



BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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More than 100 people plunged into Belleville Lake on Saturday as the Special Olympics Michigan Wayne County Polar Plunge was held at the Belleville Yacht Club. The plunge raised \$56,800 for the 1,200 Wayne County Special Olympic athletes. The funds raised will help with the purchase of athletes' uniforms, equipment, and registration fees for competitions throughout the year. The plunge is a Law Enforcement Torch Run event, with help from Area 23 Wayne County, and is its largest fundraiser, according to Sue Campbell, Area 23 Director/Special Olympics Director.



VBT dive team.

Polar Plunge

Van Buren Public Schools 2024 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ADMINISTRATORS		
Frazier, Julien	\$126,694.72	\$216,778.81
Garland, Sean	\$97,229.88	\$170,317.81
Kudlak, Peter	\$170,649.97	\$297,045.17
Leroy, John	\$115,536.92	\$202,915.94
Moore, Jeffrey	\$116,009.00	\$200,821.23
Nayak, Priya	\$136,460.00	\$206,413.93
Williams, James	\$121,178.32	\$195,380.35
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS		
Duncan, Brandice	\$56,224.76	\$108,403.16
Kadri, Joumana	\$50,876.79	\$96,225.70
Leedy, Deborah	\$55,620.08	\$105,173.11
McWilliams, Debra	\$67,923.74	\$127,868.77
PRINCIPALS		
Abel, Fredrick	\$110,456.56	\$191,022.52
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$107,382.46	\$189,292.25
Crockett, Nicole	\$123,980.82	\$192,254.02
Dufrane, Nadine	\$36,957.74	\$59,722.85
Maher, Laura	\$100,753.72	\$165,472.26
Pitts, Julia	\$36,132.50	\$62,339.35
Preuss, Lisa	\$72,845.90	\$120,311.44
Ross, Rebecca	\$107,332.03	\$185,661.33
Salhaney, Jason	\$70,838.03	\$120,753.21
Walker, Chrstalyn	\$40,604.27	\$70,601.33
Wilsey, Scott	\$74,334.04	\$132,515.59
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS		
Green, Falisadoll	\$107,388.30	\$189,573.47
Roberson, Brian	\$105,745.69	\$187,320.10
Slingerland, Paula	\$101,951.30	\$181,750.89
Smith, Jean	\$17,381.76	\$27,092.83
Turner, David	\$93,673.65	\$168,036.09
White, Patrick	\$10,534.49	\$15,715.69
Williams, Lamazer	\$13,660.81	\$21,241.89
Wright, Howard	\$119,798.83	\$208,831.19
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Brodie, Joseph	\$114,029.10	\$199,589.26
BOARD MEMBERS		
Falconer, Dionne	\$570.00	\$613.61
Featheringill, Susan	\$780.00	\$839.67
Hawkins, Calvin	\$690.00	\$742.79
Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$720.00	\$775.08
Owen, Kelly	\$750.00	\$807.38
Pearce, Amy	\$750.00	\$807.38
Pinter, Simone	\$630.00	\$678.20
SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL		
Beach, Shannon	\$24,983.48	\$61,395.13
Cichowski, Jamie	\$33,785.99	\$75,410.25
Colwell, Melissa	\$32,641.21	\$59,069.55

Doty, Kelly	\$27,991.85	\$44,133.93
Floro, Jaclyn	\$39,970.95	\$62,158.70
Harris, Tammie	\$174.60	\$1,270.34
James, Kimbria	\$30,221.14	\$45,510.04
Kaba, Jessica	\$21,808.07	\$33,923.49
Kennedy, Marcia	\$36,550.40	\$75,365.89
Kiessel, Diane	\$35,226.59	\$71,833.81
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$25,378.91	\$39,722.83
Larocque, Kristine	\$41,326.54	\$63,424.26
Mahdi, Felicia	\$25,367.13	\$39,026.94
Mastrogiacomo, Erin	\$28,650.30	\$62,294.08
Mitchell, Deborah	\$31,840.27	\$48,611.43
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$29,403.60	\$50,715.53
Price, Kristin	\$3,619.54	\$5,401.06
Richards, Norma	\$38,342.13	\$67,899.97
Spicer, Beverly	\$43,387.09	\$66,192.94
Spillman, Kristine	\$41,538.03	\$72,463.50
Suvada, Kelli	\$34,470.07	\$52,572.13
Sykes, Lenore	\$40,259.35	\$71,167.98
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$38,405.45	\$78,143.75
Walker, Esther	\$29,365.05	\$46,738.01
Walker, Ladonna	\$2,391.74	\$4,211.66
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS		
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$88,420.45	\$146,517.12
Aumiller, Whitney	\$41,360.87	\$68,374.70
Barnes, Alexandra	\$52,790.35	\$81,942.64
Bateman, Nancy	\$92,836.59	\$165,940.92
Bechtel, Joshua	\$49,668.99	\$90,005.23
Beck, Julia	\$6,474.92	\$10,739.49
Belloni, Cristen	\$89,854.56	\$158,627.06
Bianchi, Pauline	\$83,253.80	\$148,119.98
Bias, Jennifer	\$73,056.19	\$132,083.19
Binert, Jill	\$80,931.41	\$148,932.31
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$101,641.16	\$157,864.00
Bongiorno, Zachary	\$53,094.95	\$102,450.80
Borowicz, Inthira	\$55,066.79	\$92,350.11
Bowman, Megan	\$5,926.64	\$12,053.86
Bradley, Pamela	\$96,057.29	\$157,797.81
Brown, Kaitlynn	\$20,241.22	\$29,592.33
Bugescu, Cristina	\$56,220.83	\$95,084.83
Burton, Deondra	\$69,045.62	\$127,594.12
Byrd, Tauna	\$92,512.57	\$143,666.68
Byrum, Sofia	\$52,976.07	\$88,730.63
Cagney, Kristine	\$33,935.90	\$53,656.03
Caprara, Thomas	\$52,031.57	\$79,339.80
Coleman, Jennifer	\$54,303.55	\$103,520.65
Cook, Sara	\$89,739.89	\$161,555.16
Courter, Katharine	\$86,219.17	\$155,702.88
Crump, Jessica	\$65,748.77	\$101,837.65
Csendes, Stephanie	\$85,740.19	\$150,918.67
Cunningham, Deborah	\$62,246.19	\$115,530.09

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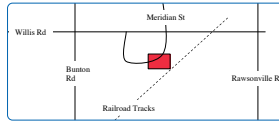
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	Base Pay	Total Compensation						
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (continued)			Mounsey, Deborah	\$64,103.18	\$102,291.75	Caver, Zaria	\$6,177.60	\$9,166.93
Dandridge, Hillary	\$18,205.91	\$30,396.97	Nadrowski, Emily	\$60,314.19	\$100,237.68	Daroci, Sydney	\$25,504.79	\$38,577.76
Dean, Calista	\$23,081.30	\$39,034.86	Nelson, Barbara	\$75,903.94	\$140,459.91	Sarnovsky, Paula	\$24,708.06	\$61,713.97
Dolan, Cynthia	\$79,727.51	\$145,170.68	Nofs, Kathleen	\$91,937.30	\$150,958.31	Tyner, Katerina	\$32,810.73	\$57,884.87
Duey, Carly	\$57,680.23	\$96,279.68	Norman, Anita	\$92,728.07	\$143,376.39	SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS		
Dybicki, Kimberley	\$92,944.11	\$144,297.75	Ober, Laura	\$92,153.08	\$151,850.24	Banning, Aubrey	\$16,987.42	\$25,078.72
Elsner, Vickie	\$87,406.20	\$157,968.01	Orlich, Carmen	\$60,562.67	\$92,244.37	Bliss, Laura	\$52,990.90	\$102,509.86
Emerson, Joelle	\$86,407.81	\$155,636.93	Parcha, James	\$86,941.21	\$158,769.13	Bonham, Audrey	\$74,010.67	\$119,437.60
Falk, Virginia	\$86,917.96	\$154,840.47	Parise, Jordan	\$51,593.69	\$79,541.09	Boulas, Erica	\$72,524.74	\$112,210.55
Fidh, Janice	\$62,964.96	\$97,489.88	Patterson, Krisite	\$65,752.17	\$101,905.20	Chie, Elizabeth	\$89,000.27	\$161,566.39
Fitzsimmons, Shelby	\$55,639.47	\$92,253.46	Pollock, Kathryn	\$19,828.33	\$32,126.45	Chrisner, Amy	\$94,511.33	\$169,011.81
Flisher, Robert	\$11,158.64	\$19,537.94	Przydzial, Karen	\$87,424.76	\$144,852.35	Conn, Joselyn	\$91,025.53	\$158,947.42
Flynn, Stacy	\$70,296.42	\$108,924.14	Puma, Lori	\$67,336.39	\$123,869.10	Cross, Samantha	\$60,057.54	\$114,189.05
Frederick, Felecia	\$65,172.45	\$123,982.91	Rafail, Melinda	\$80,495.85	\$149,370.65	Dudley, Tavis	\$60,152.27	\$91,837.69
Gandolfo, Nicole	\$65,441.91	\$107,828.95	Ray, James	\$9,204.48	\$9,908.62	Flaim, Sarah	\$55,081.56	\$92,281.37
Garden, Laurie	\$70,141.93	\$131,124.87	Rice, Jarrett	\$84,027.92	\$153,001.94	Fryске, Katie	\$74,577.19	\$138,562.84
Gillsey, Michele	\$78,504.20	\$142,914.58	Richardson, Alexandra	\$60,839.51	\$114,107.44	Gaines, Joseph	\$37,959.14	\$58,389.03
Glime, Kimberly	\$71,401.42	\$128,591.68	Roberson, Kim	\$74,472.27	\$113,161.85	Gerst, Debbie	\$86,111.54	\$152,737.60
Graves, Derrick	\$69,607.08	\$107,593.66	Rohloff, Steven	\$90,134.29	\$162,663.11	Hammond, Colleen	\$79,705.12	\$148,462.40
Griffin, Aimee	\$27,364.30	\$41,736.34	Roperti, Christine	\$80,389.52	\$149,681.46	Hura, Sadie	\$67,826.41	\$121,793.88
Guajardo, Sarah	\$37,686.84	\$56,058.61	Runyan, Jennifer	\$81,990.93	\$149,628.01	Jasman, Neva	\$54,373.85	\$105,043.40
Gyulveszi, Dena	\$79,318.89	\$120,903.88	Rupnow, Elinor	\$94,232.84	\$145,993.45	Jordan, Cindy	\$96,107.11	\$149,321.09
Harding, Angela	\$96,127.81	\$149,378.42	Russell, Staci	\$85,482.47	\$132,080.95	Lapp, Sarah	\$59,814.10	\$91,179.24
Harding, John	\$78,365.32	\$145,744.51	Ryan, Hannah	\$36,955.83	\$64,648.38	Lasenby, Felicia	\$96,010.75	\$171,766.46
Held, Brent	\$98,964.21	\$153,604.27	Ryan, Jessica	\$786.20	\$15,371.44	Miller, Blake	\$0.00	\$7,026.60
Henning, Cynthia	\$83,500.68	\$148,223.71	Sadvery, Taura	\$68,006.76	\$103,154.43	Neff, Karl	\$71,826.93	\$119,460.56
Hiner, Kathleen	\$60,451.53	\$103,278.69	Safieddine, Kari	\$69,038.40	\$124,429.74	Palmer, Andrew	\$59,862.44	\$99,003.43
Horchem, Kristin	\$82,514.10	\$150,849.81	Sanders, Leigh Anne	\$23,838.58	\$36,964.02	Parker, Maliya	\$91,637.15	\$164,857.45
Hoskins, Keyon	\$67,771.44	\$113,516.94	Scroggie, Angela	\$85,980.37	\$156,019.71	Phillips, Carey	\$13,105.09	\$21,383.30
Hough, Susan	\$53,504.76	\$81,429.52	Sheko, Teresa	\$58,186.60	\$89,067.31	Reeves, Amy	\$83,760.37	\$154,966.99
Isbell, Brooklyn	\$68,795.52	\$112,325.45	Sheridan, Jennifer	\$85,702.82	\$154,566.81	Rybicki, Tiffany	\$78,078.51	\$141,213.11
Jablinsky, David	\$70,566.47	\$115,000.09	Slayton, Alyssa	\$67,953.55	\$103,775.23	Schwartz-Olma, Jessica	\$72,144.25	\$135,163.60
Jones, Emmanuel	\$24,149.49	\$37,536.53	Smith, Christine	\$89,898.87	\$158,787.56	Simon, Rebecca	\$74,864.55	\$134,426.62
Jones, Margaret	\$59,350.68	\$98,620.60	Stanko, Brittany	\$36,635.30	\$61,240.81	Smith, Antoinette	\$50,413.38	\$79,029.12
Kapcia, Suzanne	\$92,186.82	\$159,671.63	Stanley, Tracy	\$56,587.94	\$86,531.56	Swisher, Jackie	\$68,766.56	\$128,632.61
Karaba, Melanie	\$78,091.01	\$144,310.97	Stiles, Sarah	\$79,129.49	\$131,137.95	Testorelli, Constance	\$107,286.46	\$167,551.56
Kehoe, Carrie	\$83,418.92	\$152,161.27	Stremmer, Lisa	\$48,205.54	\$98,310.69	SPECIAL ED. PARAPROS		
King, April	\$16,969.24	\$29,091.28	Sullivan, Holly	\$89,179.86	\$146,728.67	Abel, Madison	\$15,864.20	\$32,671.97
Kiser, Jessica	\$91,642.94	\$142,290.62	Sullivan, Maureen	\$67,571.04	\$113,107.59	Adams, Jennifer	\$14,555.45	\$21,276.45
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$82,959.39	\$126,231.66	Sutton, Rebecca	\$72,766.80	\$135,697.69	Ashford, Angela	\$27,425.26	\$52,081.30
Knight, Chavella	\$60,790.55	\$92,159.57	Swingle, Lisa	\$80,123.75	\$141,990.41	Babik, Abby	\$22,067.54	\$53,445.53
Komaromi, Julie	\$727.50	\$1,144.89	Tanana, Samantha	\$72,986.47	\$111,281.42	Basil, Aislinn	\$8,229.45	\$12,211.73
Kozelka, Andrew	\$54,840.37	\$92,365.34	Taylor, Sarah	\$15,157.51	\$23,690.76	Bateman, Matthew	\$6,947.10	\$10,308.81
Krings, Nicole	\$54,869.79	\$91,692.48	Tenbroeck, Jane	\$59,495.01	\$103,932.09	Battle, Stephanie	\$29,826.29	\$53,354.48
Labor, Cynthia	\$54,759.55	\$84,781.36	Tennis, Rebecca	\$88,262.49	\$159,182.05	Borgdorff, Marcia	\$28,485.23	\$42,379.94
Lang, Sarah	\$83,625.97	\$131,323.22	Tibbs, Kathleen	\$83,771.84	\$152,003.74	Brown, Jennifer	\$3,462.75	\$5,138.37
Lauer, Lisa	\$83,154.49	\$152,376.86	Trejo, Lauren	\$21,175.52	\$28,371.03	Cavins Mason, Danika	\$25,975.93	\$48,053.22
Leaym, Jillian	\$5,735.52	\$9,391.54	Underwood, Brandon	\$50,289.07	\$84,665.69	Charlesworth, Elizabeth	\$29,505.65	\$44,507.24
Levine, Jacob	\$16,522.52	\$28,251.50	Vago, Mary	\$64,894.63	\$117,737.43	Charlesworth, Tonya	\$26,315.44	\$45,208.97
Ley, Janet	\$80,700.57	\$148,264.08	Van'T Hof, Stacey	\$68,520.63	\$129,527.51	Clark, Markiea	\$3,671.72	\$5,494.75
Mahle, Courtney	\$25,488.32	\$38,096.94	Waugaman Leonard, Jennifer	\$54,727.07	\$106,692.33	Coakley, Cassandra	\$26,939.35	\$40,021.20
Mallon, Yvonne	\$89,199.92	\$138,522.41	Whitner, Cheri	\$70,118.95	\$106,791.08	Colwell, Roseanne	\$30,629.99	\$57,103.40
Mann, Melissa	\$54,802.14	\$100,077.08	Wiese, Jami	\$81,534.88	\$148,197.89	Dau, Loni	\$25,674.63	\$38,711.27
Marchello, Anthony	\$61,668.95	\$93,800.16	Williams, Danielle	\$57,894.87	\$109,407.43	Daughterity, Naautumn	\$28,313.43	\$42,515.81
Marino, Joseph	\$67,800.79	\$110,803.13	Wolf, Jennifer	\$54,710.11	\$103,602.01	Dehn, Cheri	\$33,101.03	\$49,755.77
Mastie, Vivian	\$87,996.61	\$144,900.40	Wright, Amanda	\$58,811.23	\$98,310.37	Delucca, Dianna	\$14,324.88	\$22,783.28
Mayes, Michael	\$57,016.19	\$108,699.37	Yurcak, Margaret	\$68,551.31	\$104,058.65	Dobbins, Rachel	\$3,790.68	\$5,761.74
Mccraight, Nicole	\$54,391.80	\$85,274.68	GSRP TEACHERS			Dornier, Alice	\$26,959.56	\$51,090.85
Mckenna, Lauren	\$70,715.10	\$112,502.30	Braden, Christa	\$19,235.56	\$31,937.67	Drogowski, Jennifer	\$21,833.12	\$57,895.42
Meeker, Samantha	\$63,553.31	\$118,550.54	Cavazos, Brandy	\$30,022.96	\$62,075.74	Duryea, Lalanea	\$18,195.56	\$26,700.16
Miloser, Kristine	\$98,443.03	\$152,298.61	Frederick, Kelsey	\$47,075.61	\$71,754.83	Dushane, Shirley	\$18,470.50	\$20,484.09
Moore, Jessica	\$74,891.01	\$130,119.16	Karbon, Carrie	\$33,360.54	\$52,941.80	Elkiky, Ekram	\$3,828.09	\$6,415.18
Moore, Marissa	\$57,879.84	\$92,757.37	Medvich, Jennifer	\$14,889.59	\$22,793.45	Fisher, Randall	\$31,133.69	\$57,003.62
			Nowak, Zachary	\$53,550.75	\$90,245.34	Frazier, William	\$22,577.68	\$44,994.79
			Nystrom, Meagan	\$50,603.95	\$85,096.87	Frederick, Alissa	\$36,723.62	\$55,615.14
			Pritchett, Taylor	\$50,003.19	\$93,713.29	Furman, Barbara	\$22,313.76	\$33,407.27
			Ynclan, Brianna	\$44,644.11	\$69,336.17	Gordillo, Patricia	\$26,056.64	\$49,375.94
			GSRP PARAS			Guido, Rosanna	\$19,148.42	\$38,187.51
			Baker, Brianna	\$7,959.70	\$11,920.60			

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Polar Plunge brings \$56,800 to Special Olympics athletes

As usual with the annual event, crowds mobbed the Belleville Yacht Club on Saturday to witness the 100 or so participants who voluntarily jumped into a hole carved in icy Belleville Lake to raise money for those in Special Olympics.

The huge BYC parking lot was full and additional vehicles were directed to a next-door parking area that also filled up.

The BYC clubhouse was packed with supporters, Special Olympic athletes, and jumpers. U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was there to welcome people and support the effort to raise funds for those with special intellectual needs who participate in Special Olympics in Wayne County.

This was the Wayne County Polar Plunge and it raised \$56,800 for the 1,200 Special Olympic athletes in the county, according to Sue Campbell, Motown Regional Manager for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its Special Olympics Director.

The plunge is Law Enforcement Torch Run's largest fundraising event. The money raised will help pay for uniforms, equipment, and competition registration fees for athletes throughout the year.

Many people worked to make this a success and we praise them all, including the BYC which provided its facilities, and the VBT Dive Team which prepared the plunging space in the lake the day before and kept people safe during the plunge.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I turned 88 years old on Saturday and I think the time is coming for me to retire. My health is fine, but can we depend on that to continue? It's time to find a new editor/writer before I collapse at the computer and leaving us hanging.

Before we start searching colleges for a replacement, we'd like to know if there's anyone local who would like to do the job and has some experience. It would be best if the person knew the territory.

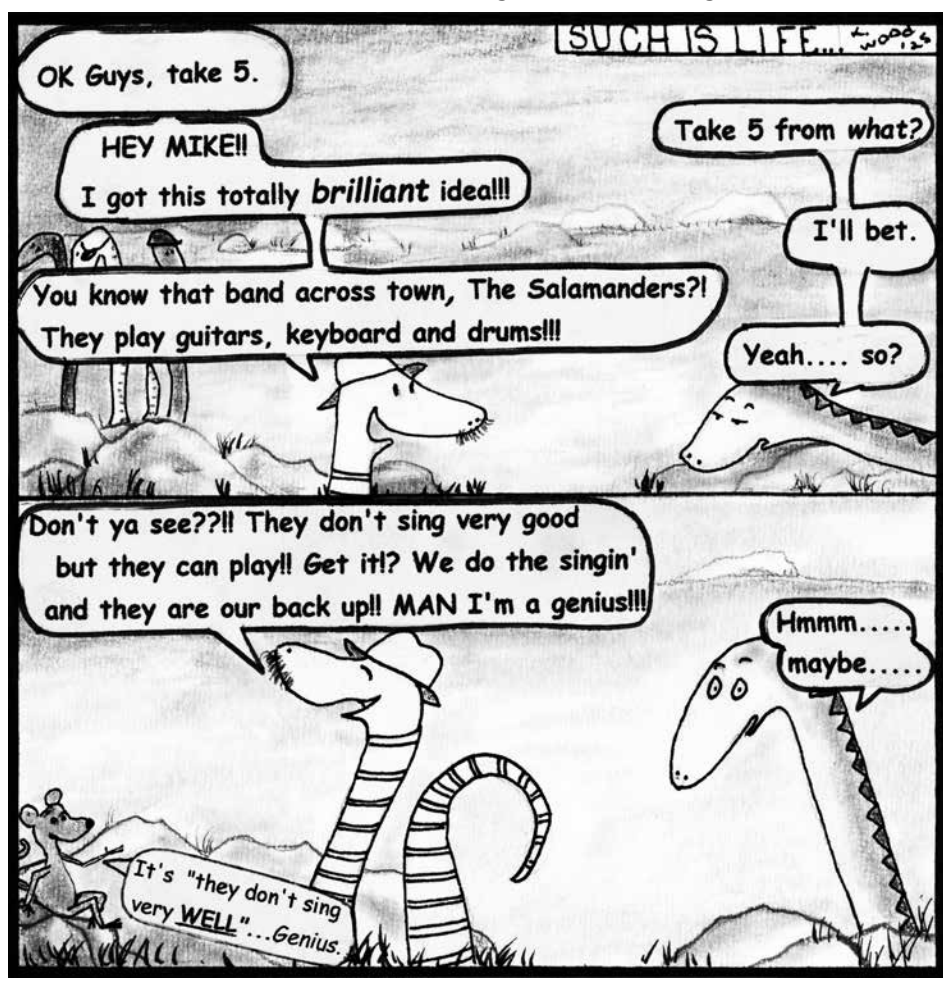
You can call me at (734) 699-9020 to set a time to come in and talk, if you like.

A beautiful, big display of flowers was delivered by Main Street Flowers to our office on Saturday morning while the *Independent* investors were meeting. It was for my birthday. Thank you to the sender.

People have been coming into our office all week to admire the blossoms, which include, among many exotic flowers, two stocks of Bells of Ireland, which my mother used to raise by the armload and take to market to sell. My college degree was paid for by growing flowers on our farm on Haggerty Road, with my mother doing most of the work and my father at his job in the steel industry - first on the hot rollers and then in management.

We also have a beautiful orange-pink amaryllis in our office that is blooming in great abundance on two stems. Each year Diane Madigan and her husband Carl send us a bulb around Christmastime, which we water and watch it grow and bloom. Each year it's a different color, but always very beautiful.

This year it took its time to bloom, probably



because it was chillier in the office with the low temperatures outside. We are just now getting the glory of its full blooming. Thank you, Diane and Carl.

Before they moved to Tennessee, Diane used to write for the *Independent* and covered many court stories. She started delivering to the 34th District Court in the early days and after they moved, my son Jim and I took over that route.

In Tennessee Diane and Carl took over the editing and preparation of the municipal salaries we print at the beginning of each year but this year were unable to do that. Jim took over that project this year.

Last Wednesday, the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission was canceled because of inclement weather. The agenda items that are sure to be placed on the Feb. 26 meeting agenda include the Pulte Homes residential development of 88 detached, single-family homes, final approval of Todd Waller's five-acre irrigation pond on Martz Road, non-compliance with an approved site plan on Schooner Drive, and setting a public hearing for the non-residential PUD Ordinance draft. Other items are sure to be added.

At the Belleville Planning Commission meeting last week, they got to talking about the new site for city hall at 330 Charles St., which was the Belleville Post Office when it was built in 1970. Commissioners asked

about parking and were told the parking lot at the site will hold 10-15 cars, which is enough for the city hall staff.

The 90+ spaces at the library/city parking lot next door will take care of people visiting city hall, they were told.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel, who was chairing the commission meeting in the absence of chairman Jim Courage, said some could park in her driveway, if space was needed. She lives across Charles Street from the city hall's new site.

She said now she walks to city meetings at the present site at Five Points in nice weather and walking across the street to the new site will be easy.

On our way to work on Monday, we had to stop abruptly on Savage Road while a herd of seven deer romped across the roadway heading north and disappeared instantly into the trees. This was in the area of Country Walk subdivision.

I sure am glad my son Jim, the driver, wasn't tuning the radio or something so he would have missed the brief alert of movement on the left that led him to stop. He has always believed that even the radio is a distraction when driving and never turns it on. There are many distractions put into the dashboards of cars these days.



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Letters

Open Arms needs your help to fill backpacks

To the editor:
 Open Arms Lutheran Church has teamed up with Tyler Elementary to provide backpacks of food on weekends to students in need.

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Dana Underwood, co-chair
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 Team Tigers

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• **Friday, Feb. 21** – Chili & Grilled Cheese, 5-7 p.m., at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$12 – all you can eat chili. Additional sandwiches can be purchased separately. Drinks can be purchased in the club room. All proceeds donated to the Ann Arbor Fisher House.

• **Friday, Feb. 21** – Bring your own sled to the 6-9 p.m. Night Slide at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr. Free hot chocolate courtesy of Van Buren Parks & Recreation.

• **Friday, Feb. 28** – Dinner, 5 p.m. until gone at the Van Buren Eagles, 3996, 9961 Beck Rd. Also, DJ/Karaoke Mix Anthony Richendollar at 7:30 p.m.

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• **Friday, Feb. 28** – Family Bingo Night at 5:45 p.m. at Van Buren Township Community Center. You can register online or at the Community Center.

• **Saturday, March 1** – Tack and Treasures Sale at the Wayne County Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds support 4-H Club.

• **Saturday, March 1** – BHS Jazz Band performs for the annual spaghetti dinner at the BHS Commons, 5-8 p.m. Spaghetti is \$15.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



Now, here is something new for the family. On Feb. 28 at 5:45 p.m. Van Buren Township will host Family Bingo Night. You can register online or at the Community Center.

Thunder Over Michigan has announced that in addition to the Blue Angels, the USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team will be at the show again this year. Should be a great event on June 21 and 22 so get your tickets now especially if you want to be in any of the special sections.

The Bake Shoppe ad for Paczki Day is in the paper today. They have great hours for you to pick up that special once-a-year treat and look at all the flavors!

Also in the paper today is the Tack and Treasures Sale at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to let Melissa know if you want to reserve a table. Mark your calendar now to attend and support the endeavors of this 4-H club.

Bring your own sled to the 2025 Night Slide on Friday, Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive. Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will have free hot chocolate, compliments of Van Buren Parks & Recreation. Dress warm!

Team Tigers from Open Arms Church is putting together backpacks with food for the weekend for students at Tyler Elementary. See their letter in the paper with suggestions of how you can help.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 3 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 4 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Monday, March 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, March 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.



- Feb. 26 – Dore Juchartz
- Feb. 27 – Gerald McKelvey, Hailey Wood
- Feb. 28 – Kristen England, Cevin Brown

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(June 9, 1971 – February 6, 2025)
Age 53 of Roseville, died at the home of his mother Pat Reynold in Romulus, where she was taking care of him. He graduated from Romulus High School in 1989 and worked as a professional welder in Macomb County.

JUDITH 'JUDY' HIGGINS
(September 14, 1952 – February 10, 2025)
Age 72. Survived by children Jamie Moore, Amanda Wisniewski, Carla Higgins, Shawna Kysar, Jeffrey Kysar; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Elliot Sala

ELLIOT SALA

(April 22, 1939 – February 14, 2025)
Elliot Sala, Sr., age 85, passed away Friday, February 14, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born April 22, 1939, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Emil and Emma (Chizmar) Sala. He was a graduate of Belleville High School class of 1957 and obtained a master's degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. Elliot went on to teach high school physics and math as well as coach girls' basketball. He loved golf and enjoyed selling antiques in his spare time. Elliot was a member of the National Guard. Above all Elliot loved and cherished his children and grandchildren. Elliot is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeannie Sala of Ypsilanti, MI; his children Elliot Sala, Jr., and Kristine (David) Atwood both of Ypsilanti, MI; grandchildren Sarah and Jeffrey, both of Ypsilanti, MI; brother David Sala of Canton, MI; and cousin Joannie of Sumpter Township, MI; as well as many other nieces, nephews and cousins. He was loved and will be missed greatly.

Elliot was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Eugene and Edward Sala. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, with a 12:00 p.m. Funeral Service, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. An entombment will take place at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI afterwards. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.davidcbrownfh.com

DEBBIE EMILEE SMITH

(February 22, 1941 – February 11, 2025)
Age 83 of Van Buren Township. Survived by sons Pascal Smith, Jr. and Kenneth Smith; grandchildren Debbie, Pascal III, Joshua; brother Eugene Rose. Private interment in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Elizabeth Ann
LaChance

ELIZABETH ANN LaCHANCE

(July 1, 1943 – January 29, 2025)
Elizabeth Ann LaChance, 81, a resident of Belleville for forty years, passed away on January 29, 2025, after complications from a fall. Elizabeth was born on July 1, 1943, to Alison Groves and Milton LaChance in Highland Park, Michigan. As an only child, she was especially loved by her parents. She worked at General Electric Carbology Systems Department in Detroit until an illness made her unable to ever work again. Always fiercely independent, she made an amazing recovery. Elizabeth, sometimes affectionately called Lizzie, joined Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville in 1999. She soon volunteered to arrange the altar flowers and did so continuously for eighteen years.

She was predeceased by her parents, grandparents Alison Hamilton and William Groves, and her beloved Aunt Margaret Armstrong. Elizabeth is survived by many friends at Trinity Episcopal Church, numerous caring neighbors, and loving cousins who grew up considering her as an older sister. Cousins Alison Posinski and Bart Foster of Cincinnati, Ohio were especially helpful to Elizabeth during the past few years. Close friends included Marilyn, Don and Megan Daniels; Kathy, Jamie and Chrissy Graham; and Pat and Gary Marshall.

Cremation has taken place. Elizabeth's celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 3, at Trinity Episcopal Church. Her final resting place will be in the Trinity Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Trinity Episcopal Church Altar Guild would be appreciated.



Michael Henry
Killingbeck

MICHAEL HENRY KILLINGBECK

(May 27, 1939 – February 15, 2025)
Michael Henry Killingbeck, age 85, of Canton passed away at Hampton Manor of Van Buren on Saturday, February 15, 2025, under the care of St. Croix Hospice. His passing was preceded by his parents and five siblings: Edgar A. Killingbeck, Edah (Schmiede) Killingbeck, Walter B. Killingbeck, Mary Lou Stabenow, William Killingbeck, and Nancy Lee Moore. To cherish his memory he leaves his beloved wife of 64 years, Barbara J. Killingbeck of Canton; two children, Lisa (Bryan) Lapko of Canton and Michael W. (Gayle) Killingbeck of Fenton; a brother, Bryan Killingbeck of Romulus; five grandchildren, Paige (Nate) Hamilton, Abigail Killingbeck, Michael G. Killingbeck, Elaina Lapko, and Hannah Lapko (Joshua Morrocco); and one great-grandchild, Van Charles Hamilton, with one on the way, Valerie Rose Hamilton. Arrangements by Merkle Funeral Service, www.merklefs.com.

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Sumpter Township Police Dept. earns MLEAC accreditation

At the Feb. 11 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Eric Luke announced that the police department has achieved accredited status from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Luke, who is Sumpter's public safety director/police chief, said the announcement was made following a hearing in Grand Rapids on Feb. 4.

"We are now one of only 90 accredited agencies out of Michigan's 571 law enforcement agencies," he said.

He said accreditation is a progressive and proven method that helps agencies enhance their overall performance and service. The foundation of this program is adoption and compliance with 108 professional standards that articulate clear professional objectives.

Chief Luke said under these 108 standards, there are many subcategories for which Sumpter Police, as an agency, had to provide evidence of compliance. This evidence demonstrated adherence to the established standards.

"Achieving accreditation status is a significant professional milestone," the department posted on its Facebook page. "It recognizes our implementation of

policies and procedures that reflect best practices in law enforcement. This process has also enabled us to better serve our community, reduce risk and liability for both our officers and the department, and strengthen the trust and reputation we hold with the community.

"The MLEAC accreditation program encourages continuous improvement, accountability, and transparency within the law enforcement profession. Our department is committed to maintaining this as we begin the path of re-accreditation in three years," the posting said.

"We are incredibly proud of our department and extend our gratitude to accreditation manager Sergeant Brian Seffani and assistant accreditation manager Captain Patrick Gannon for their dedication and outstanding work towards this achievement," Luke said at the meeting.

Van Buren Township Police was accredited in 2022. Also accredited in this area are Huron Township and Romulus city police.

Canton Township Police Department in 2007 received full accreditation from the international Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This must be re-certified every 3 years.

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• **Friday, Feb. 21** – Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Detroit Edison, 7 p.m. (Senior Player Night)

• **Tuesday, Feb. 25** – Girls JV Basketball, KLAACrossover, 5:30 p.m.

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The Van Buren Eagles #3996 at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, is presenting its St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. (or until gone) on Monday, March 17.

Menu is corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rutabagas, bread and butter. Cost is \$15. There is live entertainment and a cash bar. Open to the public.

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District Library board hires law firm to review settlement on penal fines

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After much discussion on the penal fine problem, at its Feb. 11 meeting the Belleville Area District Library board voted unanimously to hire attorney G. Hans Rentrop from Adkinson, Need, Allen, & Rentrop of Bloomfield Hills to work toward a solution to the miscalculated

penal fines.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy was ill and unable to attend the meeting, but she recommended Rentrop, who has experience working in library and municipal law.

Deputy Library Director Hilary Savage, filling in at the meeting for Director Suchy, said the same firm represents libraries in Romeo, Oak Park, and Commerce Township libraries.

In December, the Belleville library was informed it has been paid \$139,087.48 too much in court penal fines over the last ten years and needed to pay it back. The problem was that the Wayne County Treasurer's office had been using the wrong percentages.

The Library of Michigan had reported in January that the majority of libraries in Wayne County expressed an interest in working as a group toward a solution to the fines miscalculated by the Wayne County Treasurer's office.

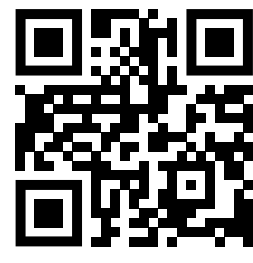
Now, the Library of Michigan has indicated it will take no additional action relating to the fines. It gave the impacted libraries the contact information for the Wayne County Treasurer's office and encouraged libraries to consult with their attorneys.

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District Library

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The initial retainer fee for Rentrop is \$1,500, with additional hourly rates at \$225 to \$295, depending on which attorney does the work.

Board president Sharon Peters said the Library of Michigan is kind of bowing out, but encouraged each library to have its own counsel instead of all of them banding together, she said.

"We didn't do anything wrong," said board member Dan Fleming, noting it was unfair to have to spend money on an attorney when it was the county that made the mistake.

President Peters said the board voted in January to engage in the dialogue with the state. She said some libraries don't owe and some do.

"Mary Jo [Suchy] knows the details

well," said Peters of the absent director. "But we don't want this to be libraries fighting libraries."

Board member Joy Cichewicz said the board has the money to just pay the penal fine amount back, but, "we want to make sure this doesn't happen again ... There's an issue behind that."

Also, Peters said some libraries said the numbers in the packet released weren't accurate.

She said director Suchy recommended hiring this firm and her recommendation is respected.

"We're running well and have the wherewithal to do this," she said.

"This is the first step," said vice-president Linda Priest. She said the attorney will give monthly statements.

"I hope there's some way to reimburse us," Fleming added.

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District Library

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Peters agreed, saying the attorney can see what can be done with the county, where the problem seems to be.

She said the local libraries didn't have the formula the county used.

"I sense the reluctance on the part of the board because we didn't do anything wrong," Peters said.

"It might require a lawsuit to get our money back," said treasurer Tanya Stoudemire.

After the motion passed, Peters said, "The concerns of our board are noted."

In other business at the 90-minute meeting, the board:

- Was advised that library assistant Nikki Pickeral will be support staff for Suchy at every upcoming library board meeting to help with the video recording of the session for posting online. Peters said Suchy had to crawl around under the board table at the last meeting to fix the camera and the meeting, which was to start with Judge Lisa Martin swearing in the newly elected board members, was delayed because of that;

- Accepted the quote of up to \$37,787 from O'Neal Construction for the acquiring and installing the public bathroom automated door openers. This will come out of the Capital Fund budget. The quote is lower than the original quote of \$49,200 for the work. It's about \$5,000 each for six bathroom doors, plus up to \$1,800 for drywall and paint repairs. This is to allow for easy access by wheelchairs, strollers, and walkers. New board member Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith asked why the doors weren't installed when the building was first built. Peters said there were some things the board had to cut to fit the budget at that time;

- Learned Matt Ratzow of O'Neal Construction is working to secure quotes for a vape detection system for the bathrooms;

- Was advised the library received the most recent Detroit Suburban Library Roundtable salary survey results and this will be given to the personnel committee to review the salary range recommendations

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A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. All questions by interested bidders are to be raised at this time.

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Sumpter Township clerk says 10 voting tabulators need replacement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Clerk Don LaPorte told the township board at its regular meeting on Feb. 11 that he has found ten voting tabulators need replacement by Dominion, who will give the township \$1,000 back on each of its tabulators it replaces.

He said the total will be from \$50,000 to \$60,000 to upgrade the voting hardware.

He said there were issues at the last election and Sumpter had to borrow equipment from the city of Detroit to

complete the election.

"I'm sure they didn't give their best to us, but it worked," he said.

When Trustee Tim Rush asked if the township could get bids from others besides Dominion to see if they could get the equipment for less and "more bang for the buck", Clerk LaPorte said the township is currently under contract with Dominion. He said that contract was signed before he came into office.

LaPorte said he would look into the contract closely before proceeding.

"We need a fair and accurate election every time," LaPorte stressed.

In other business at the 35-minute meeting on Feb. 11, the board:

- Bowled their heads as Jeremiah Williams offered a prayer to begin the meeting;
- Approved the police towing and impound yard agreement with J&T Crova;
- Approved a cost of \$1,300 for deputy clerk Samantha Herman to attend the MiAMC (Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks) basic class from March 16;
- Approved the employment agreement with Debbie Nogle, Human Resources Specialist;
- Removed from the agenda the hiring of Sarah Finch as finance director at a base salary of \$100,000;
- Approved an addition to the Pentura Playscape feature in Graham Park for 2-5 year olds and disable children at a cost of \$66,961 to be paid from both Capital Projects and Parks & Rec. funds, at a split of \$33,480.50 each;
- Approved the discounted bid from Vigilante Security for the replacement and monthly monitoring of the township facilities' security and fire alarm systems at a total cost of \$78,833.25 and monthly monitoring at \$971.10 to be paid from Capital Projects funds. Treasurer Bart Patterson voted no without explanation and Trustee Rush recused himself from the vote, without further comment;

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A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. All questions by interested bidders are to be raised at this time.

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By Kelly Boelter

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			Duda-Osborne, Susan	\$54,632.44	\$108,346.29	Tucker, Andrew	\$88,425.24	\$159,665.56
			Fordice, Paige	\$67,676.95	\$110,651.07	Turner, Savannah	\$39,546.33	\$60,673.26
			Franks, Ryan	\$66,160.71	\$102,663.10	Villa, Samuel	\$96,426.20	\$156,020.88
			Fransen, Mark	\$56,041.97	\$110,935.46	Watkins, Aaron	\$75,082.62	\$138,511.98
			Garland, Jennifer	\$103,528.19	\$160,830.57	Webb, Jordan	\$57,771.75	\$88,318.16
			Gearns, Michael	\$81,299.31	\$148,358.05	Whitehouse, Kyle	\$17,833.36	\$26,713.02
			Given, Angela	\$84,262.41	\$151,837.95	Whitmire, Stacey	\$84,532.26	\$131,218.37
			Gray, Anitress	\$81,541.24	\$144,390.71	Wiemer, Jeffrey	\$62,899.86	\$116,580.45
			Griffin, Satonyia	\$23,700.87	\$43,696.29	Williams, Latoya	\$81,831.49	\$135,542.72
			Haisma, Kaylee	\$70,927.27	\$116,139.93	Wroblewski, Kevin	\$64,204.62	\$97,966.88
			Hale, Kayla	\$67,858.37	\$122,053.34	Zelenick, Conner	\$57,883.07	\$96,949.36
			Hanaka, Tamara	\$72,890.38	\$135,550.38	SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS		
			Harding, Peyton	\$61,408.55	\$92,853.35	Kuehnel, Teresa	\$2,030.00	\$2,185.30
			Hickman, Donal	\$90,028.99	\$162,133.47	Riggs, Constance	\$13,641.25	\$14,684.81
			Hill, Shannon	\$79,537.41	\$148,314.65	OTHER PROFESSIONALS		
			Hoepfner, Ronald	\$85,047.02	\$153,558.97	Adelmann, Jessica	\$99,919.66	\$155,093.51
			Holt, Chloe	\$54,878.55	\$83,478.28	Bargardi, Kimberly	\$86,788.04	\$158,424.22
			Hopewell-Hatcher, Marva	\$66,088.13	\$102,769.69	Buhro, Stacey	\$68,600.31	\$114,959.58
			Hosman, Marcus	\$102,782.43	\$159,437.33	Campbell, Olivia	\$62,322.47	\$104,041.24
			Howard, Adam	\$67,750.77	\$111,120.47	Clouse, Casie	\$27,500.04	\$41,264.49
			Irelan, Nicole	\$93,102.15	\$166,368.12	Cobbs, Amber	\$56,523.97	\$95,376.00
			Jager, Rachel	\$93,199.04	\$167,255.57	Crane, Sarah	\$69,052.58	\$127,378.59
			Johnson, Shanna	\$65,798.08	\$108,305.82	Duryea, Tara	\$61,867.78	\$96,248.84
			Kidder, Cori	\$103,923.68	\$161,400.42	Gibson, Jonathan	\$61,401.31	\$99,877.79
			Koscielny, Matelyn	\$56,662.90	\$104,185.01	Hatcher, Rachael	\$97,591.41	\$148,256.49
			Lang, Aaron	\$96,694.85	\$173,503.46	Hiller, Lori	\$92,942.74	\$162,661.51
			Linzell, Melissa	\$99,044.25	\$176,832.33	Kolomitz, Marisa	\$49,602.03	\$82,528.76
			Lominac, Alisha	\$27,666.68	\$41,232.33	Lafave Feldman, Karen	\$11,134.78	\$19,666.39
			Mackie, Peter	\$87,712.59	\$160,136.10	Libs, Theresa	\$62,940.29	\$107,294.88
			Mair, Matthew	\$18,660.16	\$37,396.28	Lott, Rachel	\$86,727.73	\$141,034.88
			Matelski, Trisha	\$30,443.36	\$45,379.44	Martell, Erin	\$24,613.16	\$46,140.35
			Mcgraw, Carina	\$0.00	\$18,284.52	McLeod, Chinetta	\$76,089.98	\$138,438.05
			Melo-Ferreira, Iansa	\$49,901.54	\$75,357.05	Neuhart, Jill	\$48,327.01	\$75,408.81
			Miller, Faith	\$17,901.23	\$27,614.47	Parise, Rebecca	\$86,916.67	\$132,083.17
			Mills, Andrew	\$80,764.33	\$130,898.79	Plumb, Jacqueline	\$86,727.45	\$132,314.83
			Miloser, Marc	\$77,640.55	\$121,019.59	Rosenblum, Sydney	\$15,806.94	\$23,880.11
			Morelli, Karen	\$23,951.44	\$44,114.34	Slusher, Amber	\$89,821.56	\$161,682.12
			Mulvey, Katelyn	\$72,012.09	\$109,331.65	Taylor, Cassidy	\$67,306.36	\$124,972.79
			Munoz, Anthony	\$0.00	\$1,171.10	Taylor, Rachel	\$11,826.88	\$19,216.54
			Murray, Matthew	\$66,267.01	\$125,374.44	Taylor Dawson, Tishanna	\$64,070.39	\$97,670.28
			Musser, Michael	\$99,594.25	\$176,546.50	Westover, Brooke	\$62,819.18	\$104,754.23
			Mynarcik, Nicolas	\$60,208.80	\$100,530.80	PSYCHOLOGIST		
			Mysliwicz, Kris	\$83,052.20	\$150,660.92	Acomb, Andrea	\$90,305.30	\$148,696.72
			Napthen, Marcus	\$86,633.61	\$132,754.22	Carver, Logan	\$26,055.24	\$43,063.17
			Nault, Andrea	\$59,924.06	\$92,842.68	Reid, Glen	\$63,423.11	\$105,596.55
			Newman, Allyson	\$93,625.78	\$153,649.50	Tappin, Sydney	\$91,070.73	\$146,046.84
			Oliva, Sydney	\$57,337.87	\$96,124.56	GUIDANCE		
			Otter, Craig	\$17,695.30	\$32,110.39	Allen, Willie	\$24,979.40	\$37,506.50
			Peebles, Tina	\$68,935.21	\$124,732.56	Currie, Shahna	\$93,078.39	\$153,499.71
			Petersmark, Ryan	\$60,850.55	\$100,673.27	Frentner, Judy	\$14,766.69	\$15,896.34
			Phillips, Derek	\$85,457.43	\$133,173.16	Kellum, Benson	\$78,764.20	\$120,151.71
			Ploucha, Anthony	\$41,951.19	\$64,572.29	Moore, Susan	\$85,441.87	\$153,714.44
			Porambo, Nicholas	\$57,005.19	\$95,597.82	Nelson-Molnar, Jaime	\$53,009.99	\$105,576.91
			Radcliff, Jessica	\$58,033.53	\$111,157.21	Robinson, Kelli	\$69,446.73	\$126,656.03
			Radwood, Karen	\$80,677.13	\$143,638.38	Romak, Jessica	\$84,031.30	\$152,788.86
			Rembert, Tashana	\$52,492.91	\$81,027.80	Sweets, Jacob	\$87,235.92	\$143,746.22
			Rivers, Eric	\$80,246.19	\$132,924.79	Turner, Likina	\$31,292.11	\$46,642.31
			Rumfelt, Tracy	\$69,935.80	\$117,190.38	SKILLED TRADE		
			Said, Ryan	\$71,487.43	\$117,568.30	Gray, Ryan	\$81,805.70	\$148,294.66
			Scicluna, Devin	\$51,570.63	\$98,743.29	Schneider, Zachary	\$52,065.22	\$79,484.18
			Searles, Raquel	\$44,488.43	\$78,603.93	Weick, Joseph	\$13,328.30	\$14,511.71
			Slingerland, Heather	\$85,343.74	\$138,771.82	TECHNICIANS		
			Small, Betty	\$66,977.76	\$122,290.17	Alakhrass, Hussein	\$28,722.56	\$43,869.78
			Snoes Clinton, Elizabeth	\$60,315.43	\$116,078.46	Cornell, William	\$6,720.00	\$10,395.86
			Sprague, Andrea	\$92,676.50	\$151,957.14	Delgado, Herbert	\$62,595.00	\$112,440.44
			Stamm, Bonnie	\$92,356.53	\$152,539.66	Garcia, Amilio	\$54,280.08	\$82,465.66
			Stetzenmeyer, Anthony	\$76,168.75	\$124,175.84	Gasper, Courtney	\$43,935.18	\$66,729.55
			Stokes, Joshua	\$44,168.02	\$72,317.35	Kabore, Eric	\$55,669.96	\$85,124.23
			Strzalkowski, Jason	\$90,783.43	\$163,973.46	<i>(continued on page 16)</i>		

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TECHNICIANS (continued)			Swank, Beverly	\$25,109.95	\$37,379.44	Shankle, Cheryl	\$17,789.91	\$27,312.01
Kennedy, Caleb	\$62,433.92	\$113,060.77	Thorn, Julia	\$24,051.24	\$43,197.19	Snyder, Jacob	\$5,090.60	\$7,566.55
Rupnow, Jay	\$16,628.32	\$24,937.11	Turner, Jonathan	\$2,440.76	\$3,621.84	Spitzley, Annette	\$20,524.00	\$31,925.63
LIBRARY/AV STAFF			Vealey, Daniel	\$48,366.67	\$95,383.97	Suggs, Tosha	\$18,014.78	\$27,965.92
Halliday, Stefanie	\$29,198.43	\$54,828.16	Waldroop, Holly	\$49,392.89	\$99,376.59	Tackett, Rebecca	\$7,546.08	\$11,644.75
Richards, Jonathan	\$71,182.16	\$133,624.16	Watson, Matthew	\$11,180.37	\$16,590.56	Trussell, James	\$19,393.03	\$30,242.48
Rupnow, Brian	\$59,029.80	\$113,386.55	Whitlock, Trevor	\$67,893.96	\$119,531.22	Turner, Consuello	\$34,837.06	\$53,988.52
STUDENT WORKERS			Wilson, Lawanda	\$46,435.73	\$70,310.93	Vanuden, Jessica	\$2,742.07	\$4,068.96
Beasley Jr., Ricky	\$2,374.99	\$2,556.68	Witcher, Anthony	\$41,309.41	\$62,036.28	Walters, Michelle	\$27,715.78	\$50,979.17
Borders, Hannah	\$2,917.35	\$3,140.53	Zammar, Fouad	\$1,717.30	\$2,548.31	Washington, Katherine	\$25,655.43	\$47,837.45
Brown, Sean	\$1,587.69	\$1,709.15	Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$26,986.01	\$63,693.20	Weatherspoon, Angela	\$19,156.77	\$30,081.83
Clark, Morgan	\$1,787.62	\$1,924.37	BUS AIDES			Weddington, Ashley	\$809.84	\$1,185.92
Coffey Ali, Imani	\$1,565.04	\$1,684.76	Belanger, Deborah	\$31,825.59	\$56,813.89	Woodard Rumbley, Valexus	\$5,804.67	\$8,668.42
Drogowski, Lauren	\$2,859.50	\$3,078.25	Biles, Doris	\$24,628.67	\$37,045.30	Wright, Zhanae	\$8,292.62	\$12,795.32
Folks, Kaitlyn	\$1,782.34	\$1,918.69	Bodden, Donna	\$34,766.48	\$52,632.22	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE		
Hancock, Izabel	\$3,390.69	\$3,650.08	Bond, Bentonja	\$27,237.15	\$41,081.35	Aguilar, Jose	\$29,365.97	\$44,754.47
Harris, Braylon	\$3,774.67	\$4,063.43	Bragg Carey, Angela	\$1,422.88	\$2,111.41	Bailey, Terry	\$41,808.69	\$73,100.93
Hickman, Brooke	\$3,199.46	\$3,444.22	Cetnarowski, Richard	\$0.00	\$655.20	Cetnarowski II, Richard	\$48,857.38	\$84,374.66
Ibrahim, Fawz	\$2,317.92	\$2,495.24	Chance, Brenda	\$3,201.73	\$3,908.78	Charlton, Sarah	\$34,228.70	\$52,232.46
Jenkins, Jalen	\$2,805.91	\$3,020.57	Collier, Matthew	\$1,974.66	\$2,930.20	Daggett, Sheila	\$74,715.56	\$116,124.75
Mckinzie, William	\$1,941.92	\$2,090.48	Conner, Darlene	\$9,723.99	\$14,821.91	Dalton, Jennifer	\$44,618.37	\$77,829.68
Morgan, Ella	\$1,536.50	\$1,654.04	Ellison, Sheila	\$39,003.93	\$69,653.36	Dotson, Michael	\$44,517.05	\$87,003.38
Osborne, Carli	\$1,970.46	\$2,121.20	Freeman, Bertha	\$37,438.97	\$56,058.38	Dubisky, Daryl	\$46,988.17	\$92,611.70
Porterfield, Emma	\$1,629.19	\$1,753.82	Hawkins, Vivian	\$25,139.96	\$37,809.14	Fahey, Anita	\$27,030.80	\$41,258.87
Spicer, Amber	\$2,034.52	\$2,190.16	Jordan, Priscilla	\$32,999.02	\$49,714.99	Goodman, Joseph	\$52,034.79	\$104,558.52
Tubbs, Kaden	\$622.10	\$669.69	Kaur, Satinder	\$1,753.96	\$2,602.70	Gravel, Ronald	\$47,330.41	\$71,219.32
BUS DRIVERS			Lange, Holly	\$29,487.50	\$44,515.31	Hayre, Andrea	\$46,180.16	\$79,949.85
Adams, Stephen	\$5,676.64	\$8,587.38	Lesniak, Sharon	\$29,400.27	\$44,877.67	Lampinen, Norman	\$59,364.61	\$112,306.91
Adkins, Denise	\$27,602.75	\$33,726.31	Market, Brier	\$30,304.66	\$46,233.68	Linton, Dawn	\$43,464.68	\$77,471.18
Bailey-Ivan, Valerie	\$27,788.84	\$29,914.69	Rankin, Candace	\$28,139.47	\$42,023.08	Liverance, Ashley	\$37,805.47	\$73,610.76
Baker, Jamie	\$46,325.77	\$96,913.08	Rhodes, Samuel	\$29,677.28	\$44,591.17	Martinez, Gregory	\$14,349.79	\$26,968.82
Bernardy, Mary	\$46,061.97	\$87,751.03	Sandhu, Davender	\$16,932.86	\$35,225.01	Maus, Michael	\$40,209.45	\$79,847.21
Brundage Forrest, Angela	\$3,159.00	\$4,687.65	Serra, Richard	\$38,594.61	\$58,346.79	Mayer, Carrie	\$6,087.90	\$9,392.94
Calvert, Emily	\$58,056.21	\$106,978.55	Sinclair, Deborah	\$38,512.05	\$58,741.84	Mayes Jr., Deon	\$46,093.87	\$70,052.23
Cooper, Lori Ann	\$15,601.66	\$23,002.65	Swank, Amanda	\$15,434.62	\$23,824.69	Mcgee, Deanca	\$41,643.72	\$72,816.05
Crimes, Devontae	\$22,827.61	\$38,503.82	Tharpe, Annette	\$12,786.63	\$19,506.14	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$53,738.47	\$90,802.48
Cummings, Heather	\$41,299.41	\$78,683.02	Wakefield, Michael	\$55,741.77	\$95,039.55	Meads, Anthony	\$16,836.92	\$25,977.91
Desilets, Noreen	\$50,719.97	\$77,260.61	Watson, Justin	\$1,912.32	\$2,862.12	Miller, Autumn	\$42,947.70	\$74,368.71
Dickson, Tonyetta	\$8,157.15	\$12,028.52	Watson, Tracy	\$1,500.03	\$1,749.78	Mitchell, Eric	\$63,138.43	\$105,691.85
Dickson, Tonyetta	\$8,157.15	\$12,028.52	Wohlfeil, Tiffany	\$22,401.09	\$34,053.46	Moore, Hannah	\$38,645.85	\$59,002.61
Foscolo, Kathrine	\$29,640.82	\$50,193.01	SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDES			Morin, Felecia	\$38,185.18	\$67,242.26
Foster, Coretta	\$42,363.96	\$73,808.80	Atchison, Doris	\$26,400.11	\$39,876.78	Morin, Joshua	\$39,156.84	\$60,295.21
Fraday, Bryanna	\$15,206.09	\$30,161.23	Mclaughlin, Kelsie	\$8,039.46	\$12,225.48	Morin, Vicky	\$41,528.76	\$63,219.30
Francis Jr., Larry	\$52,550.36	\$80,513.35	Mcquade, Aaron	\$2,345.60	\$3,621.81	Ochs, Chrystal	\$4,845.28	\$10,191.00
Freeman, Martez	\$10,881.89	\$16,224.81	Morgan, Brenda	\$4,763.38	\$7,068.38	Osborne, Thomas	\$53,637.82	\$82,790.98
Gering, Heather	\$6,599.54	\$11,233.76	Sage, Stacy	\$963.63	\$1,429.93	Peifer, Steven	\$44,630.65	\$78,007.22
Gohl, Susan	\$20,962.38	\$51,686.27	Shauan Loucks, Tonya	\$9,694.40	\$14,906.04	Renton, Dale	\$47,568.96	\$90,297.71
Grzych, Lorrie	\$6,170.03	\$21,760.04	SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER			Roberts, Joshua	\$38,272.34	\$69,374.61
Hargrove, Katina	\$43,382.12	\$64,614.57	Johnson, Fidelia	\$194.81	\$301.38	Roebuck, Austin	\$13,497.11	\$20,286.12
Harris, Leslie	\$18,290.74	\$27,800.93	LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISORS			Roebuck, Bret	\$51,196.35	\$78,161.08
Haverlock, Carrie	\$36,691.73	\$64,016.06	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$7,964.67	\$12,316.10	Rupnow, Cole	\$57,979.88	\$88,246.60
Hawkes, Heather	\$19,411.26	\$28,603.14	Knowlton, Amber	\$4,315.50	\$6,659.01	Satchel, Dion	\$43,741.73	\$75,478.82
Hobson, Marquis	\$44,866.87	\$68,516.53	FOOD SERVICE			Sattler, Kimberly	\$66,749.54	\$111,941.18
Hunt, Paula	\$38,995.34	\$78,039.98	Baker, Florence	\$15,323.41	\$23,384.95	Schulz, David	\$53,640.42	\$101,551.45
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$55,439.60	\$84,245.01	Brooks, Carolyn	\$27,649.11	\$50,623.75	Severin, Harley	\$50,257.37	\$86,136.31
Johnson, Andre	\$40,374.50	\$70,891.18	Chandler, Kaci	\$17,731.26	\$27,068.30	Sharp, Devin	\$40,153.17	\$71,139.74
Key, Janet	\$302.42	\$2,261.66	Chartier, Diane	\$20,885.32	\$31,726.08	Signorelli, Michael	\$28,969.16	\$31,185.30
Keys, Franklin	\$25,524.63	\$39,437.94	Dickens, Tildon	\$4,634.00	\$7,043.61	Story, Gary	\$11,930.68	\$17,593.13
Laginess, Deseree	\$63,632.06	\$95,602.48	Farr, Sarah	\$22,003.28	\$33,099.63	Taylor, Cassandra	\$5,737.55	\$8,862.21
Lamar, Vanessa	\$43,175.72	\$65,136.39	Gladstone, Karen	\$4,668.15	\$6,939.70	Taylor, Jack	\$3,463.36	\$8,079.26
Marshall, Donna	\$5,206.36	\$7,694.15	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$24,437.79	\$45,867.34	Thorn, Steven	\$43,540.83	\$74,820.98
Martin, Dana	\$48,904.21	\$76,628.51	Hanes, Gail	\$30,552.07	\$47,031.82	Wegienka, Matthew	\$42,581.34	\$73,247.08
Marton, Amy	\$31,663.21	\$56,104.59	Harden, Nynier	\$20,204.03	\$31,709.43	Wegienka, Richard	\$12,031.13	\$18,642.42
Maschat, Cynthia	\$50,891.61	\$77,130.01	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$17,108.83	\$26,491.90	Whigham, Romeo	\$8,251.43	\$13,248.99
Merrihew, Nancy	\$26,016.14	\$53,331.57	Jenson, Iris	\$17,118.97	\$26,797.25	SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN		
Osak, Megan	\$35,940.45	\$54,017.62	Johnson, Debra	\$17,948.47	\$27,816.04	Blankenship, Laura	\$483.65	\$647.50
Palmer, Martisha	\$1,729.37	\$2,566.22	Jones, Stephanie	\$17,403.36	\$27,480.59	NON-AFFILIATED		
Porter, Beverly	\$3,861.96	\$6,700.63	Marttila, Diane	\$23,704.63	\$54,920.95	Anderson, Terri	\$36,016.50	\$54,860.05
Reinhard, Dianna	\$31,730.73	\$57,948.38	Mauro, Cheryl	\$17,897.99	\$35,668.45	Banks, Elizabeth	\$80,380.63	\$142,641.46
Roberts, Sequoir	\$36,314.94	\$54,389.28	Mcewen, Shelly	\$17,542.41	\$26,627.48	Bates, Michael	\$87,608.16	\$133,817.98
			Meimaridis, Melissa	\$11,214.32	\$17,302.25	Boykin, Serena	\$38,411.72	\$59,179.94
			Moore, Alganett	\$13,658.72	\$21,148.84	Brown, Tyan	\$33,958.91	\$52,039.81
			Muirhead, Jun	\$19,052.43	\$29,498.38	Cast, John	\$24,901.06	\$37,366.16
			Parris, Janet	\$18,916.37	\$29,352.16	Cornell, Jennifer	\$55,434.76	\$84,662.49
			Ronquillo, Kathleen	\$17,895.72	\$27,655.10			

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NON-AFFILIATED (continued)		
Dagnillo, Haylee	\$10,166.64	\$15,246.69
Darty, Mychal	\$49,138.78	\$97,564.02
English, Stacy	\$17,349.28	\$26,072.18
Epperson, Ann	\$63,182.36	\$120,944.80
Freda, Dominic	\$76,132.23	\$116,310.42
Gamble, Taylor	\$4,922.40	\$8,598.41
Jordan, Antoine	\$34,032.91	\$52,530.52
Kurek, Renea	\$86,881.44	\$147,762.50
Ladouceur, Bette	\$59,662.92	\$109,976.01
Landoski, Terrance	\$57,959.54	\$107,440.62
Mccourt, Spencer	\$9,398.88	\$14,498.69
Mcmichael, William	\$15,507.75	\$33,582.83
Munoz, Dionisia	\$80,085.00	\$121,472.50
Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$66,389.50	\$101,678.38
Pitt, Aleisa	\$81,568.41	\$130,840.54
Plovie, Latrena	\$67,656.83	\$121,395.81
Pobursky, Michael	\$16,447.20	\$25,034.47
Rainey Borgdorff, Lauren	\$4,180.33	\$6,466.97

Richardson, Kim	\$34,996.08	\$54,052.90
Rogers, Ursula	\$53,455.52	\$91,193.36
Tasi, Tiffany	\$86,448.80	\$154,342.96
Terrell, Lakeila	\$51,421.74	\$80,611.33
Voigt, Mary	\$55,179.92	\$108,911.41
Weston, Latoyra	\$49,085.31	\$97,998.45
Williams, Reginald	\$51,297.08	\$78,702.98
2024 TOTAL	\$57,269,713.90	
2023 TOTAL	\$54,608,419.17	
Difference +	\$2,661,294.73	

2024 employee total wages had approximately a 4.87% increase since 2023.

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- Accepted the bid from Waters Edge for the dock extension for the existing EZ Dock System at Banotai Park at a cost of \$22,392, to be paid using funds from Capital Projects;
- Accepted the bid from Dynamic Energy Solutions for the two split 10-ton systems for the Community Center and a 60k BTU furnace in the boiler room at a cost of \$69,700 using the Capital Fund account;
- Approved adopting revisions to the YCUA (Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority) Sewer Use Ordinance and direct township attorney to draft the resolution for board approval;
- Approved a weather authority team made up of the supervisor, manager, and chief of police to decide on the closure of offices due to the weather;
- Approved having the board of trustees interview township manager candidates at a meeting that is posted as an open meeting;
- Approved a committee made up of the clerk, deputy clerk, and human resource specialist to interview candidates for the position of clerk office assistant;
- Heard Trustee Rush report that damage was found inside the wall at the recreation office building and it will take a little insulation and drywall to fix it up. He said volunteers already are searching their garages for what is needed. Treasurer Patterson

said it is a small repair and they don't need to go out for bids. They plan to paint the wall after repairs are done;

• Heard resident Mary Ban say that open floor discussion at the end of the meeting should be put back in place. She said if people can't be here right at 6 o'clock they miss the chance to talk to the board with their concerns. "People who voted you in don't get to be heard," she said. She also complained about the giant hole at the corner of Bemis and Lohr. She said that corner needs a hard-surfaced apron like the other roads have at Bemis. She said she didn't get a chance to meeting Allen Wilson, the new county commissioner who visited the township meeting in January, but she called his office and no one ever called her back. She said the county is not giving Sumpter roads proper attention and someone needs to give commissioner Wilson that information. She praised the work of retiring township manager Tony Burdick and former deputy clerk Karen Armatis;

• Heard township manager Burdick say there are six resumes for township manager which he will share with the board;

• Heard township attorney Rob Young say the small piece of property that had confusion over its title and has been held up for years, now is ready for the supervisor to sign over; and

• Heard Clerk LaPorte say that he had a phone call from county commissioner Wilson just before this meeting. LaPorte, who is also a member of the fire department, said he asked Wilson to get the county to pave Judd Road from Bohn to Rawsonville (2.16 miles) so the fire trucks can travel it safely. LaPorte said in the past that is the best route to calls in Rawsonville Woods, but it's hard on the fire vehicles because it is a gravel road. He said Wilson is working at getting that on the commission agenda.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2025 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

March 4th, Tuesday
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Organizational Meeting)
No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 10th, Monday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 12th, 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 12, 2025.

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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2025 are as follows:

Ag – 45.65%	1.0952
Com – 49.83%	1.0034
Ind – 48.33%	1.0345
Res – 45.85%	1.0905
Personal – 50.00 %	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 13, 2025
Thursday, February 20, 2025
Thursday, February 27, 2025

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 262 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 9:

0136 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0219 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0644 – noise complaint, Van Buren St.
0818 – domestic, Basswood Cir.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – 911 welfare check, Cobblestone Ct.
1249 – private property/property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1406 – personal injury accident, Michigan/Dellor
1452 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1547 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
1702 – welfare check, Meadows Ct.
1805 – civil matter, Fay Dr.
2007 – domestic, Aspen Ln.
2039 – assault & battery, Aspen Ln.

Monday, Feb. 10:

0033 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
0104 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0452 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0834 – abandoned auto, Martz Rd.
0837 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service
0854 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr./Lake Point Blvd.
xxxx – harassment call, Lake Point Blvd.
1019 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1119 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service
xxxx – private property impound, Tyler/Belleville
1145 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
1213 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1215 – assist other dept., Jackson St.
1408 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1458 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1607 – juvenile complaint, Monroe Ct.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1710 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1829 – shooting, Vernon St.
1838 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1850 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1917 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2001 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2030 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rolan Meadows
2117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Woodbury Dr.
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Lake Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
2333 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

0045 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse
0127 – assist fire dept., Oak Blvd.
0318 – welfare check, S. I-275/S. Ecorse ramp and Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0409 – breaking & entering, Ironwood Dr.
0433 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0912 – 911 welfare check, Ironwood Dr.
1057 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1120 – assault & battery, Brandi Dr.
1214 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1328 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.
1338 – animal complaint, Dewitt Rd.
1411 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd.
1507 – civil matter, Basswood Cir.
1547 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1639 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1850 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1905 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2106 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2136 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
2201 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
2302 – welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.
2326 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2329 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
2337 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.

0350 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0402 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0821 – assist other dept., Savage Rd.
1028 – assist other dept., Rawsonville I-94 ramp E. / E. I-94
1106 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1202 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
1234 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1354 – runaway, S. Bellridge Dr.
1423 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1510 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Yost
1515 – harassment call, Brandi Dr.
1653 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1853 – disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.
1858 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1927 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
xxxx – assist other dept. W. I-94/Haggerty
2002 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2049 – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
2119 – assist other dept., Bayshore Dr.
2208 – breaking & entering, Basswood Cir.

Thursday, Feb. 13:

0055 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0106 – welfare check, Colonial Rd.
0131 – mental subject, Oak Ln.
0343 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Buchanan St.
0525 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0751 – parking complaint, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
0751 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0941 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1020 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
1242 – parking complaint, Andover Farms
1235 – fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
1333 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1421 – harassment call, Nautica Dr.
1628 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1700 – animal complaint, Van Allen Ave. / McBride Ave.
1645 – PPO violation, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1705 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – harassment call, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
1823 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1855 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1852 – civil matter, Buchanan St.
1859 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
2019 – motorist assist, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E. / E. I-94
2149 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2244 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.

Friday, Feb. 14:

0045 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
0123 – welfare check, S. Sadie Ln.
0556 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
0624 – fraud, Oak Blvd.
0853 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1050 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1111 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1242 – fraud, Coca-Cola Dr.
1313 – neighbor trouble, Sumpter Rd.
1415 – PPO violation, S. Woodbury Dr.
1434 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ash Dr.
1444 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1522 – family trouble, Rose Blvd.
1529 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd.
1711 – civil matter, Tompkins St.
1718 – property damage accident, Bog Rd.
1730 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1725 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.
1902 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1829 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1903 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1914 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
2128 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 15:

0105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
0112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

0227 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0241 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0704 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1014 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.
1018 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1102 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1208 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1215 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1240 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Lacy Dr.
1356 – civil matter, S. Sadie Ln.
1454 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1500 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor
xxxx – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
1728 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1738 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
xxxx – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.
1929 – shooting, Wildbrook Dr.
2256 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also, on this log are 93 traffic stops, 35 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:

1139 – property check, Denton Rd.
1505 – operating while intoxicated, Charles St.

Monday, Feb. 10:

0142 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0927 – property damage accident, South St.
1020 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1221 – civil matter, Main St.
xxxx – repossession, Anaheim
1331 – assist citizen, Main St.
2134 – juvenile complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

0202 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Santa Clara St.
xxxx – private property impound, Carmell St.
1155 – private property impound, Carmell St.
1259 – assist other dept., Main St.
1505 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
2121 – assault & battery, Oxford Ct.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

1202 – misc. complaint, S. Grove Rd.
1351 – abandoned auto, Main St.
1834 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Davenport

2138 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
xxxx – parking complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
xxxx – breaking & entering, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 13:

0902 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1733 – assist fire dept., Main St.

Friday, Feb. 14:

1115 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1421 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1652 – lost property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
1711 – harassment call, Main St.
1809 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1823 – civil matter, Main St.
1845 – larceny, Savage Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 15:

0639 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Henry
1042 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1312 – assist other dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1453 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Liberty St.
xxxx – repossession, Henry St.
1843 – mental subject, Astor Pl.
1856 – traffic offense, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1907 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2014 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln.

There are 81 reports on this week's log and 43 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:

0032 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0108 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
0133 – juvenile matter, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1017 – alarm, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1146 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1218 – fire dept. assist, Florida St.
1247 – civil matter, Utah St.
2036 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Clay
2120 – 911 hangup, Hampshire Dr.
2229 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd. / Willis Rd.

Monday, Feb. 10:

0005 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0331 – alarm, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1053 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1716 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.
2013 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2139 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.
2210 – suspicious person, Edgewood Dr.
2309 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

0035 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
0951 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
1029 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1156 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1245 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1517 – civil matter, Utah St.
1624 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1714 – alarm, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1715 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
1718 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1745 – harassment complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1747 – neighbor dispute, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1757 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow
1951 – follow-up investigation, Creekside Dr.
2111 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

0524 – alarm, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0710 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
0844 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
0849 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow
1043 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1148 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1341 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Dunn
1345 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1647 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
1740 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.
1754 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Wear
1827 – animal complaint, Redwood Dr.
2001 – traffic complaint/hazard, New Mexico St.
2020 – family trouble, Idaho St.
2045 – welfare check, Georgia St.
2103 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
2242 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 13:

0044 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
0258 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0659 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0821 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
1057 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1116 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1400 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1539 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1548 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1718 – follow-up investigation, Creekside Dr.
1744 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
1958 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2054 – fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2115 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2339 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

Friday, Feb. 14:

0023 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0201 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0656 – suspicious person, Magnolia Dr.
0921 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville
0945 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1004 – protective services referral, Kansas St.
1024 – protective service referral, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.

1406 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Dunn Rd.
1839 – follow-up investigation, Kansas St.
1854 – family trouble, Colorado St.
1904 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Willis
2218 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2341 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rustic Ln.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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/ Rawsonville Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 15:
 0114 – fire dept. assist, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
 0152 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
 0456 – welfare check, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
 0513 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
 1010 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 1303 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1359 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
 1449 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
 1749 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
 2036 – animal complaint, Magnolia Dr.
 Also on this week’s log are 216 patrol checks, 91 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Belleville District Library Committee Assignments for 2025

At the Feb. 11 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, president Sharon Peters announced the following committee assignments for 2025:

- Building Committee: Joy Cichewicz, chair; Linda Priest; Dan Fleming;
- Bylaws Committee: Linda Priest, chair; Maria Jackson-Smith;
- Finance Committee: Tanya Stoudemire, chair; Joy Cichewicz;
- Outreach Committee: Maria Jackson-

Smith, chair; Linda Priest (this is the former Marketing Committee);

- Personnel Committee: Linda Priest, chair; Tanya Stoudemire;
- Policy Committee: Daniel Fleming, chair; Alma Hughes-Grubbs; and
- Art Committee: Michele Montour (non-board member), chair; board member representatives: Maria Jackson-Smith,

Alma Hughes-Grubbs.
Board president Sharon Claytor Peters will serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

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District Library

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for all positions. The salary range document was last reviewed two years ago;

- Noted library assistant Amber Kelly is outgoing staff and incoming staff members are clerks Jen Elliott and Alexis Serini, plus shelver Ross O’Brien;

- Learned two history programs will be fetured at the library in March: “Detroit’s Dynamite Dames” at 6:30 p.m. March 3 and “A Woman’s Place is Under the Dome” at 7 p.m., March 5. Also, the

Western Wayne County Quilting Guild will present “Sewing for Kids!” on March 8. Kids can sign up for a one-hour slot. Also, the library’s Seed Library opens March 1. Gardeners are invited to stop by between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to select seeds, borrow tools, find books, and talk to other gardeners; and

- Heard Cichewicz announce that she will not be at the March meeting because she will be on a vacation trip with her husband. She said she is retiring as from the Ypsilanti District Library on Feb. 22.

Board secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs was absent from the meeting due to illness.

City of Belleville Public Notice

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Residential	45.99%	1.087
Personal	50.00%	1.000

Briana Hootman
City of Belleville

Publish: Thursday, February 13, 2025
Thursday, February 20, 2025
Thursday, February 27, 2025

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTES

Charter Township of Van Buren

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Request for price quotes

Cleaning Services at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111

Quotation Due Date: Time: 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025

Project: The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is accepting quotes for cleaning Services at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111:

for two (2) years with an option to renew in year three (3)

Commencement Date: As soon as practical upon approval of the DDA Board (tentatively March 27, 2025)

Specifications are attached or the proposal may be downloaded from the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority website: www.vanburenDDA.com. Or a proposal may be obtained at the Downtown Development Authority Offices, 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Submittal: Please submit quotes by e-mail to mcoburn-dda@vbtmi.gov or mail/deliver to the Van Buren Township DDA, 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Monday March 17, 2025.

Quote Review: Quotes will be reviewed at the Regular DDA meeting on March 25, 2025 during the regular meeting @ 3:00 p.m. The DDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities that are in the best interest of the DDA.

For additional contact: Merrie Coburn, Van Buren Township DDA at 734-699-8941 or by e-mail @ mcoburn-dda@vbtmi.gov.

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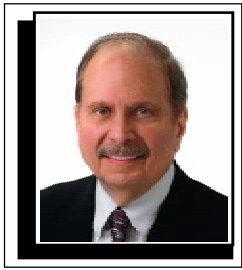
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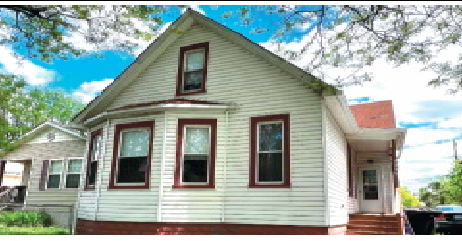
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