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Court Watching:

Shooting at Waverly Apts. leads to arrest with nine counts

Torrance Deshawn Limmitt, 26, of Van Buren Township was charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to inflict bodily harm less than murder/strangulation, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), carrying dangerous weapons with unlawful intent, four counts of felony firearm, and malicious destruction of personal property (\$200-\$1,000) on Oct. 18 in Van Buren Township.



Limmitt

He was arraigned out-county on Oct. 20 and bond was set at \$100,000 cash or surety. On Oct. 30 his probable cause conference was held via zoom from the Wayne County Jail and Judge Martin set his in-person preliminary exam for Nov. 6. A request to modify bond was denied.

When released he must have no contact with the victim, is not to purchase or possess any firearms or dangerous weapons and is not to return to 49211 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Van Buren Township Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said on Oct. 18, at about 8:53 a.m., Van Buren police officers responded to reports of a shooting at the Waverly Apartments. The shooting stemmed from a verbal dispute, outside, between Torrance Limmitt and a neighbor.

Deputy Chief Monte said the dispute initially centered around loud noise coming from the victim's apartment. Following the argument, Torrance Limmitt returned to his apartment, retrieved a handgun, and fired multiple shots at the victim. The victim was not injured, but bullets struck his parked vehicle. Responding officers located and arrested Limmitt and his weapon was subsequently recovered.

Limmitt was a cornerback on the 2016 Romulus High School football team.

Eugene Shamar Dixon

Eugene Shamar Dixon, 33, of Romulus, was charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct-first degree (victim under 13), three counts of CSC-second degree and two counts of CSC-third degree on April 1, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Bond was \$10,000/10% which was posted on Sept. 19, 2024. Probable cause conference was held Aug. 28, 2024 and the preliminary exam set for Oct. 2, 2024.

The only witness at the exam was the complaining victim, who was 13 years and under at the times of the alleged offenses. The witness stand was not shown during the minor's testimony, where she described sexual assaults in detail.

At the end of the testimony, the prosecutor added four more counts of CSC-1st degree and one more of CSC-2nd degree. She also converted two of the CSC-2nd counts to CSC-1st degree.

The defense attorney said he cannot impeach the only witness so he did not object.

Judge Oakley bound the defendant over to Wayne County Circuit Court on all 12 counts. The arraignment on the information is set for Oct. 16 and then reset by the court to Oct. 21, then to Oct. 25 and then to Oct. 30. A final conference was set for Dec. 18 and a jury trial for Feb. 10, 2025.

The prosecutor asked Judge Oakley to set a higher bond because of the severity of the charges, but Judge Oakley said the defendant was facing three charges of life imprisonment and came to court, so he is leaving the bond as it is.

Judge Oakley said the bond already stipulates that the defendant is to have no contact with the victim or family members.

Devin Michael Beach

Devin Michael Beach, 27, of Sumpter

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Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications. About 125 people took part in the Van Buren Township Punkin' Roll Out on Saturday morning at the sled hill in Van Buren Park. Lots of Halloween pumpkins were smashed. The pieces of the pumpkins were then collected by community members for local wildlife and livestock.



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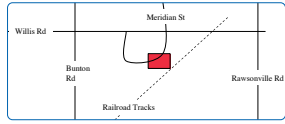
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Kelly Walker and her family pause for a photo on Main Street on Halloween. From left, next to Walker, are Edith, Eleanor, Ezekiel, and Edwin. In front is their dog Dot. The Walkers won third place in the CBC costume contest.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman
Members of the Belleville Central Business Community and friends pass out candy at the Fourth Street Square on Halloween.



Charity Fielder, at right, passes out candy from a booth in front of the Belleville Area Museum. The boy in the center of the picture got candy put in his bag and then turned to leave. He changed his mind, turned back around, and without prompting told her, "Thank you." Then he left with his candy.



Halloween



O P I N I O N S

Editorial Can't get election results to you on paper this week

Hopefully, the results of the Nov. 5 General Election will be available soon after the polls close. We will not be able to report that to you in print, because our Tuesday noon deadline for our paper is before the polls close at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Our paper will be off the presses and on its way to Belleville by truck from the Davisburg print plant before election results are available.

We will post local election results as they become available on our website, www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

The full results available will be printed in our paper newspaper on Nov. 14.

The national and state elections will be left to the national and state media. We will, of course, release the results for the local State Representative, U.S. Congresswoman, and U.S. Senate.

After Nov. 5, it will be safe to watch TV again because all those expensive, back-to-back ads won't be there. After most of us had voted early, those ads kept beating on our minds, without respite.

This was an important election and hopefully it will end peacefully and everyone will relax and deal with the results peacefully.

This is a wonderful country in which we live, with many faults, to be sure. But it has the best government that could be devised with checks and balances. And, we have people willing to work to keep it going. This is just a step in the process.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

When word came out that Conner Stalions was hired at BHS for last Friday's tournament to make sure the football team won its way to state champion again, there was consternation throughout the school community.

Stalions became a national name in October 2023 when news broke of the University of Michigan football's alleged sign-stealing operation, identifying him at the center of it. He was quickly suspended with pay by U of M and the school announced his resignation a few weeks later on Nov. 3.

In August 2024, Stalions joined Detroit Mumford High School as its volunteer defensive coordinator and then became head coach following the coach's minor stroke. Mumford lost its first game under Stalions, 60-0. A Netflix documentary on Stalions was released in August.

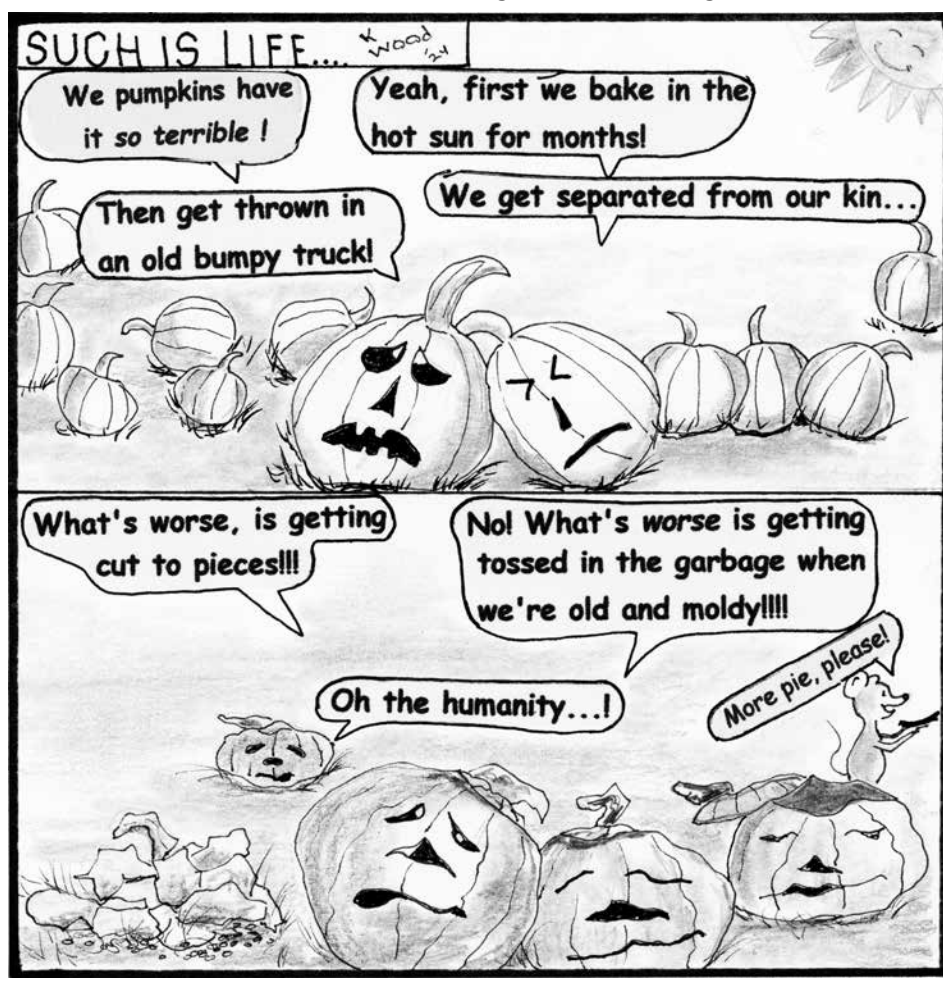
He reportedly was to sit in the Press Box during last Friday's football game in Belleville. Last Friday, BHS won 68-0 over Pioneer High School. This Friday BHS (9-1) will play Saline High School (7-3) at the BHS field at 7 p.m.

At the last Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting, Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers, mentioned that Morning Belle, a restaurant from the west side of the state, is coming into VBT. When I asked him about it later, he gave us a link to their website:

<https://morningbellebrunch.com/>

Morning Belle serves brunch and says there's no fryer in the kitchen. Interesting menu.

Ron said Morning Belle will be replacing Twisted Rooster on Belleville Road. Representatives will be at the planning



commission meeting on Nov. 13. They are going to be re-staining the gray brick on the building and need approval for the colors.

Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter Township has released another television show on the problems his township has. More than 100 viewers have watched it on YouTube. Although I agree with a lot of what he says, he made a mistake that I must correct.

He said the township board members mistreat members of the audience who they do not agree with or if they feel criticized, and that is true. What was a mistake in his comments about meetings was his statement that the publisher of the *Independent* left a meeting in tears after board members verbally assaulted her. Not true.

The board members were in a long discussion at the end of their meeting about my failings when I stood and said I had to get on to my next meeting. Sumpter holds its meeting at 6 p.m. and this was 7:15 p.m. and I had to get to Belleville to the District Library Board meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Tim Rush demanded that I stay and hear everything he wanted to say against me and I repeated I have to get to my next meeting, so I left. No tears. Actually, I was more than happy to leave. And, I no longer cover Sumpter meetings in person. I watch the videos of the meetings that are posted online, even though recently it's taken almost two weeks for them to post.

That's my correction to Mr. Robinson's television report: No tears.

It's been pointed out to us that something went terribly wrong with this year's Scarecrow Contest in Belleville. We printed the application form. It cost \$10 to enter and that application form said each scarecrow would have a sign of up to five words attached telling who donated it. Signs didn't happen. The scarecrow contest was to be judged on or about Oct. 12. The winners of the scarecrow contest were to be announced at the Oct. 21 city council meeting. Didn't happen. The application form said the scarecrows would hang into November, but any of those still hanging on Nov. 8 would be removed by the DPW. Could happen.

Geof Bush sang the "National Anthem" as a solo at Sunday's Bugles Across America at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville's Horizon Park. Geof and his wife Lori Day have been singing the "National Anthem" as a duet at each VFW Bugles observance on the first Sunday of each month, but last Sunday, Geoff said Lori had grandmotherly duties to attend to. He did a great solo. Geoff and Lori also are veterans.



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Remember: Monday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day

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 Monday, Nov 11, 2024 is Veterans Day. It is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on Nov. 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as Veterans. Originally called "Armistice" Day," Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919.

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle, or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. ...That's not quite true.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American Veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* Veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. Many companies offer free meals to Veterans: Google "veterans day free meals" for info on free or discounted meals for all Veterans with proper I.D.

Nov. 11 of each year is the day that we ensure ALL veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

Show your respect and pride for our veterans who live on your street by displaying a flag in front of your home. Thanks to a generous donation from Manns Lumber, and Labor from Contract Welding, I will have a supply of FREE refurbished flags in front of my home (48 S. Biggs). Take one and join all my neighbors with a display any American city would be proud of. (Drop off any torn, faded, flags for proper disposal in box on the porch.)

As an added note, you can further honor our Veterans by attending the following event.

A special, short VFW ceremony will be

held at 11:11 a.m., Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park. All are invited and bring the whole family.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville
 Chairman VFW Flag Program
 VFW Post 4434

Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows donations

To the editor:
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Please make checks payable to Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows.

Monetary donations are used to purchase children's toys.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Pam Fleming, Coordinator
 Belleville/Van Buren Twp. Goodfellows

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Nov. 7** – Varsity Girls Swimming KLAA B Meet Prelims, 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 8** – MHSAA District Final Varsity Football, Belleville High School vs. Saline, gates open at 5:30 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Gofan.co or with a credit card at the gate. No cash and no passes.
- **Saturday, Nov. 9** – Varsity Girls Swimming KLAA B Meet Finals, 12 p.m.
 Jamie Cichowski
 BHS Athletic Secretary



- Nov. 7 – Cindy Smith
- Nov. 8 – Mary Thacker
- Nov. 9 – Evelyn Larabell
- Nov. 10 – Jim Graham, Charity Fielder
- Nov. 11 – Joey Johnson, Alyssa Johnson
- Nov. 12 – Michelle Littleson

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To the editor:

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Again, we were overwhelmed by your contribution. Thank you.

Detlor Insurance Agency
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Sign up for free smoke detectors in Sumpter

To the editor:

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- **Senior Risk Program:** Senior medical survey, emergency services lockboxes for seniors' homes, and hearing-impaired smoke detectors.

If you have questions about the smoke alarm program or other available services or have problems completing the form, contact Captain Jamie Goode at jgoode@sumptertwp.org.

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Michael William Bolinsky, former longtime resident of Belleville, Michigan passed away on October 15, 2024. He built a retirement home in Roscommon, Michigan where he and his wife enjoyed the outdoors together for the past twenty years. He was born December 29, 1945 in Wyandotte, Michigan, to the late William and June (Sable) Bolinsky.
He is survived by Virginia, his wife of 40 years; one son, David Bolinsky; three stepsons, Donald, Michael, and Patrick Roullier; a step-daughter, Renee Roullier; grandchildren, Alyssa, Samantha, Alex, Danielle, Katherine, Ila, Michael, and Tatianna. He was preceded in death by his first son Michael. A private family gathering was held. To sign online guestbook, visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com.

SOPHIA LOYER MINER
(February 14, 1929 – October 11, 2024)
Sophia "Honey" Miner, of Belleville, age 95. Was survived by her children, Darwin Loyer, Darold Loyer, Diane Bilbrey, Darlene Gerick; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, her brother Jerry Miks. Memorial service was Nov. 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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DAROLD HUGH LOYER
(October 8, 1951 – October 28, 2024)
Age 73, of Belleville. Survived by siblings Darwin Loyer, Diane Bilbrey, and Darlene Gerick; uncles Jerry Miks and Lavern Loyer; close friends Larry Fix and Cindy Farmer. A Nov. 3 memorial honoring his mother Sophia Miner also honored him.
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Derrick Lee Kirby



DERRICK LEE KIRBY
(February 6, 1951 – October 30, 2024)
Derrick Lee Kirby, age 73, of Ypsilanti Township, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away on October 30, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born February 6, 1951, in Highland Park, MI, son of Betty Kirby. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1969. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He loved studying the Bible. He was a member of Faith Community Church (formerly Faith Assembly) in Belleville, MI. He enjoyed teaching about the Bible as well and hosted many studies at his home over the years. He enjoyed working on cars and racing them. He even built his own race car! Derrick retired from General Motors after 35 loyal years. He loved traveling and camping in his RV and meeting new people along the way. He never met a stranger. Florida was his favorite destination where he enjoyed the sunshine and palm trees. He had quite the sweet tooth. In fact, the only thing he loved more than Sanders Bumpy cake, was time spent with his grandchildren.

Mr. Kirby is survived by his devoted wife of 54 1/2 years, Barbara Lynn (Thompson) Kirby; a son Jeff Kirby of Sumpter Township, MI; a daughter Shelly (Steve) Mareno of Saline, MI; three grandchildren Kyle and Claire Kirby, and Matthew Mareno; a sister-in-law Katie Thompson of Belleville, MI; niece Amber (Jeremy) Stetler of Britton, MI; along with other numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Betty and Fred Viers, two brothers Scot and Craig (Ann) Viers, grandson Andrew Mareno in infancy, and brother-in-law Roger Thompson. Visitation was Sunday, November 3, 2024 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service was Monday, November 4, 2024, at Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Pastor Doug Valentine officiated. Entombment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to DAV -- Disabled American Vets in memory of Derrick. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Liberty Street is blocked

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, a temporary traffic shift will be in place near 380 N. Liberty St. in the city of Belleville to facilitate a wastewater pipe repair. The project is expected to last until Friday, Nov. 8. City officials ask drivers to please seek an alternate route.

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What's the best time to get the 2025 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual park pass? Right now.

That's because the parks system is providing a special \$5 discount to residents of the five counties they serve* for annual vehicle passes purchased by Dec. 31, 2024.

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Starting Jan. 1, the 2025 Metroparks annual pass will again cost \$40 for residents (\$29 for Seniors 62+) of the five counties served or \$45 for non-residents (\$34 for Seniors 62+).

But now through the end of the year, residents can purchase their 2025 vehicle pass for just \$35 (or \$24 for Seniors 62+). Additionally, 2025 passes can be used immediately, even before the new year. That's up to eight weeks of extra value with the same pass if you purchase early.

"Purchasing an annual pass is the best way to experience everything our diverse Metroparks have to offer," said Amy McMillan, director of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. "Plus, it's a great value. Nothing else matches it in terms of what you get and how affordable it can be to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. It truly is an investment that keeps on giving all year long."

Passes can be purchased at www.metroparks.com/shop or at any Metroparks toll booth or park office. Those purchasing an annual pass online will be asked to create an account. If they purchased a pass online last year, they will use the same account they created then. They can then use that same login information when registering for programs, reserving picnic shelters, and more.

McMillan also noted the Metroparks Annual Passes make a great option for holiday gifts or for corporate gifts and staff wellness programs. Invoicing options are available for business and organizations interested in purchasing 10 or more passes, and usage reports will be available for any companies or organizations purchasing 250 or more — a valuable tool for tracking the impact of corporate wellness initiatives. Learn more at www.metroparks.com/WELLNESS.

The 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks include Delhi, Dexter-Huron, Hudson Mills, Huron Meadows, Indian Springs, Kensington, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, Lower Huron, Oakwoods, Stony Creek, Willow and Wolcott Mill Metroparks.

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BACA raffle to support Missoula Children's Theater next summer

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) announces its sponsorship of a raffle to support the return of Missoula Children's Theater summer 2025 for a musical production.

support Missoula Children's Theater is substantial (\$7,500 for the week) BACA will be seeking sponsorships and ads for the program for the play.

The raffle prize is two tickets to the Lions vs. Viking football game in January 2025. The seats are excellent, located in the lower bowl of the stadium. The award of the tickets also includes free parking.

Drawing will be at the Santa Breakfast at the Fourth Street Square on Sunday, Dec 8.

Tickets are \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. To secure a ticket or tickets call Harry VanGelder at (734) 699-3023 (land line – no texting). Or, call or text Barbara Miller at (734) 516-0025 cell phone, accepting text messages. BACA will deliver the tickets.

Missoula Children's Theater has been a very popular program for local children and well received by this community in the past. The Art Council is hoping for strong community support. Because the cost to



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More Letters

Chamber announces holiday writing contest

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the 2024 Holiday Writing Contest, a new initiative aimed at engaging young residents and fostering a sense of community pride. Open to students in grades 1-12, this contest invites participants to explore the themes of "holiday" and "community" through their creative writing.

Objectives of the Contest:

Build Community: Strengthen connections among families and local businesses through collaborative efforts.

Encourage Creativity: Inspire students to express their thoughts and feelings about the holidays and their community.

Celebrate Young Talent: Recognize and honor the creative efforts of our youth during this festive occasion.

"We are eager to inspire our young writers and foster their connection to our community," said event sponsor, Kelly McWilliams, owner of Team Designs. "This contest not only showcases their creativity but also reinforces the sense of belonging that makes our town special during the holiday season."

Contest Details:

Themes: Participants are encouraged to write original stories that reflect their experiences or imaginative tales centered around the themes of "holiday" and "community."

Eligibility: Open to all school-aged children in grades 1-12 within the Belleville/VBT/Sumpter area.

Word Limit: Stories should be between 300-500 words.

Submission Guidelines: Entries must include the student's name, age, grade, and contact information and be submitted

by midnight on Nov. 22, 2024. No use of generative AI is permitted.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be evaluated on creativity, originality, relevance to the themes, and writing style. Submissions will be divided into: elementary, middle and high school.

Prizes: The top three entries, in each category will receive monetary awards:

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75

3rd Place: \$50

Winners will be announced during the annual Winter Fest Parade, providing a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their achievements in front of the community.

Call to Action: We invite parents and community members to encourage young writers to participate in this contest. Sharing information through schools, community centers, and local organizations will help us reach as many aspiring authors as possible.

For more information about the contest, please visit bellevilleareachamber.org.

Join us in making this holiday season memorable by celebrating our students' creativity and the spirit of our community!

Dinara Strikis, chairperson
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Help give Thanksgiving to those in need at Tyler

To the editor:

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Brandon Underwood

Court watching

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Township was scheduled for three preliminary examinations on Aug. 14 for charges from Sumpter and Van Buren Township. Notice of the exams was sent to the Wayne County Jail saying he must be present. Defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt of Neighborhood Defender Service

failed to appear, so the three exams were rescheduled for Oct. 30.

Case 23-0732 contains charges of possession of methamphetamine, open container, and carrying a concealed weapon on Jan. 2, 2023 in Sumpter Township. Case 24-0436 contains possession of methamphetamine and driving while license suspended on May 6, 2023 in Sumpter Township.

Case 24-0125 contains possession of methamphetamine, carrying a concealed weapon, and weapons on Feb. 21, 2024 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond is \$5,000.

On Oct. 30 he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

Other charges are in circuit court as well and a breaking and entering and larceny in a building on Dec. 16, 2023 is heading for a March 3 jury trial.

Bobby Lee McKiddy, Jr.

Bobby Lee McKiddy, Jr., of Westland was video-arraigned in custody on Nov. 1, 2024 on charges of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm less than murder/strangulation and domestic violence on Oct. 30 in Van Buren Township. Judge

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Court watching

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Martin set his probable cause conference for Nov. 13 and personal bond at \$5,000. He is to wear a GPS tether and not to return to the address of the incident.

Kourtney Lajuan Fickling

Kourtney Lajuan Fickling of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned while in custody on Nov. 1, 2024 on a charge of domestic violence on Oct. 30 in Van Buren Township. Her pretrial was set for Nov. 13 and personal bond set for \$5,000. She is to have no contact with the victim except for contact involving child care / custody.

Stephanie Lynn-Boji Lukas

Stephanie Lynn-Boji Lukas of Troy and previously of Van Buren Township was set for a remote pretrial on Dec. 6, 2023 but a social worker from Henry Ford Hospital called in on Dec. 5 to inform the court that the defendant could not attend court. The court advised the social worker to submit valid documentation.

She was rescheduled for Dec. 20, 2023 in person before Judge Oakley and then Jan. 3, 2024 by zoom so she could obtain counsel. On Jan. 3, 2024 her remote pretrial was set for Jan. 17 for her new attorney. On Jan. 17, her new attorney, Scott Ruark, who said he was retained the previous week, said he did not get discovery yet and needs time to review it. The case was adjourned until Feb. 7, but she failed to appear and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

On Feb. 23 the warrant was canceled and the pretrial set for March 27. The final pretrial was set for April 3 and the victim must appear.

On April 3, defense attorney Ruark noted that the mailed notice for the court case specified the courtroom of Judge Green rather than Judge Martin, so the case was adjourned until April 10.

She is charged with domestic violence on Nov. 21, 2023 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was \$5,000 and she is to have no contact with the victim or address. Judge Oakley emphasized there was to be no contact.

On April 10, 2024 the victim and defendant were present by Zoom before Judge Martin. The defendant pled no contest to the charge because she had a lack of recollection, Ruark said.

Judge Martin sentenced her to one year of probation, a \$600 fee, batterer's intervention, 12 hours of community service, and no contact with the victim Derrick Lukas.

Tiana Marie Lewis

Tiana Marie Lewis of Van Buren Township was due for her remote pretrial on Dec. 6, 2023 on a charge of operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more and operating while intoxicated with an occupant less than 16 years of age on Feb. 15, 2023 in the city of Belleville. Her remote pretrial was reset for Dec. 27. Personal bond is \$10,000.

On Dec. 27, she pled guilty to BAC

content of .17 or more and the second charge was dropped by the prosecutor. Her file was sent to probation for a sentencing recommendation and a review set for Jan. 12, 2024. On Feb. 26 she was fined \$1,475, given 12 months of probation, 48 hours of community service, and ordered to obtain a substance-abuse assessment, and attend weekly support group meetings.

Ashwani Kumar Krishana

Ashwani Kumar Krishana of Van Buren Township, was video-arraigned while in custody of the Van Buren Township Police on Dec. 12, 2023 by Judge Martin on a charge of domestic violence on Dec. 11, 2023.

Personal bond of \$5,000 was set and a pre-trial set for Dec. 20 and then the final pretrial on Jan. 10, 2024. He is to have no contact with the victim except as is necessary for work duties and is not to return to the incident location.

On Jan. 10, the complaining witness failed to appear, so Judge Martin dismissed the charge without prejudice.

James Montgomery

James Montgomery, 45, of Flint was video-arraigned on a bench warrant while in the custody of Van Buren Police on Dec. 12, 2023. He is charged with driving while license suspended on June 21, 2018. Personal bond was set at \$3,000 and his remote pretrial by zoom was set for Jan. 4.

A misdemeanor for a registration/plate violation and a civil infraction for following too closely in the same incident, will also be a part of the Jan. 4, 2024 hearing.

On Jan. 4, he pled guilty to allowing an unlicensed driver to drive and was fined \$490. He also was fined \$394 for driving too close and the registration/plate violation was dismissed on a motion of the township attorney.

Corey William Warmanen

Corey William Warmanen, 34, of Armada was present for his arraignment/pretrial on Nov. 1, 2023. He is charged with operating while intoxicated-2nd, operating in the presence of controlled substance and failure to report an accident to fixtures on March 29 in the city of Belleville. The charge was corrected by the Belleville PD to change the OWI 3rd to OWI 2nd, a misdemeanor, from the original charge, which is a felony. He did not appear for a court date on Nov. 1, and notices of non-compliance were issued on the first two charges and \$45 was charged for each charge. He was scheduled for a show-cause hearing on Dec. 13, 2023 but did not appear. A bench warrant was issued.

On May 1, 2024 his arraignment/pretrial was held from the Washtenaw County Jail and he pled guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 180 days of time served.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



Well, there goes one game down. BHS Tigers beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 41-0. I'm not really surprised; Pioneer didn't have a very good record. Game two will be next week and BHS will play Saline, another home game.

The Belleville Central Business Community had a flawless record for 2024 for not having any issues with rain on their outdoor events. Well, we are certainly glad that the weather continued to bless Belleville. Not that it matters, because those little sweet-tooth children would show up in a tornado! It was a little breezy but we sure couldn't complain about the temperature. We now look forward to seeing the area children in December when Santa comes to the Belleville Area Museum to hear all those Christmas wishes.

So CPKC has already announced that the Holiday Train will be going through Belleville on Monday, Nov. 25, at some time that night. As many of you know, who have waited hours, we never quite know what time they will get to us. Never sure why it takes them so long to get through customs! Anyway, you hardy people get your calendars marked so you won't miss it.

As you know, downtown Belleville has about every type of service you may need - beauty salons, barber shops, real estate, banks, dry cleaners, insurance, home health care, auto service and, a little retail. To add to that retail we welcome Thrifts & Gifts to Main Street. In 2021 Stacy Trzeciak and Lynette Ison opened Thrifts & Gifts in Van Buren Square. For the last 2½ years they have sold craft items on consignment, purchased some new items and taken donations of all kinds from area residents. They opened during COVID with a plan to help the community with a free food pantry and clothing for the homeless. Friends and family help to keep the store running and give it that friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back for more. Every month they have special discounts on the donated items. These run from 70%, 50% and 20% off marked items. After 90 days all donated items still in the store are donated

to AmVets. When you stop by the store you will be offered free coffee or tea, and if you have some time on your hands you may sit at the table and put together a puzzle. If you haven't visited yet, you will be amazed at the variety of items from which to select. What a great addition to our Main Street in one of the vacant storefronts that used to be occupied by the antique shop.

It will be so much fun to have the Missoula Children's Theatre back again. What a great opportunity for our area children to try their hand at acting. You can support the efforts of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts by purchasing a raffle ticket. They cost \$20 for one and \$100 for six with the winner getting two tickets to a Lion's game. But really what you win is incidental to what this will bring to the community. So take a look at the article in the paper today and purchase a ticket or more just to support the Theatre. If you don't want to go to the Lion's game go ahead and give them away or maybe even sell them!

Area veterans should note that The Hair Station on Main Street is offering free hair cuts on Veterans' Day. Just one of the many perks for protecting our freedom.

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More Letters

Remembering my best friend: Staff Sgt. Willis

To the editor:

I wish to remember my best friend. His name is Staff Sgt. Willis. We served together in the Michigan National Guard. We served together for 18 years. He had three years prior Army and I had two years.

It is not about me. My best friend, Staff Sgt. Willis, died last year on Nov. 4, 2023. We have Veterans Day coming up on Nov. 11.

My best friend gave his life for our country. He had Agent Orange that he was exposed to in the Army. He never complained and told me that if he could he would serve our country again. Never change anything.

How could we forget their dedication and sacrificing? We can't and won't until our last breath on this earth.

Many, many families have their own crosses to bear for their loved ones that gave so much. We need to slow down and reflect on those that have served so we could enjoy our way of life. We get caught up in all of the day-to-day way of life.

Staff Sgt. Willis would tell me to always put the soldier first. Let them eat first. Then, you eat. If there is not enough food, then don't eat. He would say get to know the soldier. Know their first name, wife's name, kids' names. Be compassionate and don't rag on them. We don't walk in their shoes and don't know their problems. Everyone has their own crosses to bear.

As I think and remember back, I can't forget our many hours and days together. Many experiences, good and sometimes bad. Staff Sgt. Willis would get me up on Sunday morning to go to the chaplain's

service. Most of the time the service was held out in the woods. Usually, a hood of his Jeep.

I would tell Staff Sgt. Willis that I was a Catholic and the chaplain was a Methodist or Baptist clergy. Staff Sgt. Willis would tell me that it didn't matter. We would all be under one God and the Lord would have the same love for all the faiths. So, we would always have to be in front. Staff Sgt. Willis wasn't shy. I was, but it was best to be close.

Usually, we would be a squad of six. We would be assigned a map coordinate and go there. Usually out in the middle of nowhere. We would set up the equipment and stay ten days. We always got along. Never a harsh word.

Staff Sgt. Willis would tell me a soldier has the right to complain. But as N.C.O.s we should never complain in front of the troops. We should find a big tree and do our complaining or worse yet, profanity. Myself, I tried not to.

We did have a great 1st Sgt. for the first ten years. He never used profanity. You would have to do something real bad to make him mad. Never seen him mad. A lot of things happened to make one's blood pressure rise. Not him.

The next 1st Sgt. had a dictionary of profanity. He was like a rocket ship going to go off. I would detour out of the way to avoid him.

Staff Sgt. Willis knew that Army manual. As he would tell me, all the answers aren't in that TM. He said you had to read between the lines to know your soldier. He was right.

He could take an average soldier and make him good. Maybe even above good. The soldiers always trusted him and would do anything for him.

One time, one of soldiers wouldn't get up for guard duty. It was raining hard. It was dark and was about 0300 in the morning. So, I told Staff Sgt. Willis. He went to talk to the soldier. We were sleeping in those little two-man tents. More water on the inside than the outside.

So, I went about 20 minutes later to check the front gate. There was Staff Sgt. Willis. He was on guard duty. I asked what happened. The PFC was scared and didn't want to be in the dark alone. He told the PFC to get back in his sleeping bag. Staff Sgt. Willis told me we have all been scared

one time. I was told not to say anything. The PFC never got into trouble. He became a good soldier and did his duties. Not all the answers are in the Army book. Some SGTs would have the kid in the stockade.

Staff Sgt. Willis knew how to handle a problem. He would tell me don't order or have the soldiers do anything that we wouldn't do ourselves. We always worked with the men, no matter the assignment. We had teamwork and trusted each other. If there ever was a problem (very seldom), I was told how to handle it. "PFC, that is OK... We will go see the 1st Sgt. And you can tell him you don't want to do it." Before we got to the 1st Sgt., the PFC had a change of heart. He was willing to do the work. It's amazing. No yelling or screaming. I love it.

So, on Veterans Day, when you look at our beautiful stars and stripes, know that many men and women have paid the price so we can enjoy our life. Our nation has had many confrontations. It's the common, everyday person that wears the uniform of our nation.

Those of us that don't wear the uniform anymore because we are retired or did our time, we will always have the soldier in us. Our time was finished, but we are never done.

We would talk for many years after we retired. Many times, we would have a cup of coffee and always end up talking about our times. We would laugh and remember back to our days.

My friend, brother soldier was sick. His health was failing. It was heartbreaking to see him as he bravely fought his battle. I would cry to myself. I didn't want my best friend to see me crying.

So, in the last year, I remember you every day, Staff Sgt. Willis. I smile to myself. Sometimes I get misty-eyed. You are one of a kind, irreplaceable. You are always in all of our hearts. Miss you, brother. God bless you and your family. You gave so much and asked for nothing. Humble you are.

Until that time, Buddy.
Your Best Friend, Al Pfaff
3rd Armored Division, 156 Signal

Editor's Note: The last page of this letter was written on special paper with a picture of an Army tank with soldiers. Al Pfaff said it is from Ft. Knox, KY, September 1970. Pfaff said he has lived in Haggerty Sub. for 49 years.



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- **Friday, Nov. 8** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo. Doors

open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Party held at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Parish Activity Center (school building). Three paper quickies, \$1/pack. Twelve paper games, \$12 per packet. Bingo prizes are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Raffle for turkey and \$20 gift card, and/or one of ten \$10 gift certificates. Info: 734-697-2061.

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- **Monday, Nov. 11** – Belleville Polish Legion of American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars invite the public to a Veterans Day event at 11:11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument at Horizon Park on High Street, Belleville.
- **Monday, Nov. 11** – Canton Township

invites area residents to pay tribute to past and present service men and women during its annual Salute to Service event. This free event will feature a 6 p.m. reception, followed by a 7 p.m. main stage program at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Donations accepted for the VA Health System in Ann Arbor. For more information call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – 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.
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- **Wednesday, Nov. 20** -- Light up the Park tree-lighting event at 6 p.m. at Harris Park on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.
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- Monday, Nov. 11 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.



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Sunday, Oct. 27:

xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E./E. I-94
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.
0307 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Pass
0807 – 911 welfare check, W. Sadie Ln.
0824 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1006 – larceny from auto, Daniel Dr.
1042 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1036 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River
1118 – private property/property damage accident, Meadows Ln.
1156 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1210 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
1419 – animal complaint, Dellor St.
1418 – assault & battery, Martz Rd.
1434 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1653 – larceny, Denton Rd.
2016 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2015 – assist fire dept., Water's Edge Ln.
2038 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
2222 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2314 – private property impound, Tyler Rd.
2338 – 911 welfare check, Cobblestone Ct.

Monday, Oct. 28:

0215 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0255 – property damage accident, Beck Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0655 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
0720 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0826 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
0841 – civil matter, Sawgrass Ct.
1050 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1130 – animal complaint, N. Shore Dr.
1458 – neighbor trouble, Timberland Dr.
1459 – misc. complaint, Spruce Ln.
1532 – juvenile complaint, Sylvia Dr.
1557 – animal complaint, E. Adams
1558 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1631 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1702 – missing person, Sadie Ln.
xxxx – missing person, Arthur St.
1825 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1833 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1910 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1938 – assist fire dept., Endicott St.
2020 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2021 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
2114 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hayes St.
2147 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2202 – intrusion alarm, Van Born

Tuesday, Oct. 29:

0000 – warrant arrest, Canton Center
0127 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
0447 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0854 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0932 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1009 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1139 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1307 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1316 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1319 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1340 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
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1403 – welfare check, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service

1537 – assist other dept., South St.
1545 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd.
1627 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1628 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1706 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1719 – property damage accident, Harmony Ln.
1722 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1823 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
1839 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1958 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1933 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Lake Point Blvd.
2120 – mental subject, Oak Ln.
2019 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
2024 – juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Locust Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 30:

0010 – noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
0022 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0046 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Winchester St.
0654 – larceny from auto, Victoria St.
0752 – larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.
0841 – property damage accident, Brookside Dr.
0924 – animal complaint, S. Huron Rd.
0853 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd. / Lohr Rd.
0923 – malicious destruction, Bemis Rd.
0943 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stratford Dr.
1024 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1045 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1326 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1322 – vehicle lockout, Martz Rd.
1337 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1325 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1342 – larceny from auto, Sawgrass Ct.
1346 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1407 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
1425 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1433 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1513 – lost property/child, Oak Ln.
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave./Quirk Rd.

1737 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rock Creek Dr.
1741 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Cambridge Ct. / Colonia Rd.
1852 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1824 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Sylvia Dr.
1838 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Sylvia Dr.
1915 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1853 – missing person, Lighthouse Dr.
1900 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Parkwood
xxxx – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1919 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1919 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1950 – assist fire dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1957 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lakeview Dr.
2016 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr.
2323 – domestic, Holly Ln.

Thursday, Oct. 31:

0002 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0238 – repossession, Rawsonville Rd.
0238 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
0741 – animal complaint, Cambridge Ct.
0813 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
0945 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
0951 – property check, Tyler Rd.
0952 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1005 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1041 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1047 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

1101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
1113 – assault & battery, Richard Run Dr.
1139 – misc. complaint, Van Born/Haggerty
1251 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1253 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
1317 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lenmoore Ave.
1338 – neighbor trouble, Belleville Rd.
1413 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1409 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1447 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1523 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln.
1546 – harassment call, Union St.
1550 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1718 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1844 – family trouble, Van Buren St.
xxxx – assist other dept., Castle
1935 – property check, Wildbrook
2324 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2358 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Farm Rd.

Friday, Nov. 1:

0059 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0132 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0259 – intrusion alarm, Lilac Ln.
0320 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
0659 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0759 – narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1046 – civil matter, Nautica Dr.
1118 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Point Pass
1038 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1152 – animal complaint, Assembly St.
1200 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Dewitt Rd.,
1216 – domestic, Sumpter Rd.
1234 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1242 – property check, Tyler Rd.
1502 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1500 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1655 – sexual assault, Doree Ave.
1741 – suicidal person, Martz Rd.
1844 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1845 – malicious destruction of property, Chester Ct.

1841 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – harassment call, Rose Blvd.
2016 – domestic, Maple Dr.
2027 – hospice death, Water's Edge Ln.
2045 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
2135 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
2210 – shooting, Lauren Ct./Van Allen Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 2:

0022 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Meadows Cir.
0040 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0105 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0239 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estates Dr.
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0645 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0647 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
0657 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1012 – property check, Tyler Rd.
1047 – personal injury accident, S. I-275/Tyler Rd.
1058 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
1111 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1230 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1302 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1248 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar
1251 – property check, Tyler Rd.
1258 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1351 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St./Hayes St.
1445 – assist fire dept., E. Sadie Ln.
1503 – property check, Tyler Rd.
1517 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1531 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1630 – domestic, Union St.
1846 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1846 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1919 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arthur St.
2035 – assist other dept., Rawsonville DNR
2156 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2258 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

2314 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2340 – assist citizen, Martinsville Rd.
2354 – assist other dept., Martz/Bunton
Also, on this week's log are 47 traffic stops, seven of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 27:

0303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
Monday, Oct. 28:
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0409 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0419 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0811 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Thornhill Ct. / Victorian Ln.
0957 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
0958 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
0958 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1028 – animal complaint, Wexford Ave.
1048 – parking complaint, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
1746 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.
2210 – noise complaint, Light Tower Ct.
2238 – noise complaint, Victorian Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 29:

0826 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0913 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0952 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1324 – animal complaint, Edison Ave./High St.
1428 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1517 – sexual assault, S. Edgemont Ave.
1535 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, South St.

1626 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 30:

0040 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
1146 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
2016 – animal complaint, High St./Edison Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 31

0152 – welfare check, South St.
0757 – civil matter, E. Wabash Ave.
0821 – warrant arrest, E. Wabash Ave.
1722 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
1910 – fight, E. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Nov. 1:

0435 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0605 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia
1605 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1632 – disorderly, Main St.
1947 – overdose/Van Buren, E. Huron River Dr.
2159 – threat, N. Aberdeen Ct.

Saturday, Nov. 2:

0303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1650 – animal complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2340 – disorderly, Main St.

There are 107 reports on this week's log and 66 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 27:

0530 – assault, California St.
1203 – assist fire dept., Timber Creek Dr./Lohr Rd.
1226 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1317 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1417 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
1537 – family trouble, Montana St.
1634 – neighbor dispute, Magnolia Dr.
1803 – assist citizen, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1900 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1942 – ORV complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2207 – assist fire dept., 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2358 – assist fire dept., 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 246 OF 1931 Proceedings NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to create a special assessment for the street lighting operation costs by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the street lighting operation costs are proposed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

- Walden Woods Phases Four (4) & Five (5):
- 83 040 04 0203 000; 83 040 04 0204 000; 83 040 04 0205 000; 83 040 04 0206 000; 83 040 04 0207 000; 83 040 04 0208 000; 83 040 04 0209 000; 83 040 04 0210 000; 83 040 04 0211 000; 83 040 04 0212 000; 83 040 04 0213 000; 83 040 04 0214 000; 83 040 04 0215 000; 83 040 04 0216 000; 83 040 04 0217 000; 83 040 04 0218 000; 83 040 04 0219 000; 83 040 04 0220 000; 83 040 04 0221 000; 83 040 04 0222 000; 83 040 04 0223 000; 83 040 04 0224 000; 83 040 04 0225 000; 83 040 04 0226 000; 83 040 04 0227 000; 83 040 04 0228 000; 83 040 04 0229 000; 83 040 04 0230 000; 83 040 04 0231 000; 83 040 04 0232 000; 83 040 04 0233 000; 83 040 04 0234 000; 83 040 04 0235 000; 83 040 04 0236 000; 83 040 04 0237 000; 83 040 04 0238 000; 83 040 04 0239 000; 83 040 04 0240 000; 83 040 04 0241 000; 83 040 04 0242 000; 83 040 04 0243 000; 83 040 04 0244 000; 83 040 04 0245 000; 83 040 04 0246 000; 83 040 04 0247 000; 83 040 04 0248 000; 83 040 04 0249 000; 83 040 04 0250 000; 83 040 04 0251 000; 83 040 04 0252 000; 83 040 04 0253 000; 83 040 04 0254 000; 83 040 04 0255 000; 83 040 04 0256 000; 83 040 04 0257 000; 83 040 04 0258 000; 83 040 04 0259 000; 83 040 04 0260 000; 83 040 04 0261 000; 83 040 04 0262 000; 83 040 04 0263 000; 83 040 04 0264 000; 83 040 04 0265 000; 83 040 04 0266 000; 83 040 04 0267 000; 83 040 04 0268 000; 83 040 04 0269 000; 83 040 04 0270 000; 83 040 04 0271 000; 83 040 04 0272 000; 83 040 04 0273 000; 83 040 04 0274 000; 83 040 04 0275 000; 83 040 04 0276 000; 83 040 04 0277 000; 83 040 04 0278 000; 83 040 04 0279 000; 83 040 04 0280 000; 83 040 04 0281 000; 83 040 05 0282 000; 83 040 05 0283 000; 83 040 05 0284 000; 83 040 05 0285 000; 83 040 05 0286 000; 83 040 05 0287 000; 83 040 05 0288 000; 83 040 05 0289 000; 83 040 05 0290 000; 83 040 05 0291 000; 83 040 05 0292 000; 83 040 05 0293 000; 83 040 05 0294 000; 83 040 05 0295 000; 83 040 05 0296 000; 83 040 05 0297 000; 83 040 05 0298 000; 83 040 05 0299 000; 83 040 05 0300 000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received an estimate of annual operation costs for the street lighting of **\$4,410**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Special Assessment District information may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 5 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, within the Township commencing at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024**.

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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- Monday, Oct. 28:**
 0107 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 0703 – assist fire dept., Ohio St.
 0947 – welfare check, Delaware St.
 0954 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.
 1125 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
 1215 – assist fire dept., 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1401 – animal complaint, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
 1441 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Lohr
 1541 – damage to property, Creekside Dr.
 1639 – assault, Magnolia Dr.
 1643 – animal complaint, Wear Rd./Bohn Rd.
 1720 – neighbor dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1736 – suspicious vehicle, Stonecrest Dr.
 1738 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
 2009 – suspicious circumstance, Bemis/Sumpter
 2133 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
 2245 – assist motorist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.

- Tuesday, Oct. 29:**
 0538 – assault, Willow Rd./Haggerty Rd.
 1028 – assist citizen, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.
 1155 – assist fire dept., Rustic Ln.
 1204 – assist fire dept., 50000 bl. Eyvind
 1217 – assist fire dept., 17000 bl. Martha’s Dr.
 1259 – assist fire dept., Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.
 1336 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
 1440 – lost property, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1526 – alarm, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
 1546 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
 1633 – larceny complaint, Sue Ln./Judd Rd.
 1811 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
 1831 – neighbor dispute, Washington St.
 1851 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
 1944 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1945 – assist fire dept., Rustic Ln.
 2316 – assist fire dept., Georgia

- Wednesday, Oct. 30:**
 0219 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
 0809 – follow-up investigation, California St.
 0847 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Rawsonville
 0856 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
 / Judd Rd.
 0940 – assist citizen, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0946 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville Rd. /
 Judd Rd.
 1248 – larceny complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1316 – 911 hangup, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1509 – prisoner transport, out of township
 1534 – 911 hangup, Arizona
 1636 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1701 – property damage accident, 24000 bl.
 Sherwood Rd.
 1737 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1853 – assist fire dept., New Mexico St.
 1950 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Willow/Elwell
 2008 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.
 2028 – neighbor dispute, Delaware St.
 2113 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
 2133 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
 2235 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd
 2357 – assist fire dept., Rustic Ln.

- Thursday, Oct. 31:**
 0257 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0847 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
 1018 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1047 – missing person, Colorado St.
 1233 – fireworks complaint, Rustic Ln.
 1306 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1653 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1717 – civil matter, California St.
 1802 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Willis
 1908 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
 1952 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 2131 – neighbor dispute, Wyoming St.
 2319 – 911 hangup, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 2326 – harassment complaint, Washington St.

- Friday, Nov. 1:**
 0007 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0236 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
 0243 – assist fire dept., 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0536 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter
 Rd.
 1242 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr.
 1419 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd

- 1532 – welfare check, Oregon St.
 1616 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1811 – family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 1944 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
 2154 – operation while intoxicated arrest,
 Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
 2158 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 2:
 0644 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0706 – assist fire dept., 21000 bl. Karr D.
 0930 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1310 – property damage accident, 29000 bl.
 Martinsville Rd.
 1329 – neighbor dispute, 26000 bl. Martinsville
 1448 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1651 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
 1816 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1824 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1837 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1933 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz
 Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
 2012 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 2257 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 Also on this week’s log are 194 patrol checks, 45
 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.

Sumpter Township holds special meeting on Halloween night

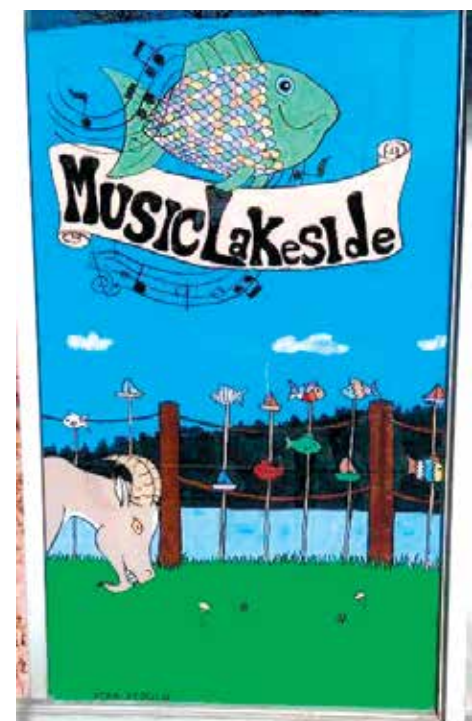
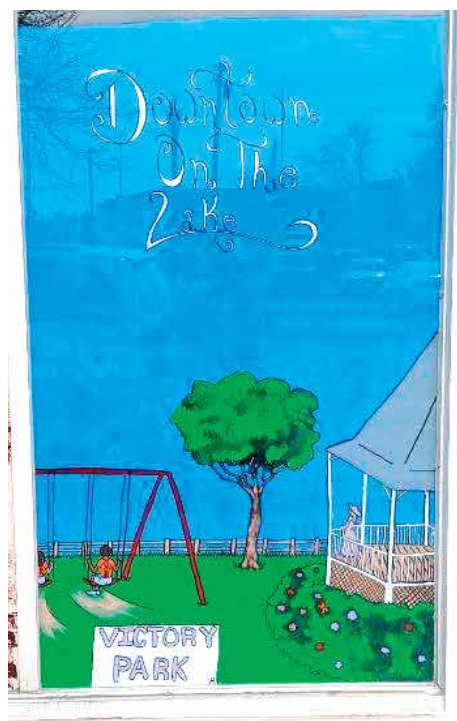
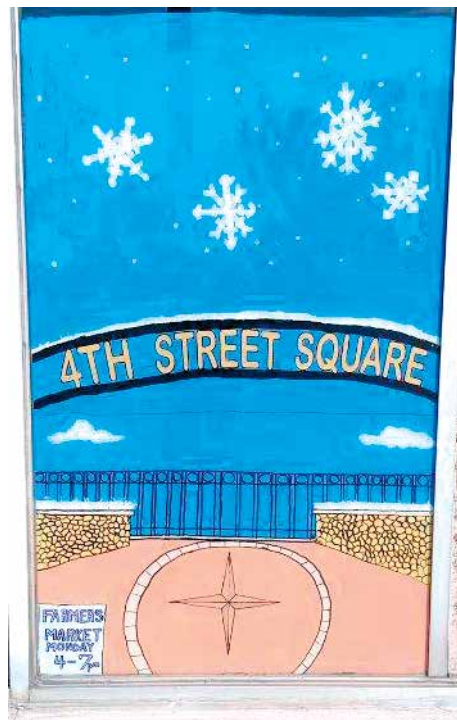
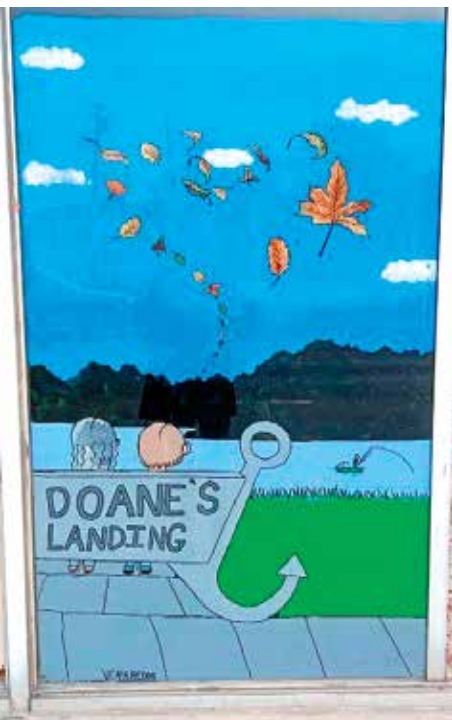
Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman called a special board meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. Due to Early Voting at the township hall, this meeting was held at the community center gymnasium across the road at 23501 Sumpter Rd.

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider the following items:

- Acceptance of the Finance Director retirement effective Oct. 29, 2024;
- Approval to advertise for the position of Finance Director; and
- Approval to advertise for a part-time Human Resources/Payroll contract position, with salary and benefits comparable to current budgeted amounts.

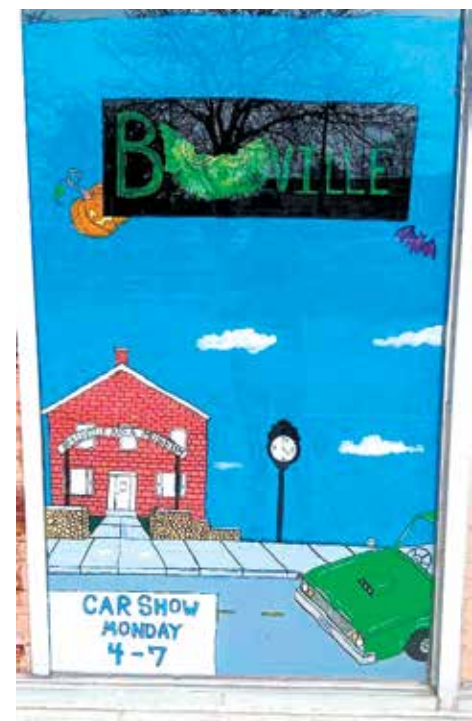
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Murals about Belleville

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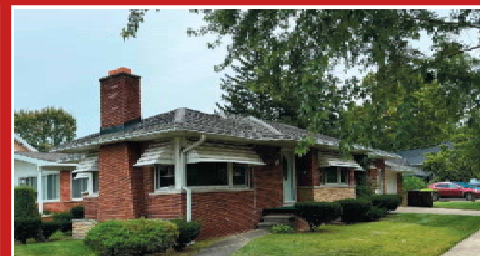
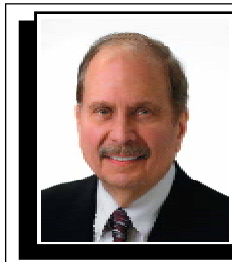
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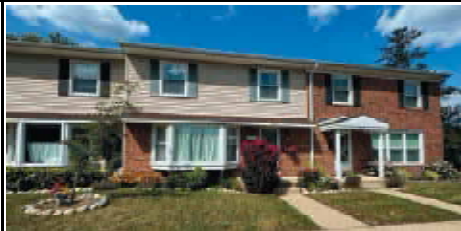


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