had not been scheduled.

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On May 29 his attorney said the exam shows his client to be competent to stand trial and the preliminary exam was set for July 10. At that time he waived the exam and was bound over to circuit court for a July 24 arraignment on the information reset to July 26. A pretrial was set for Sept. 5, reset to Oct. 3, and a jury trial for Dec. 9.

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024** 

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 or forms can be obtained at 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 21, 2024.

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
- During Early Voting Hours: Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday November 5, 2024 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

Presidential: Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States

Congressional: United States Senator and Representative in Congress 6th District

**Legislative:** Representative in State Legislature 31<sup>st</sup> District

State Boards: Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, and Governor of Wayne State University

County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner 11th District

Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee

Judicial: Justice of Supreme Court 8 Year Term, Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2029, Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position 6 Year Term, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position 6 Year Term, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position 6 Year Term, Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027, Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position 6 Year Term, and Judge of District Court 34th District Non-Incumbent Position 6

Local School District: Board Member Van Buren Public Schools

District Library: Board Member Belleville Area District Library

Intermediate School District: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Renewal of Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal: Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed renewal of the enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("Wayne RESA") and distributed on an equal per-pupil basis to local constituent school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of Wayne RESA. None of the enhancement millage revenue will be distributed to Wayne RESA, and all funds shall be independently audited by the local constituent school districts and eligible public school academies as part of their annual school audits.

As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2027 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 1.9812 mills (\$1.98 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2028 to 2033, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 1.9812 mills would raise approximately \$108 million when first levied in 2028.

The revenue from this enhancement millage will be distributed on an equal per pupil basis to the following listed constituent school districts and the public school academies within the boundaries of Wayne RESA which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code:

Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, School District of the City of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights School District No. 7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, Garden City Public Schools, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, Grosse Pointe Public School System, School District of the City of Hamtramck, School District of the City of Harper Woods, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools School District, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park School District, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union Schools, District No. 1, School District of the City of River Rouge, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community School District, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, School District of the City of Wyandotte

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 mvic.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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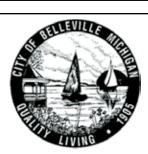
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# **City of Belleville Public Notice**





CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY

NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING CLOSE OF POLLS TABULATION

DATE: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

#### City of Belleville Notice Of Early Voting Close of Polls Tabulation

Early Voting Close of Polls Tabulation will take place at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November  $5^{\text{th}}$  at St. Anthony's Church, in the Father Folta Building Gymnasium.

St. Anthony's is located at 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111

Briana Hootman City Clerk / Treasurer

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# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:00 PM

Van Buren Township Hall 46425 Tyler Road Van Buren Township, MI 48111

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on Wednesday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the November General Election on November 5, 2024. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

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#### **VBT DDA**

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\$162,082.90 to pay Wade Trim to complete the final design plans for the Tyler Road Non-Motorized Pathway because the township received a MDOT/SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant of \$1,348,638 for the Tyler Road project and need to move forward;

- Approved renewing the lease, installation, removal, and on-call service from Grosse Ile Lawn for holiday lighting for Harris Park for \$8,050 and for the welcome sign area \$2,500 in the total amount of \$10,550. They will start lighting areas in October and will have the tree-lighting at 6 p.m. Nov. 20;
- Approved the 2025 DDA board meeting dates as 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month;
- Heard Coburn announce that they received notification that Wayne County is contributing \$6.55663 million to the Belleville Road widening project, \$3.111 million for 2025 and \$3.44563 advance for construction in 2026. Bid letting is a year from now and construction the next year. Wayne County has yet to approve the alignment change using a small piece of some township property (the Ford property), noting the county is considering what that would do if it had future plans to expand Tyler Road;
- Considered an update on right-of-way acquisition for the Belleville Road widening project, with the attorney assuring the DDA that things are moving and there should be an eminent domain court date set within 90 days;
- Discussed how the DDA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan is guiding development in the district and it is valid through 2038. It was last updated in June 2009 and needs to be updated again and also should have an Asset Management Plan; and
- Heard Coburn say they are planning the first Scarecrows in the Park event at Harris Park, set for Oct. 14-Nov. 4. The Light Up the Park event is Nov. 20 and the second-annual Santa Paws event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4 and 11.

#### **Correction:**

# John Green-Johnson sentence is 65-100 years

On page 20 last week's *Independent*, we misstated the sentence for John Brain Green-Johnson, 34, of Detroit who on Aug. 16 a Wayne County Circuit Court jury found guilty of second-degree murder, tampering with evidence, and felony firearm. The sentence was 65-100 years in prison for second-degree murder, 10 to 20 years for tampering with evidence, (with 574 days credit for time served) and two years for felony firearm. The sentences are served concurrently. He also was fined \$1,874. This sentence is for the death of Amber Nicole King, 29, whose body was found in a storage shed in the city of Westland after she was shot and killed May 9, 2021 in Westlake Apartments in Van Buren Township. We regret not getting the sentence correct in last week's paper.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

**Sumpter Township** 

Police Dispatch Log

#### Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 270 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following. Sunday, Sept. 22:

0023 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.

0043 - shooting, Sumpter Rd.

0124 - operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.

0531 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Belleville

0647 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

0716 - property damage accident, Elwell Rd./Hull 0812 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0816 - domestic, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.

0927 - family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1507 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. -94 Service Dr.

1526 - assist fire dept., Lake Point Blvd.

1543 – assist other dept., Greenlawn St./Ecorse Rd.

1715 - threat, Maple Dr.

1933 – assist citizen, Denton Rd.

2003 - trespassing, Wheeler St.

2027 - trespassing, Belleville Rd.

2055 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

Monday, Sept. 23:

0059 - warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd. xxxx - repossession, Denton Rd.

0227 - larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

0249 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

0452 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak

 $0459-intrusion\ alarm, Haggerty\ Rd.$ 

0520 - noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.

0844 - motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Kirkridge Park 0945 - issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.

0933 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1039 - vehicle lockout, Tyler Rd.

1149 - welfare check, Zachary St.

1246 – property damage accident, Cape Condos

1231 - larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1330 - property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

Dr./Belleville Rd.

1412 - unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

1546 - misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1547 - fraud, Montague Ave.

1548 - intrusion alarm, S. Cumberland Dr. 1552 - misc. complaint, Grove

1706 - traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.

1711 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1922 - animal complaint, Wildflower Ct. 1832 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2007 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.

2029 - welfare check, Maple Dr.

2116 - parking complaint, Belleville Rd.

2154 – missing person, Maple Dr.

2305 - noise complaint, Sumpter Rd. 2337 - noise complaint, Greenwood Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

0044 - shooting, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

0157 - mental subject, Haggerty Rd. 0708 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0715 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.

0846 - domestic, Lancaster Dr.

0902 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0905 - assist other dept., Willis 0930 - assist other dept., Amanda Dr.

1105 - neighbor trouble, Maurice Dr.

1210 - private property/property damage accident,

1257 - mental subject, Haggerty Rd.

1405 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr.

1558 - fraud, Tyler Rd.

1631 - fraud, E. Adams

Belleville Rd.

 $1607-retail\ fraud,\ Belleville\ Rd.$ 

1631 - welfare check, Gertrude Ave.

1636 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1705 - malicious destruction of property, Haggerty

1709 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Assembly St. 1722 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1723 - vehicle lockout, Stamford Rd. xxxx - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

1832 - intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.

1910 - welfare check, Beck/Ecorse 2301 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wednesday, Sept. 25:

0839 - harassment call, Riggs Rd.

0851-unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.

0902 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

1005 - vehicle lockout, Tyler Rd.

1039 - animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.

1115 - dumping complaint, Beck/Ecorse

1123 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd. xxxx - repossession, Denton Rd.

1348 - trespassing, Independence Ln.

1508 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

1517 - 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.

1519 - larceny, Hoeft Rd.

1529 - assist other dept., Lauren Ct.

1601 - misc. complaint, Quirk Rd. 1550 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1623 - family trouble, Parkwood Dr.

1626 - assist fire dept., Beckley Rd.

1638 - fraud, Bradley Dr.

1644 - intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.

1651 - malicious destruction of property, Parkwood

1653 - larceny, Republic Dr.

1656 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

xxxx - warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1846 - disorderly, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.

1842 - malicious destruction of property, Belleville

- civil matter, Ash Dr.

1905 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 2137 - trespassing, Belleville Rd.

2208 - domestic, Richard Run Dr.

2234 - domestic, Parkwood Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 26:

0241 - welfare check, I-275/Van Born

0414 - assist other dept., Quirk Rd.

0623 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Anna Dr.

0801 - welfare check, Belleville Rd.

 $0826-larceny, Laurelwood\ Dr.$ 0920 - larceny, Ecorse Rd.

1004 - trespassing, Richard Run Dr.

1140 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Anna Dr.

1223 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

1253 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.

1329 - malicious destruction of property, Sylvia 1448 - welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

1449 - domestic, Ecorse Service B Dr.

1458 - property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk

1538 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1711 - fraud, Belleville Rd. 1815 – assist fire dept., Amanda Dr.

1854 - civil matter Ecorse Rd. 1938 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Rebecca Ct. 2010 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Archwood Dr./N. I-94 Service Dr.

2012 - property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

2024 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2039 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd. 2138 - threat, Westlake Cir.

Friday, Sept. 27:

0207 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belmont Dr.

0751 - malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.

0922 - abandoned auto, Morton Taylor/Ecorse

0952 - road hazard, Ecorse/Morton Taylor Rd. 1031 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.

1118 - abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1130 - civil matter, Ash Dr.

1400 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1406 - breaking & entering, Independence Ln.

1550 - misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

1559 - motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd. 1627 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1629 - threat, Barnwell Dr.

1700 - larceny, McKinley St. 1826 - welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.

1831 - personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / S.

I-94 Service Dr. xxxx - assist citizen, Lake Villa Dr.

1900 - neighbor trouble, Rolan Meadows Dr.

1904 - civil matter, Dorchester Dr. 1937 - assist citizen, Tyler Rd.

2024 - hospice death, Mida Dr.

2025 - property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.

2234 - neighbor trouble, Sawgrass Ct.

2114 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

0000 - traffic offense, Denton Rd./Marina Cv. 0004 - disorderly, Belleville Rd.

0617 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1243 - neighbor trouble, Huron River Dr.

1301 - malicious destruction of property, Denton 1404 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.

1450 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1536 - animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1618 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1649 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. /

1908 - traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

1903 - family trouble, Haggerty Rd.

1928 - parking complaint, Denton Rd.

2109 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. 2309 - intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 60 traffic stops, eight of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also were 41 ordinance violations -- all 7300 MICR codes.

#### **Belleville Police Dispatch Log**

#### Sunday, Sept. 22:

0055 - assist other dept., Main St.

1233 - found property/child, Main St. 1250 - civil matter, Main St.

1612 - harassment call, Savage Rd.

Monday, Sept. 23: 1139 - misc. complaint, Main St.

1318 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

1422 -- ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, E. Huron River Dr. 1534 - assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.

2202 - malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: 0202 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

0856 -- ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, Carmell

1118 - fraud, Main St. 1142 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1351 - assist fire dept., Robbe St. Wednesday, Sept. 25:

1448 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Davis St./South St.

1641 – disorderly, Savage Rd.

0958 - welfare check, San Carlos St.

1925 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave. 1935 - threat, W. Columbia Ave.

1937 - assist citizen, N. Edgemont Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 26: 0741 - juvenile complaint, Mott

1852 - parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

2031 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr. Friday, Sept. 27: 0344 - misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.

0831 - parking complaint, Victorian Ln.

0852 - parking complaint, W. Thornhill Ct. 0937 -- ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

E. Huron River Dr. 1021 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada Dr.

1743 - property damage accident, Main St./Second

1936 - threat, W. Columbia Ave. 1918 - trespassing, W. Columbia Ave. 2114 - fight, W. Columbia Ave.

1915 - juvenile complaint, Church St.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

E. Waterbury Ct.

those are traffic stops.

0541 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave. 0916 -- ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

0930 -- ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, E. Waterbury Ct. There are 58 reports on this week's log and 23 of

"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." - Margaret Thatcher

0234 - family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1313 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

1350 - civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1400 - welfare check, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.

1422 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Utah Ct.

1750 - mental health call, Rustic Ln.

Monday, Sept. 23:

0213 - civil matter, Rustic Ln.

0703 - fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

0818 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 0834 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0850 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1116 - civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 1340 - suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd

1342 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1606 - suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis 1616 - alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1751 - civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1845 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

1958 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

2006 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Willow Rd. 2127 - assault, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

1001 - 911 hangup, Rustic Ln./Edgewood Dr.

1631 - juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.

0507 - family trouble, Rustic Ln. 0618 - suspicious person, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

1416 - suspicious vehicle, Country Club Blvd.

1743 - follow-up investigation, out of township

1821 - neighbor dispute, Montana St.

2051 - noise complaint, Magnolia Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 26:

2247 - down wires, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

0124 - fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

0919 - follow-up investigation, out of township

1739 - follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell

1751 - fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

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2018 - family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 0444 - 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Prince Rd.

0758 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Alaska

0952 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1440 - assist other agency, 9200 bl. Rawsonville 1525 - welfare check, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1649 - welfare check, Rustic Ln. 1734 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1757 - found property, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1911 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

2252 - suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl.

0849 - felonious assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 0927 - civil matter, Arizona St.

1347 - follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis 1512 - suspicious person, Carriage Ln.

1643 - suspicious circumstance, Knollwood Dr.

1936 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr./Rustic Ln. 1948 - suspicious person, Dakota Ct. 2036 - follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.

2120 - harassment complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Wednesday, Sept. 25:

1037 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1113 - property damage accident, Clark/Wear 1231 - welfare check, Arizona St.

1540 - ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 1611 - assist other agency, Knollwood Dr.

1753 - follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clemmons

2036 - suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell

2208 - subpoena service, Wyoming St.

0906 - citizen assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.

0933 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Davenport Dr. 1213 – follow-up investigation, out of township

1510 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1624 - suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Sunday, Sept. 22:  $0152-suspicious\ person, Washington\ St.$ 

0224 - operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.

0848 - civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0952 - civil matter, Rustic Ln.

1332 - citizen assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1519 - breaking & entering report, 50000 bl. Judd 1733 - follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow

0930 - suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.

1553 - alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1801 - 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Harris Rd. 2008 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

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#### **Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log**

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2137 - shots fired, Arizona St.

2233 - family trouble, Rustic Ln.

Friday, Sept. 27:

0303 - family trouble, Rustic Ln.

0752 - animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow

0941 - welfare check, Rustic Ln.

1130 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

1140 - welfare check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1309 - animal complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1345 - welfare check, Dunn/Martinsville

1426 - welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1455 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1715 - follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood

1942 – open burning, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

2000 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

2031 - follow-up investigation, California St.

#### Saturday, Sept. 28: 0013 - suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis

0208 - fire dept. assist, Oregon St.

0521 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.

0527 - suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Karr 0934 - civil matter, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1051 - civil matter, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

1158 - found property, Sherwood/Wear

1159 - follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1331 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1454 - civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1611 - suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.

1920 - 911 hangup, California St./Idaho St. 1955 – motorist assist, Harris/Martinsville

2135 - traffic complaint/hazard, 50000 bl. Willis

2354 - noise complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

Also on this week's log are 212 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops, and 17 misc. details.

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