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Photo courtesy St. Anthony Men's Club

Steve Walsh, at left, president of the St. Anthony Men's Club, presents a check for \$10,000 to winner of the annual club raffle, John Hughes, enter, who holds up his stub for ticket # 112. At right is club member Walter Rochowiak who sold the winning ticket to Hughes. Second prize winner for \$1,000 was Philip LeBar, ticket #202. Carmen and Steve Walsh (#181), Don Zywicki (#114), and Jim Graham (#108) each won \$500. The drawing and chili cookoff was held on Sunday.

City Council makes offer to purchase real property

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

After an hour-long, closed-door session on Monday, the Belleville City Council voted 4-1 to make a proposal to purchase real property, as discussed in closed session. Councilmember Julie Kissel cast the only no vote.

There was no public discussion on the council's decision.

The address of the property at 330 Charles St. was on a revised agenda sent out by email to 10 recipients, including the Independent, at 11:16 a.m. Monday. Then at 11:42 a.m., city manager Jason Smith

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sent out a notice that he was issuing a "recall" of that agenda. He was removing the address from the agenda and asked the Independent not to publish the address.

The building at 330 Charles St., that had been occupied until Dec. 31 by Main Street Computers, was originally built in 1970 as Belleville's U.S. Post Office. It currently is listed for sale at \$950,000.

Recently, city officials had indicated they were looking for an interim location for city offices so they could sell the present city hall and build a new city hall next to the DPW yard on Savage Road.

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17th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township 2024 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township

2024 I ubite Bate	ty wages and cost	to rownship
Police	Police Wages	Total Compensation
Abdilla, Marc L.	\$147,074.98	\$220,067.09
Barry, Ryan T.	\$109,494.34	\$161,165.76
Bazzy, Charles E.	\$44,445.97	\$59,315.80
Bettendorf, William J.	\$97,793.42	\$146,475.96
Bidwell, Ryan A.	\$76,176.55	\$105,760.22
Buckberry Jr, Mark D.	\$156,874.51	\$233,649.01
Byrd, Adam R.	\$130,537.29	\$195,462.61
Champagne, David A.	\$98,270.26	\$151,897.73
Daniels, Keith	\$99,783.31	\$135,313.78
Edge, Michael	\$105,276.14	\$161,167.39
Evans, Seth	\$99,755.80	\$144,521.34
Fedel, Andrew	\$121,243.08	\$162,233.92
Floro, Kenneth V.	\$160,824.58	\$238,481.85
Griggs, Scott M.	\$109,870.31	\$161,463.00
Hall, Joshua	\$94,227.26	\$143,322.71
Harrison, Dale A.	\$109,158.88	\$155,212.64
Hernandez, Christian	\$92,031.53	\$144,737.37
Hillen, James E.	\$93,428.50	\$146,288.40
Jaffar, Ali	\$82,555.50	\$113,689.03
Kasenow, Kyle	\$80,904.89	\$116,315.83
Keele, Louis J.	\$117,248.81	\$182,061.98
King, Mark J.	\$95,152.46	\$148,002.80
Long, Michael D.	\$109,617.39	\$154,541.86
McCarthy, Donovan L.	\$95,643.06	\$144,330.07
McCormick, Ryan M.	\$137,399.04	\$208,754.81
McGregor, Devonte	\$84,559.06	\$107,464.11
Monte, Joshua	\$108,348.63	\$134,239.96
Mowbray, Kurtis	\$106,660.81	\$153,991.88
Perez, Derek S.	\$110,033.37	\$162,389.07
Raschke, Matthew A.	\$119,966.23	\$184,687.62
Rini, Michael J.	\$140,927.97	\$212,368.23
Rubens, Donavin	\$96,046.40	\$130,643.51
Schmidtke, Casey	\$69,577.68	\$112,216.63
Schulz, Alexander W.	\$134,504.69	\$203,480.11
Short, Jordan G.	\$114,005.98	\$171,730.30
Smith, Amy M.	\$153,581.54	\$234,161.88
Stanton, Jeffrey L.	\$134,725.99	\$208,662.58
Svabik, Daniel	\$95,610.96	\$142,709.48
Tront, Jason L.	\$99,398.17	\$132,264.19
Valinski, Christopher M.	\$119,177.86	\$173,332.55
Vargas Jr, Juan	\$108,913.96	\$165,738.00
Velevska, Katerina	\$104,649.92	\$141,869.20
Wehrman, Patrick J.	\$103,121.19	\$153,161.77
Wright, Jason J.	\$124,917.89	\$178,599.42
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The Denton Road bridge has been closed by Wayne County for 858 days as of today.

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Van Buren Township 2024 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

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	(continued from page 1)		2024 Emplo	oyee wages and Cost to Tov	vnsnip Total
				Base Wages	Compensation
2024 Public	Van Buren Township Safety Wages and Cost to	o Townshin	Elected Officials (<i>continued</i>) Martin, Kevin D.	\$19,685.12	\$30,434.39
Police (continued)	Police Wages	Total Compensation	Assessing		
· · · · ·	0	-	Dorazio, Gina M.	\$75,029.95	\$118,691.08
Yuchuck, James	\$36,285.69	\$36,285.69	Building and Grounds	<i>¢(())</i>	¢00.000.00
Harman, Christina A.	\$65,476.25	\$97,210.02	Esch, Charles A.	\$66,984.94	\$88,838.32
Ordinance	Ordinance Wages	¢122 274 20	Hood, Kathryn	\$79,093.15	\$110,226.47
Queener, Robert W.	\$78,151.96	\$122,274.30	Jenkins, Kirk A.	\$65,691.15	\$107,358.73
Schuler, David J.	\$58,776.80	\$94,414.29	Luckett, Lawrence	\$92,095.32	\$118,155.81
Fire	Fire Wages	¢100.007.45	Miller, Patty A.	\$55,437.29	\$73,943.39
Bowman, Scott	\$80,710.61	\$123,386.45	Price, Jennifer L.	\$28,210.06	\$41,523.96
Brushaber, Jeffery	\$69,287.22	\$104,429.66	Taylor, Gerald W.	\$15,088.80	\$22,014.11
Cady, Matthes	\$69,012.75	\$109,763.33	Wagers, Jessica	\$6,575.91	\$6,575.91
Cox, Dustin G.	\$9,540.62	\$10,535.59	Lesperance, Crystal (police)	\$58,633.08	\$80,361.89
Everett, Rachel S.	\$39,000.43	\$42,783.78	Clerk		t
Folks, Ronald P.	\$92,689.61	\$131,959.93	Beaudry, Brittany	\$98,075.63	\$142,987.48
Greff, Allison	\$70,772.16	\$93,982.68	Chandonnet, Teresa	\$10,341.98	\$10,341.98
Hayden, John T.	\$3,283.08	\$3,629.80	Towles, Carol	\$96,246.26	\$122,938.91
Henley, James	\$56,447.15	\$71,494.18	Communications		
Ladach, Aaron S.	\$85,603.20	\$123,810.88	Japowicz, Michael	\$75,338.78	\$108,222.11
Lenaghan, Andrew	\$99,859.11	\$127,518.86	Manalp, Elena	\$73,813.88	\$98,839.63
Lentine, Daniel J.	\$79,902.00	\$117,298.18	Michaels, Chloe	\$37,668.55	\$40,534.49
Lewis, Zion	\$69,720.07	\$84,994.54	Community SVS		
Ling, Jason	\$34,497.36	\$37,854.49	Albright, Anyia	\$4,575.62	\$4,575.62
Lunsford, Curtis D.	\$294.00	\$357.82	Ballard, Amy	\$7,368.90	\$7,368.90
Maryanski, David	\$65,792.97	\$78,869.47	Chance, Brenda	\$2,646.00	\$2,646.00
McCormick, Elizabeth L.	\$11,790.56	\$13,156.41	Dohring, Tammy	\$82,898.88	\$106,982.76
McInally II, David C.	\$113,662.04	\$160,231.90	Gee, Sarah	\$8,172.78	\$8,172.78
Pierce, Christopher A.	\$79,857.00	\$104,725.92	Gerhart, Nicole	\$34,351.20	\$34,351.20
Rose, John L.	\$588.00	\$691.66	Johnson, Marisa	\$11,481.68	\$11,481.68
Smith, Edward	\$35,206.54	\$38,043.84	Komaromi, Xavier	\$5,570.32	\$5,570.32
Smith, Ryan J.	\$89,358.00	\$128,923.62	Little, Brooklyn	\$9,617.62	\$9,617.62
Stevens, Mitchell	\$68,541.88	\$87,976.70	Mears, Parker	\$4,145.26	\$4,145.26
Vlademar, Michael	\$29,953.50	\$32,880.50	Murphy, Deanna	\$53,842.36	\$71,875.44
Dispatch	Dispatch Wages		Ouellette, Braeden	\$8,091.58	\$8,091.58
Baker, Georgia J.	\$72,383.50	\$116,228.45	Renaud, Elizabeth	\$104,901.82	\$136,200.66
Barker, Ryan	\$65,473.79	\$92,443.72	Shipley, Breanna	\$8,932.05	\$8,932.05
Giroux, Gabrielle	\$70,284.40	\$97,015.08	Sikora, Emma	\$9,707.46	\$9,707.46
Johnson, Dominique	\$74,040.15	\$121,476.20	Simpson, Corenina M.	\$21,212.85	\$22,835.64
Jones, Julie C.	\$76,478.34	\$105,721.01	Terry, Karen	\$10,247.44	\$10,247.44
Lucas, Gretchen E.	\$75,556.11	\$118,943.22	Volk, Kendall	\$4,023.46	\$4,023.46
Martin, Robert B.	\$70,594.90	\$112,387.56	DDA		
Pauls, Kelsey	\$67,159.87	\$102,466.09	Coburn, Merrie	\$81,702.92	\$105,367.28
Rea, Teri L.	\$70,467.17	\$98,946.40	Development SVS		
Weisbecker, Vicki L.	\$52,100.00	\$75,722.99	Grishaber, Tina	\$22,714.86	\$27,248.16
	-	TOTAL \$ 10,258,778.66	Manley, Caroline	\$46,711.47	\$64,320.89
			Power, Daniel	\$73,490.58	\$116,803.94
•	ages and Cost to Township		Salazar, Christopher	\$98,112.50	\$146,511.88
•	ages and Cost to Township		Tyler, Karen	\$60,389.70	\$94,400.78
Difference		+ \$74,075.37	Williams, Brittney	\$50,896.81	\$89,483.55
	es & compensation had approx	imately a 0.7273% increase	Elections		
since 2023.			Coleman, John IV	\$49,320.41	\$67,490.45
			Currington, Alicia	\$14,200.93	\$14,200.93
	Van Buren Township		Hubbard, Donae	\$61,514.13	\$77,966.09
2024 Empl	loyee Wages and Cost to '	Township	Human Resources		. ,
	. 0	Total	Cardella, Tarah	\$4,950.75	\$4,950.75
	Base Wages	Compensation	Caridad, Noah-Keanu	\$2,626.50	\$2,626.50
Elected Officials		r	Sumpter, Nicole D.	\$93,662.49	\$122,658.19
McNamara, Kevin M.	\$106,421.06	\$135,032.58	Williams, Serrita	\$20,855.87	\$20,855.87
Wright, Leon	\$102,522.69	\$145,939.12	IT	φ20,035.07	φ 2 0,055.07
Budd, Sharry A.	\$102,222.69	\$133,037.31	Barbaza, Brad	\$86,298.00	\$111,095.33
Boynton, Donald	\$21,211.10	\$31,999.37	Dandy, Kenneth R.	\$80,403.67	\$11,095.55 \$120,338.67
Frazier, Sherry A.	\$19,082.17	\$29,377.96	Rankin, Steve L.	\$98,004.32	\$120,558.07
Frazier, William	\$602.95	\$602.95	Worthy, Blake	\$98,004.52 \$55,127.04	\$76,254.91
Frazier, williani Kelley Bryon	\$002.93 \$19.685.12	\$30,156,23	woruny, Dlake	\$33,127.04	\$70,254.91

\$30,156.23

<u>Editorial</u> The late Marcy LaFramboise left huge legacy

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Marcy LaFramboise, who died on Jan. 28 at the age of 69, left a huge legacy.

Thousands will always remember how she and her husband Pete struggled to form the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue to save all the unwanted animals and find them homes.

They didn't want to kill them if they couldn't find homes, so they kept them until, as they aged, sometimes Pete and Marcy took them into their own homes to care for. Never euthanized.

We remember when they lived in Van Buren Township and Marcy was volunteering in the township animal shelter. The township government at that time was not interested in saving animals and so she moved her volunteering to Washtenaw County.

We remember sitting at their kitchen table when they lived on Sheldon Road talking about how they couldn't get township zoning for a kennel. They already had needy pets tucked in kennels in their living room. They needed room.

That's when they found the acreage on Arkona Road in Sumpter and bought it. It took forever for them to get the house into shape for themselves, but the work on the outbuildings started at once and FMAR was up and running.

A few years go, Pete and Marcy retired from FMAR, but kept on volunteering there since FMAR was in their backyard. She loved those animals and they loved her back. Rest in peace, dear Marcy.

On the Friday night news, Channel 2 showed a burning truck in a ditch on Rawsonville Road near Willis that happened at about 2:15 a.m. Friday. The story said the 23-year-old driver had been drinking at the Red Rooster and did donuts in the parking lot before leaving.

That's when he reportedly drove down Rawsonville, left the highway, hit a tree, and ended up burning in a deep ditch. He was rescued from the fire and his injuries were not reported.

A fireman said this was his third DUI, which is a felony. He wasn't supposed to be driving after his second DUI and this was reportedly his friend's truck. Although it was confusing as to whose jurisdiction it was, we're told it was on Sumpter's side of the road.

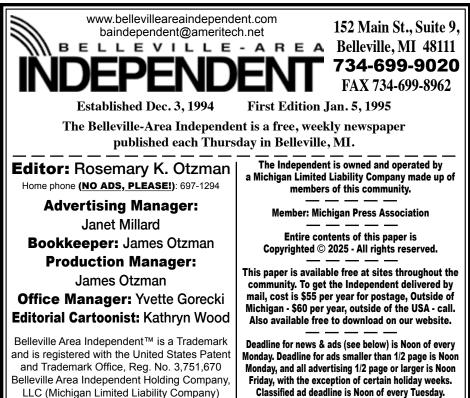
We have yet to see anything in the court news on this accident.

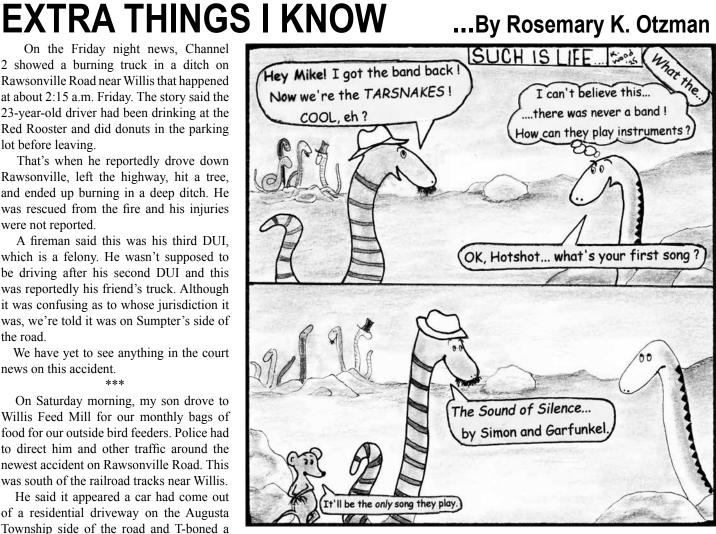
On Saturday morning, my son drove to Willis Feed Mill for our monthly bags of food for our outside bird feeders. Police had to direct him and other traffic around the newest accident on Rawsonville Road. This was south of the railroad tracks near Willis.

He said it appeared a car had come out of a residential driveway on the Augusta Township side of the road and T-boned a vehicle on Rawsonville. Hard to tell exactly what happened because the vehicles could have been all knocked around.

All this is to say, we've got to be careful on Rawsonville Road at all times of the day and night. That 50 mph limit is pretty fast.

On the front page on Sunday's Detroit Free Press there was a story about a woman who





lived on five acres in Van Buren Township who in January found that bird flu had invaded her little flock of about 100. This was confirmed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture who sent out a crew to cull (kill) her chickens, ducks, and geese.

She is a retired special education teacher and got started with chickens when they hatched an egg in class. She really liked her birds and they had names.

When they put her birds in boxes and suffocated them with carbon dioxide, she couldn't watch and went into the house.

The next day she found a box in her yard stuffed with geese who had spent 24 hours in frigid temperatures and were barely alive.

She rescued them and told the state crew not to come back. After a lot of hubbub, the state crew was retrained and new rules set in place for culling.

Her full name was not printed because of her run-in with the state. She doesn't have the heart to start up her flock again, but she has other animals.

What a sad story. Thank you, Free Press, for printing the lengthy piece.

Chris Zweng, who is Fire Chief 2 in the city of Belleville, told the city council on Monday that the fire department is having a "Reveal of Kitchen" dessert party from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, to celebrate the completion of upgrades to its fire hall kitchenette.

Chief Chris said fire fighters have been

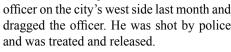
asked to make their own desserts to bring, no store-bought, for the occasion. Chris said he has decided to bake an apple pie.

The event is free and the public is welcome.

At the meeting, Mayor Ken Voigt said he attended the St. Anthony Men's Club Raffle Drawing and Chili Cook-off on Sunday and he sampled 11 different chilis. We're told that's the most the Men's Club has ever had for its annual cook offs.

Mayor Voigt said Clerk/Treasurer Brianna Hootman attended with him and they both agreed on the top two chilis. He said he likes chili with a "bite" to it and the top chili had a bite, but not too much.

Ramonte Darrell Adams, 19, of Detroit was arraigned in Third Circuit Court and will be going to trial after he drove at a police



He is charged with assault with intent to murder, third-degree fleeing and eluding, and resisting and obstructing police.

Channel 2 showed pictures of Adams standing in front of the BHS football field in one of the outfits supplied to team members after winning a state title. Adams had been a BHS varsity football player, according to reports.



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Letters

Thank you for supporting Food Closet

To the editor:

Thank you!

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The Emergency Food Closet located at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., has been very busy in 2025.

We started January with 161 clients, all of whom have referrals. This is the most we have ever had at this time of year. We distributed 73 bags on Jan. 7 and 8, 48 bags on Jan. 14 and 15, and 77 bags on Jan. 28 and 29.

We were closed on Jan. 21 and 22 due to weather. When Van Buren Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, then we are closed as well.

We had 10 new clients in January.

Food prices continue to rise. The price of "cheap" eggs has risen \$1.60 a dozen since the end of December. We have seen more and more families coming to the food closet who are living together as multigenerational families due to the increase in all costs of living.

Our seniors seem to be hurting the most. 44% of our clients are age 60+.

The 2024 Emergency Food Closet video is on our church website. It recaps the work of the food closet and the support received from the community. It can be viewed at bellevillefirstumc.org . Click on Ministries and scroll down to Food Closet. Then click the play arrow and make sure the sound is on!

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support to help feed the hungry in our community.

Marilyn Wood, coordinator Emergency Food Closet

Drivers have to obev basic laws of safety!

To the editor:

What is going on in the school parking lots these days? On Jan. 27, I was dropping my great-granddaughter off at her school. While sitting in the parking lot I saw a car halfway parked in the crosswalk and as I was looking at this violation of parking



rules at any crosswalk a mom and child were trying to cross when a car just over the crosswalk started to back up bumping into the two!

No one was hurt, thank God. The crosswalk guard managed to pull them out of the way! What happened to respect of the law and obeying the law?

I feel that some people need to be taught that the law is there to keep everyone safe, including their own children! This isn't the first time I've seen someone who totally disregarded the basic law of courtesy to others and respect of the laws we live by!

I've seen people running stop lights, never using turn signals, cutting into traffic, blocking driveways so people can't get out. The list can go on and on. If this trend keeps going, someone will and has **GOTTEN HURT OR KILLED!**

It needs to stop now! I've been driving for over half a century and have never seen this as bad as now!

Your friend in the protection of children and families, Van Buren Township

Annual Quilt Show set for March at museum

To the editor and Friends of the Belleville Area Museum:

Happy 2025! We're excited to be back open after the new year has begun. We will officially open back up to the public on Saturday, Feb. 1, for our usual open hours. Come visit us and see a new temporary exhibit of Fashion Accessories from the Late 19th to the Mid-20th centuries.

Also, get ready for our Annual Quilt Show with the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild for the whole month of March! If you are interested in entering a quilt, please email us at <u>bam@vbtmi.gov</u>.

If you are simply interested in joining us, come visit us during our March hours. Tuesday 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 12-4 p.m. Price of admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. We hope to see you all soon!

Mary Utz

Belleville Area Museum Curator Van Buren Charter Township



Feb. 6 - Connie Sixbey Feb. 7 - Roy Adams, Darel Adams, Andrew Adams

Feb. 9 - Patty Riemer

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.



The free Classic Movies are back at the library. On Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. the movie is "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. They will continue on the second Thursdays in March and April. These free movies are brought to you by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

The drawing of the big raffle at St. Anthony's was last Sunday and the winners were: John Hughes \$10,000, and Philip LeBar \$1,000. Carmen and Steve Walsh, Don Zvwicki and Jim Graham won \$500 each. All 300 tickets were sold, so many thanks to the supporters of this annual raffle.

Paczki Day, or "Fat Tuesday," is later this year but the Bake Shoppe will have all the flavors ready for you. Watch for their ad later this month.

There is a new dentist in town! Belleville Smiles with Alivia Stoddard, DMD has taken over Dr. Monahan's office at 35 Main St. ***

The Belleville Area Museum reopened last weekend with a new contemporary exhibit of fashion accessories from the late 19th and mid-20th centuries. They are also getting ready for the annual March Quilt Show in conjunction with the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild. The museum will be open March 1 through March 29 on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

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

Public Service Credit Union sets community food pantries locally

Public Service Credit Union announces the installation of food pantries at four branch locations: Flat Rock, Oak Park, Redford, and Romulus.

These pantries are designed to serve as a resource for community members in need, embracing the motto: "Take what you need, give what you can."

The PSCU food pantries are stocked with nonperishable food items and are open to all, fostering a spirit of giving and sharing.

PSCU invites local communities to join this effort by donating nonperishable food items to keep the pantries stocked. Contributions such as canned goods, boxed meals, pasta, rice, and snacks can make a significant difference in the lives of neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

"We believe in the power of community and the impact we can make together," said Deleanna Allen, marketing manager of Public Service Credit Union.

"These pantries are a reflection of our dedication to supporting our members and neighbors. With everyone's participation, we can create a resource that embodies generosity and hope, going beyond banking to truly support those who need it most.'

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Food donations can be dropped off at any of the participating branch locations during regular business hours.

• Flat Rock Branch: 26121 Vreeland Rd., | Flat Rock, MI 48134;

• Oak Park Branch: 13401 W. 9 Mile Rd., Oak Park, MI 48237;

• Redford Branch: 26838 Plymouth Rd., Redford, MI 48239; and

• Romulus Branch: 7665 Merriman Rd., Romulus, MI 48174.

For more information, visit the website at www.PSCUnow.com or phone (734) 641-8400.





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Obituaries





Robert Louis Meszaros

ROBERT LOUIS MESZAROS

(January 16, 1937 – January 28, 2025) Lifetime resident of Belleville, Robert passed away peacefully at his residence with his daughter and granddaughter holding his hands on January 28, 2025. Preceded in death by John Meszaros (father), Margaret Yuhas (mother), Gary Meszaros (son) and Lois Meszaros (exwife).

Robert was known as "T-Bucket Bob" due to his love of owning and building custom Ford T-Buckets and other hot rods. Bob was also a veteran serving in the National Guard for 3 years. Bob's first real love was volunteering at the Van Buren Twp. Fire Department in the '60s and '70s.

Surviving family includes Robert and Kelly Meszaros of Ohio (son), DarLisa Meszaros and Robert Hollenbeck of Belleville, MI (daughter), Shannon Meszaros and Kathy Adkins of Sarasota, FL (son), Cassandra and Joseph Cadle (granddaughter), Adaline Cadle (great-granddaughter), Michael Meszaros (grandson) and other grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; also sisters Pat Gauthier of East Point, Sandy French of Maryland, Jackie Van Buren of Danville, and Susie Henderson of North Carolina.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial in May (details pending). Bob was a great guy; he would have appreciated a donation to your local fire station. He will be deeply missed by many.

GARY GRAY

(March 23, 1941 – January 28, 2025) Age 83, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Kathleen; children Lisa, Kristin, Rob, Anne; grandchildren Katelin, Gavin, Julia, Jakob, Gabrielle, Alyssa. Cremation rites have been accorded through David C. Brown Funeral Home. Celebration of Life being planned. <u>www.</u> <u>davidcbrownfh.com</u>





Marcy LaFramboise

MARCY LaFRAMBOISE

(June 26, 1955 – January 28, 2025) Marcy LaFramboise of Sumpter Township, MI, age 69, peacefully passed away on January 28, 2025, at home in hospice care surrounded by her family. She was born on June 26, 1955, in Ypsilanti, MI, to Otto II and Caroline (Bryson) Edmonds.

Marcy married her first and true love Pete LaFramboise early in life. She attended Eastern Michigan University, as well as Virginia Farrell Beauty School, where she received her cosmetology license. She later worked for Daikin Clutch and quickly moved up the ranks to supervisor. Her skills were noticed by Visteon, who made her an offer she couldn't refuse. After many years of dedicated service, she retired from Ford Component Sales (formerly known as Visteon). Marcy was a parishioner at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville for many years.

Marcy was a person who would give you all she could without considering herself. Her passion for animals and saving them could not go unnoticed. Marcy felt so strongly about the animals she began one of her greatest joys in life, starting Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR). Her love for the animals, saving, re-homing, and giving was genuine. Even after her retirement from FMAR she still gave and supported the beloved organization and the animals.

Marcy was a very loving and generous person in her everyday life. Marcy's love for her family was immeasurable, especially for her children, grandkids and great-grandkids. She was an amazing person to all who knew her and to the community at large.

Marcy is survived by her husband of 52 years, Pete LaFramboise of Belleville, MI; her children, Peter (Belinda) LaFramboise of Beech Island, SC, Paul (Taleah) LaFramboise of Belleville, MI, Jamie (Kelly) LaFramboise of W. Fargo, ND; her grandchildren, Hayden LaFramboise of Beech Island, SC, Danny (Jessica Trout) Morris of Taylor, MI, Andrew (Ashley Schultz) LaFramboise of Oklahoma City, OK, Sarah (Autumn Sutton) LaFramboise, of Stillwater OK, and Simon LaFramboise of Valley City, ND; her great-grandchildren, Addie Clifford of Saline, MI, and Arthur Morris of Taylor, MI; her siblings, Otto (Jody) Edmonds III of Arizona, Sandy (Jim) Barker of Utah, and Cindy (Paul "Steve" Stephens) Baird of Nevada; her brother in law, David LaFramboise of Belleville MI; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her aunt Mary Wood.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111. Her final resting place is Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

A celebration of life will be held at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Sunday March 2, 2025 from 1-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to FMAR will be appreciated.

Assault charge dropped against James Chapman in GOP confrontation

A set of criminal charges filed against James Forrest Chapman following a physical altercation which allegedly left Clare County Republican Party Chairman Mark DeYoung with broken dentures, stress fractures in his spine and bruised ribs were dismissed on Jan. 8.

The scuffle was at a state GOP meeting inside Clare County's Doherty Hotel on July 8, 2023, when Chapman allegedly kicked DeYoung in the groin.

At the time, DeYoung said he was inside a meeting of the state GOP committee when he saw someone who was outside the meeting room flip him off through a small window

When DeYoung opened the door to the room, he said Chapman "kicked me in my balls."

Chapman denied doing anything wrong and also denied kicking DeYoung in the groin.

In August 2023, the Clare County prosecutor's office announced misdemeanor charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace against Chapman.

However, DeYoung told The Detroit News that he had asked Clare County's newly elected prosecutor, Andrew Santini, who took office on Jan. 1, to dismiss the charges, which had yet to advance to trial.

"I'm past this now. I want to get on with my life," said DeYoung, who is no longer chairman of the Clare County Republican Party.

Chapman, 65, who was a Republican delegate in Washtenaw County at the time, maintained he never hit DeYoung and said DeYoung had come through a door swinging at him.

Court Watching

Wain Lee Bales

Wain Lee Bales, 52, of Newport and previously of Van Buren Township, was video-arraigned at 34th District Court while in custody on Feb. 3 on three 2023 bench warrants and one Feb. 1 charge, all in Van Buren Township.

The new charge is possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy on Feb. 1. His bond was set at 2,000/10% and a probable cause conference set Feb. 12.

The bench warrant on three charges for violating technical requirements on Nov. 28, 2023 brought a bond of \$1,000/10% each and a pretrial on March 20.

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LELA M. KARVELIS

(January 4, 1926 -- January 31, 2025) Lela M. "Mimi" Karvelis, age 99 of Belleville, passed away on January 31, 2025. Her care has been entrusted to Merkle Funeral Service, Romulus.

TOM SULIMAN

(July 14, 1954 - January 18, 2025) Age 70. Survived by two sons, Ryan of Sebring, FL and Adam of Solon, OH; grandchildren Adaline, Emelia, Izzabel and Jacob; siblings Pat, Bonnie, Terry, Debbie, Tim. Memorial service was Feb. 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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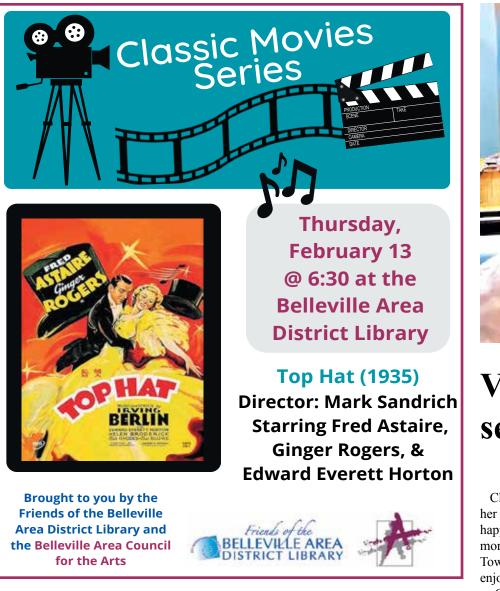














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Cheryl and Don Sherman

VBT couple take part in two separate movies of local interest

By Don Sherman Van Buren Township

Cheryl Sherman has resided in Michigan her entire life. For 37 years she's been happily married to Don Sherman. What's more remarkable about this Van Buren Township couple? Both Shermans have enjoyed major motion picture roles.

Cheryl's film – "1969: Killers, Freaks, and Radicals" -- premiered Jan. 25 at Royal Oak's Emagine Theater. Additional local showings will follow in advance of a hoped-for nationwide release.

"1969: KFP" is a documentary covering the exploits of John Norman Collins, aka the Michigan Murderer. In 1970, he was arrested, tried, and convicted of killing 18-year-old Eastern Michigan University student Karen Sue Beineman. Although Collins is suspected of six additional Michigan and California killings, his sole conviction was quite enough to put him away for life. The vile predator is currently enjoying solitary confinement at the G. Robert Cotton state prison in Jackson.

A close friend of Cheryl's worked with "1969: KFP" producer Andrew Templeton at Hagerty Publications in Ann Arbor. This film maker, who has been intrigued by the Michigan Murderer for decades, used Kickstarter to raise more than \$1.5-million to fund his project. During a watercooler conversation, Cheryl's friend informed Templeton that she knew of a potential thespian for his documentary.

Cheryl grew up in Ypsilanti only a block from the gas station where Collins worked on his Triumph motorcycles. One day in 1968, while walking down Ecorse Avenue, Collins slowed his bike to offer Cheryl a lift. As it turns out, that was his modus operandi. This friendly, petite, brown-haired, 18-year-old femme fatale fit Collins's carnal desires to a T.

Cheryl wisely replied "no, thanks" to Collins's offer. Later, while attending EMU, she lived in an apartment not far from where this creep and his fraternity brothers hung out. Thankfully, she suffered no additional Collins contact.

In 2019, Templeton visited the Shermans home for a couple of hours to interview and film Cheryl. She shared her late-(continued on page 10)



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'60s knowledge gained from personal experience and the detailed newspaper, television, and radio coverage of Collins's exploits. The resulting documentary presents this attractive, well-spoken Sherman in half-a-dozen moments of dialogue.

Don Sherman studied engineering at the University of Michigan prior to commencing his automotive journalism career in 1971. In 1981, while employed by *Car and Driver* magazine, he enjoyed a flight aboard the Concorde SST to England with John Z. DeLorean to participate in the launch of his DMC-12 sports car.

Skinned in stainless steel and adorned with gull-wing doors, this two-seater was a mixed bag of great and evil. It lacked power and speed, suffered from quality issues, and never quite lived up to the hopes of the man who once headed GM's Pontiac division, during which he personally rammed the remarkable GTO through the world's most stilted bureaucracy.

Unfortunately, DeLorean's statebacked manufacturing plant in Northern Ireland went bust after producing only 9,000 vehicles. In pursuit of the millions of pound sterling he needed to stay in business, DeLorean fell victim to a cocaine distribution scheme. His attorney pleaded "government entrapment" and this independent manufacturer beat that rap in court

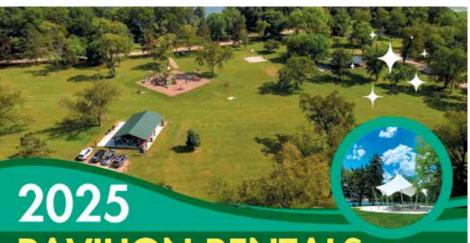
In 1985, a DeLorean DMC-12 starred in the "Back to the Future" movie with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, insuring the car's immortality. In 2005, John Z. died of a stroke at 80 years of age.

Enter Tamir Ardon, an unrelenting DeLorean historian and a corporate director at XYZ films. His 2019 venture was the movie "Framing John Delorean," called "the first documentary, re-enactment, and true story of the man behind the car." Actor Alec Baldwin stood in for the deceased John DeLorean. Notable footage included Ronald and Nancy Reagan, United Kingdom prime minister Margaret Thatcher, Barbara Walters, Phil Donohue, and Tom Brokaw. Don Sherman played himself -- a journalist lucky to be along for the DeLorean ride.

This film's title has a double meaning. The primary connotation was the life and times of one of the auto industry's most creative forces. The second meaning referred to how the hapless DeLorean suffered government entrapment via criminal investors.

Well preserved DeLorean DMC-12s now bring up to \$100,000, four times their original price.

If you can't live without seeing Don Sherman on screen, "Framing John Delorean" is available for rent for \$4.09 via Prime Video or via DVD from Amazon for \$15.



PAVILION RENTALS

The cold weather has settled in and now's the perfect time to start thinking warm thoughts of a summer event in the Van Buren Township Parks. Booking for the upcoming 2025 season is now open!



Starting January 7, 2025, township residents can reserve one of six park pavilions at discounted rates. Non-residents may begin renting on March 1, 2025.

Learn more or register online via the QR code or by going to the Township's website at vbtmi.gov. Inperson pavilion rentals can be made at the Van Buren Community Center located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Visit us: Monday thru Friday from 6 AM - 8 PM, Saturday 8 AM - 6 PM, and Sunday 9 AM - 2 PM.





Court Watching

Ronald James Coleman

Ronald James Coleman of Detroit was charged at 34th District Court with malicious destruction of personal property between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in Van Buren Township on June 11, 2022. A warrant was in place until his Dec. 18, 2024 arraignment. Personal bond was \$5,000. A preliminary examination was held Jan. 29 and the charge was dismissed when the complaining victim failed to appear.

Eric Allen Brackman

Eric Allen Brackman of New Boston was charged with possession of narcotics on April 25, 2023 in Van Buren Township. His preliminary examination was set for Jan. 29 on this charge and Nov. 16 assault, controlled substance, and domestic violence charges from Huron Township, but he said he did not get the notice to appear.

On Jan. 29 a bench warrant was issued

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for failure to appear. Bond will be \$10,000 cash, no surety.

Autumn Christine Doman

Autumn Christine Doman of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Feb. 3 after being charged with operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more, operating while intoxicated, and operating while intoxicated with an occupant less than 16 years of age on Jan. 30. Judge Patton set her personal bond at \$5,000 and a remote pretrial for Feb. 19.

Robert Van Lake

Robert Van Lake of Maybee on Feb. 3 was video-arraigned while in custody of the Wayne County Sheriff on a bench warrant for failure to appear for a Dec. 27, 2021 charge of possession of methamphetamine / ecstasy in the city of Belleville.

Judge Patton set a \$5,000/10% bond and an in-person probable cause conference on Feb. 12, if he is able to post bond and is released prior to the hearing date.



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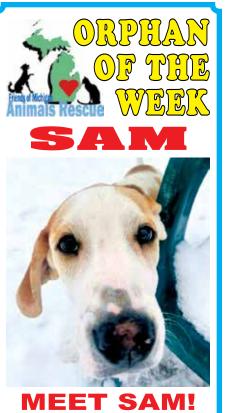
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Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept. There was a big turnout for Saturday's fund-raising event at the Belleville Yacht Club for the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation. The "Wild West Winter Celebration" casino night earned funds to be distributed to help local teachers in their classrooms.

Alden Miller of VBT named to Olivet University Dean's List

Alden Miller of Van Buren Township is among 370 students named to the University of Olivet's 2024 fall semester Dean's List. To get on the Dean's List students must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Northern Michigan University announces fall 2024 Dean's List

Northern Michigan University announces the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester with the following local students qualifying with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99:

Belleville - Chloe Collins, Sophia Floro, Caleb Gross, Claudia Shuler

Van Buren Township - Marc Gore.





VBT, Belleville to work together to apply for grant for sidewalk

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

"Yes, we are one community," said Van Buren Township Planning Commission chairman Brian Cullin at the end of the hour-long tri-community planning commission meeting on Jan. 29.

"We are three different municipalities, but one community," he stressed.

Members of the three planning commissions met at the Belleville Area District Library Cozadd Room to compare notes and see how they can cooperate.

Cullin pointed out the land along Sumpter Road was "a jigsaw puzzle."

VBT commissioner Bernie Grant, who is an architect, asked if the planning consultants for the city and township talk to each other. He said there are two master plans and the companies could work together to make sure the boundaries are coordinated.

Problems along Sumpter Road were discussed because of Davenport Brothers plan to build housing on land that was located in Belleville and extended into Van Buren Township. Davenport eventually pulled back to build the project just in the city. He is still working on plans to resubmit to the city.

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Planning

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Belleville planning vice-chairman Julie Kissel, who also is a city council member, said she was concerned about the safety of the students walking to and from the city along Sumpter Road to Owen Intermediate School because there is not a good sidewalk there.

The city and township officials discussed the possibility of getting together to seek a grant for a sidewalk, since the area involved goes in and out of township and city sites. A preliminary subcommittee was set up to address the plan and VBT Municipal Services Director Ron Akers said he would try to come up with some kind of framework.

The next meeting of the tri-community planning commissions was set for 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, at the library.

VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd, who is liaison

to the township planning commission, said since a secretary is taking notes, she would like to have a copy of the minutes for the next joint meeting, so members can be reminded of what was discussed.

Akers said renewable energy siting was being addressed by the state legislature and Belleville representatives said they haad no room for solar farms in the city. Akers said he would share what information he had on that with Sumpter, which had been dealing with a solar ordinance.

Belleville commissioner John Juriga said the lakefronts are washing into Belleville Lake and something needs to be done about that. He also said addresses for lakeside homes should be posted facing the lake for emergency crews to find the addresses from the water.

VBT commissioner Medina Atchinson said that is required in the township's lakeside ordinance.

Assistant city manager Steve Jones said

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **February 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

<u>Case 25-002:</u> 10401 Belleville Road – Rezoning Request. A request by El Car Wash MI Belleville LLC on behalf of property owner M&S Karana Investment LLC to rezone the parcel described as Parcel ID # V-125-83-058-99-0014-002 from RM – Multiple Family Residential to C-1 – General Business. The parcel is 1.14 acres in area. The parcel is located on the East side of Belleville Road South of Westlake Circle.

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

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the city doesn't have such an ordinance, but it might be a good idea to have one for redundancy.

Director Akers said there are vendors who make the signs with the addresses and the street names on them.

Alvis Brigis, the newest member of the Belleville Planning Commission, wanted to make sure everyone knew about a new \$1.2 billion AI project on Textile and Rawsonville roads, just over the county line in Washtenaw County.

He said there will be 200 high-paying jobs at the super-computing facility. It is on the river because it needs water and it needs power and so a "mini-nuke" is being considered, referring to a small nuclear plant.

Brigis said the Los Alamos facility was announced in December and is expected to be completed in 2029 or 2030. He said the empty storefronts in downtown Belleville could be filled with high-tech businesses working with the new facility just down the road.

Merrie Coburn, director of the VBT Downtown Development Authority, said that drones for delivering materials have been tested in this area.

Brigis said this area is rural and so the drones will be coming and the city needs to be ready with drone zoning appealing to five, ten, or twenty little companies.

"This will be a big difference to us," he said of the Los Alamos facility.

At the meeting, the complete VBT planning commission attended, four members of the Belleville commission, and only one from Sumpter – the commission chairperson Jane Stalmack.

Other VBT people present included supervisor Kevin McNamara, trustees Kevin Martin and Don Boynton, and officials from the building and planning commission and Director of Public Services Larry Luckett.

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Sumpter Manager Anthony Burdick delays retirement to March 31

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

At its regular meeting on Jan. 28, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees again accepted the resignation of Township Manager Anthony Burdick, this time with a final employment date of March 31.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, the board accepted a Jan. 31 final date of retirement, with one board member protesting that it needed more time to fill the position.

On Jan. 28, the board also accepted a motion to set the township manager's job description and qualifications and post the empty position.

Burdick said the position will be posted in the online *Eagle* and the *Ann Arbor News*.

Burdick lives on Arkona Road and retired from Republic Services landfill in January 2018 after 14 years of service. He then became Sumpter Township Deputy Clerk, where he served for three and a half years, before being named township manager on June 28, 2022 with a salary of \$90,000 plus benefits.

At the Jan. 28 meeting, Burdick introduced two officials from Priority Waste, current owners of the landfill in Sumpter, to explain the problem that caused a lack of trash pickup on the weekend of Jan. 17.

At the last township board meeting, Clerk Don LaPorte said Priority Waste had informed the township that on Jan. 14 a list of seven roads had been impacted with problems for trash collection because of snow/icy road conditions. There would be no pickups until the roads are treated with sand.

The township contacted Wayne County informing it that sand was needed on several township roads before Priority Waste would pick up rubbish for residents.

Trustee Tim Rush said the county had responded quickly to putting sand on several township roads.

At the Jan. 28 meeting, Priority Waste CEO Braxton Mashburn and Jason Hamilton, head of the Romulus yard, were present to talk to the township board. They

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• Friday, Feb. 7 – 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.

• Thursday, Feb. 13 – Classic Movies Series at the Belleville Area Library at 6:30 p.m. brings "Top Hat" (1935) with Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton, with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin. Brought to viewers free of charge by Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• Friday, Feb. 14 – Dinner, 5 p.m. until gone at the Van Buren Eagles, 3996, 9961 Beck Rd. Also, meat auction at 6:30 p.m. and two-person band, Flaunt Love.

• Saturday, Feb. 15 – Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics of Michigan will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club with registration beginning at 10 a.m. and the plunges at noon.

• Sunday, Feb. 16 – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/ seniors/children, and \$30 per family. www.ypsilantisymphony.org

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PUBLIC AUCTION

U-Lock-It Self Storage LLC 6130 Rawsonville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 482-1502 Notice is hereby given that on 2/12/25 at 12:00 P.M. thru 2/19/25 at 12:00 P.M. contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold online at:

Bid13.com

SPACE # A29 – Alicia Rancour; G39 – Jeff Stoops; J8 – James McKinnis

Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, seasonal decorations, and tools. Publish: Feb. 6, 2025; Feb. 13, 2025





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Van Buren Township 2024 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

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	Zysk, Marcus TOTAL \$5,763,655.68	\$103,851.37	\$146,916.13	т Т

IOTAL \$5,763,655.68

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance, vision and pension.

2024 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- \$6,467,244.86 2023 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- <u>\$5,763,655.68</u> + \$703,589.18

Difference

2024 employee total wages & compensation had approximately a 12.21% increase since 2023.

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Sumpter Twp.

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apologized for the service. Mashburn explained that on the Jan. 17 weekend, a driver who had experienced a rollover on a country road didn't feel able to go on collecting trash because of the road conditions and the deep ditches.

Trustee John Honey said Sumpter roads regularly get an inch of ice and that's never been a reason before for not picking up trash.

"The driver was shy about getting out on the road," Mashburn said.

2024 Van Buren Township **Retiree Health Care Costs**

Employee	Cost to VBT
Brooks, Dennis	\$9,906.00
Brooks, Ken	\$9,906.00
Brooks, Terri	\$7,866.87
Burgor, Michael	\$17,611.33
Buxton, Mark	\$32,058.95
Caincross, Noah	\$19,889.01
Cline, Kathleen A.	\$9,804.47
Combs, Linda	\$9,772.22
Devos, Bart	\$8,903.43
Fields, Julia	\$19,333.63
Fleming, Pamala	\$19,844.25
Fondaw, Jeffrey	\$19,844.23
Foster, Helen	\$28,131.70
Greene, Robert	\$18,612.00
Grishaber Tina	#2 2.026.05
Gueli, Jeff	\$23,036.85
Guenther, Dale	\$18,603.00
Hayes, Christopher	\$21,796.05
Hunter, Donna	\$60,556.48
Ireland, Susan	\$9,804.50
Jordan, Lynette	\$27,985.20
Kauppila, Barb	\$9,906.00
Kennedy, Sharon	\$18,808.26
Kurtz, Brenda	\$9,165.57
Laurain, Gregory	\$20,499.84
McIntosh, Laurie	\$21,913.00
Miller, James	\$19,257.03
Moening, Michael	\$8,937.63
Montgomery, Joanne	\$22,579.67
Morse, Vernon	\$24,337.59
Noye, George	\$18,770.13
Osborne, Jeffrey	\$25,060.98
Papin, Michel	\$23,866.51
Partridge, Denise	\$9,341.54
Pinard, Mario	\$25,060.98
Price, Jennifer	
Sears, Robert	\$15,891.10
Smith, Daniel	\$18,612.00
Smyth, Keith	\$9,906.00
Stevenson, Linda	\$19,876.50
Strickland, Joseph	\$27,993.02
Taylor, Gerald	
Thornsbury, Ernie	\$18,435.34
Toney, Kenneth	\$27,734.79
Valinski, Jason	\$9,110.46
Wilson, Diane	\$3,631.79
Yono, Fred	\$10,063.60
TOTAL	\$811,395.12
	,
2024 - 48 Retirees	\$811,395.12
2023 - 45 Retirees	<u>\$578,676.95</u>
Difference	+ \$232,718.17
	re costs had
approximately a 40.2%	increase since

had approximately a 40.2% increase since 2023.

Trustee Rush said the rollover must have been pictured because of all the cameras on the trucks.

Mashburn said the rollover was in October 2023 and the driver got too far to the right as someone came toward him so he tipped into the ditch.

"Now, he's gun-shy," Mashburn said.

Hamilton said the driver had a couple slides that day. He said they switched the driver and now another driver is on those routes.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said the township got multiple different stories about the problem and lots of excuses.

A resident in the audience complained that his trash hasn't been picked up in three weeks

Phone numbers to call were handed out on cards and Treasurer Patterson said the information would be in the upcoming water billing. There also will be a number to call if your trash bin has been damaged and needs to be exchanged.

In other business at the 43-minute meeting, the board:

• Heard the new 11th District County Commissioner Allen Wilson explain he wants to help the township. He said the commission passed a \$2.3 billion budget and, "We can get you resources." He stayed until the end of the meeting to talk with officials and residents and invited them to call and email him with concerns;

· Approved the fire department's grant writing fee of \$7,274 to JW2 Fire Consultants for the 2024/25 FEMA AFG cycle;

 Tabled the proposed police towing and impound vard agreement with J&T Crova;

 Approved the UKG Web-Based Time & Attendance System from Andrews Technology. It is a five-year term with an annual cost of \$5,295 and a one-time setup fee of \$3,000;

· Approved the final benefits bank time payout for Dawn Hadyniak in the amount of \$5,527.69;

· Approved preparing the Human Resources job description and desired education and skills;

 Approved paying Bush & Sons \$8,316 for 3 tons of gravel to put on the pathway for Forgotten Harvest traffic on the former fairgrounds property to keep the vehicles from blocking Sumpter Road; and

 Heard Treasurer Patterson report that the new roof on township hall is done. He said half of the roof had wet insulation about 3,072 square feet times \$4 - making them having to add almost \$12,000 to the cost.



City of Belleville 2024 Employee Wages & Cost to City

Employee Wages & Cost to Chy					
F 1 M	337	Total	Total		
Employee Name City Council	Wages	Benefits	Compensation		
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		
City Manager	¢72 (24 QC	¢14.056.05	¢07 001 01		
S. Jones J. Smith	\$73,624.96	\$14,256.05 \$20,936.04	\$87,881.01		
Clerk/Treasurer	\$86,923.08	\$20,930.04	\$107,859.12		
B. Hootman	\$68,500.12	\$14,388.44	\$82,888.56		
G. Cote	\$12,286.25	\$939.90	\$13,226.15		
Account Clerks	. ,		. ,		
M. Bellingham	\$57,367.32	\$13,220.68	\$70,588.00		
T. Hammons	\$47,917.80	\$17,938.32	\$65,856.12		
Department of Public Servic					
R. Rutherford	\$71,901.50	\$18,042.26	\$89,943.76		
S.Adams	\$38,171.65	\$15,586.04	\$53,757.69		
S.Demond N. Demond	\$32,783.61 \$24,752.87	\$13,885.52 \$4,884.16	\$46,669.13 \$29,637.03		
M. Hoag	\$24,732.87 \$37,734.00	\$6,552.46	\$29,037.03 \$44,286.46		
J. Hayter	\$41,948.00	\$9,798.78	\$51,746.78		
B. Ladouceur	\$10,635.00	\$813.58	\$11,448.58		
L. Murphy	\$2,745.00	\$209.99	\$2,954.99		
C. Officer	\$5,428.00	\$415.24	\$5,843.24		
C. Jackson	\$36,548.75	\$8,974.97	\$45,523.72		
A. Bollini	\$13,046.18	\$998.03	\$14,044.21		
D. Huby	\$26,605.25	\$8,187.64	\$34,792.89		
M. Frierson	\$6,538.46	\$500.19	\$7,038.65		
A. Smith	\$3,882.22	\$296.99	\$4,179.21		
R. Michalak	\$1,558.57 \$3,840.00	\$119.23 \$203.76	\$1,677.80 \$4,122.76		
P. Levesque C. Dyer Jr.	\$3,840.00 \$8,580.00	\$293.76 \$656.37	\$4,133.76 \$9,236.37		
Police Officers	\$0,500.00	\$050.57	\$9,230.37		
C. Adam	\$82,466.09	\$20,145.03	\$102,611.12		
K. Faull - Schlund	\$98,880.05	\$58,388.27	\$157,268.32		
B. Devos	\$51,030.26	\$8,817.76	\$59,848.02		
T. Schrecengost	\$87,493.72	\$68,933.46	\$156,427.18		
M.VanDeweghe	\$81,295.84	\$41,199.94	\$122,495.78		
T. Stewart	\$72,093.76	\$15,610.00	\$87,703.76		
C. Brooks	\$47,900.86	\$11,021.30	\$58,922.16		
M. Boudreau J. Wickham	\$66,471.76 \$87,154.10	\$12,122.02 \$56,962.29	\$78,593.78 \$144,116.39		
J. Gueli	\$62,395.98	\$14,055.55	\$76,451.53		
M. Pearl	\$39,286.52	\$9,193.81	\$48,480.33		
K. Doe	\$48,900.76	\$12,243.54	\$61,144.30		
S. Maher	\$32,312.26	\$24,115.14	\$56,427.40		
Fire Department					
R. Gay	\$10,439.68	\$798.64	\$11,238.32		
M. Harper	\$2,021.60	\$154.65	\$2,176.25		
K. Labombarbe	\$612.04	\$46.82	\$658.86		
D. Moore	\$16.54	\$1.27	\$17.81		
B. Loranger R. Landskroener	\$14,946.81 \$11,010,65	\$1,143.43 \$843.00	\$16,090.24 \$11,862,65		
A. Reed	\$11,019.65 \$9,873.71	\$843.00 \$755.34	\$11,862.65 \$10,629.05		
G. Kissel	\$9,875.71	\$755.54 \$864.29	\$12,162.15		
C. McClinton	\$1,064.47	\$81.43	\$1,145.90		
J. Reed	\$2,398.19	\$183.46	\$2,581.65		
R. Russow	\$158.23	\$12.10	\$170.33		
A. Sherwood - Landskroener	\$18,545.86	\$1,418.76	\$19,964.62		
R. Martin	\$3,512.14	\$268.68	\$3,780.82		
I. Teachout	\$4,407.10	\$337.14	\$4,744.24		
A. Zehel	\$986.02	\$75.43	\$1,061.45		
C. Zweng	\$14,192.47 \$14,012.07	\$1,085.72 \$1,140,84	\$15,278.19 \$16,053,81		
M. Wisniewski C. Armatis	\$14,912.97 \$132.32	\$1,140.84 \$10.12	\$16,053.81 \$142.44		
E. Snider	\$132.32 \$3,288.72	\$10.12 \$251.59	\$3,540.31		
J. Anderson	\$366.36	\$28.03	\$394.39		
	+000100		FAL \$2,235,317.55		
			ГАL \$1,809,643.90		
		Differ	ence + \$425,673.65		
2024 employee total wages a	& cost to city ha	ad approximately a 23.5	2% increase since		
2023.					

Belleville Area Independent/February 6, 2025

Belleville Area District	•	0	
	Wages	Benefits	Total
ADMINISTRATION:	¢09.767.01	¢20 746 27	¢107 510 00
Suchy, Mary Jo Savage, Hilary	\$98,767.01 \$77,155.67	\$28,746.37 \$35,961.74	\$127,513.38 \$113,117.41
McCann, Tara	\$69,551.16	\$24,234.74	\$93,785.90
Greschaw, Amy	\$62,103.46	\$44,808.15	\$106,911.61
Lore, Lindsay	\$57,204.67	\$21,045.19	\$78,249.86
Johnson, Carol	\$41,375.00	\$8,696.29	\$50,071.29
LIBRARIANS:		<i>*</i> 10 00 < 50	¢05 100 0 0
Lewis-Yarbrough, Nakenya Skinner, Kelly	\$51,961.76 \$57,947.98	\$43,226.52 \$21,614.74	\$95,188.28 \$79,562.72
Dubke, Karen	\$48,957.70	\$9,229.16	\$79,302.72 \$58,186.86
Richardson, Jennifer	\$48,649.01	\$41,456.55	\$90,105.56
Corcoran, Crystal	\$1,222.89	\$93.55	\$1,316.44
Davies, Rachel	\$1,138.02	\$87.06	\$1,225.08
Green, Debra	\$745.68	\$57.04	\$802.72
Richards, Jonathan	\$6,052.47	\$463.01	\$6,515.48
Spiteri-Zaidel, Theresa	\$30,269.86	\$2,315.64	\$32,585.50
LIBRARY INTERNS: Barbato, Maria	\$14,182.25	\$1,084.94	\$15,267.19
Castle, Claire	\$16,099.00	\$1,231.58	\$17,330.58
LIBRARY ASSISTANTS:	+ ,	+ - ,	+ ,
Campbell, Trinity	\$16,482.95	\$1,260.94	\$17,743.89
Douglas, Noelle	\$4,456.08	\$340.89	\$4,796.97
Green-Husted, Jessamy	\$9,318.06	\$712.83	\$10,030.89
Kelly, Amber	\$3,136.50	\$239.94	\$3,376.44
Moody, Gail	\$18,016.84	\$1,378.28	\$19,395.12
O'Brien, Amy Biokorol, Nicolo	\$26,541.50 \$36,114,60	\$2,020.42 \$17,248.99	\$28,561.92 \$53,363,50
Pickeral, Nicole Reynolds, Kamron	\$36,114.60 \$38,268.73	\$17,248.99 \$28,798.37	\$53,363.59 \$67,067.10
Sievert, Lisa	\$13,111.25	\$1,003.01	\$14,114.26
Sugai, Danielle	\$4,676.55	\$357.76	\$5,034.31
Tabatowski-Bush, James	\$3,730.14	\$285.36	\$4,015.50
Villa, Justin	\$12,106.10	\$926.12	\$13,032.22
LIBRARY CLERKS:			
Carr, Mary	\$6,186.56	\$473.28	\$6,659.84
Cannon, Micaya	\$7,795.16	\$596.33	\$8,391.49
Foley, Tatiyana	\$11,453.38	\$876.18 \$280.06	\$12,329.56
Garascia, Judy Gregoire, Sully	\$4,979.78 \$10,391.25	\$380.96 \$794.93	\$5,360.74 \$11,186.18
Harrison, Kali	\$5,126.25	\$392.16	\$5,518.41
Klotz, Harper	\$761.25	\$58.24	\$819.49
Martin, Leandro	\$30.00	\$2.30	\$32.30
Meadows, Lisa	\$438.75	\$33.56	\$472.31
Najduk, Lori	\$22,003.65	\$1,683.28	\$23,686.93
Powers, Cecilia	\$12,923.89	\$988.68	\$13,912.57
Reed, Ronda	\$15,014.84	\$1,148.64	\$16,163.48
Riehl, Jasmine Shetler, Lavonne	\$3,507.78 \$7,188.75	\$268.34 \$549.94	\$3,776.12 \$7,738.69
Smith, Karrie	\$16,270.65	\$1,244.70	\$17,515.35
Valicenti, Elizabeth	\$5,666.25	\$433.47	\$6,099.72
Willson, Lori	\$10,952.16	\$837.84	\$11,790.00
Yates, Grace	\$11,952.94	\$914.14	\$12,867.08
LIBRARY MONITORS:			
Fuller, Gwendolyn	\$5,199.88	\$397.79	\$5,597.67
Reed, April	\$3,884.50	\$297.17	\$4,181.67
Walker, Esther	\$401.63	\$30.72	\$432.35
Williams, Torrea LIBRARY SHELVING ASSISTAN	\$3,004.75	\$229.86	\$3,234.61
Althizer, Ariana	\$2,732.30	\$209.02	\$2,941.32
Carr, Brendan	\$1,694.12	\$209.02 \$129.60	\$1,823.72
Foley, Tierra	\$5,635.60	\$431.13	\$6,066.73
Kendrick, Heidi	\$1,562.15	\$119.50	\$1,681.65
Losey, Carolyn	\$2,944.05	\$225.22	\$3,169.27
Yarbrough, Naima	\$1,779.63	\$136.14	\$1,915.77
LIBRARY COMPUTER TECH:	+ · · · · -	*** *** = = *	
Kelley, George	\$58,116.47	\$21,337.76	\$79,454.23
FACILITIES:	¢1 000 50	¢200 15	¢1 (17 (7
Decker, Nancy Miller, Bob	\$4,289.52 \$5,448.11	\$328.15 \$416.78	\$4,617.67 \$5,864.89
Prince, Jason	\$3,448.11 \$35,120.00	\$416.78 \$17,018.44	\$5,864.89 \$52,138.44
Seefeld, Haylee	\$7,106.17	\$543.62	\$7,649.79
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		2023 Total	<u>\$1,407,629.58</u>
			+ \$145,728.53
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2024 employess total wages & benefits had approx. 10.35% increase over 2023.

City Council

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Sitting with the council behind the closed doors for the private session were DPS Director Melissa Frierson, Assistant City Manager Steve Jones, City Manager Smith, Clerk Brianna Hootman, and Chief Faull.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

• Witnessed Police Chief Kris Faull present a corporal badge to Officer Sarah Dzagulones, who has been on staff for eight years;

• Received a fiscal year 2023-24 audit presentation from Jay Wilde of Alan C. Young & Associates. The audit was later than allowed by law, but an extension was given by the state because of the city's internet meltdown last summer. The audit produced an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest possible. His audit showed a total general fund balance of \$2,974,282 on June 30, 2024;

• Heard newly elected 11th District Wayne County Commissioner Allen Wilson introduce himself and say he wants to give the city the resources it deserves.

He noted he had worked for the UAW for many years and spent one year as a city councilperson in Romulus. He apologized and left for a meeting he wanted to attend in Flat Rock;

• Approved the consent agenda which included eight special events in 2025 by the Belleville Central Business Community, including Flop E. Bunny, Memorial Day Parade, Farmers Market, Taste of Belleville, Harvest Fest, Monster Mutt Walk, Halloween Downtown, and Third Thursdays. CBC Director Janet Millard was present to answer questions, but there were none. Smith said a "trash plan" addendum had been added by the city at the bottom of the list of events;

· Heard Councilman Jeremiah Beebe ask the DPW Director to provide a monthly report for the consent agenda in the future;

• Approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute the Horizon Park Grant Award documents. State Rep. Reggie Miller had provided a grant for \$750,000 for bank stabilization at Horizon Park;

• Approved a resolution of support for the Downriver Utilities and Water Authority (DUWA) amendments and restated articles;

• Approved the mayor's appointment of Raytheon "Ray" Martin to the planning commission to fill an unexpired term that expires Dec. 31, 2026. He belongs to the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association and retired from the Detroit Police Department after 23 years of service. He has a bachelor of business administration degree and now works in private security;

• Approved the revised collective bargaining agreements for the POAM (Police Officers Association of Michigan) and GELC (Governmental Employees Labor Council). Mayor Ken Voigt said the revision includes removing the extra \$2 pay for short staff;

 Approved paying an invoice for \$6,881 from Stryker dated November, 2022, for three AEDs (defibrillators) for the fire department. Chief Faull said she just got the bill last week and Stryker explained it just switched to a new billing process and found the old, unpaid bill to Belleville. Although the council voted to pay the invoice, it was advised the city has just paid it. City Manager Smith said this item was brought before the council because it was unusual:

released before amending the millage rate via the

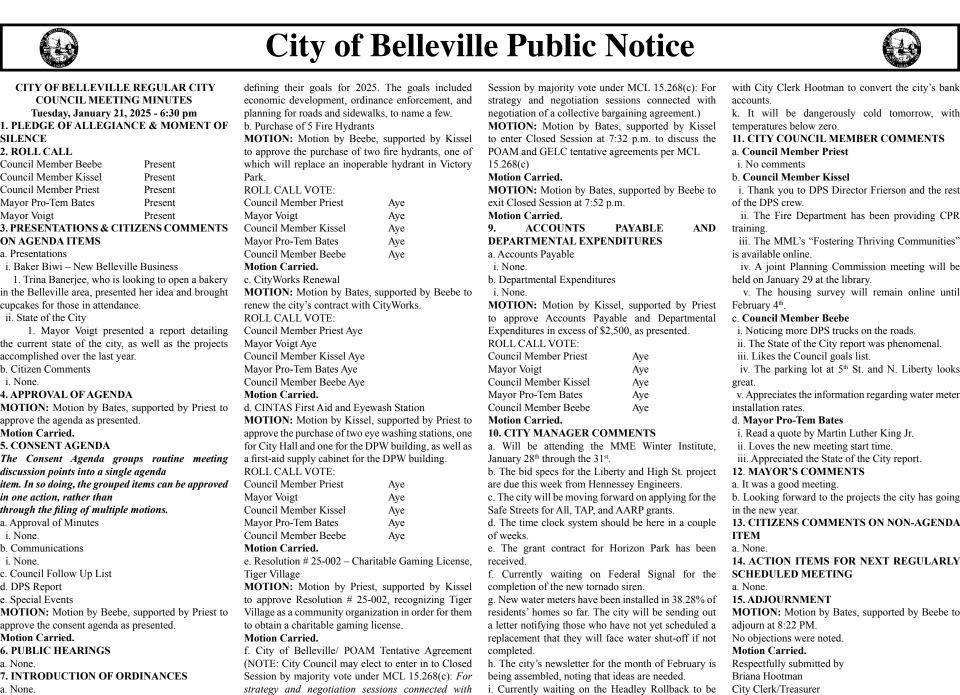
Will be meeting with Flagstar bank on Thursday

L-4029 form.

· Heard Smith report he attended the Michigan Municipal Executives conference last week and got legislative updates and was given information on road funding and bonding for roads. He reported that while installing the new pole at the DPW yard to hold the new tornado sirens they hit a water main that had to be repaired. The sirens arrived last Friday. He also reported that 40.31% of the new water meters have been installed. He presented a report to the council on the interest the city earned by having \$5.177 million in the Michigan Class account; and

· Heard Fire Chief 2 Chris Zweng invite everyone to the "Reveal of Kitchen" party from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at the fire hall. It will be a dessert party with fire fighters asked to make their own desserts to share with the public. The event is to show off the results of the upgrading of the fire hall's kitchenette.

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8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION a. 2025 Goal Setting

i. Council Members participated in an activity

City Clerk/Treasurer

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strategy and negotiation sessions connected with negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.)

g. City of Belleville/GELC Tentative Agreement (NOTE: City Council may elect to enter in to Closed

Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 212 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following. Sunday, Jan. 26:

- 0055 intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
- xxxx repossession, Park Estates Dr. 0318 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.
- Woodbury Dr.
- 0856 family trouble, Walden Blvd.
- 1023 intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 1527 larceny, Sadie Ln.
- 1641 larceny, Belleville Rd. 1709 - civil matter, Fret Rd.
- 1926 juvenile complaint, Belle Pointe Dr. /
- Lindsey Dr.
- 1854 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 2052 welfare check. Maurice Dr.
- 2112 assault & battery, Landmark 2238 - assist fire dept., Sonrisa St.
- Monday, Jan. 27:
- 0228 intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
- 0551 personal injury accident, Timberview Ct. 0650 - property damage accident, E. Huron River
- Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 0928 misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr. 1049 - trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1223 traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
- 1253 welfare check, Buchanan St.
- 1305 trespassing, Belleville Rd.
- 1408 intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
- 1422 intrusion alarm, Beacon Trl.
- 1549 road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
- 1651 property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
- 1757 domestic, Denton Rd.
- 1937 welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.
- 2348 neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr. 2357 - domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28:
- 0027 suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
- 0100 suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.
- -94 Service Dr. 0718 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- Ecorse Rd.
- xxxx repossession, Richard Run Dr.
- 0924 larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
- 1200 misc. complaint, McBride 1246 - intrusion alarm. Martz Rd.
- 1349 intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
- 1756 retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1549 civil matter, Belleville Rd.
- 1636 overdose, Belleville Rd.
- 1757 malicious destruction of property, Jeremy

Rd. / Bradlev Dr.

- 1817 civil matter, S. Woodbury Dr.
- 1942 civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
- 1942 domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 2247 animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 2301 property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
- Dr. / Denton Rd.
- 2337 mental subject, E. Sadie Ln.
- xxxx repossession, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

- 0045 felony assault, Denton Rd.
- xxxx repossession, Lighthouse Dr.
- 0930 hospice death, Jeremy Rd.
- 0942 fraud, Rock Creek Dr.
- 1010 property damage accident, Van Buren St. 1111 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance.

Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.

- 1226 disorderly, Michigan Ave.
- 1229 disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1348 harassment call, Elwell Rd.
- 1400 ordinance violation all 7300 MICR codes, Favistock
- 1446 fraud, Beckley Rd.
- 1515 larceny from auto, Van Allen Ave.
- 1531 parking complaint, Cobblestone Ct.
- 1612 domestic, Mantauk Ct.
- 1737 intrusion alarm, Amanda Dr. 1935 - lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
- 2058 noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
- 2325 welfare check, Holly Ln.
- Thursday, Jan. 30:
- 0230 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
- 0435 property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Hannan Rd.
- 0848 leaving the scene of a property damage

- accident, W. Adams 0849 - trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
- 1052 property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. 1054 - personal injury accident, Melody Ln./W. Huron River Dr.

1213 - larceny, Main St.

1706 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1843 - assist citizen, Main St.

1512 - assist other dept., High St.

2120 --- family trouble, Carmell St.

2327 - suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.

0744 - welfare check, N. Liberty St.

1115 - motorist assist, Savage/tracks

1708 - suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.

2150 - warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

2023 - animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

1055 - property damage accident, South St.

0801 - intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.

There are 106 reports on this week's log and 63 of

Sumpter Township

Police Dispatch Log

0319 - mental health call, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.

1245 - 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1711 - death investigation, Redwood Ct.

2150 - fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

1841 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

0539 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

0838 - fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

1339 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1439 - family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1452 - fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.

1620 - civil matter, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1855 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1646 - property damage accident, 20000 bl.

2051 - property damage accident, Willow Rd. /

1044 - fraud complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1230 - assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis

1342 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1907 - follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow

0140 - suspicious vehicle, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.

0220 - found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1807 - neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

1924 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

2126 - citizen assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

2146 - 911 hangup, Florida St.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

2031 - mental health call, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.

1428 - civil matter, Redwood Dr.

2150 - fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

0140 - noise complaint, Birch Dr.

0559 - citizen assist, California St.

1200 - welfare check, Oregon St.

1328 - 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.

1731 - welfare check, Arizona St.

1202 - property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sharon

0821 - juvenile matter, Knollwood Dr.

0911 - mental health call, Knollwood Dr.

1914 - follow-up investigation, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

1427 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.

xxxx - civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.

0034 - intrusion alarm, Owen St.

0004 - family trouble, Birch Dr.

1439 - fire dept. assist, Utah St.

2253 - assault, Delaware St.

1712 - animal complaint, Edison Ave.

2312 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

1514 - assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

High St.

Biggs Ave.

Dr.

Main St.

High St.

Main St.

1919

Thursday, Jan. 30:

Friday, Jan. 31:

Saturday, Feb. 1:

these are traffic stops.

Sunday, Jan. 26:

Monday, Jan. 27:

Martinsville Rd.

Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 28:

Ct.

1645 - fraud, Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

1437 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2119 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

1028 - private property impound, S. Industrial Park

1624 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1359 - private property/property damage accident,

- suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Area Independent/February 6, 2025 0229 - family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1154 - civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1322 - family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

1401 - follow-up investigation, Virginia St.

2121 - 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Timber Creek Dr.

2331 - suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl.

0059 - malicious destruction of property, Colorado

0607 - malicious destruction of property, New

0648 - property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay

0915 - ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0838 - property damage accident, Birch Dr.

1208 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.

1303 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.

1543 - welfare check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

1556 - harassment complaint, Virginia St.

1702 - 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1717 - civil matter, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1731 - assist other agency, Rustic Ln.

1751 - 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.

2033 - alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0042 - alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0642 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

0913 - 911 hangup, Tulip Dr.

2254 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

2307 - suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.

1128 - fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

2019 - assist other agency, First St.

2125 - 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.

traffic stops, and 15 misc. details.

2022 - assist other agency, Second St.

0047 - follow-up investigation, Colorado St.

0215 - assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis

1054 - fire dept. assist, Bemis Rd./Savage Rd.

1101 - civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1207 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1332 - larceny report, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.

1451 - fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1731 - animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1555 - 911 hangup, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.

1917 - family trouble, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1603 - assist other agency, Inkster Rd./King Rd.

Also on this week's log are 220 patrol checks, 113

BHS at-home games

Dive vs. Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.)

6 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 6 - Boy1s Swim &

• Friday, Feb. 7 – Boys and Girls Bowling

vs. John Glenn, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes;

Boys Basketball vs. Fordson (Freshman 4

• Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Boys Basketball vs.

Livonia Stevenson (Freshman 4 p.m., JV

5:30 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.); Boys Swim &

Dive Dual Meet vs. Flat Rock and Lincoln,

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Athletic Secretary

Belleville High School

1519 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

0646 - suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1059 - assist other agency, Belleville Rd. / Industrial

Friday, Jan. 31:

Park

1559 - fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.

1446 - animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1542 - follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.

1648 - property damage accident, Wayside Dr.

1957 - suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Lohr

1649 - assist other agency, 11000 bl. Rawsonville

0855 - fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.

0859 - welfare check, New Mexico St.

0109 - follow-up investigation, Arizona St.

0223 - follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.

2009 - family trouble, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

2312 - citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.

0711 - alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1121 - alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Martinsville Rd.

Mexico St.

Thursday, Jan. 30:

1041 - malicious destruction of property, Colorado

0944 - 911 hangup, Birch Ct.

- 1124 domestic, Haggerty Rd.
 - 1132 animal complaint, McBride
- 1143 malicious destruction of property, Beck Rd./ McBride Ave.
- 1246 harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
- 1248 intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
- 1439 property damage accident, Mott
- 1518 civil matter, Mantauk Ct. 1802 - domestic, Marina Dr.
- 1952 property damage accident, Michigan /
- Michigan Ave. 2023 - malicious destruction of property, S. I-94
- Service Dr. 2044 - civil matter, Mantauk Ct.
- 2114 welfare check, Florence Ln.
- 2234 parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
- 2239 parking complaint, Cobblestone Ct.
- 2310 assist other dept., Woodgrove Dr.
- Friday, Jan. 31:
- 0002 noise complaint, Colonial Rd./Stamford 0002 - noise complaint, Brandi Dr.
- 0226 suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodgrove Dr.
- 0420 suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Woodbury Dr.

1122 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

1349 - property damage accident, Jackson St. / N.

1509 - animal complaint, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.

1821 - animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove

2251 - road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.

1114 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2309 - assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd./N. I-94

Also, on this log are 87 traffic stops, 25 of which are

Belleville Police

Dispatch Log

0711 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

0928 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

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xxxx - repossession, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1405 - property damage accident, Main St.

2123 - assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

0343 - intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

1115 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1115 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1116 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1116 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1418 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

- xxxx repossession, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 0806 assault & battery, E. Schooner Dr.
- 0908 larceny, Michigan Ave.
- 0959 civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.

N. I-94 Service Dr.

I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

Rawsonville Rd.

Service Dr.

Sunday, Jan. 26:

Monday, Jan. 27:

Biggs Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 28:

Rd.

1117 - intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

1656 - civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.

1836 - welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.

1844 - parking complaint, Cobblestone

2054 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0034 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0457 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1100 - parking complaint, Chinkapin Dr.

2035 - intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.

0606 - assist fire dept., Rose Blvd.

1214 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1317 - family trouble, Pond Bluff Dr.

1404 - trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1404 - intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.

2021 - road hazard, S. I-275/Ecorse

2242 - harassment call, Parkside Dr.

2030 - welfare check, Jackson St.

2144 - sexual assault, Maple Dr.

on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

1706 - hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Feb. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Keystone Academy school board meeting at 5 p.m., beginning with closed-door session for student disciplinary session. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 13 –Sumpter Township

• Thursday, Feb. 13 –Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed, Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 19 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St.

• Monday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons





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Sarah Dzagulones, who had been a Belleville Police Officer for eight years, salutes after being presented with her new corporal badge at Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council.

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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for The Van Buren Township Fireworks Display at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "TOWNSHIP CLERK/ FIREWORKS DISPLAY BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Jennifer Zaenglein at <u>jzaenglein@vbtmi.gov</u>.

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