



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

Vol. 31.46 Thursday, November 13, 2025

Serving the Communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren

FREE

## Van Buren Public Schools bond passes by 46 votes

Although the \$77 million bond proposal of the Van Buren Public Schools on the Nov. 4 ballot was turned down overall by Wayne County voters in Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and Canton Township, it was a winner in Precinct 8 in Washtenaw County and that nudged it over the winning line. The Wayne County Election Office reported that countywide there were 3,549 yes votes and 3,678 no votes on the proposal, a turnout of 18.79%.

The Washtenaw County Election Office reported that Precinct 8 in Ypsilanti Township, the only precinct in Washtenaw in the Van Buren school district, had yes votes of 395 and no votes of 220.

That made the school district's grand total 3,944 yes votes and 3,898 no votes. The bond won by 46 votes.

In Belleville, which has 3,508 registered voters in its only precinct, turnout was 16.99%. There were 319 yes votes and 274 no votes.

In Sumpter Township:

- Precinct 3, has 2,520 registered voters and there was turnout of 14.84%. There were 117 yes votes and 237 no votes.

- Precinct 4, has 2,124 registered voters, with turnout of 18.27%. There were 110 yes votes and 277 no votes.

In Van Buren Township:

- Precinct 1 has 4,153 registered voters with turnout of 15.17% and 353 yes votes and 277 no votes.

- Precinct 2, had 4,052 registered voters, with turnout of 24.83% and 458 yes votes and 548 no votes.

- Precinct 3 has 3,894 registered voters, with turnout of 18.77% and 382 yes votes and 349 no votes.

- Precinct 4 has 4,087 registered voters with 16.12% turnout and 359 yes votes and 298 no votes.

(continued on page 3)



Photos courtesy of Misty Myers

## Retiring the flag

On Nov. 5, Cub Scout Pack 793 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. The Pack was assisted by Boy Scout Troop 793. Both groups are chartered by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and they hold their meetings at the post on Bemis Road in Van Buren Township. The older scouts gave a demonstration on how to properly fold the American flag. The Cubs practiced folding flags that were later retired that night. If you are interested in scouting go to [beascout.org](http://beascout.org) to find out how to join.

PERMIT NO. 26  
48111  
Belleville, MI  
US Postage Paid  
STANDARD  
PRESORTED

*This Space On The Front Page  
Postal Regulations Require*



**The Denton Road bridge  
has been closed by  
Wayne County for  
1,138 days as of today.**





# WILLIS FEED MILL

## Your Wildlife Headquarters for 2025!

- Dog and Cat Food
- Wild Bird and Squirrel Food
- Certified Organic Products
- Hay and Straw • Poultry Food
- Horse and Livestock Feed

**10200 Railroad Street, Willis, Michigan**  
(South end of Meridian St, off Willis Rd, Between Rawsonville and Bunton)

*We look forward to seeing you soon.* **(734) 461-1111** [willisfeed@att.net](mailto:willisfeed@att.net)

**HOURS:**  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM • SAT 9AM-5PM  
SUN 10AM-4PM

**Live Us On** 




## Affordable Rental Communities for Seniors

# BELLEVILLE CO-OP

For over 75 years as a mission-driven non-profit, we exist solely to provide the highest quality, affordable housing communities possible for seniors.

575 Sumpter Rd, Belleville

For more information call:  
734-699-8676  
M-W-F 9am-Noon



**Amenities**

- 100% Smoke free campus
- Individual heating & cooling
- Emergency in-unit pull cords
- Subsidized rent
- On-site laundry
- Transportation available

**www.csi.coop** **(800) 593-3052** TDD (800) 348-7011

# BEST CHIMNEY & MASONRY CO.

**OUR 63<sup>rd</sup> YEAR!** **OUR 63<sup>rd</sup> YEAR!**

- ★ CHIMNEYS BUILT, REPAIRED & CLEANED
- ★ MASONRY WORK
- ★ SCREENS INSTALLED
- ★ TUCK POINTING
- ★ GUTTERS
- ★ RESIDENTIAL
- ★ COMMERCIAL
- ★ VIOLATIONS CORRECTED
- ★ FLEXLINERS
- ★ CERTIFICATIONS INSPECTIONS

Licensed & Insured  
State Lic # 40800  
Family Owned

**WE DO PORCHES**

Workers Compensation & General Liability to Protect Homeowner



**FREE Estimates** **(313) 292-7722** **(734) 242-2992** **Since 1962**



## White Pine DENTAL HEALTH

*Your Smile Comes First!*  
Affordable, Kind, and Convenient.

Call Us Today: (734) 252-6002 187 Main Street, Downtown Belleville  
[www.WhitePineDentalHealth.com](http://www.WhitePineDentalHealth.com)

**Meet our Dentist:** Dr. DeAngelo S. Webster is an award-winning dentist, author, and a University of Michigan graduate.

**• Now Booking New Patients •**  
Open Evenings and Weekends  
Family Friendly Dentist for Adults and Kids



## KP& T AUTO SERVICE NOW OFFERING

# RUSTPROOFING

Protect your vehicle from harsh winter snow and road salt.  
Call for an appointment today!



at it's **Best!**  
NH OIL UNDERCOATING

**PROTECT THE NEW, PRESERVE THE OLD!**  
- CARS, TRUCKS, SUVs & TRAILERS -

**590 E. Huron River Drive – Belleville 734-391-7292**

Visit Perspective Eyecare for all your eyecare needs!



Dr Robert Kennedy, O.D.  
240 Main Street  
Belleville, MI 48111  
734.699.1010

Visit [www.perspectiveeyecare.com](http://www.perspectiveeyecare.com) to schedule online  
Find us on Facebook and Instagram

Monday	9am-7pm
Tuesday	9am-6pm
Wednesday	9am-7pm
Thursday	9am-6pm
Friday	closed
Saturday	by appointment
	Closed 1-2pm every day

## SERVING BELLEVILLE & SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN!

# BARNETT

## Roofing and Siding, Inc.

OVER 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**Roofing • Siding • Flat Roofs**  
**FREE ESTIMATES!**

**NOW THRU DEC. 31, 2025**  
**RECEIVE OUR CERTAINTEED ROOF 4-STAR EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR FREE! CURRENT & PAST MILITARY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A \$250 CABELAS GIFT CARD!**

**Licensed & Insured**  
**CALL (734) 397-8122**  
**Visit us @ [www.barnettroofing.com](http://www.barnettroofing.com)**  
**41700 MICHIGAN AVE. – CANTON**

# SECOND FRONT PAGE

## Election

(continued from page 1)

- Precinct 5 has 3,799 registered voters with 15.56% turnout and 339 yes votes and 250 no votes.
- Precinct 6 has 3,978 registered voters with 21.52% turnout and 440 yes votes and 416 no votes.
- In Canton Township:
  - Precinct 1,2 has 3,746 registered voters with 18.60% turnout and 350 yes votes and 347 no votes.
  - Precinct 3 has 2,662 registered voters, with 26.56% turnout and 322 yes votes and 385 no votes.
- In Ypsilanti Township:
  - Precinct 8 has 4,793 registered voters, with 12.83% turnout and 395 yes votes and 220 no votes.

## Unofficial tally of write-in votes, Nov. 4, Belleville election

### Absentee Counting Board

Kissel	5
Kissell	4
Julie Kissel	57
J. Kissel	1
Julie Nessel	<u>1</u>
	<b>68</b>

Beebe	5
Jeremy Bebe	1
J. Beebe	1
Jeremiah Beebe	<u>50</u>
	<b>57</b>

### Precinct

Julia Kissel	1
Julie Kissel	42
Julie M. Kissel	20
Kissel	4
Julie Marie Kissel	24
Julie Kessel	<u>1</u>
	<b>92</b>

Jeremiah Beebe	53
Jeremiah Lesl	1
Jeremiah Leslie Beebe	17
Jeremiah Leslie Beebe	1
Jeremiah L. Beebe	2
Beebe	3
Jeremia Bibi	1
Jeremiahal Beebee	1
Jeremiah Babe	1
Jeremiah Beebe	<u>1</u>
	<b>81</b>

### Totals:

	AVCB	Pct. 1	Total
Kissel	68	92	<b>160</b>
Beebe	57	81	<b>138</b>

This unofficial tally of the write-in vote spellings was prepared by the city staff.



Photo courtesy of Don Sherman

The concrete bridge deck on the Denton Road Bridge providing two vehicle lanes and one bike lane is complete. What remains to be done is constructing the vertical side rails and bringing the two asphalt approach roads up a couple of feet. This is expected to be done in the spring since the asphalt plants now are closing for the season. An informed source also reports there have been some issues with the block wall and the coloring and the extra time will give them plenty of time to resolve those issues. This photo was taken Nov. 1. The bridge was expected to be done by the end of 2025.

## City council holds special workshop to discuss fire dept.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Editor Emeritus

A one-hour-14-minute workshop was held by the Belleville City Council on Monday to discuss, again, its plan to hire an advisor to be embedded in the department to direct its activities.

The plan, announced at the Nov. 3 council meeting, was to hire an advisor for six months at a cost of \$9,600 and then hire a fire chief next spring in the next budget year. After a long discussion, the decision was tabled until the Nov. 17 regular meeting.

Mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates had asked the fire department to come up with a plan. She listed things she wanted to know and Assistant fire chief Chris Zweng said the fire fighters would get together over the next two weeks to present a plan.

But, the fire fighters said they were surprised with the suddenly set Nov. 10 workshop because they hadn't had time to get together to talk about a plan. There are ten fire fighters in the department, plus a trainer who doesn't go on runs, down from

the 15 they had before the duty crew was canceled when the city budget became a problem.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel, who didn't offer her input on the matter at the Nov. 3 meeting, gave comments at the Nov. 10 workshop about the background of the issue. She said a year ago on Nov. 12, 2024, former fire chief Brian Loranger's absence was discussed and there was some talk of retirement. He officially retired March 17, 2025.

Mayor Ken Voigt said that night's meeting was just to discuss the issue and it would be on the Nov. 17 meeting agenda for possible action.

Police chief Kris Faull, who was also appointed interim public safety director to oversee the fire department while Loranger was retiring, told the council that councilwoman Kissel found an officer-selection procedure or policy in the records left by former city manager Diana Kollmeyer, but it is not in any computer records they can find.

Mayor Voigt said it was an officer

selection "procedure" that was found.

Zweng said anything from that long ago is outdated, noting Kollmeyer left five years ago or so.

"We're looking at best practices," mayor Voigt said, adding he would like to talk about getting a duty crew back. He said he spoke with Zweng and [Lt.] Landskroner and told them he's trying to find the money for a duty crew.

He said of all the budget cuts the city made, "That budget cut gave me the most heartburn." He said they are looking at the advisor and promotion of a chief.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said he wanted to understand the workings of a duty crew and so there was a long, detailed discussion on what a duty crew is and how it functioned, before being eliminated eight or nine months ago.

Mayor Voigt then explained the city jumped at a duty crew in 2022 or 2023 during the budget process when the fire department came with a budget request. He said the fire department asked for three

(continued on page 11)



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial:

### Independent paper struggling to survive

This is the giving season and we are reaching out to our readers for help.

First, let me tell you our story.

We have been publishing local news since Jan. 5, 1995 – more than 30 years – with the same editor and a number of writers and office workers who changed over that period. We've had some successful years and some struggles.

Those who have been around a while are used to getting a free paper with nothing in it but news and advertisements about their neighborhoods, friends, and businesses. But over the years, with the introduction of social media, many young folks don't want to bother with reading a paper and just rely on social media reports, which often are inaccurate. Our advertising has sagged. We are still publishing – but the number of pages has been reduced.

Some of our readers tell us they don't use the internet or they don't have computers. They say without their free paper they wouldn't know what is going on in their local government.

A community needs to know what's happening locally, especially what their local elected officials are doing. Can you imagine what would happen if no one were watching the governmental bodies here? Also, the local legal notices are in print on paper and are not able to be changed as they can be when kept online.

Our costs are going up. Just this week we received an email from our printers, alerting us to the increased price of newsprint and

(continued on page 5)

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

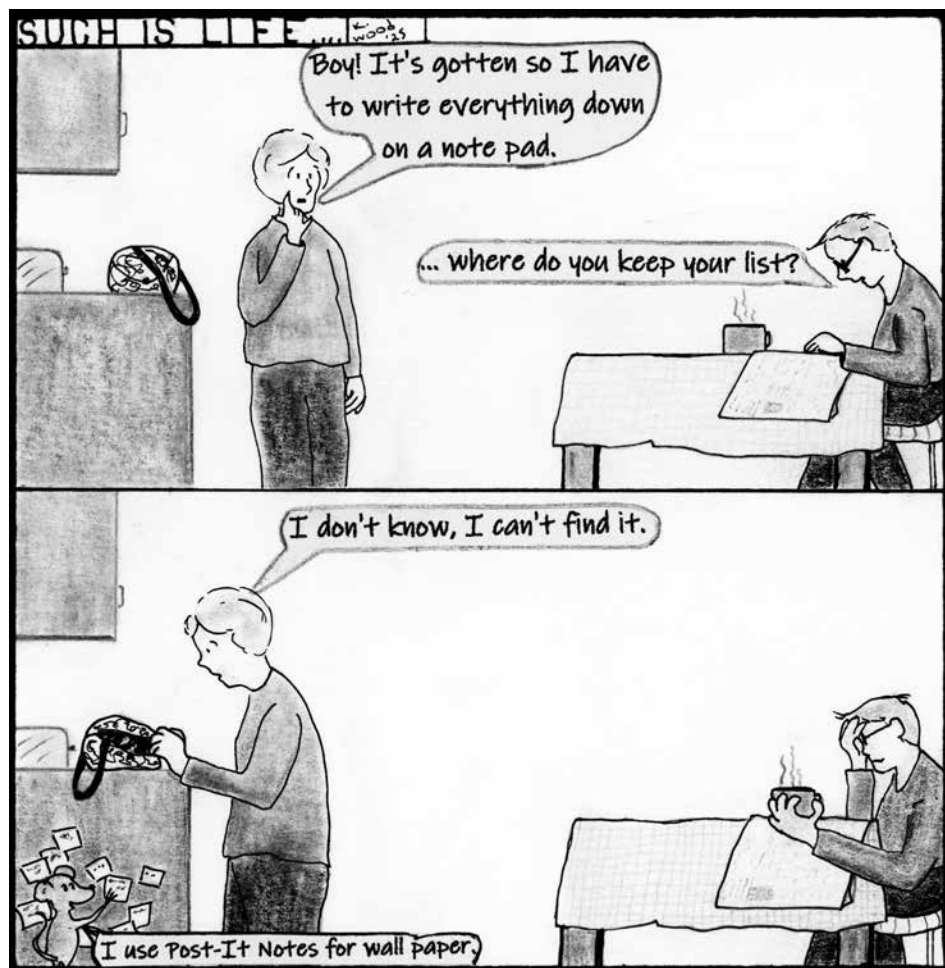
...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We wrote about the "DTE flags" on the sidewalk on North Liberty Street in this column last week. That was not correct. Joani Laginess returned to the city council on Nov. 3 to talk about the problem on North Liberty. She contacted us to clarify her complaint:

"I don't know about DTE flags, but I do know that asphalt patches on Liberty Street were supposed to be replaced with cement to match the sidewalk, rather than the bumpy, black asphalt. Many patches were done immediately when the work was done by DTE (and contractors) this summer, but there are at least five on Liberty Street that I'm aware of that were not done. My husband, Mark, has contacted DPW numerous times, and I have brought it up to the city council twice now. I may have to take a page from Rosemary and start a "Liberty St. sidewalks have not been repaired for xxx days"! If you'd like a picture to show exactly what I'm talking about, I can send you one. Or just look in front of the fire station, or at my house directly across the street. Fingers crossed it gets repaired before the snow starts. It does make me wonder if we've fully paid DTE for the work? Have a great day, and thanks for the great synopsis of the Fire Department situation."

Exactly what we need in any town are the residents like the Laginess family which keeps an eye on things and acts, rather than just sit at home and complain.

We, too, hoped everything would be smooth by snow time. Time passes quickly and it didn't get done before the snow came last weekend. Is it hard to clear the snow from bumpy asphalt? We think so. It



also could get quite dangerous when icy.

\*\*\*

Last Thursday, our car was sideswiped as we entered Augusta Woods manufactured housing development in Washtenaw County. The bright sun blinded the man trying to get out of Augusta Woods and he didn't see us turning in. He was going to pick up his granddaughter. It was an accident and now we have a rental car while our crushed car is being made whole again over at Burhop's Collision. Our regular car is leased from Atchinson Ford and Burhop does all its collision work. Nobody was hurt and that's the main thing to report.

\*\*\*

A woman reader sent us a picture of a truck driving into the Wayne Disposal hazardous waste landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive, coming from Rawsonville Road. It had a radioactive waste sign on the back and the top of the truck was covered.

She said it wasn't leaking but it had radioactive waste.

As far as I know that isn't illegal. The trucks are supposed to come by I-94 to Rawsonville and then the North Service Drive to Wayne Disposal. Light radioactive waste of a certain strength is still being delivered there from other locations than the ones challenged by local residents and politicians. That law suit is still in the State Court of Appeals, as far as I know.

\*\*\*

I wasn't able to cover the school board

meeting in person on Monday, since the city of Belleville set a workshop on its fire department issues. Debbie McWilliams, assistant to the school superintendent, filled me in on what happened and so I have a short report on that meeting. Thank you, Debbie.

We have a long report on the city workshop. There was to be no action, but just lots of talk about the way a fire department functions in a small town where most of the fire fighters go out of town to work and most live out of town. Not many are around during the day for a paid-per-call department, so a duty crew was put in place for three days a week. Then when the city budget was found in disarray, the duty crew was cut and so there are no fire calls answered during the day.

There are only 10 fire fighters (plus one training officer) now and I think only one lives in the city. Only seven have medic certification and they work outside the city during the day.

Mayor Voigt said he does not want to turn over the fire department to Van Buren Township, but unless the city spends some money on the department that's just what they'll have to do. And, VBT will have to be paid for its service.

\*\*\*



www.bellevillearea-independent.com  
baindependent@ameritech.net

**BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT**

152 Main St., Suite 9,  
Belleville, MI 48111  
**734-699-9020**  
FAX 734-699-8962

Established Dec. 3, 1994      First Edition Jan. 5, 1995

The Belleville-Area Independent is a free, weekly newspaper  
published each Thursday in Belleville, MI.

---

**Editor Emeritus:**  
Rosemary K. Otzman

**Advertising Manager:**  
Janet Millard

**Bookkeeper:** James Otzman

**Production Manager:**  
James Otzman

**Office Manager:** Yvette Gorecki

**Editorial Cartoonist:** Kathryn Wood

The Independent is owned and operated by  
a Michigan Limited Liability Company made up of  
members of this community.

Member: Michigan Press Association

Entire contents of this paper is  
Copyrighted © 2025 - All rights reserved.

This paper is available free at sites throughout the  
community. To get the Independent delivered by  
mail, cost is \$55 per year for postage, Outside of  
Michigan - \$60 per year, outside of the USA - call.  
Also available free to download on our website.

Deadline for news & ads (see below) is Noon of every  
Monday. Deadline for ads smaller than 1/2 page is Noon  
Monday, and all advertising 1/2 page or larger is Noon  
Friday, with the exception of certain holiday weeks.  
Classified ad deadline is Noon of every Tuesday.

Belleville Area Independent™ is a Trademark  
and is registered with the United States Patent  
and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 3,751,670  
Belleville Area Independent Holding Company,  
LLC (Michigan Limited Liability Company)



**Patronize Our Advertisers!**  
**They are the ones who give you this free paper!**

## Columbia Court Apartments

**275 W. Columbia • Belleville**  
 For 1 Bedroom & Studio Apartments Only.  
 Accepting Applications for Individuals 62 & Older  
 H.U.D. Guidelines Apply  
 A Senior Facility of National Church Residences  
 Affordable Housing • Sec 8-202  
**Minutes From Shopping, Freeways & Restaurants**  
 **734-697-8200** 

**For Classified Advertising, Display Advertising or News Tips.**  
**One call does it all: 734-699-9020**  
*The Belleville-Area Independent*

# CHINA KING

**45915 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville**

*Next to the Belleville Post Office*

**(734) 699-1550**

**See our menu online at:**  
**chinakingbelleville.com**

**LUNCH • DINNER**

**Best Buffet Around!**



### OPEN HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY	1:00AM - 9:00PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY	11:00AM - 10:00PM
SUNDAY	11:30AM - 9:00PM

**DELIVERY AVAILABLE THRU UBER EATS, GRUBHUB & DOOR DASH!**

**BEER & WINE AVAILABLE • DRIVE-THRU PICKUP**

## HAVEN GROUP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

*Formerly Known as*

**Belleville Tax & Accounting Service, Inc.**



Lance Siemen,  
CPA, CFE, CFF, CAMS



Susheel Saini,  
CPA



Denise W. Baker,  
MSA, CPA

Gayl Parr,  
CPA

**Full Service Accounting Firm for Business & Individuals**

- Business Accounting & Financial Statements
- Payroll Services
- Business and Personal Tax Returns
- Business Advising and Start-Up Consultation
- Audits, Reviews & Compilations

Visit our website  
[www.havencpa.com](http://www.havencpa.com)

**Call Us Today!**  
**(734) 697-8000**

All major credit cards accepted

152 Main Street

(in The Professional Building)

Belleville, MI 48111



## Letters

*(continued from page 4)*

a price hike. And, you've seen the regular postal service costs going up and up.

I am 88 years old and I thought it might be nice to retire and stop going to all the night meetings. Since our paper has fewer pages now, because that is based on the number of advertisements, we cannot afford to pay reporters and the editor does all the reporting and writing.

We tried getting me retired, and that didn't work out. But we'll try again. It's just that now we are struggling to collect on invoices from businesses who are also struggling.

It was suggested that things would go better if the newspaper was non-profit, so we are taking the steps for your newspaper to be of non-profit status so when people give financial gifts, they can get credit on their IRS tax return. We were able to file for a foundation to have non-profit status on Aug. 22 and were told it would take four to six months to get a decision from the IRS.

Then, the government shut down. Now, it's back up and who knows how long it will take the IRS to get back on track to look at our request.

That's why we are reaching out to the community for help. You've helped us before.

You won't be able to get a write-off from the IRS just yet, but you could help to keep your local paper alive and serving you.

We hope the giving season inspires you to help us during our time of need. We will be grateful for donations of any size.

Thanks for reading this.

Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent editor  
 152 Main St., Belleville

**ADVERTISE TODAY!**

**Buy 3 Ads, Get 1 FREE!**

**Call our Advertising Manager**

**Janet Millard Today! 734-699-9020**

**KAREN'S PLACE**

*A Salon For Everyone*

**36968 Huron River Drive  
 New Boston, Michigan**  
*Appointments & Walk-ins Welcome*

**734-753-9130**

**OPEN: Tues.- Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-3**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Karen's Place has a new Nail Tech.  
 Call Lexi for an appointment today!**

## Democrats planning mixer, holiday party

To Southwestern Wayne [County] Democrats and Associates:

Get your tickets ASAP! Our 2025 Annual Holiday Dinner is fast approaching - make your plans now to attend on Friday, Dec. 5 at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Tickets include dinner, beer, wine and set-ups, and door prize tickets. Purchasing tickets online and ahead of time allows us for better planning. Tickets are still \$25 each or two for \$45 and can be purchased online at: <https://donorbox.org/swdc-holiday-party>

The Southwestern Wayne [County] Democratic Club is seeking donations of items for our raffle and for our Silent Auction which will be held at the Annual Holiday Dinner. Please contact me (shoesuawbrat@aol.com or text 734-634-3569) if you can help with item(s) to raffle and we'll make arrangements to pick-up or get a drop off of your donation item(s).

The 6th Congressional District Democratic Organization is hosting a Demsgiving Candidate Mixer on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. This will take place at the Washtenaw Learning Resource Center located at 4135 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor.

The program will consist of speeches allotted a few minutes for each candidate in attendance, videos from those who were not able to be present, and then a chance to chat with them until the event is over.

The 6th District Democratic Organization's Holidems fundraiser will be take place on Friday, Dec. 12. Details are still being worked out, so more info on this as it becomes available.

Hope to see you as we celebrate the 2025 holidays and gear up for 2026 mid-terms!

Debbie Chamberlain  
 Corresponding Secretary  
 Southwestern Wayne (County)  
 Democratic Club  
 (734) 634-3569

## The flag pole, flag was left there

To the community of Sumpter Township, due to the letter in the *Independent* paper on Nov. 6, 2025:

Yes, there has not been any business for two years at the location of 17450 Savage Rd. due to illness. When we were there we had a flag flying, It was still there when we closed on the place. Someone must have taken the flag and pole. Mr. Nassar was happy that we left it there for the business.

Sherryl Hughes  
 Prior business owner

**READ THE NEWSPAPER ONLINE!**  
**The Belleville-Area Independent Website is Online! Visit us @**  
[bellevilleareaindependent.com](http://bellevilleareaindependent.com)



# Obituaries

## MICHAEL WADE SHAFFER

March 1, 1968 – November 2, 2025  
Age 57. Survivors include his wife Kimberlee, children Jacob, Ashlee, Amber; grandchildren Leah and Benjamin; parents, Wade and Charolett Shaffer; sister, Deanna Sizemore; sister-in-law Shelly Shaffer. Celebration of his life was held Nov. 8 at Grace Ann Arbor North Church, Ann Arbor.



## CECIL DAVID STANLEY

March 22, 1949 – November 4, 2025  
Age 76, of Belleville. Served in U.S. Navy for 4 years. Retired from Ford Motor Co. Survived by wife Helen; children Brian and Angela; grandchildren Ty, Preston, Deven. Service was Nov. 10 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Burial at Soop Cemetery in Van Buren Township. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## PATRICIA 'ANN' WAGONER

February 2, 1947 – October 30, 2025  
Age 78. Belleville High School 1967. Survived by son James Jr., longtime companion Tom Dickens, siblings Buck, Jeff, Geraldine, and Sue. Private service held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, with burial at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## JO ANN PROMO

January 20, 1934 – November 6, 2025  
Age 91 of Belleville. Survived by her children Donna, Ken and Jeff; sisters Linda and Barbara; grandchildren Emily and Kate; and great-granddaughter Skylar. A visitation at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, is Thursday, Nov. 13, noon until a 6 p.m. service. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate.

## NANCY MARIE ZOELLMER

August 25, 1947 – November 7, 2025  
Age 78 of Belleville. Survived by niece Emily Zoellmer, nephew Adam Zoellmer, sister-in-law Diane Zoellmer. Visitation is 2-5 p.m., Nov. 22, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Donations may be made to PBS or an animal rescue of the donor's choice. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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

## WANTED TO BUY STANDING TIMBER

**Family Owned & Operated**

**Land Clearing & Grinding  
Services Available**

**Sawmill Office  
1-(517) 254-4463**

IMPORT AND DOMESTIC



## Bukhop's Collision

BODY AND FENDER REPAIR  
COMPLETE GLASS INSTALLATION  
(734) 699-3641  
FAX: (734) 699-3856

112 Davis St.  
Belleville, MI 48111

Towing Available  
Open Weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



## The Hair Station

(734) 796-4795

151 Main Street  
Belleville MI 48111

### INQUIRE ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!

[thehairstation151@yahoo.com](mailto:thehairstation151@yahoo.com)



## George E. Long, III

Attorney & Counselor At Law

**Federal & State Criminal  
and Civil Defense**

DUI • Wills • Probate Matters  
Divorce • Social Security Disability  
Notary Public

**734-697-4455**

321 MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 [GLONGLAW.COM](http://GLONGLAW.COM)



Simple  
Alternatives  
Cremation and Burial Services

## DIRECT CREMATIONS

From \$1,495

Scott Beard  
Manager/Director

19865 Sumpter Road  
Belleville, Michigan 48111

☎ 734-699-6000  
☎ 734-699-6060  
✉ [info@simplealternatives.net](mailto:info@simplealternatives.net)  
🌐 [www.simplealternatives.net](http://www.simplealternatives.net)



## Osborne Lawn Care

FALL  
CLEANUP

LAWN  
MAINTENANCE

BELLEVILLE, MI  
HUNTER OSBORNE  
OWNER

**734-740-5109**



Sumpter  
Collision  
"A Family Tradition Since 1957"

All Insurances Welcome  
Ltd. Lifetime Guarantee  
**Onsite Rental Cars**  
Auto Glass

James Chudzinski - Owner  
Kevin Schewe - Manager  
21585 Sumpter Rd.  
Belleville, MI 48111



**734.699.7758**  
[sumptercollision@gmail.com](mailto:sumptercollision@gmail.com)

ASE  
OIL  
TRAINED  
See us on 

**HOURS: MON-FRI BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,  
SATURDAY 11AM-3PM OPEN TO PUBLIC**

## Friends of MI Animals Rescue

Promote a Healthy and Safe Environment for All



ADOPTIONS BY  
APPOINTMENT

**51299 Arkona Road  
Belleville, MI 48111**

**734-461-9458**

[info@friendsofmichigan.org](mailto:info@friendsofmichigan.org)  
[www.friendsofmichigan.org](http://www.friendsofmichigan.org)

## PRO PLUMBING

Free Estimates  
Service & Repair  
Drain Cleaning  
Gas Lines & More

Licensed & Insured  
Honest & Reliable

Caleb Windiate  
734.307.6478  
[ProPlumbing734@yahoo.com](mailto:ProPlumbing734@yahoo.com)

Louie William  
**LAWN CARE**  
Since 2004

**FALL CLEAN UP  
&  
CURBSIDE LEAF  
REMOVAL**


**\$15 OFF  
WITH  
MENTION  
OF THIS  
AD!**

WILLIAM'S CELL:  
(734) 787-7967

## Arrwood Construction

Grading, Excavating, etc.

Bill Arrwood  
owner  
313-363-6590



49450 Judd Rd.  
Belleville, MI. 48111

[arrwoodconstruction@yahoo.com](mailto:arrwoodconstruction@yahoo.com)

## J.R's Tree Service

734-250-3855  
Jeremy Reber  
owner

Free Estimate's  
Tree Removal  
Tree Trimming  
Stump Removal  
Fire Wood  
Lot Clearing  
Fully Insured

## Detlor INSURANCE AGENCY

38 Fifth Street  
Belleville, MI 48111

**734-697-6000**  
Fax 734-697-7939

AUTO • HOME • MOBILE HOME  
DUANE DETLOR, CIC BOAT • BUSINESS • LIFE



SERVING BELLEVILLE, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP &amp; VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP FOR OVER 41 YEARS

# David C. Brown Funeral Home

Live ~ Laugh ~ Love ♥ Remember

David C. Brown, Founder • Shelly A. Brown-Chudzinski, Manager

**(734) 697-4500**[www.DAVIDCBROWNFH.com](http://www.DAVIDCBROWNFH.com)

Complete Line of Monuments &amp; Markers.



460 E. HURON RIVER DR., BELLEVILLE, MI 48111



## BELLEVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Moving forward  
in Christ together!* 417 Charles  
Sunday 10am  
[bellevillefirstumc.org](http://bellevillefirstumc.org) 734.697.9288

## BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11900 Belleville Road  
Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

## BELLEVILLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Saturday Mornings  
Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:30  
89 South Edgemont  
[bellevillesda.com](http://bellevillesda.com)

## BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

810 E. HURON RIVER DR. BELLEVILLE, MI | 734.697.7456  
Sunday | Adult Bible Fellowship & Children's Sunday  
School 9:45am | Morning Worship 11am  
Wednesday | Kids & Teens 6:45pm | Bible In Action 7pm  
Visit [bethanybiblechurch.com](http://bethanybiblechurch.com) for more info

**faith Community Church**  
REACH • CONNECT • SERVE  
JOIN US IN PERSON, ONLINE & FOLLOW US ON

**SUNDAYS @ 10 A.M.**  
Connect Classes  
11 a.m. Sunday Worship

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6 P.M.**  
S.O.S. Recovery & Support Group

**WEDNESDAYS @ 7 P.M.**  
Bible Study & Youth Groups

**894 E. Huron River Dr.  
Belleville**

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
6020 Denton Road  
Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 483-2276  
[www.faithchurchdenton.org](http://www.faithchurchdenton.org)  
Sunday Worship at 9:30am. Bible Study & refreshments after Worship.

## lifepointe CHURCH

Our Mission is His Message!

discoverlifepointe.com • 45170 Hull Road  
Services: Sunday @ 11 • Wednesday @ 7

Sunday Worship  
Service @ 10:30  
AWANA - Wednesday  
Night @ 6:00  
MT. CALVARY  
Baptist Church 42682 Ecorse Rd.  
Belleville

## Ridge Road Church of Christ

1770 Ridge Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
Sunday Bible Study 10 AM, Worship Service 11 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 PM and  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 PM  
[www.ridgeroadcoc.org](http://www.ridgeroadcoc.org) (734) 485-2930

## RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

16650 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111  
Sunday Morning Worship 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Adult, Youth & Children @ 7 p.m.  
Visit [rol-ag.com](http://rol-ag.com) (734) 699-6700

## ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

409 W. Columbia Avenue (734) 697-1211  
• Saturday Mass: 6:00pm  
• Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am  
• Mondays: 6:30pm Adoration  
[www.stanthonybelleville.com](http://www.stanthonybelleville.com)

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH BELLEVILLE**  
"The Whole Gospel to the  
Whole World by the Whole Church"  
Come worship with us  
Sundays at 5pm  
494 W. Columbia Ave. Wednesday Bible Study  
Belleville, MI 48111 at 7pm

**TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH** [www.trinitybell.org](http://www.trinitybell.org)  
Sunday Eucharist  
10:00am  
Wednesday  
Eucharist 5:45pm  
11575 Belleville Road  
Belleville, MI 48111 All are Welcome!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE  
YOUR CHURCH LISTED IN  
THIS DIRECTORY?  
CALL ADVERTISING  
MANAGER JANET MILLARD  
AT 734-699-9020 TODAY!**

## Obituaries



Gary Lynn Held

### GARY LYNN HELD

September 24, 1952 – November 5, 2025

Gary Lynn Held, age 73, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away early Wednesday morning, November 5, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born September 24, 1952, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Floyd John & Bernadine Mae (Reynolds) Held. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1970. He retired from General Motors 'Hydra Matic' plant after more than 30 years of loyal service. As a car enthusiast, Gary loved researching, test driving, and bringing home new vehicles—sometimes more than once a year. Gary was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church, Belleville, where he served as a Trustee for several years. From his youth growing up on a dairy farm and working the greenhouse, he carried a love of the outdoors throughout his life. He had a true green thumb, finding joy in gardening, yard work, and long walks outside. He was also a numbers guy, nicknamed the Banker from a young age and regularly showing his granddaughter Randie the red and green of the stockmarket on his phone. Gary enjoyed coffee, leisurely drives and his Sunday mornings in Dexter with his sister and brother-in-law. Most notably, he never went a day without mentioning his late wife 'Cath' and maintained her legacy well. Her gravesite never went undecorated and her name never unsaid. He cherished time spent with his daughter 'Kate', his grandkids and granddogs, always lending a hand for stroller or dog walks.

Gary is survived by his daughter Katie (Joshua Lancaster) Held of Belleville; 4 grandchildren: Brooks, Randie Lynn, and twins Rylie & Beau; two sisters and two brothers: Richard (Laurie) Held of Whitmore Lake, MI, Debra (Ralph) Hendrix of Howell, MI, Ronald (Gina) Held, and Tamara DeMara, both of Belleville, MI; his cat Fatty; 3 grand-dogs: Maysie, Mila, and Tank; also many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Gary will be remembered for always showing up with his big smile and unending energy.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd & Bernadine Held, wife Cathy Stabnau-Held, in-laws Roy and Janet Stabnau, also a sister Laurie Bourque.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Monday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at the funeral home as well. Gary's family welcomed guests 10-11 a.m. Pastor Gregory Buchner officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice and the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Ronald Ben Smith



### RONALD BEN SMITH

March 24, 1948 – October 29, 2025

Ronald Ben Smith, age 77, of Belleville, Michigan, passed peacefully on October 29, 2025 surrounded by family. He was born on March 24, 1948, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to the late Harriet (Dieter) and James Smith. Ron graduated from Belleville High School in 1966. A proud Army veteran, he was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam. He enjoyed a career with the US Postal Service in Ann Arbor, where his friendly smile and pocketful of dog treats made him a favorite along his route.

Ron married Beth (Hatcher) and together they shared 52 wonderful years. They raised three daughters, Rebecca, Nicole and Emily—and opened their hearts to Sammantha (Seth) Runyan and Chad Vanover. Ron was a loving grandfather and will be remembered for his playful nicknames and easy-going demeanor. Known for his fun-loving spirit and generous heart, he lived for a good time with the people he loved -- whether it was a fishing trip, ball game, or family milestone.

A naturally athletic competitor, Ron enjoyed hockey, bowling, softball, golf, and never passed up a game of cards. He was a big fan of Michigan Wolverines football. Ron enjoyed his annual Memorial weekend fishing trip, winter getaways to Florida, and weekends at Greenwood Acres Campground where he made lifelong friends.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Beth (Hatcher); daughters Rebecca (Benjamin) Ross, Nicole (Frank) Murphy, and Emily Smith; grandchildren Alexis, Kyler, Maleya, Ronan, Riley, Emsley and Mason; sisters Lisa (Joe) James and Cherie (Gary) Gordon; Mack Pinson who was like a brother; also many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Jesse Smith and Mark Smith.

Ron's fighting spirit carried him through every obstacle, and he leaves behind countless stories, laughter, and memories that will be cherished forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Ron by sharing a favorite memory, dropping a pole in the water, or spending time with those you love- just as he always did.

## CREMATION

**\$995.00 complete  
NO Hidden Service Fees**

**(800) 331-5051**

**DUZAK Funeral &  
Cremation Center, Inc.**

Southeast Michigan's Lowest  
Cremation Cost Provider  
Since 1977

[www.duzakcremation.com](http://www.duzakcremation.com)

**One Call Does It All...  
...At The Independent  
734-699-9020**





Photo courtesy of Sumpter Township  
On Monday, Sumpter Township announced that Martinsville, south of Dunn, will be closed for an extended period due to a large sinkhole caused by the collapse of a culvert. The Wayne County Road Commission is currently working on repairs, which are expected to take several weeks to complete.

## HOME FOR RENT — WESTLAND

**AERO REALTY**  
35890 Goddard Rd.  
Romulus, MI 48174

Spacious home with basement and garage. Near Ford and Newburgh. Includes all appliances. Tenant must provide proof of income, and rental and credit history. \$1550 per month.

**Call Liz Slovik**  
**Aero Realty**  
**313-402-0187**

The Pharmacy on Main St that's here to stay!

**MILTON'S**  
Pharmacy

248 Main St  
Belleville, MI 48111

*Transfer to Milton's TODAY*

**Old Pharmacy**

- 1 Call Milton's at 734-391-0190
- 2 Tell us you want to transfer to Milton's
- 3 Done, we do the rest!

**MILTON'S**  
Pharmacy

**November SPA DAY 2025**

- **FREE** Teeth Brushing
- Upgraded Shampoo & Conditioner

(A \$50 value with any Full groom or Full bath booking)

Mention "NOVEMBERSPA25"

**Book online at Mainstreetpups.com**

177 MAIN STREET BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 - 734.325.6069

**Most "Jack"**  
Our November 2025 Showcase Winner!

**Book Now!**

**MAIN STREET PUPS Inc.**  
DOG GROOMING

## Accurate Dental Denture Inc.

"Serving the Belleville and Van Buren community for over 20 years with quality and caring service."

CROWNS • ROOT CANALS • EXTRACTIONS • FILLINGS  
WHITENING • BONDING • DENTURES (SOFT & FLEXIBLE)

**Quality Dentures at Affordable Prices!**

**SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS**

**HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL**  
Accepting Blue Cross Complete, Molina, Wellcare, Meridian & Medicaid!

**SAME DAY DENTURE REPAIRS**  
Immediate Dentures and Flippers Available.

**734-697-5477**  
781 Sumpter Rd. Belleville  
(IN BELLE PLAZA)

**COMPLETE DENTURE or PARTIAL \$549<sup>00</sup>**  
WITH COUPON EACH

**NEW PATIENT SPECIAL \$49<sup>99</sup>**  
WITH COUPON

Includes Exam, Cleaning & X-Rays

Family owned and operated for over 20 years. We take pride in our work and our company.

## DON'T LET THE ELEMENTS CATCH YOU BY SURPRISE!

We're there for you every SEASON!

FULLY INSURED  
WE SPECIALIZE IN ROOFS AND ROOFS ONLY!

**FREE ESTIMATES!**

# DIVERSIFIED ROOFING

Quality Keeping You Covered...not only our logo, it's our motto!

★ Replacements ★ Recovers ★ Repairs ★ Commercial ★ Residential

**ALL TYPES**  
Flat & Shingled • EPDM  
Modified Rubber  
Cedar Shake • Metal

**WE ACCEPT**

**734-429-5840**

**CUSTOMER CHECKLIST**

<input type="checkbox"/> Insured	<input type="checkbox"/> Office/Showroom (not home or truck)	<input type="checkbox"/> In Business Over 5 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed	<input type="checkbox"/> Workmanship Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/> Factory Certified Installers
<input type="checkbox"/> References	<input type="checkbox"/> Check BBB	

779 W. Michigan Avenue • Saline, MI 48176 • www.diversifiedroofingllc.com • 1-800-668-1928

**QUALITY KEEPING YOU COVERED**

**DIVERSIFIED ROOFING**

**QUALITY KEEPING YOU COVERED**

Shingle, Flat Roof & Metal Roofs  
Removals, Recover & Repair

**\$500 OFF**  
**Full Roof Replacement**  
Expires: 12-3-2025

Residential • Commercial  
Free Estimates  
State Licensed  
Fully Insured

**www.DiversifiedRoofingLLC.com**

**800-668-1928**



# ORPHAN OF THE WEEK



## MEET KARL!

Karl is a 4-year-old Rottweiler mix (about 70 lbs) with a heart as big as his bark. Don't let his voice fool you. This handsome guy is as sweet as they come. He loves nothing more than doing zoomies in the yard, going on long walks where he can sniff every interesting smell, and ending the day with snuggles from his favorite people.

Karl is also a true gentleman. He's not jumpy, and even when he's running around the yard, he slows down before greeting you with his calm, happy energy. We haven't had the chance to formally introduce him to another dog here, but what we've observed so far is that he's very calm and not too interested in other dogs or cats. He's been in close contact with cats on our property and not shown any reaction. The dogs he has gotten close to and has had a good reaction to are some of our calmer dogs. However, we believe that with the correct introductions, Karl could thrive in a home with other siblings whether they be canine, feline or human. If you're looking for a loyal companion with the perfect mix of playful energy and cuddle-worthy sweetness, Karl is ready to be your guy.

## Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

51299 Arkona Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

**734-461-9458**

[www.friendsofmichigan.org](http://www.friendsofmichigan.org)



# TREE SERVICE INC.

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

[www.TNTTREE.com](http://www.TNTTREE.com)

**(734) 753-5800** Emergency (734) 915-6899

- 24-Hour Emergency Service • Tree Removal • Trimming
- Lot Clearing • Pruning & Thinning • Stump Grinding
- Root Grinding • Brush Removal

**OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE**  
*Fully Insured*

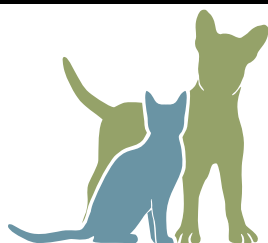
**We Work with Insurance Companies.**  
**Free Estimates**  
**Senior Discounts**

**10% OFF**

ON ANY TREE REMOVAL OVER \$300

With this coupon  
Must present coupon at time of estimate.

## WE'RE OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-6PM



*Schedule Your Appointment Today!*

**AMC**  
OF VAN BUREN



ANIMAL  
MEDICAL  
CENTER

## ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER of VAN BUREN

**Scott Driscoll, DVM**

**Keri Dasher, DVM**

**491 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111**

**734-699-6510**

[www.amcvanburen.com](http://www.amcvanburen.com)

## HOLIDAY SHOP

**SUMPTER ACE HARDWARE**

**19500 Sumpter Rd.**

**Belleville, MI. 48111**

**20% off BAG SALE**

**\*GREAT GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS\***

**2 RAFFLE BASKET GIVEAWAYS**  
**2 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS PROVIDED**

**HOT COCOA & COOKIES**

**WILL BE PROVIDED**

*The helpful place.*

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

**4PM - 6PM**

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE HERE**

\*On regular priced items. Sale items and specific brands excluded\*

## Musings

By Janet Millard  
Independent  
Advertising Director



You really can't say that you are unable to find just the right gift for friends and family. (1) The Belleville Coop on Sumpter Road has a Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (See their ad in the classified section today.) and (2) every month on the Third Thursday downtown has extended shopping hours plus popups in some of the businesses. Then on (3) Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BHS is the Senior Class fundraiser Craft Show. This show is always well attended and I'm sure you will find your favorite crafter there or even perhaps a new one that you didn't know you needed! See their ad in the paper today.

\*\*\*

I will bring you up to speed on where you can spend your money in December when we get closer. Anyway, you better be writing all this down or at least cut this out and hang it on the fridge because it will all start over again in December!

\*\*\*

Since this is Thanksgiving month, the businesses downtown are asking that you bring a food item or more with you when you shop during the Third Thursday extended hours. All donations will go to the Belleville First United Methodist Church food bank to help the families who register there.

\*\*\*

See the ad from Sumpter ACE Hardware in the paper today announcing its holiday special event on Nov. 20. I always say if Sumpter ACE doesn't have it then you probably don't need it.

\*\*\*

So, do you look closely at our Classified Section? Always something new listed there and residents are counting on you needing what they want to get rid of! Lots of items and vehicles for sale plus services and even a number of Help Wanted. This page is in addition to a ton of business cards and business display ads. Really, you should be able to find everything you need and if you don't have the paper in your hand, they are all printed on line for your convenience.

**SPECIALIZING IN LARGE AND HAZARDOUS REMOVALS**

## PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICE

**24 Hr. EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
**TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL**  
**STUMP & SHRUBBERY REMOVAL**  
**CRANE SERVICE • FIREWOOD**  
**FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT**

**EMERGENCIES &  
BELLEVILLE AREA**

**Call Joe (734) 664-9285**

**10% OFF MENTION AD**

**Call Tom (734) 864-2243**



## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – Memory Café is at 11 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. A relaxed, informal, social event for those with memory difficulties and their caregivers. Snacks, crafts, conversation. Free.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – Light Up the Park is set for 6 p.m. at Harris Park next to the Van Buren Township DDA building on Belleville Road. A cut 18-foot Norway Spruce Christmas tree will be set aglow and the Belleville Lakeside Singers will sing Christmas carols. Two vendors will provide hot chocolate and cookies.

• **Saturday, Nov. 22** – Vendors' Market at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. More than 70 local crafters and vendors will be there, snacks and drinks available to buy, and raffles of one-of-a-kind items. This event raises money for the BHS senior class.

• **Sunday, Nov. 30** – Pictures with Santa, 1-3 p.m., featuring Rachel Leonard Photography.

All proceeds benefit the Building Fund. Romulus VFW Post, 39271 Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 3** – “The First to Fly: Fifty Years of Flight Before the Wright Brothers” will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Michigan Flight Museum at Willow Run Airport as a part of its Historic Presentation Series. Speaker Kirk Haas will look at the dreamers and innovators who paved the way for modern aviation. Cost is \$10 for non-members and free for museum members with registration. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The museum is at 47884 D St., Belleville 48111, (734) 483-4030.

## Birthdays

Nov. 18 – Beth Kingsley, Richard Estermyer

Nov. 20 – Katrina Herring

Nov. 22 – Karen Kubit, Lanie Bozigian, LaToya Freeman

Do you or does someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish it as soon as possible.



# CRAFT SHOW

SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER

**GIFTS - ART - SHOPPING**

**22 NOV 2025**  
9 AM-3 PM

**BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
501 W COLUMBIA AVE  
BELLEVILLE, MI

For Classified Advertising, Display Advertising or News Tips. One call does it all: 734-699-9020

*The Belleville-Area Independent*



**The Belleville Central Business Community invites you to join us!**

**Third Thursdays 5pm - 8pm**

Shop and dine during *extended hours* on the third Thursday of each month and enjoy special deals or discounts from our local participating businesses and pop-up shops!






**Thank you to our sponsors**



**WINGS. FINGERS. BURGERS. SLIDERS. SUBS. WRAPS. SALADS.**







HOURS: MON.-THUR. 10AM-8PM  
FRI. 10AM-10PM • SAT. 12PM-10PM • SUN. 12PM-8PM

**WE DELIVER**   

DOWNLOAD THE WING FELLAS APP ON THE APP STORE 

**WE CATER TO ALL YOUR PARTY NEEDS!**



**TRY OUR CRISPY FRIES WITH VARIETY OF DRY SEASONINGS!**

17441 SUMPTER ROAD  
BELLEVILLE MI, 48111  
734-345-8032  
CURB SIDE PICK UP AVAILABLE  
[WWW.WINGFELLAS.COM](http://WWW.WINGFELLAS.COM)  
f WINGFELLAS\_BELLEVILLE

**\$3 OFF**

Total Purchase of \$15 or more

**WING FELLAS**

With this coupon. Cannot combine with any other offers or promotions. 1 coupon per customer. Exp. 10/30/25

**\$5 OFF**

Total Purchase of \$25 or more

**WING FELLAS**

With this coupon. Cannot combine with any other offers or promotions. 1 coupon per customer. Exp. 10/30/25

**\$7 OFF**

Total Purchase of \$40 or more

**WING FELLAS**

With this coupon. Cannot combine with any other offers or promotions. 1 coupon per customer. Exp. 10/30/25

**20% OFF**

Any Lunch Orders

**WING FELLAS**

Valid 10am to 2pm  
With this coupon. Cannot combine with any other offers or promotions. 1 coupon per customer. Exp. 10/30/25



# The Time is NOW

## Medicare Open Enrollment

### Oct 15 - Dec 7

We can help you find a plan that's right for YOU & YOUR BUDGET at NO charge!

## Under 65?

Open Enrollment Dates:  
November 1 - December 15

health markets

**Contact Us Today!**

(734) 252-0064

Mike.Gatteri@HealthMarkets.com

186 Main Street, Belleville M



# City Council

(continued from page 3)

days of duty crew and the city asked for five days. He said it was a challenge to fill a day shift. He said in the past local business owners, like Loranger, were present in the city during the day and could answer calls.

Voigt said the way society evolved, and it was a nationwide challenge to get volunteer fire fighters to serve in the daytime. Calls went unanswered, he said.

"A councilman left the city and he said he had a call at his house and there was no response," Voigt said. He said the council's idea was to have a duty crew Monday through Friday.

Zweng said a duty crew allows the department to hire people who don't live in the city. He pointed out one fire fighter lives on the EMU campus and another deep in Sumpter Township. People take

their days off to work duty crew, he said. Once the duty crew was canceled, people got full-time jobs instead.

Chief Faull had prepared a list of 30 fire runs dispatched Oct. 1 through Nov. 10 that weren't answered by the fire department and were answered by police or Van Buren Fire Department mutual aid.

The council began figuring out which ones would have been during duty crew hours and which ones weren't. Zweng mentioned that nobody other than the council members had a copy of that report and Voigt asked interim city manager Steve Jones to make copies for the fire fighters in the audience and the *Independent*.

Zweng said if they were bringing duty crews back they could look at changing the duty crew hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., which they had determined to be the highest call hours.

Kissel cut into the discussion saying they

shouldn't be talking about that now.

Zweng said the fire department plans to ask for full-time pay for a crew.

Faull said she compiled the list of calls just to show the council how much the duty crew is needed.

The council was directed to the report prepared by the advisors and went over some of the comments. The final option on the report was merging with Van Buren Township Fire Department.

"Personally, I'm not in favor of that at this time," Voigt said.

Kissel, speaking in support of an advisor, said she's been cleaning the offices in city hall for the last two years and she's seen people in their islands. Once they had a public safety director, they had a different way of working together. She said there was a job posting in September. She said an advisor is a better step for going forward.

Faull said, "We have an amazing fire crew behind us. I've been trying to get them not to be an island. I ask them to come by and say hi. They're not the red-headed stepchildren of the city."

"I was part of this for five years," Zweng said. He said former fire chief Darwin Loyer told fire fighters not to tell the city anything and the city doesn't need to know. He said when police chief Dave Robinson took over, the door was creaking open and the feelings have definitely changed.

Mayor Voigt said the previous city manager separated from the city. "He decided to resign," Voigt said they had problems with the budget. He said tax revenue goes into one account, state money another, fund balance and money set aside for a municipal facility in another. He said the budget presented to the council in June 2024 was "wildly out of whack." He said

normally the city manager would correct that, "but when the city manager made the problem, we had to make cuts and cut from virtually every department."

Voigt said, "Not misspent, necessarily, but the amount of expenditures was not sustainable and the city would be bankrupt in a few years."

Councilman Randy Priest said they should have a full-time chief, not part-time. He said the budget outlook might be a little more positive next year.

Kissel said the posting Faull came up with for fire chief was based on Van Buren Township wording.

Voigt said the chief's job is \$15,000 now, but they could have a chief, still part time, with more hours and higher salary.

"We were functioning fine," Zweng said.

Bates said the fire fighters should take the information they got that evening as a gift that can be used to help put their report together. She said she would like to see a full list of runs. She said they need guidelines for duty crews. She also wants the names of fire fighters and their certifications. Also, what do other communities comparable in size do to handle these issues? Also, how about a wish list for a public safety millage?

Zweng asked her to email her request to him. He said they were originally asked to comment on an advisor and this is much more. They will have to find all the data and process it in a week to focus on the report.

Bates said fire fighters were asked to come up with a list of what they want.

Beebe noted there are more calls for medical than for fire and Voigt said 98% of the runs are medical.

(continued on page 15)

*The Law Office of*  
**Amy M. Eversole**  
• Estate Planning • Probate • Property Law  
152 Main St. Suite 11 Call 734-718-8574  
Belleville, Mich. 48111 [eversoleamy@gmail.com](mailto:eversoleamy@gmail.com)

**HONESTY IS OUR POLICY!**

**Lonnie's AUTO REPAIR** AT 5-POINTS

**HEATER CORE \$150 FLUSH** Includes Coolant  
WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-28-25 BAI

**DISC BRAKE SPECIAL**  
PREMIUM PADS & ROTORS,  
INCLUDES LABOR, STARTING AT \$400  
Most Cars. Restrictions Apply.  
WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-28-25 BAI

**SENIORS, VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY TAKE 10% OFF YOUR TOTAL BILL**  
WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-28-25 BAI

**LET'S GET READY FOR FALL!**  
**VEHICLE CHECK**  
**Belts, Hoses, Etc.**

**50 South Street at 5-Points, Belleville • 734-325-7065**  
Open Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm

**Dudek Heating & Cooling**  
Service and Installation LLC

Licensed and Insured • Free Estimates • Furnaces • Boilers  
Air Conditioning • Duct Work • Humidifiers • Water Heaters  
Generators • Electrical • Plumbing

**Keith Dudek : Owner**  
11681 Rawsonville  
Belleville, MI 48111

**Office: (734) 461-6165**  
**Cell: (734) 730-9733**

**FALL SALE**

**TOPSOIL DELIVERED SPECIALS** \*Plus Tax  
3 Yards Credit \$105\*, Cash \$100\*  
5 Yards Credit \$145\*, Cash \$140\*  
6 Yards Credit \$165\*, Cash \$160\*

**TOPSOIL - U-PICK UP**  
\$22\* Yard Credit, \$21\* Yard Cash

**Garden Blend Topsoil & Compost**  
100% Compost

**HOURS**  
MONDAY – SATURDAY  
8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

**DELIVERY AVAILABLE!**

**Website: yostsandandgravel.com**  
Email: [yostsandandgravel@gmail.com](mailto:yostsandandgravel@gmail.com)

**YOST SAND & GRAVEL**

**734 697-1183** 45697 Ecorse Rd. • Van Buren Twp.

Check out the upcoming **Veterans Resource Expo** at your Van Buren Community Center!

Hosted in partnership with the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434, this is a local event committed to serving those who served.

Tuesday, November 25, 2025  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm — free entry  
46425 Tyler Road

We will be there from noon until 1:00 pm to show our support for this worthy offering. If you see us, we hope you'll **say hello to Jasper!**

**Janet Deaton, Therapy Dog Handler**  
Certified with Canines for Christ  
[janet@dogsbyjanet.com](mailto:janet@dogsbyjanet.com) (734) 604-1720

**dogs by janet ~ Belleville**

© 2025 D' Enterprises, All Rights Reserved, USA

# INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

## GARAGE/YARD SALE

EVERYTHING MUST GO! Over 3000 items in 3 heated car ports. Nov. 15 & 16, Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. 1184 Georgina Dr., Ypsi. 11/13

## CRAFT SALE

BELLEVILLE CO-OP Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 5575 Sumpter Rd. 11/13

## FOR SALE

FRENCHIES, YORKIES, TEDDY BEAR & other small breed. Vet checked, happy puppies, \$499 & up. View available pups at Petcitypets.com Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0800. Come see the difference. 11/27

4 NEW 17" STEEL RIMS off a 2026 Silverado. \$300 cash. 9672 Jackson between 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. 11/27

48" CRAFTSMAN Plow with attachment, also have tire weights & chains. \$300 O.B.O. (734) 740-2516 11/27

LIVINGROOM SET-dark brown couch, loveseat, & light brown recliner. \$475 O.B.O. Floral pattern area rug 9x12 \$200 O.B.O. (734) 740-2516 11/27

P.A. SYSTEM-Peavy MD-8 mixer. MBT power strip, feedback destroyer pro, QSC Rmx 2450 power amp. Peavy 8.5c 11100 power amp. 3-way Peavy speakers with stands and Anvil Cases. \$1,500 (734) 730-9908 11/20

ONLY 1 LEFT – female rottweiler, 12 weeks, all shots, tail docked and very friendly. \$500 O.B.O. (734) 740-9535 11/20

MOSSBERG PUMP 12 Gauge shotgun with shells and slug barrel. \$400 (734) 904-6166 11/20

DISNEY ADULT lg costumes. Grumpy, Cruella, Maleficent, The Hag, Mary Poppins, also Clown, Ballerina \$20 each. (719) 203-8061 11/13

WESTERN SNOWPLOW- 7 ½'. \$500 OBO. (734) 417-3233 11/20

FOOD GRADE BARRELS Plastic & metal. Inventory & pictures at [www.mattsbarrels.com](http://www.mattsbarrels.com), call or text (734) 474-5981. Located in Willis. 12/18

FENCE BOARDS 2 x 6 and 2 x 8, reasonable. (734) 461-1414 HAY, round bails (708) 646-7595 12/18

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

FORD 2007 E-150 five passenger van. 114,300 miles, with trailer package. \$5,600 call Terry (734) 355-9400 11/20

1999 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL Tennessee car, privately owned, very nice. (734) 695-0819 11/27

2011 JEEP LIBERTY 4 X 4 Private owner. New tires, no rust. (734) 695-0819 11/27

## FREE

FIREWOOD & KINDLING. You cut. (734) 941-9567 11/20

FREE FILL. Delivery available. (734) 697-1183. Yost Sand & Gravel. Belleville. TFN

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."  
– John Lennon

### 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.

### 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.



## WANTED

### ADVANCED H & W PAYING CASH

**Buying Junk Cars & Trucks. Free 7 Day Pick Up. Call Today!**  
**(734) 223-5581**  
**(517) 605-6388**

### D.K. JUNK CAR BUYERS PAY CASH

**We Work**  
**Monday – Saturday.**  
**734-368-5088**  
**734-545-5195**

WANTED TO BUY – Standing timber. Sawmill office. (517) 254-4463 01/08

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

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 TFN

## HELP WANTED

ANGEL FOOD CATERING wants to hire you. Looking for Catering Servers, \$15 - \$17 / hr. Apply online at our website, [angelfoodinc.com](http://angelfoodinc.com). Must be at least 16 years of age to apply. 11/20

GRILL COOKS & PIZZA MAKERS will train. Pay varies according to experience. Apply in person after 4 p.m. Red Rooster Pizzeria 11/13

COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITION in Canton. Flexible hours & 7 days/week. Mon-Thurs. 9 p.m.-12. Fri-Sun. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Offers competitive pay & a pleasant work environment. (734) 673-2364 or [rdunn08@yahoo.com](mailto:rdunn08@yahoo.com) 11/20

"Anyone who stops learning is old whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."  
– Henry Ford

## SERVICES

### A&L SERVICES

**Home Improvement & Handyman Service**  
Painting, Drywall, Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Ceramic Tile, Kitchens & Bath. **Serving Belleville Since 1995. Call Aaron Schultz @ 734-740-0628**

### LADONNA'S LANDSCAPING

High grass and lot cleaning. Fairest prices around! Debris and vehicle removal. Covering Ypsilanti and surrounding areas.  
**(313) 808-4657**

INTERIOR / EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE. Painting, roof leaks, cleaning & gutter repairs, landscape maintenance, and power washing. (734) 796-3628 12/11

DRYWALL – hanging, finishing, & repair. Over 35 years of experience. (734) 587-2410 or (734) 693-4712 12/04

A-1 QUALITY MOBILE HOME SERVICE. Licensed over 50 yrs. Seniors, Veterans, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders & Educators 10% off. (734) 397-2615 12/25

DEPENDABLE LAWN SERVICE. Commercial & residential lawn cutting, aerating, mulch, shrub trimming, fall clean-up. De-thatching, sod & seeding. (734) 587-2410 or (734) 693-4712 12/11

LARRY'S HANDYMAN SERVICE. No job too small. Interior/exterior painting, wallpaper, plumbing, powerwashing & carpentry. (618) 267-7774 04/03

## Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 17 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."  
– Yogi Berra



# BONECUTTERS TREE EXPERTS, LLC

**STORM DAMAGE &  
FALL DISCOUNTS!**

**50% DISCOUNT IF YOU KEEP WOOD/BRUSH!**

- Storm Clean Up
- Free Estimates
- Tree Topping & Trimming
- Tree & Shrub Removal
- Stump Removal • Bucket Service

**YEAR ROUND  
SERVICE BY  
PROFESSIONALS**

**Insured & Senior Discounts**

**(734) 431-4202**



## ASK ABOUT OUR R.V. STORAGE

**THE Bake Shoppe**

17416 Savage Rd.  
Haggerty • At Bemis  
Sumpter Twp., MI 48111

(734) 699-2236

*R.V. Storage  
Mon 10-6, Tues - Fri 6-6  
Sat. 7-4, Sun 7-2*

Est. in  
1995

*We Now Accept Credit & Debit Cards, Cash & Checks!*

**TAKING ORDERS THRU MON., NOV. 24!**

### ASSORTED PIES

**Cherry Streusel, Apple Streusel, Carmel Apple Streusel, Pecan, Lemon Meringue, Banana Cream, Chocolate Silk, Pumpkin, Coconut Cream, Roasted Sweet Potato and Peanut Butter Goo Pie**

### ASSORTED BREADS & ROLLS

**White, Italian, Rye, Pumpernickel, Marble and Egg Hard Rolls & Onion Buns**

**Assorted Strudels, Pineapple Upside Down, Angel Wings, Eclairs, Pumpkin Rolls, Custard Puffs, Hungarian Coffee Cake, Cannoli, Assorted Pastries, Danishes, Sweet Breads & Cheesecakes**

**CAKES FOR ALL OCCASIONS - CAKES ON HAND**

**CHEESECAKES - A Variety of Flavors!**

**ORDER EARLY!**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL OF US AT THE BAKE SHOPPE!**

**OPEN NOV. 26 UNTIL 2 P.M., CLOSED 27-28**

## More Letters

### Belleville Fire Fighters host community breakfast

To the Editor,

On Saturday, Nov. 8, the Belleville Volunteer Firefighter Association had the pleasure of hosting a community breakfast at 275 West Columbia Ave., a property owned by National Church Residences. This event was organized by our members and funded by the firefighters.

Residents were treated to a warm breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and plenty of laughter. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors, share stories, and strengthen the bond between our department and the community we proudly serve.

During the event, we also introduced an important initiative called File for Life. This program provides residents with a magnetic sleeve to place on their refrigerator, containing a

card with vital information that first responders may need in an emergency -- such as medical conditions, medications, and emergency contact details. The program is funded by the Belleville Public Safety Auxiliary and is designed to help us serve you more effectively when seconds count.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Patricia Benson, the service coordinator at National Church Residences, and her daughter Breyanna for their generous support and hospitality. Their help made the event run smoothly and created a welcoming environment for everyone involved.

To all the residents who welcomed us into their space and shared their morning with us -- thank you. It was truly a joy to spend time with you, and we look forward to many more opportunities to connect and serve.

Christopher Zweng  
Assistant Fire Chief  
Belleville Fire Department

Note: Belleville Fire Department attendants were assistant chief Christopher Zweng, firefighters Allison Reed and Justin Reed, and probationary firefighter Alex Kingsley

## FEEDING FAMILIES IN VAN BUREN, BELLEVILLE & SUMPTER

EMERGENCY

First United  
Methodist Church

417 Charles Street  
Belleville, MI.  
734-697-9288



Food distribution on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10AM – 1PM

**B&L**  
A Division of  
C&C Management  
Services, LLC

Moving  
& Maintenance  
Services

**RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL**

- Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning
- Sheet Metal
- Hot Water Tanks & Furnaces
- Plumbing Repairs
- Appliance Installation
- Handyman Services

P.O. Box 243  
Belleville, MI 48112  
Phone: 313-826-5723

Email: blservices1990@gmail.com



## Clutter Cleaners

- Full Service Junk Removal
- Dump Trailer Rentals
- Garage/Barn Clean-Outs
- Trash/Junk/Debris Removal
- Material Delivery
- Yard Clean-Ups, Deck/Pool/ & Jacuzzi Removal
- Storage Units

10% Discount for US Military/Veterans/Seniors & 1st Time Customers

**(734) 583-9523**

Licensed & Insured

Cluttercleaners734@gmail.com

Locally Owned

**READ THE  
NEWSPAPER ONLINE!**

**The Belleville-Area  
Independent Website  
is Online! Visit us @  
bellevilleareaindependent.com**



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 252 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
0039 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0052 – noise complaint, Freedom Way  
0119 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Redwood Dr.

0127 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Wildflower Ct.  
0347 – assist other dept., Karen  
0957 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.  
1056 – civil matter, Maple Dr.  
1059 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.  
1206 – trespassing, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1229 – assist citizen, I-275/Ford  
1537 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
1642 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1703 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.

1800 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr./Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
1809 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1824 – civil matter, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1906 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1930 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2056 – mental subject, Jeremy Rd.  
2027 – assist other dept., Tallgrass Ct.  
2139 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2114 – domestic, Peachtree Ln.  
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride  
2307 – 911 welfare check, Winding Pond Dr.

**Monday, Nov. 3:**  
0221 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.  
0617 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0825 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Coolidge St.  
0823 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0837 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0839 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
1003 – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.  
0934 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

0940 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1009 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1315 – fraud, Robson Rd.  
1343 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1408 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Montague Ave.

1519 – breaking & entering, Park Estates Dr.  
1622 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1631 – welfare check, Van Buren St.  
1701 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1727 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.  
1731 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.  
1816 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1847 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.  
2020 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./Borgman Ave.  
2036 – assist fire dept., Berkdale Dr.  
2057 – civil matter, Country Ln.  
2111 – warrant arrest, MacArthur Blvd.  
2211 – domestic, Bayshore Dr.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4:**  
0240 – noise complaint, Parkside Dr.  
0647 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0805 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.  
xxxx – family trouble, E. Sadie Ln.  
0859 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
0934 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Beacon Trl.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.  
1211 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
1246 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1316 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.  
1421 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.  
1553 – follow up by officer, Van Born  
1651 – missing person, Victoria St.  
1814 – property damage accident, Robson Rd.  
1856 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1933 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.  
2000 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.  
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Rd.  
2101 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
2115 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 5:**  
0416 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.  
0437 – mental subject, Jeremy Rd.  
0653 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0703 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.  
0856 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0921 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1128 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1132 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.  
1243 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1342 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.  
1426 – civil matter, Wildbrook Dr.  
1525 – larceny, Bemis Rd.  
1542 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1615 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winchester St.

1806 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1921 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1943 – property check, Locust Dr.  
2004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bradley Dr.  
2346 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

**Thursday, Nov. 6:**  
0223 – property check, Village Center Dr.  
0643 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.  
0820 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0935 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1112 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
1319 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1536 – traffic offense, Riggs Rd.  
1437 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.  
1622 – welfare check, Locust Dr.  
1734 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.

1942 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.  
1835 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
1932 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.  
1954 – harassment call, Jeremy Rd.  
2007 – assault & battery, Belle Pointe Dr.  
2115 – intrusion alarm, W. Main St.  
2148 – intrusion alarm, W. Main St.  
2335 – threat, Outer Dr.

**Friday, Nov. 7:**  
0158 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty  
0256 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.  
0344 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.  
0743 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1017 – neighbor trouble, Woodgrove Dr.  
1120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1331 – parking complaint, Hamilton St.  
1509 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1605 – vehicle lockout, Van Buren St.  
1554 – assist other dept., Spruce Ln.  
xxxx – assist other dept., Spruce Ln.  
1556 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.  
1706 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1723 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse Rd.

1817 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1846 – sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.  
1859 – welfare check, Robson Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1913 – welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.  
2000 – civil matter, Belleville  
2026 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2126 – disorderly, Denton Rd.

**Saturday, Nov. 8:**  
0023 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Walden Dr.  
0514 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0701 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
0741 – civil matter, Freedom Way  
0834 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville Rd.

xxxx – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1041 – unattended death, Country Ln.  
1119 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1225 – civil matter, Peachtree Ln.  
1250 – civil matter, Belle Pointe Dr.  
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Rd.  
1514 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1525 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1653 – intrusion alarm, Rayna Ct.  
1816 – threat, Jackson Ln.  
1840 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.  
1906 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1848 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2016 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.  
1931 – welfare check, Dewitt Rd.  
2158 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville/Tyler  
2206 – assist other dept., rest area  
2357 – shooting, Amanda Dr.  
Also, on this log are 95 traffic stops, 16 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
0117 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belle Villa  
0613 – property damage accident, Astor Pl.  
2234 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

**Monday, Nov. 3:**  
0758 – motorist assist, South St./Henry St.  
1214 – assist fire dept., South St.  
1415 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1653 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2015 – assist other dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4:**  
0311 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1106 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Potter Dr.  
1251 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1638 – motorist assist, N. Liberty/Main St.  
2109 – assist fire dept., Main St.

**Wednesday, Nov. 5:**  
1049 – fraud, Church St.  
1312 – property damage accident, E. Huron River  
**Thursday, Nov. 6:**  
0202 – juvenile complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.  
0843 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1418 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1620 – retail fraud, South St.  
1710 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.

**Friday, Nov. 7:**  
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main/Third  
1405 – misc. complaint, Bedell St.  
1415 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.  
1724 – welfare check, Loza Ln.  
1920 – civil matter, Main St.  
xxxx – overdose, Loza Ln.

**Saturday, Nov. 8:**  
0751 – motorist assist, High St./Main St.  
1421 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
2315 – juvenile complaint, Anaheim St. / Belle Villa Blvd.

There are 73 reports on this week’s log, 45 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
0105 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0403 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0614 – citizen assist, Oregon St.  
1011 – assist other agency, out of township  
1155 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.  
1200 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.  
1249 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1448 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/Willis  
1729 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
1739 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1810 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.  
1821 – citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.  
1952 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Rawsonville  
2238 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

**Monday, Nov. 3:**  
0046 – malicious destruction of property, Colorado St.  
0357 – fire dept. assist, Fenster Ave./Reed Ave.  
0740 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0745 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.  
0816 – assault, Oregon St.  
0821 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0848 – reckless driver, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1056 – assault, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1108 – suspicious circumstance, 8700 bl. Rawsonville  
1159 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1215 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1834 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4:**  
0930 – follow up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
0942 – assault, Texas St.  
1052 – suspicious person, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1200 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1227 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1258 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1334 – civil matter, Texas St.  
1344 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1724 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1757 – open burning complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1823 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1847 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.  
2344 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

**Wednesday, Nov. 5:**  
0055 – family trouble, Colorado St.  
1056 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1138 – neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1320 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1320 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1427 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville  
1457 – 911 hangup, 29000 bl. Martinsville  
1527 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1602 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1710 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1749 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2129 – juvenile matter, Birch Dr.

**Thursday, Nov. 6:**  
0045 – 911 hangup, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0922 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Sumpter  
0942 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1102 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.  
1235 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.  
1420 – neighbor dispute, Birch Dr.  
1435 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1550 – suspicious circumstance, California St.  
1725 – animal complaint, Nevada St.  
1731 – juvenile matter, Hampshire Dr.  
1736 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
1743 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell  
1803 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
1944 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.  
2036 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.

**Friday, Nov. 7:**  
0719 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Birch Ct.  
0930 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1044 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1132 – 911 hangup, Wyoming St.  
1857 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1936 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1941 – property damage accident, Elwell/Willow  
2330 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.

**Saturday, Nov. 8:**  
0715 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1043 – property damage accident, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1135 – family trouble, Birch dr.  
1245 – death investigation, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1403 – civil matter, Virginia St.  
1406 – alarm, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1432 – juvenile matter, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1743 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
1827 – felony warrant arrest, Clay/Sumpter  
1836 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln./Edgewood Dr.  
1932 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2111 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2126 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Martinsville  
Also on this week’s log were 166 patrol checks, 79 traffic stops and 17 misc. details.

“I am reminded of the professor who, in his declining hours, was asked by his devoted pupils for his final counsel. He replied, ‘Verify your quotations.’”  
– Sir Winston Churchill





**OPEN THANKSGIVING DAY  
11 AM – 7 PM**

**CATERING • BANQUETS  
MOBILE BBQ • CORPORATE EVENTS  
SPECIAL OCCASIONS  
EVENT SPACE**

[www.johnnysonthelake.com](http://www.johnnysonthelake.com)

**146 HIGH STREET  
BELLEVILLE, MI  
(734) 699-1777**

**: DAVID NUCULLAJ  
: (734) 800-0001  
: johnnysonthelake@outlook.com**

**Let us do the cooking for you!**

## **TURKEY PACKAGE TO GO**

**We will be happy to carve your turkey at no charge!**

### **2025 TURKEY PACKAGE**

**Feeds 8-12 guests Turkey, stuffing, salad,  
mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans,  
cranberry sauce, 2 dozen garlic rolls, and your  
choice of one pie apple or pumpkin**

**\$295.00**

**PLUS TAX**

**\* HALF PANS AND FULL PANS OF TURKEY AND  
SIDES AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO ORDER**

**ALL TURKEY PACKAGES AND CATERING ORDERS MUST BE IN  
BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025 AND MUST BE PICKED UP  
BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM ON THANKSGIVING DAY.**

**IS YOUR BUSINESS  
A TARGET  
FOR BURGLARS?**

**734-697-2888**

**Get SERIOUS about your Security!  
WE CAN PROVIDE A REAL SOLUTION  
for BOTH your Business & Home...**

- Remote Control-View-Playback
- Email / Smartphone Alerts
- PC / Mac Support
- No monthly fees



BREAK-INS CAUGHT ON CAMERA



Actual hardware may vary.

#### **Includes:**

- Installation
- 4) HD Cameras (bullet or dome)
- 19" Monitor
- DVR (2TB)



**innovative  
COMPUTERS**  
Full-Service IT • Networks • Cameras

A veteran-owned company, supporting Michigan businesses since 1995.

**Serving Metro Detroit to Lansing • InnovativeComputers.net**

## **City Council**

(continued from page 11)

Fire fighter Ray Martin said November through January are the flu months and the department will get those runs. Martin said when people call 911, fire fighters don't know if a car is burning, a house is burning, or something else. They have no crystal ball.

"That report didn't tell us anything we didn't already know," Martin said, adding morale is down because of everything that's going on. "We need to have a leader and keep those that are already here," he said.

Kissel said the report said they could do nothing and stay with the status quo, hire someone, or use who you have.

"I have a better idea of what the challenges are," Beebe said. He said if you put the duty crew back in, the city would be in the same spot it is now.

Voigt said that evening's workshop was just to have a conversation. He said sometimes there is friction because things aren't discussed.

## **Court Watching**

**Anthony Jones, Jr.**

Anthony Jones, 42, of Detroit was video-arraigned in custody on Sept. 11 on a charge of possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy in Van Buren Township on Sept. 9. Personal bond was set at \$10,000. A probable cause conference was set for Sept. 24 and a preliminary exam for Oct. 1. The exam was held and he was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 15 arraignment on the information. His plea of guilty was accepted on Oct. 24 and his sentencing set for Dec. 8.

**Danny Ray Phaup**

Danny Ray Phaup, 44, of Inkster was video-arraigned in custody on Sept. 12 on charges of possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy, alter/forged/falsify vehicle document of license plate, and drove while license was suspended/revoked/denied on May 23 in Van Buren Township. It was noted he was a habitual offender. He was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Sept. 24 and a preliminary exam on Oct. 1. Personal bond is \$5,000. On Sept. 22, the court received a notice that the post office was unable to deliver his court notice. He failed to appear on Sept. 24 and on Sept. 25 a bench warrant was issued.

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

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

The Planning Commission will consider the following request for an amendment to a previously approved Conditional Land Use Agreement, which is a proposed legislative amendment of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Per Section 12.507 (J) of the Zoning Ordinance, a request to amend a rezoning with conditions must follow the same process as a new rezoning with condition.

1. **Case 25-037:** A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North 6, LLC, to amend the Conditional Rezoning Agreement associated with a previously approved request (Case 22-033) which resulted in the rezoning of the parcel described as Parcel ID# 83 008 99 0002 706, otherwise known as the Ashley Crossroads North Building 6 site located at 42060 Ecorse Road, from M-T – Industrial Transportation to M-2 – General Industrial with conditions. The parcel is located on the west side of Haggerty Road on the north side of Ecorse Road.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail to [rakers@vbtmi.gov](mailto:rakers@vbtmi.gov). Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: November 13, 2025

Published: November 13, 2025





# RE/MAX

## CROSSROADS III

418 Main Street

Belleville, Michigan 48111

email: [mrsold@mrsold.com](mailto:mrsold@mrsold.com)

website: [mrsold.com](http://mrsold.com)

**WE DON'T CHARGE WHAT THE OTHER BROKERS CHARGE - NO DOCUMENT STORAGE FEES NO COMPLIANCE FEES NO JUNK FEES**

# GLENN SILVENIS

## [www.MrSold.com](http://www.MrSold.com)

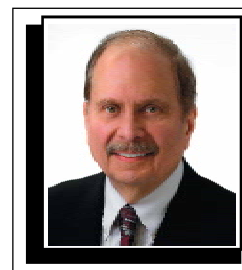
**SELL PHONE (734) 740-3000**

**Office (734) 699-4000**

Prior #1, #2 and #3 RE/MAX  
Agent Southeastern Michigan

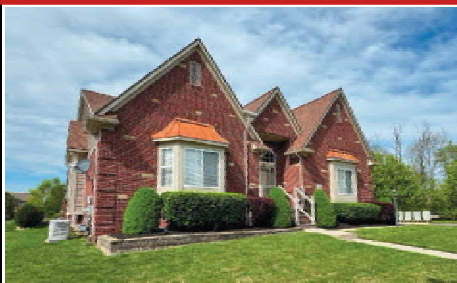
Past Mayor City of Belleville

*Real Trends Rankings  
Top 1% Nationwide*



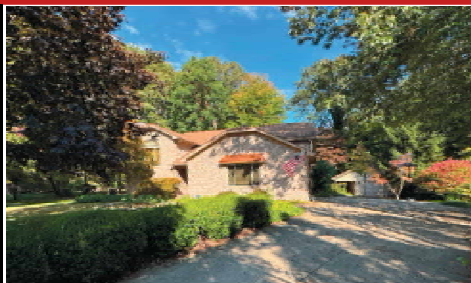
**44600 ROBSON, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**

**BEAUTIFUL FULL BRICK RANCH** on 3 1/2 Acres and over 2,000 Square Feet. Family Room with Fireplace, Large Deck. Full Finished Basement 3 + 2 Car Garage. \$395,000



**13691 BASSWOOD, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**

**CUSTOM BUILT** Brick Ranch 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, Hardwood Floors, New Carpet, Lafada Kitchen, Finished Basement, 3 Car Garage, Generator, New Roof. \$584,500



**28503 MARGARET LN, HURON TOWNSHIP**

**THIS BRICK HOME HAS IT ALL** 3,828 Total Square Feet of finished living space, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Hot Tub, 14x27 Family Room, 2 + 1 Car Garages, On .85 Acres \$414,900



**38111 JUDD, HURON TOWNSHIP**

**LARGER 2,100 SQ FT** 3 Bedroom 2 1/2 Bath Brick Ranch, Huron Twp. Wide Doors and Hallways, Hardwood Floors, 2 Fireplaces + 3 Seasons Rm, & Blueberries 1+ Acres \$485,000



**6785 BELLEVILLE RD, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**

**IT'S PRIVACY** Plus in this secluded and large 1,761 sq ft 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Ranch with Fireplace, Deck, 2 Car Garage and Entertainment Cabana in private back yard. \$279,900



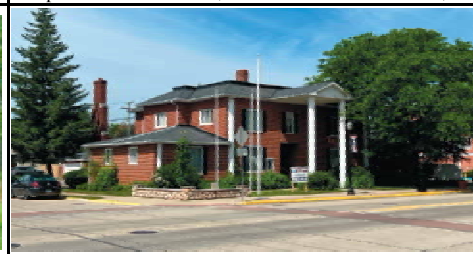
**36928 ELLIS NEW BOSTON**

**NO ASSOCIATION FEES, Low Taxes** 1 Bedroom, New plumbing, New flooring, New kitchen, Bathroom, New water heater, 11x11 covered patio \$147,500



**46083 REED, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**

**Amazingly Affordable** 3 Bedroom One Bath Ranch with New Carpet, Large Patio, Big Garage with New Roof, Fenced Yard, City Water and Sewer on Paved Street. A Best Buy \$239,900



**209 MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE**

**IT'S A POSSIBLE ANYTHING!** 7,000+ Square Foot Building on High Traffic Main Street. Large Rooms Everywhere Finished Basement 6 plus Car Attached Garage. \$749,000

**84 ACRES OAKVILLE WALTZ ASHTOWN-SHIP-MONROE COUNTY.** 1268 FRONTAGE ZONED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL. NEAR I-275 Great Investment \$795,000

**3 PARCELS** 22530 Bohn Road Sumpter Twp One is 10.7 Acres at \$120,000 and 2.37 Acres at \$45,000 and 1.87 at \$45,000  
39 MORROSS CIRCLE DEARBORN \$25,000

**GRANT & WAHRMAN** 4 ACRES LT IND BY METRO AIRPORT \$250,000  
**WILLIS & MARTINSVILLE** 1.64 AC PAVED ROAD WATER & SEWER AT STREET \$65,000

**MARIO ANN COURT ROMULUS** Finest Private Area in Romulus. Perfect location with City Water and Sewer at the Street. \$35,000  
**GRANT ROMULUS** 1.8 AC LT IND \$29,500

**\*\*\* BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT \*\*\*** 2405 RAWSONVILLE 99X328 .74 AC \$99,900  
**NORTHLINE ROMULUS** 1.1 ACRES 208 FT FRONTAGE LT INDUSTRIAL ZON \$59,900



# ATCHINSON



WHERE FORD MEETS FAMILY

**9800 BELLEVILLE RD.**

**(734) 697-9161**

**[WWW.ATCHINSON.NET](http://WWW.ATCHINSON.NET)**

**WELCOME,**

**BILL ENGLISH**

CALL: (734) 345-9452