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## Three die in traffic crashes on Sun., Mon.

Three people died in early-morning vehicle crashes on Sunday and Monday on Michigan Avenue in Van Buren Township.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said at about 3:56 a.m. on Sunday, the dispatch center received 911 calls reporting a vehicle crash on Michigan Avenue, west of Denton Road. Police, fire, and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the scene.

Chief Wright said the preliminary examination found a Ford Fusion had struck a Ford Focus. The driver of the Fusion, a 23-year-old male from Canton Township, was uninjured and was taken into custody at the scene.

The passenger of the Fusion, a 25-year-old male from Brownstown Township, sustained minor injuries. He was evaluated by medical personnel at the scene and released.

The occupants of the Focus were identified as a 49-year-old male and a 49-year-old female, who both were pronounced dead at the scene. They both were from Van Buren Township.

The Van Buren Township Traffic Crash Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data and secure physical evidence. The crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information or who may have witnessed this crash is asked to contact Sgt. Mike Rini or Sgt. Jeff Stanton at (734) 699-8930 ext. 3.

### Second fatal crash

Chief Wright said at about midnight on Monday, police, fire, and ambulance, were dispatched to a single-vehicle, rollover crash on Michigan Avenue, near Dellor Road.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle was traveling eastbound  
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Photo courtesy of McBride Middle School

The Van Buren Public Schools Unified Basketball Team at McBride Middle School recently played its first game against Novi's unified team. Both teams did great and the game ended in a tie. The unified program joins students with and without intellectual disabilities to promote friendship and understanding.

## McBride to host events with Unified Basketball team

McBride Middle School announces two upcoming events for its Unified Basketball team.

The unified program joins students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same court to promote friendship and understanding.

Van Buren Public Schools is one of the two districts in Wayne County that have added the unified program to its sports department.

On Friday, Feb. 20, there will be a basketball game and Inclusion Pep Rally

from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. during the school day vs. Parker Middle School of Howell.

Jessica McIntyre, on the McBride staff, invites people to experience the "electric atmosphere" as the entire student body gathers to cheer on the Unified team.

"This is a high-energy event featuring performances by the cheerleaders and a chance to see the school culture shift toward total inclusion," she said.

The Showcase Game, an after-school event for family and friends on Wednesday, March 4, is from 4 to 5 p.m. The McBride team will be playing Frost Middle School of Livonia.

"Unified sports is more than just a game," McIntyre said. "It is a movement recognized by organizations like the

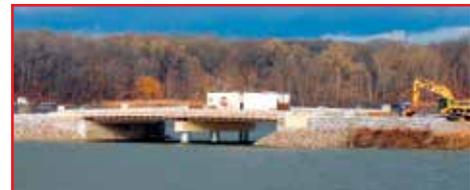
Special Olympics for its ability to 'destroy stigma and stereotypes.'"

On Feb. 10, McBride held a National African American Parent Involvement Day, beginning at 8 a.m. with breakfast in the cafeteria provided by the McBride PTO. Parents were able to follow their students' schedule and visit classrooms from 8:54 to 10:10 a.m., where they engaged in content-centered learning activities.

Representatives from Divine Nine, African American fraternity and sorority chapters, were in the Media Center, where they shared information and presentations with parents and students. The celebration concluded in the gymnasium with an open gym session, allowing students and parents to enjoy time together.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

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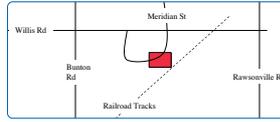
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## Parent voices concern over safety of political protest at school

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Billie Harsch told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's regular meeting that she has three students in the district and is concerned about political protests being encouraged.

She said, for example, her niece is part of the cast of a play at McBride Middle School and they have been practicing. But one practice was canceled and the cast instead had to make anti-ICE posters.

Harsch said when her niece refused to work on the posters she was given dirty looks and treated rudely.

She said her question was, "Is it OK to get political in school?"

She said the Belleville High School principal sent a note to parents that this Friday at the high school the students are walking out of school to protest ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Harsch questioned the safety of the students when there were not enough administrators and security to cover the crowd and to make sure the things left inside were secure.

School board president Amy Pearce said they have to talk about what student rights are if a student wants to organize a protest on an issue.

"During the school hours, what are they allowed to do under the First Amendment?"

she asked.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said students can protest without ever informing the administration and students have been protesting for centuries. He said with this protest, the administration heard about it and BHS Principal Nicole Crockett talked to the organizers and convinced them it was safer to stay on school property.

He said this is an opportunity to be active in their belief.

Board Trustee Victor DeLibera said, "I agree. We have to allow people to express their ideas." He asked if students were allowed to leave the school grounds and Kudlak said if they are leaving, "We don't tackle them at the door."

President Pearce said there are consequences for missing class and Kudlak agreed.

In other business at the 43-minute meeting on Feb. 9, the board:

- Voted unanimously to add two Aviation courses to the Belleville High School offerings. One already is being taught as a pilot course. Director of Instruction Jill Marvaso said these classes should have been approved at the last meeting, along with the new Drone classes. The Aviation 1 and 2 classes are expected to be for ninth and tenth graders to take in advance of the

Drone classes for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, but this is not a requirement from the state. Jessica Romack, CTE coordinator, explained the details of the classes;

- Heard trustee DeLibera ask if this had anything to do with the malfunctioning wind tunnel at the school, that he heard is now fixed. He said the engine had been turned the wrong way. Marvaso said it wasn't for the Aviation classes, but it definitely needs to be fixed;

- Approved hiring Thomas Wagner as a math teacher at Belleville High School and Angelica Forton as a Spanish teacher at BHS, both as of Feb. 23;

- Approved hiring Vanessa Lamar as a paraprofessional at Edgemont Elementary and Alyssa Montgomery as a paraprofessional at BHS, both with starting dates to be determined;

- Heard parent Angela Mears explain that the supporters of the Class of 2026 end-of-school party have been running monthly fund raisers at Hungry Howie's on Belleville Road. They need a certain number of orders to qualify for a donation and in January they were three short and employees pitched in to order so they could get the \$375. The next dine-to-donate is Feb. 18 and 39 orders are needed. She said they also are selling carnations for Valentine's Day and there is a can and bottle drive from

noon to 3 p.m. on Feb. 22. The cans and bottles can be picked up before then in a 25-mile radius, she said;

- Heard secretary Darlene Loyer-Gerick tell of the weekend she spent in Washington, D.C. with board president Pearce, where they took advocacy classes and visited the offices of elected officials on The Hill. She listed some of the classes and said the weekend was well-spent;

- Heard DeLibera say he attended the William D. Ford open house and found people there who will come to the Van Buren district to help support robotics. It was learned about 100 BHS students attend classes at the Ford facility; and

- Heard Pearce tell more about their trip to Washington under Wayne RESA (Regional Education Service Agency), which she called their "caregivers." She said they heard a good presentation on conflict, which can be good or bad. They also discussed the funding gap with the Individuals with Disabilities Act, where school districts have requirements but do not get the 40% funding required from the federal government. She said she also discussed school vouchers and if Van Buren Schools lost 2% of their students, the district would lose \$1 million, meaning more than a dozen teachers would have to be eliminated.

## City Council proclaims April 2 as 'Mildred Elizabeth Baker Day'

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Elizabeth Baker will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 2, 2026, an extraordinary and rare milestone that reflects a century of life, history, and personal achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Baker has been a lifelong resident of Belleville, Michigan, calling the community her home for 100 years and contributing to its character and spirit through her presence and service; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her working life, Mildred Baker served the community

through her employment with Van Buren Public Schools, Willis Hardware, and through her skilled work as a seamstress, demonstrating dedication, craftsmanship, and a strong work ethic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Baker is a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and sister, whose life has been defined by love of family, generosity of spirit, and enduring values; and

**WHEREAS**, she has remained actively engaged in the Belleville community,

participating in several local organizations and serving as a longtime member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, where her faith and service have touched many lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Baker's century of life stands as a testament to resilience, faith, community involvement, and devotion to family, serving as an inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing her;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth R. Voigt, Mayor of Belleville, on behalf of the Belleville City Council, do hereby proclaim

April 2, 2026, as "Mildred Elizabeth Baker Day", and extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to her on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 2nd day of February, 2026.**

Signed by Mayor Voigt and city council members

### Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 17 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education workshop, 6 p.m., administration building. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., city hall.

- Monday, Feb. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Feb. 24 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 2 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Monday, March 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Wednesday, March 11 – Van Buren

- Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 16 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education workshop, 6 p.m., administration building. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Monday, March 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Wednesday, March 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 7 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Wednesday, April 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.

# O P I N I O N S

**Editorial:**

## BHS students given OK to protest ICE by leaving school

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the superintendent confirmed rumors that the students at Belleville High School had permission to walk out of their final class of the day on Friday to protest ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Supt. Kudlak said when administrators heard the rumor about a pending walkout, BHS Principal Nicole Crockett met with leaders of the protest. The plan had been for the students to walk out and head to the Belleville Area District Library.

Kudlak said the principal convinced them not to leave the school property for safety reasons. He said the ones who are going to stay will stay and others will leave. When he was asked if they are allowed leave, he said some are adults and some almost adults. He added if they try to leave, "We don't tackle them at the door."

Kudlak said students have been protesting for centuries. He said it is a positive thing for them to learn that if they want something — like better food in the cafeteria — they can be active in their beliefs.

He said since he has been superintendent there have been three or so protests. He said there was one at a football game that went well. It was organized by people from another district and they kept everything orderly.

He explained it is a learning experience for the students.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At Monday's school board meeting, board president Amy Pearce reminded everyone about the annual spaghetti dinner to support the BHS Jazz band on Feb. 28. Also, the Michigan Color Guard competition is Sunday, Feb. 22 at BHS.

She said the BHS Jazz Band was playing with the professional Paul Keller orchestra in Ann Arbor that Monday night. Pearce said it is a great experience for the students to perform with professionals and they learn a lot by doing that.

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After Monday's school board meeting I told School Supt. Kudlak that I'm sure the Belleville Area District Library appreciates the school's efforts to keep all the demonstrators from BHS from marching over to the library on Friday for their ICE protest. Can you imagine what that would be like for the whole school to be at the library?

The library has created a space for teens upstairs and has special events for them. The library did have to cancel the teen's pizza deliveries, however.

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The letter in today's paper about how awful some of the sidewalks are these days is absolutely right. On Thursdays, my son and I deliver at about 66 stops and some of the sidewalks are hard to reach from the street.

Sometimes Jim drives to the driveways to find me a bare spot for exit and entry to drop the papers at certain spots.

We start so early in Sumpter deliveries on Thursdays that I can just toss the drops out the car window — encased in a plastic bag, if needed.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



But this weather is what is causing the snow piles along the roadways and onto the sidewalks. And if it didn't get shoveled before it froze so hard, it's very hard to remove.

On Monday I was told the snow piled along the roads in the Upper Peninsula these days are ten feet tall. The snow kept falling and being plowed back along the roadways.

I guess we should be happy our snow piles aren't that high here.

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As we were nearing our press deadline at Tuesday noon, we checked Wayne County Circuit Judge Sean Cox's docket and found the local law suit against Wayne Disposal was still in trial. It had been on his docket all last week, as well, and we were able to watch some of it streamed live last week.

We missed the testimony of Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, but we were told they were good on the stand. The person who saw the testimony that day said the Van Buren fire chief also testified, but he wasn't as good as the other two. She said that's because the attorney didn't ask him good questions.

It will be interesting if a county judge can overturn what the federal government has approved. Time will tell.

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The plans for the rebuilding of the lakeside part of Johnny's on the Lake in

downtown Belleville will be on the 6:30 p.m. agenda of the Belleville Planning Commission today (Thursday, Feb. 12). It should be interesting. Last we heard, they were planning to build three tiers of dining space on Belleville Lake. It should be nice.

This is following a fire last fall that destroyed that area.

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On Tuesday, our state Senator Darin Camilleri, D-Trenton, released an angry statement following President Trump's threats to block the Gordie Howe Bridge from opening:

"This isn't strength. It isn't savvy negotiating. It's using Michigan workers and our state's economy as pawns in a classic Trump tantrum.

"Last time he was in Michigan, he gave autoworkers the finger. That wasn't just his reaction to being confronted about failing to release the Epstein files. Apparently, it was him summarizing his entire economic plan for Michigan workers.

"I look forward to us opening this bridge as another connection across the busiest trade corridor in North America," he concluded.

Bridges have a way of being delayed in these parts, we've found.

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**If we want a walkable downtown, we need help**

To the editor:  
 On Wednesday [Feb. 4], I found the conditions on Main Street to be dangerous. I had to navigate large “glaciers” of ice covering the roads and sidewalks, which caused me to slip and nearly fall. There were significant gaps in the cleared areas, making the downtown area nearly impassable.

This is unacceptable. If the DDA is responsible for these conditions, I believe funds should be reallocated to ensure winter safety -- perhaps by reducing the daily watering of flowers to every other day. If we want a walkable downtown that encourages shopping and strolling, the city must take action rather than waiting for the snow to melt.

Furthermore, we have many vacant buildings downtown and south on Sumpter. I suggest turning the old hardware store into “The Incubator,” a space where entrepreneurs can start businesses for a small fee and receive guidance from mentors.

We also need to address the high number of empty storefronts. Property owners might consider leasing spaces for a lower rate, such as \$500 a month for the first six months, to help new businesses establish themselves. \$500 in rent is better than \$3,000 for a building that sits empty.

Do we accept this status quo, or is there a desire for change? I also have ideas for supporting those struggling with addiction, depression, or emotional hardship.

I look forward to hearing from others who care about our community. Please feel free to contact me at (<https://www.ordingmichigan.com>).

Donald Keith  
 Sumpter Township

**You already have the city manager you need**

To the editor:  
 This is a letter to the Belleville City Council and Mayor.

The recent actions of this Council are deeply troubling. You continue to insist the city has no money, yet you are prepared to spend \$7,000 to \$14,000 on a search for a new city manager. That decision is not only wasteful — it is disrespectful to the person who has already been doing the job with integrity and competence.

How can you justify spending taxpayer money to “find” what you already have in Steve Jones?

Steve has stepped in repeatedly to correct or prevent poor decisions made at the Council level. He has carried responsibilities far beyond his title, kept the city functioning, and protected it from unnecessary setbacks. Yet instead of recognizing that value, you offer him a token raise and then turn around and award the Chief of Police a \$5,000 increase. Whether she deserves it or not, the message is unmistakable: Steve’s contributions are being minimized.

Even more concerning is the Mayor’s support for these choices. If the Mayor cannot see the value of the person who has kept this city stable, then perhaps the role requires someone with clearer judgment and stronger commitment to the city’s best interests.

What exactly do you believe an outside candidate will accomplish that Steve has not already proven he can do? There is no “perfect” outsider waiting to fix everything. You already have a qualified, dedicated individual doing the work — and doing it well.

This Council has made several costly missteps in the past. Do not add another to the list. Leadership means recognizing talent, using resources wisely, and putting the city first. Right now, that means giving Steve Jones the opportunity he has earned.

Stop wasting money. Stop undermining the person who has held this city together. Start making decisions that reflect real leadership.

Glenda

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# Guiding Harbor partners with EMU for foster care fund raiser

Guiding Harbor Foster Care Agency is teaming up with Eastern Michigan University for a high-energy night of college basketball with a powerful purpose: raising funds to support children and teens in foster care and inviting new families to learn more about fostering.

On Friday, March 6, the Eastern Michigan Eagles take on the Bowling Green Falcons at the George Gervin GameAbove Center on EMU's campus in Ypsilanti.

Tickets are \$20 and \$10 from every ticket will be donated directly to Guiding Harbor to help provide meaningful support for children in foster care and the families caring for them.

"A ticket to this game is more than a fun night out, it's a direct investment in kids who deserve the same opportunities as their peers," said Jennifer Trotter, CEO of Guiding Harbor.

"State support helps cover basics, but it doesn't stretch to things like driver's training, sports fees, prom, or the everyday experiences that build confidence and connection," she said.

The March 6 matchup is also a Mid-American Conference rematch. Bowling Green defeated EMU 85-79 on Jan. 17, 2026, adding extra excitement for fans while supporting local kids.

EMU Eagles vs. Bowling Green Falcons fund raising night benefiting Guiding Harbor is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

For information on guiding harbor go to [www.guidingharbor.org/events](http://www.guidingharbor.org/events).

Guiding Harbor is also using this event to encourage more individuals and families

to explore fostering, Trotter said. With an estimated 10,000 children in Michigan's foster care system and an ongoing shortage of foster homes, additional families are urgently needed, especially for older youth and sibling groups.

Guiding Harbor offers foster parent orientation twice a month, every month,

with an upcoming session on Feb. 27. Private orientations are also available by request.

Trotter said Guiding Harbor is committed to a safe, inclusive environment for all children and families and welcomes and supports LGBTQ+ individuals and families interested in providing loving,

stable homes. LGBTQ+ youth are over-represented in foster care, and affirming homes are essential so every child is fully respected and supported.

For foster parent orientation information contact Kristen McGraw at (734) 412-7962, [kmcgraw@guidingharbor.org](mailto:kmcgraw@guidingharbor.org) or [GuidingHarbor.org](http://GuidingHarbor.org).

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- **Friday, Feb. 13** -- Boys Basketball vs. Dearborn Freshman at 4 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m.

- **Monday, Feb. 16** -- Boys Basketball vs. Livonia Churchill Freshman at 4 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m.

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# Obituaries

**ALICE BURT**  
 April 15, 1932 – February 5, 2026  
 Age 93, of Belleville. Survivors include children Jillean Frey and Lisa Root, both of Belleville; siblings Tom, Ransom, and Bill Hennells; grandchildren Benjamin and Jamie; great-grandchildren Jillean and Jaylyn. Services were Feb. 10 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.  
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**MARK DWAYNE HALL**  
 July 18, 1959 – February 5, 2026  
 Age 66, of Dearborn Heights. BHS class of 1977. Survived by mother Eva Hall of Belleville and four siblings Louise Kolodziej, Kenneth Hall, Linda St. Cyr, Calvin Hall. Cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home.  
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**NANCY JANE TREVORROW**  
 February 20, 1941 – February 1, 2026  
 Age 84 of Lake City. Survived by children Michael Trevorrow, Melissa Parker, both of Belleville; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild with one on the way. Condolences may be shared online at Young-Holdship Funeral Home.

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**KATHERINE MARIE REGES (nee Smith)**  
 February 19, 1950 – February 3, 2026  
 Age 75. Survived by daughters Michelle Baughman and JoAnn Honey-Baker, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held on February 14, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd.

## Crashes

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on Michigan Avenue east of Dellor. The report said as the vehicle was traveling east on Michigan, the vehicle rolled over and a 43-year-old male from Canton Township was ejected from the vehicle.

The 43-year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene by the Huron Valley Ambulance crew.

The Van Buren Township Traffic Crash Investigation Unit was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence.

The crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information or who may have witnessed this crash is asked to contact Sgt. Jeff Stanton at (734) 699-8930.

## St. Aloysius offers Lenten Fish Fries on Fridays to March 27

St. Aloysius Catholic Church at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, is offering Lenten Fish Fries every Friday, starting Feb. 20 and running through March 27.

There will be homemade cod/shrimp dinners and weekly specials beginning at 4:30 p.m. and running until 7 p.m. each Friday.

Fish dinners are baked or fried, at \$15, with credit and debit cards accepted. Pizza is \$6 and kids' meals are \$9 each. Guests can dine-in or get carry out, with curbside pickup.

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

• **Thursday, Feb. 12, and Friday, Feb. 13** – Calling all Belleville High School Alumni for a two-night event. The Hall of Fame night is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 and Alumni Night is 5:30 to 6:30 on Feb. 13 in the BHS Athletic Hall. Join in for a light strolling reception each night before the basketball game which starts at 7 p.m. No RSVP required.

• **Saturday, Feb. 14** – Valentine's Day at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Smoked Pork Chop Dinner at 5:30 p.m., \$20 per person. For tickets, call Lisa Ochalek, (734) 732-3809. Entertainment by Anthony Richendollar to follow.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 17** – Fat Tuesday Dinner starts at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Spaghetti Dinner, \$12 each. Paczkis for sale too.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 18** – Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township, will have drive-thru available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday for those seeking the imposition of ashes. People can come inside or receive the ashes in their car.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 18** – Informational meeting for Lions Clubs International is at 4 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Lions is seeking to organize a club for the 48111 zip code. It had an organizational meeting in Sumpter recently and now in VBT.

• **Friday, Feb. 20** – Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation is holding a Disney Trivia Night at the Belleville High School Commons (cafeteria). Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. Tickets at \$10 per person for those ages five and up include four rounds of play. This fund raiser will include a raffle for a Disney Trip, prize for trivia winner, mini games, raffle baskets, and a special prize for best-dressed Disney Group. Pizza, drinks and snacks available for purchase.

• **Friday, Feb. 20** – St. Aloysius Fish Fry starts at 4:30 and runs to 7 p.m. every Friday until Easter. Cod/shrimp dinners, baked or fried, \$15, credit/debit accepted, dine-in/carryout/curbside. Pizza \$6. Kid's meal, \$9. Church is at 37200 Neville St., Romulus. (313) 688-3725

• **Friday, Feb. 20** – Fish Fry starts at

5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, every Friday until Easter. Public welcome. Menu includes cod, shrimp, hush puppies, French fries, chicken wings, onion rings, more. DJ Anthony Richendollar.

• **Saturday, Feb. 21** – The Van Buren Community Players present "Journey into Narnia the Musical" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 12-17 years. Free creative youth class. Explore musical theater. Build performance confidence. Sing, dance, act. At Van Buren Community Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Information: (734) 699-8921

• **Friday, Feb. 27** – Taco & Margarita Night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the auxiliary.

• **Friday, Feb. 27** – Fish Fry starts at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, every Friday until Easter. Public welcome. Menu includes cod, shrimp, hush puppies, French fries, chicken wings, onion rings, more. Trivia free to play.

• **Wednesday, March 4** – Michigan Flight Museum Historic Presentation Night is at 7:30 p.m. with "Lake Huron Red Tails." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at 47884 D Street, Belleville. State Maritime Archaeologist Wayne R. Lusardi presents the story of Tuskegee Airman Lt. Frank H. Moody, who was killed on April 11, 1944, when his Bell-P39Q Airacobra crashed into lower Lake Huron. Museum members enter free and non-members are \$10 per person. (734) 483-4030

## Pat Dyer of Van Buren Twp. named to Albion College Dean's List

ALBION, MI -- Van Buren Township student Pat Dyer was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester.

Albion College's Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA while taking four graded courses.

Dyer is a first-year student at Albion College with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. Dyer is a resident of Van Buren Township and is a graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School.

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## Northern Michigan Univ. announces B.S. degree, dean's list names

Northern Michigan University announces that Claudia Shuler of Belleville satisfied her degree requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Science in December 2025.

NMU also announced the following local students have qualified for the Fall Semester 2025 Dean's List.

Amelia Metzcus of Belleville qualified with a 4.00 grade point average.

Qualified with grade point averages of 3.50-3.99 are Meara Kronsperger of Belleville and Alison Bank and Nate Kasperek of Van Buren Township.

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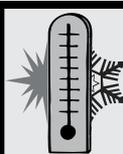
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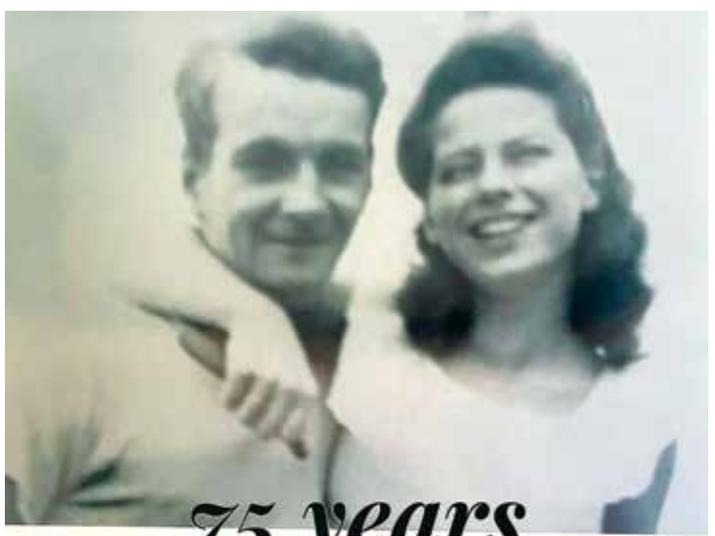
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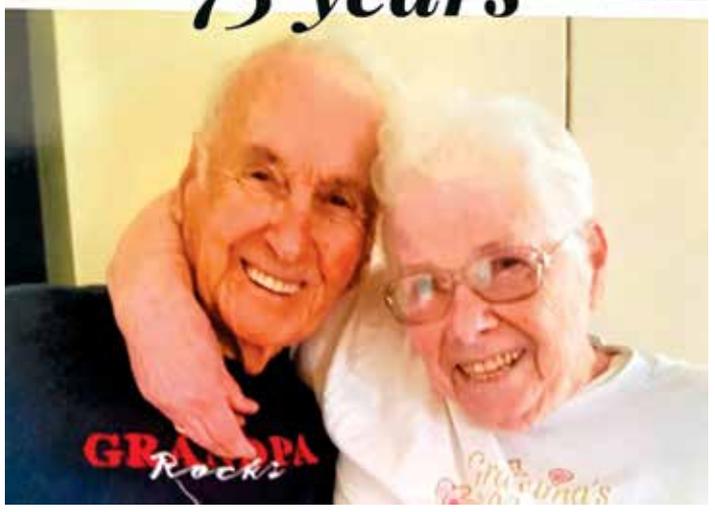
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# Sen. Camilleri condemns EGLE's approval of hazardous waste in VBT

On Jan. 30, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, issued the following statement in response to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Jan. 29 decision to grant a renewed hazardous waste operating license to Wayne Disposal, Inc., located off I-94 in Van Buren Township.

The decision authorizes an additional 5 million cubic yards of capacity, and continued disposal of hazardous waste, certain radiological materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and certain low-level radiological waste.

"EGLE's approval of an expanded hazardous waste license for Wayne Disposal is a deeply disappointing decision

that puts the health and safety of our Western Wayne communities at risk," said Sen. Camilleri.

"Residents have voiced clear and sustained concerns about the environmental and public health implications of hazardous waste disposal within densely populated communities in Wayne County.

"I introduced Senate Bills 246 and 247 and Senate Democrats passed these bills, specifically to prevent these kinds of expansions. This approval sends the wrong message: the corporate interests outweigh

the opposition of local government, the concerns of local residents, and the general public good.

"Local mayors have been sounding the alarm on this for the past two years, coming to the State Capitol multiple times to testify in support of my legislation. Frankly, the local community feels ignored and insulted, and so do I," Sen. Camilleri continued.

"Instead of heeding these legitimate concerns, the department has moved forward with a decision that doubles down

on the status quo – leaving my district as one of the top destinations for out-of-state hazardous waste. This is not the kind of economic development we want in our communities."

Sen. Camilleri reaffirmed his long-standing support for statewide hazardous waste reform legislation and his commitment to seeing SB 246 and SB 247 passed into law."

Sen. Camilleri's District 4 includes the cities of Belleville and Romulus, and the townships of Van Buren and Sumpter.

## Flight Museum features speaker on 'Lake Huron Red Tails' air crash

During Michigan Flight Museum's Historic Presentation Night, State Maritime Archaeologist Wayne R. Lusardi will present the story of Tuskegee Airman Lt. Frank H. Moody, who was killed on April 11, 1944, when his Bell P-39Q Airacobra crashed into lower Lake Huron.

The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

After the aircraft was discovered in 2014, Michigan issued a recovery permit that allowed a coordinated effort to document, recover, and conserve the wreck.

Lusardi, who has led expeditions to the site for over a decade, will share the history of World War II training over the Great Lakes, the details of the accident, and the ongoing work to preserve this important piece of history while honoring the courage and sacrifice of the Tuskegee Airmen.

The museum is at 47884 D Street, Belleville. Museum members enter free with registration. Non-members are \$10 per person. (734) 483-4030



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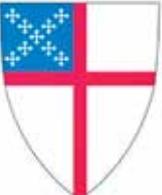
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Scarlett is a beautiful 2-year-old Great Pyrenees mix who has truly come into her own since arriving at FMAR. She came to us after it was clear that the busy energy of a very young child was more than she was comfortable with, and since then she has blossomed in the calm, supportive environment of our staff and volunteers.

Scarlett bonds deeply with her people and is affectionate, attentive, and eager to connect. She is fully potty trained, knows basic commands like "sit," and walks nicely on leash. True to her Pyrenees roots, Scarlett loves spending time outside and soaking in the world around her. When it comes to playtime, Scarlett has her own style. She enjoys tennis balls, but instead of traditional fetch, she prefers a game of keep-away or entertaining herself nearby. Her big, happy smile and constantly wagging tail make it clear she's enjoying every moment.

Scarlett has shown interest in interacting with calmer, lower-energy dogs, though we are still learning more about her preferences. She would likely do best in a home that understands her gentle nature and can offer a balanced, peaceful environment where she can continue to thrive. Scarlett is a sweet, joyful girl who is ready for a home that appreciates her for exactly who she is.

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**State Rep. Reggie Miller speaks out against EGLE landfill expansion**

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) issued a permit to approve the expansion of the Wayne Disposal, Inc. hazardous waste landfill in Van Buren Township on Jan. 29 "marking a stark disregard for the concerns of residents, environmental experts, and local leaders who have long advocated to keep the waste out of their backyards and waterways," said State Representative Reggie Miller.

Rep. Miller, D-Van Buren Township, said she has rallied resident voices at public hearings and in the legislature to make it clear that Michigan is nobody's dumping ground. She issued the following statement:

"I am extremely disappointed in EGLE's decision to brush past the public concerns and critical advocacy of residents who have made it abundantly clear: the people of Wayne County do not want this expansion.

"This decision affects the health and safety of 350,000 people within a 10-mile radius of Wayne Disposal. Residents are well aware of the history of violations made by Wayne Disposal's parent company, Republic Services, who requested the permit to expand. They've also been very loud and clear about their concerns regarding the site's acceptance of radioactive waste, PCBs and PFAS chemicals.

"People's health should never come second to corporate greed. But that is exactly what this permit tells the families of Wayne County. I will continue to push legislation that would responsibly regulate radioactive waste in Michigan and fight against future corporate threats to public health.

"I will continue to advocate for public health over corporate interests and amplify the voices of our residents," Rep. Miller concluded.

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**Musings**  
 By Janet Millard  
 Independent  
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It is almost time for the Annual BHS Band Boosters' Spaghetti Dinner featuring the BHS Jazz Band. It seems early this year on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Commons (cafeteria). It is only \$15 per person with carry-out available. You can get your tickets at the door so just note the date on your calendar.  
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The Lions Club International has scheduled another meeting in its attempt to get a Lion's Club started for Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren. They will be at Van Buren Township Hall on Tyler Road on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. There will even be light refreshments so if you are interested in learning more about this most worthy club, please attend.  
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Saturday is the annual Polar Plunge at the BYC. I'm going to assume that you don't plan on dressing funny and jumping into the frozen lake; however, it is always great fun to go and watch the brave souls take a dive into Belleville Lake for Special Olympics.

Hope many of you are planning on attending and supporting this annual fundraiser.  
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Just noticed that Van Buren Area Little League is holding an open registration and softball fitting on Friday, Feb. 20 from 6 until 8:30 p.m. at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Rd. It's for ages from 4 through 14 for T-ball, baseball and softball.  
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Because we have a lot of residents with short memories and in addition lots of new residents, let me tell you about Trojan Dry Cleaners. Trojan had a building on Main Street for many years and then they

had a fire. People were bad about picking up their dry cleaning and, of course, they lost everything! I have been in Country Cleaners on Main and it looks just like Trojan did, lots and lots of clothing that hasn't been picked up. I haven't been in the dry cleaners in Belleville Square but it probably looks about the same. So people, do better and pick up your dry cleaning! Not just because something could happen to them but businesses need money to stay open. We don't need any empty stores,  
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Do you have an item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

**Sumpter Township  
 2025 Employee Wages & Cost to Township**

Name	Wages	Total Compensation
Armatas, Karen	\$159.84	\$171.17
Armstrong, Sandra	\$300.00	\$322.95
Armstrong, Timothy	\$14,247.55	\$14,660.73
Balowski, Joseph	\$110,839.45	\$140,396.11
Barnes, Judy	\$284.00	\$305.73
Beaudrie, Maria	\$300.00	\$322.95
Behrendt, David	\$3,111.69	\$3,201.93
Behrendt, Wyatt	\$28,028.10	\$30,172.25
Blackburn, Brian	\$5,895.95	\$6,066.92
Bowman, Deborah	\$171.00	\$184.08
Bowman, Timothy	\$43,515.44	\$44,777.36
Bozzo, Nancy	\$148.00	\$159.33
Brohl, Michael	\$5,685.01	\$5,849.88
Brown, Richard	\$71,611.55	\$87,338.34
Brown-Harris, Kirsten	\$333.00	\$358.48
Burdick, Anthony	\$59,442.32	\$70,691.28
Campbell, Erica	\$69,137.88	\$84,668.62
Campbell, Julie	\$66,166.69	\$81,055.61
Chatman, Samantha	\$16.00	\$17.22
Cleveland-Evans, Mary	\$301.75	\$324.84
Combs, Benjamin	\$4,005.35	\$4,121.49
Criscenti, Gino	\$96,205.21	\$121,800.31
Degiorgio, Julianna	\$301.75	\$324.84
Devos, Barton	\$103,664.78	\$131,450.91
Dufresne, Susan	\$65,736.90	\$73,887.26
Egerer, Elizabeth	\$50,366.88	\$63,570.50
Frazier, James	\$26,715.38	\$27,490.08
Gannon, Patrick	\$132,086.80	\$141,818.27
Gibson, Kevin	\$86,512.12	\$109,704.07
Gochette, Jaylah-Marie	\$256.00	\$275.58
Goode, Jamie	\$79,382.19	\$81,684.30
Gottschalk, Colleen	\$94,587.95	\$119,769.69
Gregory, Peter	\$67,791.54	\$76,069.70
Hadyniak, Dawn	\$7,699.29	\$8,653.23
Hall, Acheenia	\$57,829.43	\$64,703.25
Hammons, Nelson	\$95,641.09	\$121,046.88
Harris, Ashley	\$57,660.38	\$64,698.64
Herman, Samantha	\$73,985.16	\$90,676.38
Herrick, Christopher	\$82,694.37	\$104,227.48
Honey, John	\$26,715.38	\$27,490.08
Hudson, Sean	\$113,363.97	\$144,292.00
Hurst, Emily	\$140.00	\$150.71
Hurst, James	\$91.43	\$94.09
Ingle, Sonya	\$15,293.52	\$15,737.06
Jackson, Joseph	\$7,353.74	\$7,567.00
Jackson, Joseph	\$25.00	\$26.91
Johnson, Nicholas	\$88,937.51	\$113,218.37
Kendrick, Cynthia	\$276.00	\$297.11
Krushlin, John	\$103,461.34	\$116,302.55
Krushlin, John	\$10,735.21	\$11,046.52
Laporte, Donald	\$35,115.37	\$36,133.72
Laporte, Donald	\$1,438.05	\$1,479.74

Linville, John	\$87,092.56	\$98,079.71
Long, Eric	\$3,518.56	\$3,620.59
Luke, Eric	\$145,255.52	\$155,989.93
Lynch, Randy	\$21,978.87	\$24,657.21
Marten, Kenneth	\$63,565.70	\$77,916.43
Massel, Aaron	\$337.50	\$363.32
Massel, Gabriella	\$42,265.08	\$46,395.23
Massel, Jennifer	\$16.00	\$17.22
Mccall, Shauna	\$3,999.25	\$4,115.22
Mchenry, Michael	\$18,700.61	\$19,242.94
Mclendon, Larence	\$89,669.53	\$113,329.69
Mistretta, Jeremy	\$19,066.25	\$21,395.06
Nogle, Debbie	\$74,958.42	\$91,273.26
Oddy, Matthew	\$26,890.38	\$27,744.19
Paquette, Malissa	\$98,798.74	\$110,951.37
Patterson, Bartley	\$35,115.37	\$36,133.72
Perdue, Alexis	\$272.00	\$292.80
Pinter, Theresa	\$161.50	\$173.85
Pokerwinski, Richard	\$125.00	\$134.56
Riggs-Webb, Darlene	\$284.00	\$305.73
Robertson, Rachel	\$73,158.46	\$82,324.67
Robertson, Rachel	\$4,757.24	\$4,895.19
Rodriguez, Jesiah	\$89,999.78	\$114,375.05
Rose, Christopher	\$88,934.36	\$112,990.86
Rush, Timothy	\$26,715.38	\$27,490.09
Rush, Timothy	\$8,405.54	\$9,139.26
Salajan, George	\$105,764.93	\$133,804.95
Scott, Kevin	\$16,693.34	\$18,680.26
Scott, Kevin	\$314.16	\$338.20
Sliwa, Richard	\$12,373.92	\$12,553.34
Stalmack, Jane	\$245.00	\$263.74
Steffani, Brian	\$121,420.32	\$153,351.12
Steigerwald, Kathleen	\$50.00	\$53.83
Stewart, Donna	\$256.00	\$275.58
Tabor, Ronald	\$67,230.74	\$82,407.42
Teall, Helen	\$300.00	\$322.95
Thompson, Roderick	\$21,824.39	\$23,493.95
Thompson, Walter	\$7,116.45	\$7,322.83
Toney, Kenneth	\$98,341.34	\$123,491.17
Turnbull, Denise	\$284.00	\$305.73
Vanassche, Nicole	\$100.00	\$107.65
Warren, Vincent	\$100.00	\$107.65
Watson, Daniel	\$384.00	\$413.38
Watson, Maryann	\$65,167.74	\$73,402.32
Wilson De Medina, Christine	\$319.50	\$343.94
Winter, Anna	\$59,540.23	\$67,007.60
Wisniewski, Michael	\$48,790.40	\$50,205.32
Wisniewski Jr., Michael	\$10,591.29	\$11,401.52
Woodington, Karen	\$61,524.70	\$69,255.76
		<b>2024 TOTAL \$4,971,601.30</b>
		<b>2025 TOTAL \$4,463,111.86</b>
		<b>Difference - \$508,489.44</b>

2025 employee total wages & cost to township had approximately 10.23% decrease since 2024.

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## Sen. Camilleri responds to rumored Romulus ICE detention center

Following reports that a Romulus warehouse facility could be converted into an ICE detention center, state Sen. Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, offered the following statement:

"Since these reports have begun to circulate, I've stayed in conversation with the City of Romulus, our members of Congress, and other elected leaders about the possibility of an ICE detention facility coming to our community. "I want to emphasize that based on my conversations, there is no concrete evidence at this time of any facility in Romulus being used or developed into a detention center.

"But let me be clear, Romulus and our surrounding communities do not want to see our neighbors detained and held unlawfully, whether it be in my district or anywhere else, and we will fight back with every tool at our disposal to stop it.

"The inhumane and criminal behavior of this agency should not be allowed to continue to inflict terror on immigrants, let alone doing so in our community."

Sen. Camilleri's District 4 includes the city of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township.

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- Albert Einstein

**City of Belleville 2025  
Employee Wages & Cost to City**

Employee Name	Wages	Total Benefits	Total Compensation
<b>City Council</b>			
K. Voigt	\$1,500.00	\$114.75	\$1,614.75
R. Priest	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
K. Bates	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
J. Beebe	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
J. Kissel	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
<b>City Manager</b>			
S. Jones	\$76,730.78	\$15,752.08	\$92,482.86
J. Smith	\$73,944.70	\$16,042.88	\$89,987.58
<b>Clerk/Treasurer</b>			
B. Papin	\$75,000.12	\$16,062.88	\$91,063.00
<b>Account Clerks</b>			
M. Bellingham	\$68,806.98	\$8,791.43	\$77,598.41
C. Wynne	\$48,630.12	\$9,084.86	\$57,714.98
T. Hammons	\$59,094.28	\$31,655.71	\$90,749.99
<b>Department of Public Services</b>			
R. Rutherford	\$57,379.42	\$12,223.89	\$69,603.31
N. Fogle	\$42,949.07	\$8,918.54	\$51,867.61
N. Johnson	\$7,788.60	\$595.83	\$8,384.43
S. Daggett	\$2,531.25	\$193.64	\$2,724.89
M. Hoag	\$20,133.42	\$4,020.56	\$24,153.98
J. Hayter	\$78,245.08	\$24,767.49	\$103,012.57
B. Ladouceur	\$9,100.00	\$696.15	\$9,796.15
K. Sattler	\$2,037.50	\$155.87	\$2,193.37
C. Jackson	\$33,223.63	\$9,786.73	\$43,010.36
D. Huby	\$64,618.62	\$32,347.27	\$96,965.89
M. Frierson	\$74,933.36	\$6,385.80	\$81,319.16
P. Levesque	\$12,550.00	\$960.08	\$13,510.08
C. Dyer Jr.	\$24,655.00	\$1,886.11	\$26,541.11
<b>Police Officers</b>			
C. Adam	\$96,511.31	\$24,089.43	\$120,600.74
K. Faull - Schlund	\$95,780.04	\$66,310.67	\$162,090.71
B. Devos	\$2,640.00	\$201.96	\$2,841.96
T. Schreengost	\$89,076.47	\$75,086.53	\$164,163.00
M. VanDeweghe	\$95,388.37	\$51,557.34	\$146,945.71
T. Stewart	\$94,184.60	\$12,397.36	\$106,581.96
C. Brooks	\$95,542.70	\$11,740.98	\$107,283.68
H. Holcomb	\$33,854.57	\$4,978.36	\$38,832.93
M. Boudreau	\$26,616.84	\$4,697.75	\$31,314.59
J. Wickham	\$94,876.28	\$67,988.97	\$162,865.25
J. Gueli	\$78,755.46	\$9,350.11	\$88,105.57
M. Pearl	\$98,243.96	\$30,465.77	\$128,709.73
K. Doe	\$60,063.93	\$7,745.09	\$67,809.02
S. Maher	\$63,567.77	\$22,502.40	\$86,070.17
<b>Fire Department</b>			
R. Gay	\$6,505.80	\$497.69	\$7,003.49
M. Harper	\$2,561.78	\$195.98	\$2,757.76
B. Loranger	\$156.80	\$12.00	\$168.80
R. Landskroener	\$8,470.57	\$648.00	\$9,118.57
A. Reed	\$5,667.30	\$433.55	\$6,100.85
G. Kissel	\$4,048.07	\$309.68	\$4,357.75
J. Reed	\$2,896.96	\$221.62	\$3,118.58
A. Sherwood - Landskroener	\$9,178.21	\$702.13	\$9,880.34
R. Martin	\$3,162.94	\$241.96	\$3,404.90
I. Teachout	\$9,728.40	\$744.22	\$10,472.62
C. Zweng	\$15,251.90	\$1,166.77	\$16,418.67
M. Wisniewski	\$5,529.02	\$422.97	\$5,951.99
A. Kingsley	\$4,223.77	\$323.12	\$4,546.89
J. Anderson	\$10,435.12	\$798.29	\$11,233.41
			<b>2024 TOTAL \$2,235,317.55</b>
			<b>2025 TOTAL \$2,547,350.10</b>
			<b>Difference + \$312,032.55</b>

2025 employee total wages & cost to city had approximately a 13.96% increase since 2024.

Jan. 4, 1996 Independent

# Histories of local cemeteries researched by Belleville writer

By Bob Doane, Belleville  
In 1833, Van Buren Township along with Romulus, Sumpter Township, and the present Huron Township were all one township in the territory of Michigan, known as Huron Township in Wayne County.

The same year, 1833, David Dalrymple, a farmer living in the Van Buren area of the original Huron Township, was a highway commissioner for Huron Township.

Dalrymple received his land from the U.S. government in 1831. Other family members also settled in the Van Buren area of Huron Township.

One brother, Adolphus Dalrymple, owned the farmland where Hillside Cemetery now is located, including other land eastward, and was also active in Huron Township government before Van Buren Township was separated from the old original Huron Township on April 6, 1835 and formed its own government. He continued to be active afterwards.

David Dalrymple, shortly before his young death in 1833, along with Amariah Rawson and Abraham Soop, platted a parcel of land in 1832 for cemetery purposes and it later became known as the Soop Cemetery.

David's brother, Adolphus Dalrymple, married Fanny, sister of Amariah Rawson.

The grave of David Dalrymple and the Soop Cemetery predates the beginning and existence of Van Buren Township by about two years and three years, respectively, and the cemetery, now known as Pleasantville Cemetery is the oldest in Van Buren Township. The cemetery still maintains its dignity also as the Soop Cemetery.

The old cemetery and grave are located slightly over 1-1/2 mile on old Denton Road west of Belleville's Main Street intersection with Denton Road.

For another route to the cemetery, one can travel west on the South Service Drive from Belleville Road to old Denton Road and turn left.

David Dalrymple  
Died  
September 26, 1833  
Age  
27 years and 6 months

For the information for this article, I relied on: Census records, DAR cemetery records, DSGR publications, cemetery records, History of Van Buren Township by S. Robb, and Huron Township records.

**Editor's Note:** The late Bob Doane enjoyed researching the history of this area and sharing his findings with the readers of the *Independent*.

Jan. 4, 1996 Independent

# Van Buren Township's oldest known grave is in Tyler Cemetery

By Bob Doane, Belleville  
Two cemeteries were platted out the same year, 1832, in the area that three years later was to become Van Buren Township in 1835.

These two were the Soop (now called Pleasantville) and the Tyler cemeteries.

At the time, Van Buren Township was part of the original Huron Township, Wayne County, Territory of Michigan, before it was later divided into one of four separate townships (see accompanying article) three years later on April 6, 1835.

The cemetery for this article is known as the Tyler Cemetery and is on Tyler Road east of Belleville Road, between Haggerty and Hannan roads.

Tyler Road earlier was known as Tyler Street.

A small, infant child was buried earlier the same year, 1832, on family property before the cemetery was platted for burial grounds, although Soop Cemetery is recognized as the oldest of the two cemeteries in the township and both also prior to Van Buren's existence.

Tyler Street (Road) Cemetery:

Sally D. French  
Age 7 months and 23 days old  
Born Wednesday, July 20, 1831  
Died Tuesday, March 12, 1832

Some of the above is not printed on the stone.

Daughter of John and Mercy French, she was a granddaughter of Benjamin French.

Being involved in genealogy (tracing family histories) since 1967 and my interest in state and local history, among others, I have been working on the Hillside (Belleville) Cemetery and I thought about who might be the first to be buried in Van Buren Township, which Belleville was once a part of.

I had problems with different references giving differ dates for Sally D. French.

I relied on two sources which I put trust in and my style of reading faded headstone inscriptions and came to the conclusion of her death year 1832, and thus the oldest grave.

Her headstone is now broken into two parts. Perhaps, someone or a group will mend it together and preserve it as the oldest burial at Tyler Cemetery and Van Buren Township.

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The Belleville-Area Independent**

# Court Watching

## Kurtis Allen Nofz

Kurtis Allen Nofz, 61, of the city of Belleville was video-arraigned in custody at 34th District Court on Oct. 2 on a charge of malicious destruction of a building, from \$1,000 to \$20,000, on April 2 in Van Buren Township. The charge was authorized Sept. 11 and a warrant issued Sept. 12. The warrant was lifted at arraignment and personal bond set at \$5,000.

An in-person probable cause conference before Judge Oakley was set for Oct. 15 and a live preliminary exam before Judge Oakley for Oct. 22.

The defendant's daughter told the court that the defendant will be at the University of Michigan Hospital beginning Oct. 6 for a medical procedure and will be at the U of M for some time after the procedure. Judge Martin advised the defendant at the arraignment to provide proof of hospitalization for Judge Oakley's consideration for a zoom appearance on Oct. 15.

The defendant dropped off hospital paperwork for the court to review. A probable cause virtual conference was set for Oct. 29 and virtual preliminary exam on Nov. 5. On Oct. 29 the probable cause conference was held and another probable cause conference set for Nov. 19 so the attorney can seek diversion. The Nov. 5 exam was removed from the calendar.

On Nov. 19, the probable cause conference was set for Dec. 3 and the defendant may attend by zoom because of the medical issues. A preliminary exam was set for Jan. 6, 2026 and the defendant should be out of the hospital by then.

On Jan. 6, the defendant was there but the defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt failed to appear. The exam was rescheduled for Jan. 13.

On Jan. 13, the defendant said he wanted to remove his attorney and a new attorney was assigned. The exam was rescheduled for Jan. 27. At that time a probable cause conference was set Feb. 24 for his attorney, arraignment on the information. At that time a calendar conference was set for Jan. 12 and final conference for Feb. 20. Jury trial is April 14.

## Jeremy Mark Watson

Jeremy Mark Watson of Belleville is charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated – third offense on Jan. 28, 2024 in the city of Belleville. A warrant was issued and on June 6, 2025 he hired an attorney and a probable cause conference was set for July 9. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 6 and a probable cause conference set for Aug. 27 and then Sept. 8 and Sept. 17 and set again for Oct. 8 and then Oct. 22. He failed to appear and a warrant was issued on Oct. 23 and canceled on Oct. 24. A probable cause conference was set for Nov. 19. On Oct. 28, the defendant was welcomed into DT court and will be under the probation

module if the plea allows the charge to be reduced to a misdemeanor.

On Nov. 19, a preliminary exam was set for Jan. 2. At that time he was bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 16 arraignment on the information. Disposition conference is Feb. 13.

## Matthew Lee Hurst

Matthew Lee Hurst of Van Buren Township was present for his remote pretrial on Oct. 29 on a charge of domestic violence on Oct. 13 in Van Buren Township. He had been video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 16. Personal bond is \$1,000. The final pretrial was set for Nov. 19 and the complaining victim must appear. On Nov.

19 it was learned the complaining victim did not wish to move forward and the charge was dismissed.

## Robert Adam Lange

Robert Adam Lange, 38, of Sumpter Township was video-arraigned in custody on Nov. 19 on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on Nov. 17 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was held Dec. 3 and a probable cause conference set for Dec. 17. He retained an attorney and so his probable cause conference was adjourned to Dec. 22. At that time his preliminary exam was set for Jan. 13.

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# City of Belleville Public Notice



## 2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City Of Belleville will be held on the following dates:

March 3rd, Tuesday  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
(Organizational Meeting)

### No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 3rd, Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review OR by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 10, 2026.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-252-4314 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. by MARCH 3, 2026.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows:

Commercial	46.81%	1.068
Industrial	46.53%	1.074
Residential	47.06%	1.062
Personal	50.00%	1.000

Briana Papin  
City of Belleville

Publish: Thursday, February 12, 2026  
Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Thursday, February 26, 2026

# Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

### VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2026**, for **Bid Package #1 McBride Middle School HVAC Renovation**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:  
<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5565f9b93ad9f70800b26d32>

After you create your free Building Connected account and join the project, all bids and questions must be submitted electronically at:  
<https://www.buildingconnected.com/>

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on February 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. via a Microsoft Teams Meeting online at <https://tinyurl.com/VBPS-McBride-PreBid> and/or call in +1 734-887-6326 Conference ID: 507381713#

A Bid Security executed by a U.S. Treasury listed Surety Company acceptable to the Owner or a cashier's check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. An Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 2, 2026**. Any questions, contact Molly Verla, Granger Construction Project Manager at: [mverla@grangerconstruction.com](mailto:mverla@grangerconstruction.com)

# Court Watching

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On Jan. 13, he pled guilty to a reduced charge of improper possession of a gun. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation and a fine of \$500.

### Lauren Francis Phillips

Lauren Francis Phillips, 24, of Ypsilanti and formerly of Van Buren Township, is charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on July 18 in Van Buren Township. She was video-arraigned in custody on July 18 and personal bond set at \$5,000. She was due for a probable

cause conference on Sept. 3, but she was in the hospital and the court got proof from Skyway Recovery. The probable cause conference was reset for Oct. 8, but the court got word that she had left the facility against medical and clinical advice. Her preliminary exam was set for Nov. 19 and she was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 3 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Dec. 22. Final conference is Feb. 27 and jury trial is March 30. She is to have no contact with the protected party.

### Van Buren Maroney III

Van Buren Maroney III, 51, of Willis was arraigned in custody on Oct. 6 by Judge Martin for carrying a concealed weapon

and driving while license suspended on Oct. 4 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 15 and his preliminary exam for Oct. 22. That was changed to Nov. 26. Personal bond is \$5,000.

On Nov. 26, he pled guilty to reduced charges of improper possession of a firearm and failure to show a valid license. He was fined \$250 and put on a year of probation.

On Oct. 6, he also was arraigned on a bench warrant on an operating while intoxicated charge from Sept. 9, 2019 in Van Buren Township. His jury trial had been delayed because of the COVID state of emergency. He was waiting for a new date and then failed to appear for a July

21, 2022 pretrial. A bench warrant was issued. A pretrial was set for Oct. 16 and personal bond set at \$5,000. The pretrial was adjourned to seek discovery.

On Nov. 26, he pled guilty to reduced charges of improperly in possession of a gun and failure to display license and was fined \$500 and put on probation.

### Jeffrey Alan Kowl

Jeffrey Alan Kowl, 38, formerly of Van Buren Township and now of Dearborn, had been charged with reckless use of a gun and gun possession while under the influence on June 16, 2024 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty to the first charge and the second charge was dismissed.

He was sentenced to 18 months probation and delayed sentencing so the charge will be dismissed if he makes all the all payments and there are no violations. Probation was to end Jan. 10, 2026.

The court was informed of a new charge while he is on probation from his guilty plea. A case review had been set for Jan. 12, 2026. A showcause hearing was set for Oct. 22, but he failed to appear and so a warrant was out for his arrest.

On Nov. 4 he posted cash bond and the case was reopened. A show-cause hearing was held Nov. 26 and the defendant said the case had been deferred for 12 months, not 18 months. The court will listen to the recording of the sentencing.

### Timery Ann Uebbing

Timery Ann Uebbing of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Dec. 2 on a charge of domestic violence on Nov. 30 in Van Buren Township. Her remote pretrial was set for Dec. 10 and personal bond is \$5,000. She failed to appear and a warrant was issued. She was found to be in jail with Lincoln Park. Her show-cause arraignment was set for Jan. 6 and she failed to appear. She is still in warrant status.

### Steven Allen Bauer

Steven Allen Bauer of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Dec. 2 on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder/strangulation on Nov. 30 in Van Buren Township His probable cause conference was held Dec. 10 and his preliminary exam held Dec. 17. He was bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 7 arraignment on the information. Bond is \$3,000/10%. Calendar conference was set for Jan. 15, reset to Jan. 16. Final conference is March 6 and jury trial April 2.

### Thomas Eugene Rastall

Thomas Eugene Rastall of Ann Arbor was charged with retail fraud-1<sup>st</sup> degree on Aug. 22, 2024 in Van Buren Township. He was noted to be a repeat offender. The charge was brought May 19, 2025. He missed his arraignment date and was found to be in the Macomb County Jail. His arraignment/probable cause conference was set for Dec. 3. He waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 10 arraignment on the information, adjourned to Dec. 19. A plea of guilty was accepted on Dec. 19 and sentencing set for Jan. 27. Total fine was \$198 and local confinement in the

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



### 2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

March 3rd, Tuesday  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
(Organizational Meeting)

#### No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 9th, Monday  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 11th, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review OR by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 11, 2026.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by MARCH 3, 2026.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows:

Ag – 45.65%	1.0640
Com – 49.83%	1.0731
Ind – 48.33%	1.0185
Res – 45.85%	1.0449
Personal – 50.00 %	1.0000

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 12, 2026  
Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Thursday, February 26, 2026

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 295 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

### Sunday, Feb 1:

0313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Independence Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0337 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0346 – mental subject, Martinsville Rd.  
0810 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0909 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1119 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.  
1120 – assist fire dept., Peninsular Dr.  
1449 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, McKinley St.  
1655 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.  
1742 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1836 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.  
2224 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
2227 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 2:

0011 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
0026 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0443 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0459 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.  
0658 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.  
0701 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
0714 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
0738 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/S. Grove Rd.  
0806 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.  
0817 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.  
0828 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.  
1001 – welfare check, Salem Ct.  
0954 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1013 – vehicle lockout, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1126 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.  
1135 – welfare check, Beacon Trl.  
xxxx – welfare check, Lake Crest Dr.  
1208 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.  
1220 – threat, Winchester St.  
1418 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1422 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.  
1509 – disorderly, E. Adams  
1523 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1637 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.  
1645 – assist motorist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1715 – motorist assist, Haggerty/Independence  
1723 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1739 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1745 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.  
1909 – property damage accident, McBride Ave.  
2143 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 3:

0012 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0259 – harassment call, Tallgrass Ct.  
0355 – warrant arrest, Washenaw Jail  
0752 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Bog  
0851 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1135 – misc. complaint, Nautica Dr.  
1250 – domestic, Stratford Dr.  
1338 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.  
1346 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.  
1359 – missing person, Locust Dr.  
1424 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1503 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1541 – property damage accident, Beck Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1652 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave./Denton  
1701 – assist fire dept., Stratford Dr.  
1709 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1713 – domestic, Bayshore Dr.  
1755 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1910 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.  
2123 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.

### Wednesday, Feb. 4:

0002 – suicidal person, Berkdale Dr.  
0056 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0123 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.  
0156 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
0719 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bog Rd.  
0713 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0816 – property damage accident, McBride Ave. / Borgman Ave.

0901 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0852 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0924 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0950 – suicidal person, Brookside Dr.  
1324 – assist other dept., Freedom Way  
1426 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1459 – welfare check, Van Born Rd.  
1600 – motorist assist, Haggerty/I-94  
1633 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1643 – civil matter, Morton Taylor Rd.  
1858 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1942 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2138 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
2141 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.

### Thursday, Feb. 5:

0117 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
0157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, W. Walden Dr.  
0221 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0630 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.  
0925 – harassment call, Victoria St.  
0956 – threat, Parkwood Dr.

1152 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Walden Dr.  
1324 – civil matter, Mantauk Ct.  
1440 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1518 – fraud, Hamilton St.  
1522 – property damage accident, N. Cumberland  
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1630 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1653 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.  
1706 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1734 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1924 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1957 – harassment call, Bemis Rd.  
2010 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse  
2203 – property check, Paloma Dr.  
2224 – assist fire dept., Winding Pond Dr.

### Friday, Feb. 6:

0020 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr./Cottonwood Dr.  
0108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
0213 – mental subject, E. Huron River Dr.  
0740 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edwards Rd.  
0749 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Bristol  
0904 – assist fire dept., Ecorse I-275 ramp N./N. I-275 Ecorse ramp  
0933 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94 Belleville ramp  
1006 – 911 welfare check, Alden Ave.  
1012 – abandoned auto, Woodwall Ct. / Greenbriar  
1020 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1107 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1152 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1324 – welfare check, Parkside Dr.  
xxxx – misc. complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
1357 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1403 – intrusion alarm, Lake Point Pass  
1606 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.  
1824 – trespassing, W. Adams  
1835 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
1916 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1943 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
1952 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.  
2011 – vehicle lockout, Colony Ln.  
xxxx – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
2150 – property damage accident, Haggerty  
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ash Dr./Maple Dr.  
2321 – disorderly, Stonebridge Dr.

### Saturday, Feb. 7:

0003 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.  
0809 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0844 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1056 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
1434 – unattended death, Spruce Ln.  
1549 – parking complaint, Colonial/Country Walk  
1525 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1459 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Quirk  
xxxx – repossession, Anna Dr.  
1540 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1600 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.  
1610 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.  
1627 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1734 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – parking complaint, Denton Rd.  
1846 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2020 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2039 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2137 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2156 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.  
2202 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2357 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.  
Also, on this log are 130 traffic stops, 10 of which are on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 1:

1135 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.  
1725 – welfare check, Breakwater Dr.  
1902 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.  
2251 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
xxxx – assist fire dept., Breakwater Ct.

### Monday, Feb. 2:

1427 – fraud, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1725 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
2054 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 3:

0251 – assist citizen, Water Works  
0757 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.  
0823 – welfare check, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1002 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
1506 – missing person, W. Columbia Ave.  
1632 – traffic offense, Madelon/E. Huron River  
1956 – found property/child, Wildrye

### Wednesday, Feb. 4:

0906 – private property/property damage accident, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1843 – parking complaint, Third St./Main St.  
1951 – assist fire dept. Sumpter Rd.  
2147 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.  
2302 – vehicle lockout, First St.

### Thursday, Feb. 5:

1412 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1534 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.  
2253 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
xxxx – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

### Friday, Feb. 6:

1122 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
1303 – abandoned auto, S. Biggs Ave.

### Saturday, Feb. 7:

0208 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0756 – follow up by officer, Greylock  
1142 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.  
1202 – personal injury accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1451 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.  
1619 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1852 – larceny, E. Columbia Ave.  
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.  
2351 – assist other dept., Clarence St.  
There are 57 reports on this week's log, 23 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 1

0326 – citizen assist, Wyoming St.  
0616 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.  
0843 – civil matter, Delaware St.  
1041 – harassment complaint, Magnolia Dr.  
1253 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1801 – property damage accident, Clark Rd. / Willow Rd.  
1802 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1825 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1958 – property damage accident, Clark Rd. / S. Huron Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 2:

0100 – 911 hangup, Delaware St.

0152 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0532 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0637 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Arkona Rd.  
0648 – family trouble, Nevada St.  
0851 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
0920 – welfare check, Wyoming St.  
1019 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1026 – traffic complaint/hazard, Haggerty Rd. / Willis Rd.  
1053 – assault, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1243 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1427 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, out of township  
1500 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1743 – civil matter, Delaware St.

2112 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

### Tuesday, Feb. 3:

0013 alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0238 – citizen assist, Edgewood Dr.  
0855 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0950 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1043 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1115 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Willis

1252 – welfare check, Birch Dr.

1507 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

1516 – harassment complaint, 40000 bl. Wear

1828 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Oakwood

2320 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell/Wear

2328 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Harris

### Wednesday, Feb. 4:

1027 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.  
1200 – civil matter, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1319 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1509 – harassment complaint, Arizona St.  
1614 – family trouble, Oregon St.  
1704 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1838 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1904 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

### Thursday, Feb. 5:

0225 – assault, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0252 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville  
0832 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1104 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd./Willis Rd.  
1602 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Judd  
1652 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell Rd. / Willis Rd.

1735 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Willow

1946 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.

2041 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2205 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

### Friday, Feb. 6:

0604 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1028 – follow-up investigation, out of township

1201 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

1306 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1314 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1517 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

1616 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.

1618 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

1742 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

1812 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

1840 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.

2217 – juvenile matter, Magnolia Dr.

### Saturday, Feb. 7:

0043 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

0053 – citizen assist, Willis/Rawsonville

0142 – 911 hangup, Delaware St.

0159 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

1056 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.

1302 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.

1416 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1757 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.

1913 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.

2009 – mental health call, 2000 bl. Clark Rd.

Also on this week's log were 133 patrol checks, 50 traffic stops and 10 misc. details.

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# Court Watching

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Wayne County Jail, with 56 days credit for time served.

**Scott Allen James**

Scott Allen James of Van Buren Township is charged with domestic violence – third offense notice on Dec. 10 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned Dec. 12 and bond set at \$5,000/10% was posted. A probable cause conference was held Dec. 22. The preliminary exam was held Jan. 13, and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

Final conference is March 17 and jury trial April 8.

**Adrienne Marie Hill**

Adrienne Marie Hill of Redford is charged with driving with a license that was suspended, revoked, or denied and driving without security on Oct. 28, 2025 in the city of Belleville. She was scheduled to appear for remote arraignment/pretrial on Dec. 10, but she failed to appear. A show cause hearing / arraignment was set for Jan. 6. The defendant failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

**Darius Malik Fluellen**

Darius Malik Fluellen of Detroit was video arraigned in custody on Jan. 8 on a

charge of receiving and concealing stolen goods worth \$20,000 or more on Jan. 5 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$10,000/10% and it was noted he is a habitual offender/third offense.

A probable cause conference was set for Jan. 20 and a preliminary exam for Jan. 27. Defense attorney Randall Upshaw was retained, so the probable cause conference was set for Feb. 17 for discovery. Judge Martin ordered no contact of any kind with the two complaining witnesses and cannot return to Ditch Witch Sales (Howell).

**Paul Justin Dupon II**

Paul Justin Dupon II of New Boston was video-arraigned in custody on Jan. 8, 2026

on a charge of possession of a controlled substance on Jan. 6, 2023 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond of \$5,000 was set by Judge Martin.

He failed to appear for any court sessions on this charge and so a bench warrant was issued on Oct. 16, 2023.

On Jan. 8, 2026, Judge Martin set a show cause/pretrial for Jan. 22, 2026.

Dupon also was video-arraigned in custody on Jan. 8, 2026 on charges of operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup>, possession of narcotics, and driving while license suspended on June 5, 2022 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond is \$10,000 on these charges and a probable cause conference was set for Jan. 20, 2026 and he failed to appear so a warrant was issued. Preliminary exam had been set for Jan. 27, 2026. He is to have no mood-altering substances without a doctor's prescription while on this bond.

**George Samuel J. Wright**

George Samuel J. Wright of Van Buren Township is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle on Jan. 11 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on Jan. 13. Personal bond is \$5,000 and he must wear a GPS tether for location. His probable cause conference was set for Jan. 27 and preliminary exam for Feb. 3.

**Peter Lucas Potts**

Peter Lucas Potts of Van Buren Township is charged with domestic violence on Oct. 13, 2025 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned Dec. 3 and his remote pretrial set for Jan. 13. Personal bond is \$1,000. He retained an attorney and his remote pretrial was set for Feb. 10.

**Phillip Shawn Barnhart**

Phillip Shawn Barnhart, 56, of Sumpter Township was arraigned on a bench warrant by video while in custody June 6, 2023 by Judge Martin on charges of operating while intoxicated-3 and driving while license suspended on Jan. 10, 2023 in Van Buren Township. The probable cause conference was set for June 14, 2023 and then adjourned until July 12, 2023. A live exam was set for July 19, 2023. Personal bond was \$5,000.

On July 19, 2023 he pled guilty to a reduced charge of driving while intoxicated-2 and the DWLS charge was dismissed. The plea relies on him completing his outpatient substance-abuse treatment. No jail time will be required. Judge Green turned the case over to the probation department for other sentence recommendations. He failed to appear for sentencing on Oct. 10, 2023 and a bench warrant was issued.

On Oct. 21, 2025, the defendant appeared at the counter to post bond for the warrant. He was given a new date for sentencing of Dec. 9, but he failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued. He was scheduled for sentencing on Jan. 13, 2026 and a notice to appear was generated, but the post office said it was unable to deliver. On Jan. 20, a notice of non-compliance with the OWI charge was issued.



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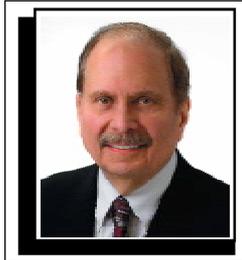
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