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McBride Middle School presents 'The Crimson House Murder'

McBride Middle School will present this year's play, "The Crimson House Murder", on Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 21, at noon.

Tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively, and the PTO will be offering concessions. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Children 3 and under are free. Cash or venmo at the door.

The play is directed by Tracy Delfuoco and Amy Chrisner.

You'll find laughs galore in this murder mystery farce that spoofs the private eye shows of the past. It's the story of Crimson House, a seedy hotel where the guests pay outrageous rent for shoddy service. Arriving on the scene is that famous, inept, yet very funny Hoboken detective, Hercules Porridge, who goes by Junior.

A corpse has been discovered in the sitting room, and a beautiful secretary is done in by deadly orchid juice. Who could have done such a dastardly deed? The guest list includes mystery writer Anguish Crispie, an eccentric young man who dresses like a jungle explorer, and a strange actress who

always dresses in black.

Or maybe it's Colonel Chutney, a crazy neighbor, who thinks he's in India in 1880. There is also Jeeves, the butler, who has a wandering mind. Thrills and chills collide with laughter as the case is surprisingly solved by Detective Porridge.

This mystery is sure to keep the audience laughing and wondering "whodunit" right up until the very end, say the directors.

VBT board approves Aerotropolis LDFA for north end of township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Chris Girdwood of the Detroit Aerotropolis Development Corporation explained what Local Development Finance Authority taxation would do for Van Buren Township during a workshop before the township's regular meeting on March 3.

He said as a Next Michigan Development Corporation the township could establish a LDFA in one or more other municipalities

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18th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township 2025 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Base Wages	Total Compensation
Elected Officials		
McNamara, Kevin M.	\$123,692.87	\$165,445.06
Wright, Leon	\$115,297.04	\$176,505.56
Budd, Sharry A.	\$114,922.32	\$163,213.69
Boynton, Donald	\$21,811.05	\$30,074.66
Frazier, William	\$21,811.05	\$29,781.50
Kelley, Bryon	\$21,811.05	\$29,757.50
Martin, Kevin D.	\$21,811.05	\$29,897.66
Assessing		
Dorazio, Gina M.	\$79,199.43	\$132,618.70
Building and Grounds		
Byrd, Lisa	\$8,655.83	\$9,545.68
Esch, Charles A.	\$71,069.46	\$102,237.12
Hood, Kathryn	\$83,640.31	\$121,961.43
Jackson, Kimberly	\$45,815.61	\$62,057.41
Jenkins, Kirk A.	\$68,818.14	\$117,800.74
Luckett, Lawrence	\$103,055.32	\$138,180.87
McWilliams, Kendyl M.	\$66,083.74	\$102,376.51
Miller, Patty A.	\$31,569.85	\$42,669.57
Clerk		
Beaudry, Brittany	\$119,095.05	\$187,560.77
Chandonnet, Teresa	\$51,098.59	\$90,393.32
Pecsenye, Karen E.	\$91,099.26	\$141,289.09
Towles, Carol	\$28,489.07	\$37,600.04
Communications		
Manalp, Elena	\$76,267.95	\$110,950.86
Michaels, Chloe	\$72,425.16	\$120,827.33
Community SVS		
Balewski, Marylynn	\$61,362.12	\$90,765.75
Ballard, Amy	\$5,816.94	\$6,261.94
Chance, Brenda	\$17,613.33	\$18,960.75
Dohring, Tammy	\$95,619.08	\$128,037.87
Elassal, Yasmeen	\$6,683.64	\$7,194.94
Gates, Rishard	\$5,759.31	\$6,199.90
Gee, Sarah	\$11,200.79	\$12,057.65
Gerhart, Nicole	\$78,685.16	\$124,784.63
Hodder, Deborah	\$16,636.59	\$17,909.29
Johnson, Marisa	\$19,377.14	\$20,859.49
Komaromi, Xavier	\$10,491.86	\$11,294.49
Little, Brooklyn	\$17,831.80	\$20,360.53
Murphy, Deanna	\$60,115.94	\$80,285.86
Ouellette, Braeden	\$16,889.48	\$18,181.53
Partridge, Denise	\$18,558.94	\$19,978.69

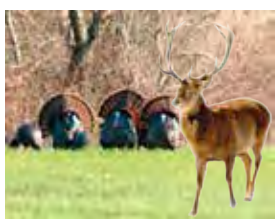
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Van Buren Township 2025 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Base Wages	Total Compensation			
Community SVS (continued)			Rankin, Steve L.	\$42,577.36	\$67,583.85
Porter, Beverly L.	\$26,272.63	\$28,282.48	Worthy, Blake	\$56,435.97	\$84,493.76
Renaud, Elizabeth	\$119,072.45	\$168,156.10	Museum		
Shiple, Breanna	\$23,416.02	\$25,207.34	Utz, Mary	\$27,485.27	\$29,587.90
Sikora, Emma	\$19,383.53	\$20,866.37	Ordinance		
Simpson, Corenina M.	\$24,626.89	\$26,510.85	Queener, Robert W.	\$77,282.49	\$127,348.64
Smith, Matthew	\$50,737.95	\$74,520.97	Schuler, David J.	\$62,201.75	\$108,784.15
Terry, Karen	\$22,293.52	\$23,998.98	Parks		
Zaenglein, Jennifer B.	\$75,619.07	\$126,781.61	Cochenour, Jonathon R.	\$79,139.91	\$120,986.84
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$7,145.55	\$7,692.18	Cook, Trevor	\$5,677.90	\$6,112.26
DDA			Drotar, Ryan T.	\$77,217.92	\$107,650.18
Coburn, Merrie	\$95,313.71	\$127,261.98	Forster, Brooke	\$7,995.38	\$8,607.02
Development SVS			Locke, Jason	\$75,619.07	\$122,687.73
Akers, Ronald	\$117,463.26	\$184,948.73	Mears, Parker	\$8,041.73	\$8,656.93
Manley, Caroline	\$48,708.52	\$74,988.97	Michaels, Brooke	\$25,150.38	\$27,074.38
Salazar, Christopher	\$104,394.65	\$167,605.09	Pause, Samantha	\$3,760.07	\$4,047.71
Tyler, Karen	\$57,847.15	\$105,861.62	Rupnow, Jay	\$3,776.01	\$4,064.87
Williams, Brittney	\$69,618.77	\$120,427.19	Walker, Elenor	\$13,001.83	\$13,996.47
Dispatch			Police		
Baker, Georgia J.	\$72,770.50	\$119,720.34	Abdilla, Marc L.	\$160,870.34	\$240,278.89
Barker, Ryan	\$79,774.12	\$110,069.51	Barry, Ryan T.	\$112,176.07	\$166,530.84
Evans, Gabrielle	\$73,518.96	\$100,803.26	Bettendorf, William J.	\$107,737.24	\$161,175.06
Johnson, Dominique	\$77,530.12	\$127,655.17	Buckberry Jr, Mark D.	\$149,708.00	\$230,356.33
Jones, Julie C.	\$72,683.20	\$99,960.05	Byrd, Adam R.	\$115,691.10	\$178,081.30
Lucas, Gretchen E.	\$82,909.56	\$132,229.91	Champagne, David A.	\$99,413.40	\$153,909.77
Martin, Robert B.	\$73,498.00	\$117,619.97	Daniels, Keith	\$97,174.60	\$131,617.38
Pauls, Kelsey	\$73,432.12	\$102,508.09	Edge, Michael	\$112,671.12	\$170,108.22
Rea, Teri L.	\$67,364.29	\$95,942.42	Evans, Seth	\$111,065.30	\$161,848.67
Weisbecker, Vicki L.	\$71,604.11	\$100,222.20	Fedel, Andrew	\$127,022.70	\$168,760.36
Elections			Floro, Kenneth V.	\$164,556.68	\$244,340.21
Coleman, John IV	\$51,370.87	\$76,398.03	Griggs, Scott M.	\$120,595.40	\$176,326.17
Hubbard, Donae	\$65,946.21	\$96,178.00	Hall, Joshua	\$106,266.44	\$161,256.59
Fire			Harman, Christina A.	\$66,507.08	\$96,838.25
Bowman, Scott	\$94,218.13	\$146,733.21	Harrison, Dale A.	\$114,533.44	\$167,240.69
Brushaber, Jeffery	\$73,568.02	\$120,207.98	Hernandez, Christian	\$101,312.24	\$155,280.64
Budd, Joseph	\$18,918.21	\$22,199.42	Hillen, James E.	\$98,659.80	\$155,694.74
Cady, Matthes	\$72,966.84	\$123,084.61	Jaffar, Ali	\$89,769.73	\$122,127.48
Cox, Dustin G.	\$5,913.20	\$7,232.98	Kasenow, Kyle	\$90,154.25	\$143,427.54
Everett, Rachel S.	\$37,658.01	\$44,013.29	Keele, Louis J.	\$128,658.55	\$196,740.61
Folks, Ronald P.	\$95,120.80	\$145,040.27	King, Mark J.	\$107,185.60	\$158,401.12
Greff, Allison	\$76,327.85	\$107,821.88	Lazar, Nathan	\$70,414.36	\$96,272.79
Henley, James	\$75,127.33	\$96,209.03	Lesperance, Crystal	\$66,444.62	\$96,565.09
Ladach, Aaron S.	\$88,819.10	\$135,885.93	Long, Michael D.	\$67,584.32	\$98,921.68
Lenaghan, Andrew	\$100,751.12	\$135,031.69	McCarthy, Donovan L.	\$57,941.88	\$104,386.44
Lentine, Daniel J.	\$83,273.00	\$126,828.39	McCormick, Katerina	\$104,315.92	\$135,990.90
Lewis, Zion	\$75,052.14	\$105,550.50	McCormick, Ryan M.	\$149,281.01	\$224,285.52
Ling, Jason	\$26,855.78	\$31,543.43	McGregor, Devonte	\$97,079.34	\$130,420.67
Lodico, Connor	\$9,425.38	\$9,562.05	Monte, Joshua	\$116,259.13	\$182,872.73
Maryanski, David	\$72,920.53	\$114,791.37	Morris, Terrell	\$35,422.27	\$44,079.34
McCormick, Elizabeth L.	\$16,110.39	\$18,854.75	Mowbray, Kurtis	\$115,297.80	\$166,679.03
McInally II, David C.	\$120,032.39	\$185,761.73	Perez, Derek S.	\$112,477.80	\$166,503.94
Pierce, Christopher A.	\$86,614.40	\$133,028.16	Raschke, Matthew A.	\$125,344.68	\$192,485.91
Smith, Edward	\$38,003.28	\$41,054.53	Rini, Michael J.	\$155,639.84	\$235,155.77
Smith, Ryan J.	\$90,542.28	\$141,891.03	Rubens, Donavin	\$99,553.99	\$138,059.41
Stevens, Mitchell	\$75,612.18	\$96,908.25	Schmidtke, Casey	\$73,599.79	\$127,821.44
Vlademar, Michael	\$29,151.92	\$34,278.98	Schulz, Alexander W.	\$134,353.48	\$203,856.60
IT			Short, Jordan G.	\$137,866.20	\$211,227.91
Barbaza, Brad	\$111,239.64	\$148,627.64	Smith, Amy M.	\$163,161.01	\$245,075.25
Dandy, Kenneth R.	\$83,081.13	\$137,556.18	Stanton, Jeffrey L.	\$136,888.64	\$209,966.80
Dosey, Gary	\$53,882.90	\$70,755.84	Svabik, Daniel	\$96,631.04	\$146,644.90
			Tolitsky, Mackenzie	\$32,144.20	\$42,223.80
			Tront, Jason L.	\$105,595.62	\$133,492.53
			Valinski, Christopher M.	\$120,402.00	\$177,787.90
			Vargas Jr., Juan	\$117,484.52	\$176,115.96
			Wehrman, Patrick J.	\$104,224.60	\$158,220.43
			Wright, Jason J.	\$129,663.61	\$196,066.41
			Yuchuck, James	\$101,780.22	\$136,929.47

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OPINIONS

Editorial:

Plans for Haggerty School renovation starting to move

Plans for the renovation of Haggerty School into a bus garage and warehouse are starting to move forward since the voters approved the school bond proposal last fall.

There are about a dozen EV buses that the school got with grants, so those will be plugged in there, next to the rest of the bus fleet and repair facilities. The warehouse on Sumpter Road will be moved to the site, as well.

It's yet to be announced whether the former elementary school will be razed, but we suspect it will be knocked down in favor of a brand new building with current technology.

Currently, the corner of Savage and Haggerty roads near the school is very dangerous and we publish reports of the accidents there each week in our dispatch logs.

And, that is the area where the electricity regularly goes out on bright, sunny days. Those large trucks who will be avoiding the single-lane round about in Belleville will sure to be using Haggerty to head south from the freeway.

We always thought the bus garage so close to the schools in Belleville was in a perfect position. Not so, we guess.

The extremely heavy EV buses won't be good for rural roads to the district's south, and they will damage the paved roadways they travel in the rest of the area. We are not looking forward to this change.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last week channel 4 television ran a segment on Sumpter's bad roads. It threw in some clips from Huron Township's bad roads, as well, from a previous broadcast.

At one point it interviewed a man who lived nearby who had his sleek, black Camaro at a gas station. He said he usually keeps his fancy car in the garage until April but he was out with it early. It didn't have a single drop of mud showing. It didn't prove the roads were bad in Sumpter, which was the goal of the report.

But the fellow sure had a big smile as he showed off his car. I'm sure that was hard for channel 4 to ignore.

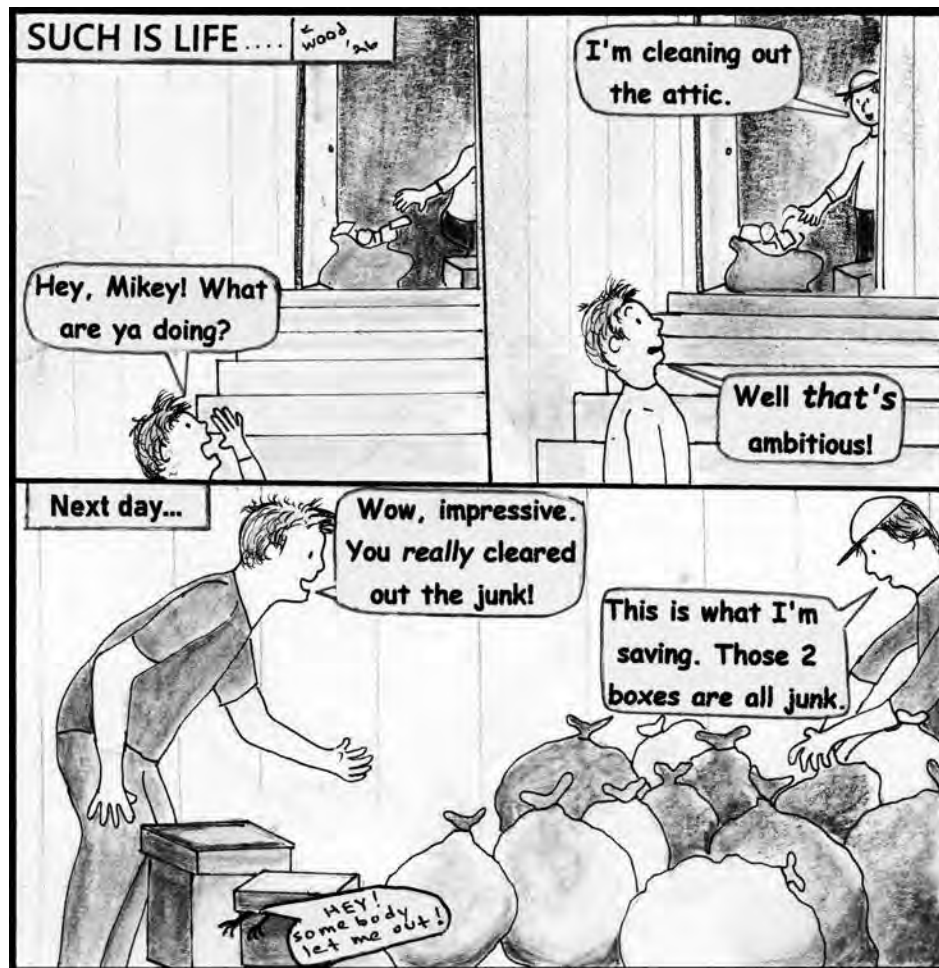
According to a posting on the Wayne-Westland school district Facebook page, Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak has an appointment for an interview at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. Wayne-Westland is looking for a superintendent.

Wayne-Westland is also interviewing other candidates that week who have superintendent or deputy superintendent experience in Des Moines, Pontiac, Detroit, and Wayne-Westland.

They have set special meetings for March 16, 17, and 18 and posted those meetings. When I called they said the interviews are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Their board meeting site is 36745 Marquette, Westland.

We received reports from two Michigan subscribers who said they received the Dec. 25, 2025 issue of our paper in their mail on March 4. Where have those papers been for all those weeks? We hand them over to the



post office for delivery each week and pay their fee and then what?

A 76-year-old man who lives on Bak Road in Van Buren Township called to tell me about the trash that blows off trash trucks and is all over the place. He knows that big piece of Styrofoam that blew off a few days ago will be in his yard before long. He is so frustrated at having to pick up the trash from the trash truck that he's paying for.

He said the truck drivers should pick up what blows off, but they don't and he is very, very frustrated.

Now that the snow has melted, we can all see the trash along the roadsides. The stretch along Haggerty, just south of E. Huron River Drive is bad again this year, as it is every year. It's got to be more than what blows off the trash trucks. I think people just toss stuff out their windows, like they do into our yard.

It is frustrating and Van Buren Township has hired people to clean up that stuff in past years, but we shouldn't have to pay taxpayers' money to clean that up. But, the alternative?

We received a letter from an anonymous Belleville fire fighter who said he/she is writing without the knowledge of Chief 2 Zweng to support him for the new fire chief position and to point out that everything at the fire department was running smoothly until the police chief was made public safety director and took over. The writer said it went from a family-like atmosphere to drama.

He said after 18 years of service Zweng has been pushed away, when the department respects him and supports him for its new chief.

The writer said no one sees behind the scenes of her destroying the fire department and making very weird comments about people's sexuality. Numerous people have walked in on her smoking in the garage, which is a government building, the writer said, and not allowed.

More frustration in the fire department. Sorry to see that.

People who drive for miles to avoid a traffic circle are not looking forward to the one-lane traffic circle that will take the place of the traffic light at Third and Main streets in Belleville during the 2027 construction season.

There is supposition that people will use Haggerty Road to avoid coming through Belleville and having to go through the traffic circle.

Mayor Voigt explained that the Main/Third corner needed a light when A&P was on Third Street and the post office was on Charles Street because there was lots of traffic. Now, not so much traffic, he said, and a traffic light only slows down the progress of traffic up and down Main. The traffic circle should help move traffic along, he said.



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Letters

Book sale donations wanted by Friends

Dear Friends of the Library,
 You are invited to attend the Board of Directors meeting for the Friends of the Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, in the conference room of the library. Plans for the next used book sale will be discussed, along with other upcoming library activities. We could use your help and input.
Book Sale Donations Wanted

Spring cleaning? The Friends would appreciate used book donations to help make the coming used book sale a success.

Adult, teen and children's fiction in hardcover and paperback are currently in short supply. Romance and fantasy/sci-fi novels are needed the most. Also wanted are DVD's, Blu-ray discs and audio books. All donations should be in good condition.

Not accepted are encyclopedias, VHS video tapes or Reader's Digest condensed books.

There is a limit of three boxes of donations per library visit. The deadline for book sale donations is April 25. A donation receipt may be obtained at the library circulation desk.

The Spring BOGO Used Book Sale will be held at the Belleville Library, 167 4th St., on Saturday, May 2, 12-3 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, 1-3 p.m.

A pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held on Saturday, 11 a.m. – noon. Membership forms may be obtained at the library, at the door on the days of the sale, or on-line at www.belleville.lib.mi.us.
 Classic Movie, "Sunset Boulevard," Thursday, March 12:

"Sunset Boulevard" will be shown on Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m., in the Cozadd Room at the library. This is the second Billy Wilder movie in the free Classic Movie Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. William Holden and Gloria Swanson star in this 1950 Academy Award winner. John Monaghan, retired *Detroit Free Press* movie critic, will be back to introduce the film and run the discussion afterward. Join us for a fun evening!

Elaine Gutierrez
 Friends of the Belleville Area District Library

Annual Quilt Show is back at the museum

Dear friends of the Belleville Area Museum:

We are excited to be back in full operation for the 2026 Annual March Quilt Show! A special shout-out to the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild for their work designing and leading the charge on this exhibit every year.

This year, the exhibit is themed for the United States' 250th Anniversary! We hope you will come and see the incredible artwork and the love put into these quilts throughout generations.

This month, we will be open Tuesdays in the evening from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. We will also have special quilt presentations upstairs by members and friends of the quilt guild. Special presentations will be once every hour on Saturdays and once on Friday, the 27th.

The schedule for those presentations is below:

- Saturday, March 7, Dear Quilt discussion with Diane and Suzanne;
- Saturday, March 14, Bedturning with Marjorie Fromm (15-20 minutes);
- Saturday, March 21, Free Motion Quilting with Emma;
- Friday, March 27, Sister Quilt with Suzanne and Patt; and
- Saturday, March 28, Mini Trunk Show with Mary.

The Quilt Guild will also be hosting a Sewing with Students event (age 6-adult) on Saturday, March 14, in hourly increments from 10:30-11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-2 p.m., and 2-3 p.m. Sign up on the Belleville Area District Library's website to make a Turtle Mop or Turtle Bath Mitt to take home. All sewing and ironing will be supervised...

Best wishes and have a happy St. Patrick's Day.

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Betty Ann Scott

BETTY ANN SCOTT

October 23, 1949 – March 6, 2026
Betty Ann Scott, age 76, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on March 6, 2026, at home under hospice care with her family by her side. She was born on October 23, 1949, in Trenton, MI, to Charles and Angeline (LeCelle) Enzenauer. After high school she married and began her family. Betty worked at Van Buren Public Schools for many years as a paraprofessional. She was very involved in the VFW, working diligently with her husband Stan, both giving their time and efforts to honor all veterans. She was a loving mother and wife and really enjoyed her family, especially her grandkids. Betty took time to spend lunches with her friends, and they named themselves the "Lunch Bunch." A great lady who will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her sons Michael (Georgia) Scott of Clinton, MI, Andrew (Carrie) Scott of Oceanside, CA; her grandchildren, Logan and Owen Scott of Oceanside, CA, and Logan and Gavin Swinney of Clinton, MI; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 51 years Stanley Scott (2020), and her four brothers Robert, Claude, Albert, and Richard.

A visitation has been planned at David C Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111 on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday, March 13, 2026, with visitation at 11 a.m. with a 12 p.m. funeral service. Burial will follow at Otisville, Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

TIMOTHY WILLOUGHBY

March 4, 1961 – March 1, 2026
Age 64, of Van Buren Township. Survived by son Cordell Willoughby of Van Buren Township; brother Clay Willoughby of St. Augustine, FL. Memorial gathering planned for Saturday, April 18, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, from 4 p.m. until the time of service of 6 p.m. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, March 16 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education workshop, 6 p.m., administration building. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Wednesday, March 18 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., city hall. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m.

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Obituaries



Shirley Joan Wilson

SHIRLEY JOAN WILSON

September 15, 1933 – March 3, 2026
Shirley Joan Wilson, 92 years old from Ada, Michigan passed away on March 3, 2026. Born in 1933 and raised in Belleville, Michigan Shirley was preceded in death by her mother Jamella Sutherland, father Bert Sutherland and sister Pat Thompson. Surviving her is her husband of 74 years Donald Wilson, her high school sweetheart who took especially good care of her during several years of declining health, and dear sister Sandi Fields of Belleville. Shirley was a devoted mother to three daughters, Patricia Wilson (Bill Stough), Cathy Agerson (Kirk) and Cynthia Gahn (Bill); four grandchildren Ashley, Sean, Christopher and Nicholas; and four great-grandchildren Owen, Henry, Lena and Mia. Her daughters have so many memories growing up in the country on a lake in Washtenaw County where our mother created a warm and lovely home. She was the ultimate homemaker enjoying baking (pies were a specialty), sewing, gardening, interior decorating and entertaining. She was blessed with a great sense of humor which her children and friends appreciated. Her limericks made everyone hearing them laugh. Shirley was a great typist. Her fingers flew over the keys enabling her to get her first job at Kaiser Frazer at Willow Run. Later in life she worked for Eastern Michigan University as the secretary for the athletic director. Shirley enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchildren throughout their young lives as they grew up into successful adults. Nothing made her happier than to spend time with them. She was a lover of dogs and enjoyed raising several over her lifetime, most recently Tasha the Shih Tzu, Max the Pug, and Beau the Boston Terrier. These puppies brought so much joy and companionship into her life. Her love of dogs was passed on to each of us. Shirley was the heart of our family and will be missed beyond measure by all of us, and will remain with us through our many wonderful memories of her. Donations can be made to an animal shelter of your choice. A memorial service will be held at a future date for family where we will celebrate her life.

DENNIS CARLSON

December 21, 1947 – March 3, 2026
Age 78, of Belleville, after a decade-long, courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Survived by wife Tammy; daughters Anna, Angela, Julie; grandchildren Emma, Addison, Liam, Anna. Graveside services were March 9 at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti.
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Daniel 'DJ' Baughman, II

DANIEL 'DJ' BAUGHMAN, II

June 20, 1991 – February 28, 2026
Daniel Baughman, II was born June 20, 1991, in Dearborn, Michigan. He was one of two sons born from the union of Daniel and Michelle (Honey) Baughman, I. "DJ", as he was lovingly known, was gainfully employed with Trimac Trucking as a wash technician. Family meant everything to DJ. Alongside his cousins, whom he thought of as brothers, DJ's familial bonds were his foundation. His grandmother, often a reliable figure as his babysitter, nurtured these connections. Spending endless afternoons and holidays together, DJ and his cousins created memories that lasted a lifetime. Their daily interactions, whether through playful banter or serious discussions, cemented a bond that was unbreakable. As a young boy, DJ discovered a love for hockey, drawn to the sport's intensity and the exhilaration of the game. As DJ grew older, his interest expanded to the virtual world, where he became an avid gamer. Titles like World of Warcraft, RuneScape, and Rust captured his imagination. His constant companion was his silver-blue pit bull, Dee Oh Gee (DOG). The bond between DJ and Dee Oh Gee was sincere, marked by mutual loyalty and affection. Daniel "DJ" Baughman, II, age 34, of Romulus, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Saturday, February 28, 2026. His passing was preceded by his grandparents, an uncle Richard Honey, and three cousins Kristin, Joshua, and David. To cherish his memory, he leaves his parents; a brother Jason Baughman; nine aunts and uncles: Catherine Buhnerkemper, Donna (Brad) Adams, David Baughman, Robert Baughman, Wayne Baughman, Crystal (Jason) Beesley, William Baughman, Lloyd Baughman, and JoAnn (Jason) Honey-Baker; and twenty-five cousins. His care has been entrusted to Merkle Funeral Service, Romulus, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 (734) 941-9200. Cremation will follow through Covenant Cremation of Erie, Michigan, a division of Merkle Enterprises, Inc. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting www.merklefs.com.

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Hugh E. Buckberry

HUGH E. BUCKBERRY

November 26, 1942 – March 1, 2026

Hugh E. Buckberry, lovingly known to many as “Rick” or “Buck,” passed away peacefully at home on March 1, 2026, at 4:17 p.m., at the age of 83.

Hugh was a longtime resident of the New Boston/Huron Township area and was raised in Romulus, Michigan. He lived a life defined by hard work, dedication, and a deep love for his family.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1964–1966 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Following his military service, Hugh was a tool and die maker as well as devoting his working years to Ford Motor Company, where he built a reputation for his strong work ethic and mechanical skill. A true car enthusiast, he had a lifelong passion for working on automobiles and took great pride in building three classic cars, 1965 Mustang Fastbacks, a 1965 coupe, and rebuilding a 1968 Torino Fastback — projects that reflected his craftsmanship, perfection, patience, and love of the trade. In addition to his love of cars, Hugh enjoyed spending time outdoors hunting and fishing, hobbies that brought him peace and many cherished memories over the years.

Above all, Hugh was a family man. He is survived by his beloved wife Sharon L. Buckberry and his cherished children: Eric H. Buckberry (deceased), Pamela Vanduzen, Gregory Buckberry, Danielle Gibson (Ray Eddings), Kristie Guerrero (the late Keith), and Andrea Rushlow (Robert). He is also survived by his treasured grandchildren: Samantha, Johnathan, Jessica, Eric, Jacob, Alyssa, Collette, Katie and Trent; great-grandchildren: Carson, Brydon, Logan, James, Willow, Dominic, Audri, Carter, Cade, Maddie, Ronan, and Talulla.

His legacy lives on through the family he loved so deeply and the many lives he touched throughout his years.

Hugh will be remembered for his steady presence, his hardworking spirit, and the pride he took in providing for and caring for those he loved. He leaves behind memories that will be treasured always.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Gathering will be held on March 22, 2026, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Drive. A service, 21-gun salute, flag folding, and luncheon will all take place on the VFW grounds.



Margaret Mary Carswell

MARGARET MARY CARSWELL

(June 30, 1942 – March 6, 2026)

Margaret Mary Carswell, aged 83, passed away on March 6, 2026, in Clio, Michigan. Born on June 30, 1942, in Dearborn, Michigan, Margaret was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

Margaret was known for her incredible work ethic and dedication to those she loved. A true hard worker, she found joy in improving her home and creating a warm, inviting space for family gatherings. Her home was always filled with laughter and the love of her cherished grandchildren, whom she adored deeply.

In her leisure time, Margaret enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, often spending her afternoons watching the Game Show Network, where she delighted in trying to answer the questions along with the contestants. She also loved watching Football, especially the Detroit Lions.

Margaret is preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Diane Walzak; her great-granddaughter, Adilyn Gray; and her parents, Peter and Charlotte Zager.

She leaves behind a loving family who will carry on her legacy of love and resilience: her daughters Renee Collins (Doug) and Cheryl Walzak (Darla Kutcher); her grandchildren Angela Riley (Joe), Donald Gray (Ben), Shelly Gray (Johnny), Kimberly Adkins (Josh), and Austin Gray (Breanna); five precious great-grandchildren; and her dear brother Lawrence Zaqr (Naomi).

Margaret’s memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

DENNIS STOTTS

May 28, 1950 – March 3, 2026

Age 75, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Sanda, daughter Catherine Rodger, sister Sharon Fields, grandchildren Porter and Lillian. Cremation rites accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home. A memorial is being planned. www.davidcbrownfh.com

RONALD DOUGLAS MICHLING

September 14, 1955 – March 8, 2026

Age 70, of Carleton, formerly of New Boston. Huron High School class of 1973. Survived by son Timothy Michling of Ypsilanti, brother Mike (Fay) of Atlanta, MI. Visitation will be 9-1 p.m. Friday, March 13, with a 1 p.m. funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Rev. Quang Minh Tran

REV. QUANG MINH TRAN

May 1, 1943 – March 8, 2026

Rev. Quang Minh Tran entered into eternal life on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Father Tran was born on May 1, 1943, in the Vietnamese village of Kim Dai, the youngest of 9 children born to Joseph Nhen Van Tran and Maria Duyen Thi Nguyen.

Fr. Tran, often called Fr. John, entered the seminary at an early age and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on April 30, 1970, in Vietnam. He served in various capacities at local schools and parishes.

In 1975 Fr. Tran left Vietnam by boat during the fall of Saigon. He reached the United States via Thailand, and eventually arrived in the diocese of Savannah, GA, where he served in local churches as pastor for 17 years.

In 1995 Fr. Tran enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served as a chaplain at bases in Norfolk, VA and Pensacola, FL. After serving for 8 years, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant.

In 2004, Fr. Tran was hired by the United States Veteran’s Administration Medical Health Systems to serve as chaplain, first in the VA Hospital in Detroit and later at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. After 9 years of faithful service, he retired in 2013.

Fr. Tran was active in the Catholic Vietnamese community in the Ypsilanti and Belleville area and assisted at various local parishes when called upon.

After several years of kidney dialysis, Fr. Tran underwent a successful kidney transplant made possible by his dear friend and donor Maria Lehto.

Fr. Tran loved serving God and was known for his wonderful sense of humor, as well as his humility, generosity, kindness, and gentle demeanor.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic

Church in Belleville. He is survived by his loving adopted family Andy and Kelly Nguyen and their daughters Katie and Kiera. He has numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins in the U.S. and Vietnam. Over the years Fr. Tran formed numerous friendships and will be dearly missed.

Visitation was 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111.

Visitation also was Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Rosary at 5:30 PM.

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, Father Tran’s family will host a Praise Hour from 12:30 p.m. until the Banding Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

There will be visitation at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from 2-3 p.m. with a 3 p.m. Mass. Father Bryan Shackett and Father Phuc “Tommy” Ngo will concelebrate the Mass.

Burial will be in Atlanta, Georgia.



Katherine Ann Smith

KATHERINE ANN SMITH

July 29, 1950 – February 19, 2026

Katherine Ann Smith of Van Buren Township passed away February 19, 2026 with her family by her side. She is survived by her children Chad (Kaitlyn), Megan (Ryan), Adam (Monica) George (Alicia), Kimberly (Dave), Kevin (Erika), and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, and her husband. Kathy was a devoted mother and grandmother. She supported her children in their love of dance for many years with Masters of Dance Arts and sports with Belleville Cougars Football. Kathy touched many lives before she retired from her career at Meijer. After her retirement, she enjoyed being there to support her grandchildren during their various activities. The family will be planning a celebration of life in the coming days.



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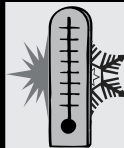
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Obituaries



Robert Boyer

ROBERT BOYER
Boyer, Robert "50/50 Bob" - March 7, 2026, age 89 of Van Buren Township, formerly of Canton.

Beloved husband of the late Caroldean Boyer. Loving father of Robert Larry Boyer, Starr Stennis, and Michael (Greta) Boyer. Proud and loving grandfather of Gertrude Stennis, Rachel Stennis, and Ezra Stennis. Great-grandfather of Carolmae Boyer, Larayne Conley, Robert F. Boyer, Robert L. Conley, Jalessa Rucker, Justice Stennis, Bra'chelle Rucker, Gregory Callahan, and Christian Gerald Callahan.

Loving brother of Karen (Linus) Droggs, Mae Beekman, Alice Boyer, Ruth Booth, Ralph Boyer, and Jack Boyer.

Bob was a very active businessman and very involved Canton resident. He was a member of the Canton Hall of Fame, Canton Lions, Canton Goodfellows, Canton Historical Society, Canton Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 4-H Club, Leadership Canton, Caddy-Boyer Barn History, Boys and Brews, and the Life is a Cabaret ACS. Bob very much enjoyed showing up "in costume" at many community events, often being the life of the party.

Bob proudly served his country while in the United States Air Force for four years.

The Funeral Service will be held Thursday, March 12, at 10 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. The Viewing will be Wednesday, March 11, 2-6 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Lions Club, PO Box 1086, Canton MI 48187. Bob's remains will be interred along with his late wife Caroldean at Denton Cemetery in Canton.

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VBT DDA approves hiring administrative assistant for director

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously at its meeting on Feb. 24 to authorize the hiring of a part-time administrative assistant to executive director Merrie Coburn.

The DDA hiring committee recommended that the full board move forward. The DDA currently operated with a single, full-time staff member.

As project activity, grant administration, and board governance responsibilities have increased, the need for dedicated administrative and communications support has become essential to ensure continuity of operations, compliance, and consistent public responsiveness, the committee said.

The position will support board meeting preparation, records management, financial tracking, grant documentation, correspondence, and communication functions including website updates, public notices, and stakeholder outreach.

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The first and most famous story of "The Chronicles of Narnia" is a musical presentation of this enchanted world filled with creatures and spirits of myth and fable, both good and evil, demonic and transcendent.

For the auditions, enter through the Van Buren Community Center entrance on the east side of the building at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

There will be two nights of auditions - Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, from 7 until 9:45 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees can arrive beginning at 6:30 p.m. to sign in and complete the audition form, if needed. Auditions will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Both nights will have the same audition process. Attendance either night is acceptable. There will not be callbacks.

Picture and resume are suggested but are not required. The reading audition cuts, sheet music audition cuts, audition form and rehearsal schedule are on the

Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/VBCPlayers/> or at auditions.

All auditions will be in person. There will not be video auditions.

Please send any questions to Director Emily Lange at: emilylange13@gmail.com.

Rehearsals are generally held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Van Buren Township Community Center Theatre from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Performances are May 15, 16 and 17.

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Fun fact: Hutch shares a name with a certain well-known Michigan football star - and just like his namesake, he's strong, energetic, and ready to be part of a winning team.

So far, Hutch has been a pleasure to work with. He's friendly, affectionate, and eager to engage with the people around him. He does need a bit of continued work on leash skills and jumping manners, but with some consistency and guidance, he should be an easy dog to handle and train. Hutch already knows a couple of basic commands, showing that he's smart and ready to keep learning.

Hutch has shown little to no reaction to cats and seems interested in playing with other dogs when given proper introductions. He would likely love a dog sibling to help burn off some energy and keep him company. He is also crate trained, which will help make his transition into a new home smoother and less stressful.

As we continue to get to know Hutch, he's proving to be the kind of dog who will thrive with routine, positive reinforcement, and plenty of love. If you're looking for a young, playful companion who is social, adaptable, and full of potential, Hutch may be the perfect addition to your family.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
 Independent Advertising Director

Classic Movie Night is this Thursday at 6 p.m. at the library. "Sunset Boulevard" is one of the greatest and sure to please all your family. Sorry to be so late in letting you know. I'll do better next time!

The group trying to get the Lion's Club started in the tri-community, had its third meeting to encourage membership last week at the library. With this meeting they have brought their message on how important it is to have a local Lion's Club to all three of our communities and are looking for civic-minded residents to join and get started helping the communities. The next meeting is at 6 p.m., March 25, at the library. It's the organizational meeting. You can be one of the charter members in the Belleville Area Lions Club!

On Saturday, March 14, there will be a fundraiser for Tiger Village in the BHS Commons (cafeteria). From 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. there will be vendors selling their crafter products and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be fellow crafters selling their extra supplies. This is a can't-miss for local scrap bookers. If you are curious about Tiger Village go ahead and google it.

Third Thursday in the Ville is kicking off next Thursday the 19th with retail businesses on Main Street staying open until 8 p.m. with specials. It is time to get your shopping on! It is a little cold for pop ups in the Square but that area will be in full swing for April. Don't be surprised if a few show up this month. If the weather is dry, a few of the more hardy souls may be in the Square.

B & R Custom Carpentry is the newest business to sign up in the Business Card section of the paper. When you are looking for a service, please check our advertisers first. These companies are well-established and you can count on them to get your projects done in a timely fashion. When you start checking with your Facebook friends, you will find that many are recommending the businesses who already advertise in the *Independent* or probably should be!

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VBT DDA

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The position would be from Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., up to 29 hours per week, but flexible with some evening and weekend hours.

The administrative assistant would work with director Coburn in the DDA building at Harris Park. Compensation would be \$25 to \$32 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. There are no benefits. Impact to the DDA budget would be from \$37,700 to \$48,300.

It was stressed that this would not be an assistant director or deputy, but would be an administrative assistant.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said this would give Coburn a lot more time to spend with businesses.

Coburn said the township human resources department will receive the applications and then turn them over to the DDA for processing.

The DDA did not have a quorum for the first 37 minutes of the 3 p.m. Feb. 24 meeting so it couldn't take a vote. At 3:37 p.m., DDA member Victor DeLibera arrived and the voting began. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

In other business at the 50-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Unanimously approved a two-year contract for the Belleville Road streetscape maintenance with low-bidder Pioneer Landscaping for \$15,560. The vendor will provide black mulch as has been used in the past to be expensed from the DDA budget;

- Unanimously approved a two-year contract for the Harris Park grounds maintenance to low-bidder Pioneer Landscaping in an amount of \$13,847. The vendor will provide black mulch as has been used in the past to be expensed from the DDA budget;

- Approved a two-year contract for the Belleville/Ecorse Road intersection grounds maintenance to low-bidder Ground Control Landscape, LLC, for \$20,516. The vendor will provide black mulch. Former vendor for that intersection, Randy Brown Landscape, bid \$23,580 (plus a recommended addition of \$1,875 in "snapshot fertilizer" making it \$25,455, which the DDA removed from the bid) and Pioneer Landscaping bid \$23,730. Chairman Atchinson said that he always likes to see local businesses get the work, and he knows and likes Brown, but his bid

was higher;

- Heard Coburn say the Belleville Road Widening Project is still waiting for the National Environmental Projects Act (NEPA) approval. She said once they have NEPA, the Michigan Department of Transportation can certify the right of way and will send the obligation request to the Federal Highway Administration. There are other details involved, including the bat breeding season between April and August when no trees or vegetation can be

disturbed. She pointed out other details and concluded, "This is a challenging project" and;

- Heard Coburn report that several banners have been torn due to the extreme wind over the last few months. She said she is working with business owners to see if they would like to replace them. Some of the lightpoles are in bad shape and need to be replaced. She said an inventory is being done on the poles to see exactly what is needed.

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Bovitz, Kristy	\$5,619.55
Bremer, David	\$5,141.77
Brooks, Dennis	\$5,619.55
Brooks, Ken	\$9,961.27
Brooks, Terri	\$9,766.12
Burgor, Michael	\$11,239.10
Buxton, Mark	\$34,647.64
Caincross, Noah	\$14,585.99
Cline, Kathleen A.	\$5,685.55
Combs, Linda	\$5,652.55
Devos, Bart	\$9,766.12
Fields, Julia	\$11,385.98
Fleming, Pamala	\$11,272.10
Fondaw, Jeffrey	\$27,498.09
Foster, Helen	\$5,652.55
Greene, Robert	\$11,239.10
Grishaber Tina	\$11,490.60
Gueli, Jeff	\$27,309.87
Guenther, Dale	\$11,239.10
Hayes, Christopher	\$23,237.66
Hine, Bradley	\$7,643.21
Hunter, Donna	\$5,996.47
Ireland, Susan	\$5,685.55
Jordan, Lynette	\$17,250.63
Kaupilla, Barb	\$5,619.55
Kennedy, Sharon	\$11,239.10
Kurtz, Brenda	\$9,766.12
Laurain, Gregory	\$13,896.47
Long, Michael*	
McCarthy, Donovan*	
McIntosh, Laurie	\$ -
Miller, James	\$17,083.75
Moening, Michael	\$5,494.01
Montgomery, Joanne	\$17,149.75
Morse, Vernon	\$23,303.66
Noye, George	\$11,239.10
Osborne, Jeffrey	\$27,309.87
Papin, Michel	\$29,548.94
Partridge, Denise	\$5,619.55
Pinard, Mario	\$27,309.87
Price, Jennifer	\$23,264.06
Rankin, Steve*	
Sears, Robert	\$6,097.33
Smith, Daniel	\$11,239.10
Smyth, Keith	\$5,619.55
Stevenson, Linda	\$6,163.33
Strickland, Joseph	\$29,575.34
Taylor, Gerald	\$13,995.31
Thornsbury, Ernie	\$19,643.12
Toney, Kenneth	\$29,548.94
Towles, Carol*	
Valinski, Jason	\$9,792.52
Yono, Fred	\$5,695.15
Japowicz, Michael**	\$5,753.87
TOTAL	\$723,605.15

2024 - 48 Retirees -- \$811,395.12
2025 - 55 Retirees -- \$723,605.15
Difference - \$87,789.97
 2025 retiree health care costs had approximately a 10.82% decrease since 2024.

*These totals were incooperated in the 2025 Employee Wages and Cost to Township because they retired THIS year and had wages and fringes during their working time.

**Had carry over medical fringes from last year paid in this year.

18th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Van Buren Township 2025 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

Supervisor	Base Wages	Total Compensation
Rodriguez, Hannah	\$69,505.64	\$102,895.40
Selman, Daniel V.	\$118,745.05	\$166,881.14
Monia, Nicole D.	\$108,900.91	\$155,065.79
Williams, Serrita	\$35,050.56	\$37,731.92
Treasurer		
Adams, Kathy A.	\$62,578.97	\$104,698.30
Bellingham, Sean L.	\$116,349.54	\$180,259.25
Shevrovich, Jessica M.	\$58,071.28	\$106,677.93
Water & Sewer		
Brice, Garrett	\$68,249.96	\$114,470.69
Cortes, Oscar	\$46,572.04	\$71,081.75
Goska, Andrew	\$65,929.55	\$94,056.04
Hazlett, Kelsey	\$69,866.97	\$111,657.62
Kidder, Brian	\$21,825.00	\$32,372.53
Lawrence, Kevin	\$73,612.17	\$112,372.09
Miller, Eric	\$76,407.70	\$126,188.94
Miner, William	\$67,668.16	\$90,387.21
Nesler, Jordan	\$77,351.41	\$119,588.56
Patton, Brandon N.	\$90,545.11	\$148,540.12
Sabin, Joel S.	\$84,020.77	\$121,378.00
Villa, Samuel S.	\$69,600.13	\$90,304.44
Vondrak, Jason	\$76,692.67	\$117,233.41
Wright, Leondre	\$2,860.65	\$3,766.69
Yoder, Josiah	\$47,101.16	\$62,768.33
Zysk, Marcus	\$110,633.54	\$158,394.70
TOTAL	\$18,757,651.82	

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

2025 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- \$18,757,651.82

2024 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- \$16,022,434.34

Difference + \$2,735,217.48

2025 employee total wages & compensation had approximately a 17.07% increase since 2024.

VBT

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within the same county. This one would include the cities of Taylor and Romulus.

The Aerotropolis board was to hold a public hearing for the adoption of the LDFA on March 5 and Romulus already had agreed to participate. Girdwood was off to a Taylor meeting following the Van Buren Township meeting to get its resolution in favor, as well. At its March 3 regular meeting, Van Buren Township did unanimously agree to be a part of this LDFA.

After approving the plan on March 5, Aerotropolis must notify the Michigan Economic Development Authority of the designation of the Aerotropolis Development Area.

The LDFA in Van Buren Township would be for TIF (tax increment financing) capture limited to "eligible property" north of the I-94 freeway, which includes:

- manufacturing;
- agricultural processing;
- high technology activity;
- energy production (under certain conditions);
- business incubators;
- alternative energy businesses;
- transit-oriented facilities or development; and
- eligible Next-Michigan Businesses (basically multi-modal commerce, supply chain, logistics, etc.)

Residential property is not included.

Girdwood said the \$22-\$25 million this will generate in Van Buren Township will get sanitary and water mains and roads to help develop the township.

He said the township has a large portion of undeveloped land with potential that

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Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on March 23, 2026**, for the Series 1 Operations Building Fencing Installation Project. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

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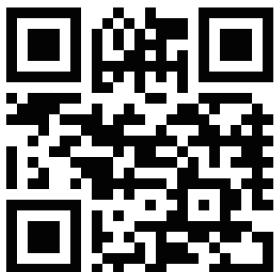
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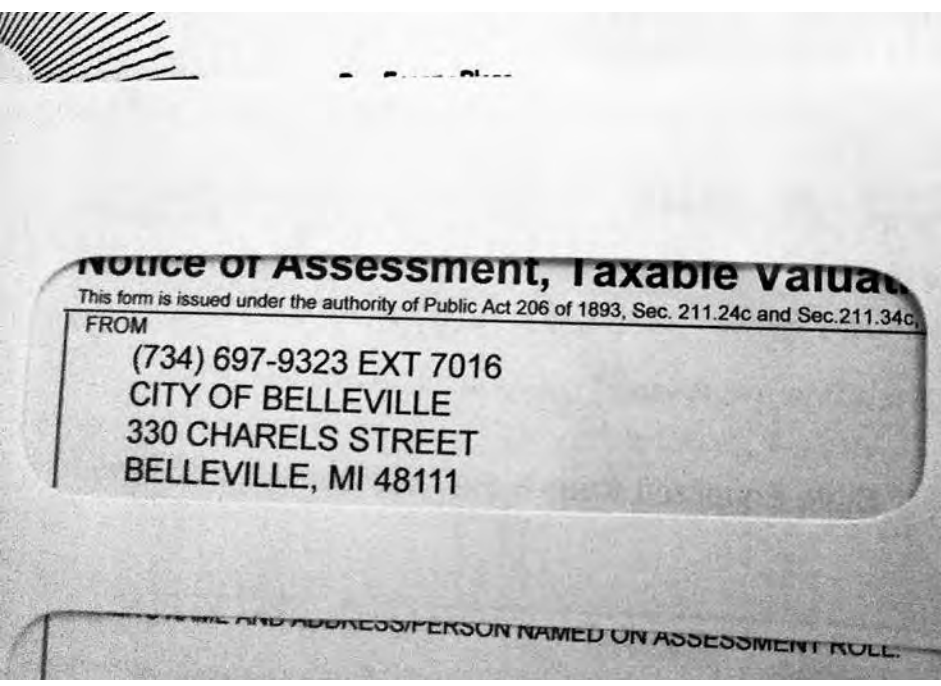
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Belleville city resident disappointed in spelling

To the editor:
What a disgrace. This was from a recent

tax assessment document we received. Apparently, our overloaded city employees can't do a simple spell check to assure this official tax document has an accurate street name for our new City Hall. Each day is another depressing example of overpaid city representatives and our tax dollars clearly being wasted.

Disappointed Belleville Resident

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- March 3, 2026

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Absent Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Public Services Lockett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of IT Barbaza, and an audience of thirteen.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026, Prepaid List of February 19, 2026, Prepaid List of February 26, 2026, Voucher List of March 3, 2026, and Approval of receiving and filing the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: March is women's history month, and the McKinstry Drain construction will begin this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-03-26 which is a zoning ordinance amendment to add housing standards in accordance with the MSHDA Housing Readiness Program. Motion Carried. Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Township and Townsend Park HOA and approval of a settlement agreement between Blue Victoria, LLC, Townsend Park HOA, and the Township. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve Resolution 2026-03: a resolution for the long-term maintenance of the storm water management system at Tractor Supply on 15455 Sumpter Road. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2026-04: to consent to the establishment of a Local Development Finance Authority by Aerotropolis Development Corporation. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Members of the public spoke on data centers and the Township's recent moratorium deferring the review of new applications pertaining to detention centers/ private prisons, large industrial projects meeting certain criteria, and power generation facilities.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: March 12, 2026

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES

Bid Titled, "HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES" may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service to the Township Clerk's Office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. No bids submitted by facsimile will be accepted. Bids are to be delivered in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as "HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES - 2026-2027". Thursday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m., is the deadline to receive for sealed bids. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud with total pricing immediately following in the Denton Room.

A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Any questions must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Thursday April 9, 2026.

All bids shall be delivered to the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office in sealed envelopes and titled, "HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES". The outside of the envelope containing the bid shall bear the name of the Bidder, their address, license number if applicable, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted, to include experience, equipment and minimum of three (3) references.

1. Name and address of company
2. Telephone number
3. Name of contact person

The scope of this contract shall include all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, service and insurance by the Bidder to complete the bid entitled: "HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES". Bid bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders when contract is executed with the approved bidder.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of **five percent (5%)** of the bid amount subject to the conditions in the Information to Bidders. A bidder will be permitted to withdraw their bid unopened after it has been deposited, if such request is received prior to the time specified for opening bids and provided that their identity is made known and the responsible party signs for the bid. No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids without the consent of the Township for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the scheduled time for closing bids.

The Township reserves the right: to accept any or all alternative bids; to award the Contract to other than the lowest Bidder; to waive any irregularities of informalities, or both; to reject any or all bids; and in general, to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Township. Conditional bids will not be considered. The Charter Township of van Buren is an equal opportunity contractor which does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, or physical disability. All qualified contractors are urged to respond.

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needs infrastructure. Although the tax captures 50% of education funds, education funds are replenished.

He said this is different than the township's present LDFA, put in place for Visteon Village infrastructure.

"Any school capture is ultimately made whole by the state," Girdwood said.

He said the Romulus LDFA is for Ecorse Road, border to border, and the Taylor portion is for Inkster Road.

"State looks at regionalism as a plus," he said.

He presented estimated tax capture charts for areas in the township, including the 73 acres of RACER property, west of Stellantis

on Ecorse Road. Over 15 years it can bring in \$2.5 million total income, he said.

Trustee Kevin Martin asked what if the state gives a tax cut of 50% to a business and Girdwood said they have built a six-year tax cut into the totals.

"We will not float bonds," said treasurer Sharry Budd and supervisor Kevin McNamara agreed, "After Visteon, we won't do bonds."

Girdwood said after a couple of years, they will be able to go for state and federal funds to help with the infrastructure.

Girdwood said currently there is only one Aerotropolis LDFA in the state and that's in Romulus. It's on one business and Romulus has captured \$660,000 annually from Amazon.

The new LDFA will be the second one in

the state.

Girdwood said they will freeze property values north of I-94 as soon as possible to set the base. The TIF is determined on the rise in property tax values from that base.

"If the board approves it at the Aerotropolis meeting on March 5, then it's off to the state," he said.

At the workshop, the township board also received an hour's worth of information from OHM Advisors on a proposed Moving Together regional public transit project. Since the state removed the option for communities to opt out of the SMART public transit plan and the tax levy, the communities of Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Westland and Van Buren Township put together a consortium so, if

the SMART millage passes countywide in the August election as anticipated, there can be a proactive plan for transit. This was for information only.

In business at the regular 25-minute meeting that followed the one-hour-and-37-minute workshop, the board:

• Approved the first reading of a zoning ordinance amendment to add housing standards in accordance with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Housing Readiness Program. The township had received a \$45,000 grant to study its ordinances to determine how to add standards for a greater diversity in housing stock by creating additional tools;

• Approved a letter of understanding between the township and Townsend Park Homeowners Association and approval of a settlement agreement between Blue Victoria LLC, Township Park HOA, and the township. This is concerning installation of a fence around the pond and installation of lights;

• Approved a resolution for the long-term maintenance of the storm water management system at Tractor Supply at 15455 Sumpter Rd., as required by Wayne County. There also is a separate agreement with the township on the system;

• Approved receiving and filing the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report;

• Heard supervisor McNamara announce that the county has approved the cleaning of McKinstry Drain with \$3.5 million of drain improvements, and \$2 million of that is coming from the county. He said that leaves \$1.5 million for Van Buren Township residents to pay. He said his home has an added tax of \$30 per year for 10 years. He said flood relief is coming. Work on the drain is to start this summer;

• Heard resident Reg Ion say the township put a moratorium on private prisons and should have had a moratorium on data centers in advance. "But that wouldn't have been as much money," Ion said. He was advised the six-month moratorium on detention centers/private prisons, also includes large industrial projects.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin Monday, March 30, 2026

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed before **March 30**

New items may be displayed beginning Friday, April 3, 2026

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Clerk's Office at 734.699.8909

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 383 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, March 1:

0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0146 – property check, Belleville Rd.

0209 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0228 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E. I-94

0248 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

0303 – family trouble, Denton Rd.

0620 – unattended death, Buchanan St.

0818 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.

0858 – hospice death, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1020 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1035 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Prairiegrass Ct.

1254 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1438 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.

1847 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.

1913 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.

2028 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.

2109 – family trouble, Riggs Rd.

2230 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

2318 – property damage accident, Van Born

2330 – domestic, Chloe Ct.

Monday, March 2:

0138 – intrusion alarm, Woodgrove Dr.

0423 – assist other dept., rest area

0650 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

0714 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.

0802 – fight, Belleville Rd.

0818 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0846 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0910 – assault & battery, E. Schooner Dr.

0947 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Westlake Cir.

1128 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

1136 – prisoner transport, Tyler Rd.

1139 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Hull

1152 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ S. Grove Rd.

1214 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

1259 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildflower Ct.

1235 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1343 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1327 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

1344 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1409 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.

1434 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1510 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.

1544 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1601 – trespassing, Ruthan Dr.

1716 – larceny, Beck Rd.

xxxx – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1723 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1739 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1756 – mental subject, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1936 – suicidal person, Ayres Ave.

2049 – intrusion alarm, W. Main St.

2211 – 911 welfare check, Hardwood Dr.

Tuesday, March 3:

0342 – robbery, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.

1014 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.

1037 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

1122 – juvenile complaint, Grove Rd.

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1631 – misc. complain, Tyler Rd.

1737 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodgrove Dr.

2045 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

2113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Anna/Rebecca Dr.

2122 – civil matter, S. Woodbury Dr.

2254 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

2310 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd.

Wednesday, March 4:

0008 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr./Harmony Ln.

0026 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.

0243 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

0656 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.

0727 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

0727 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.

0950 – larceny, Quirk Rd.

1032 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Textile

1132 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1210 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1234 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.

1357 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Lakeshore Dr.

1400 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.

1551 – welfare check, Hull Rd.

1634 – warrant arrest, 10 Mile Rd.

1706 – family trouble, Cross St.

xxxx – welfare check, Brookside Dr.

1901 – animal complaint, Purple Sage Ct.

1857 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

1935 – welfare check, Hanover Dr.

1941 – civil matter, Lake Point Blvd.

2101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkside Dr.

2211 – larceny, Maple Dr.

2107 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.

2120 – welfare check, Turnberry Ct.

2252 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, March 5:

0010 – welfare check, Denton Rd.

0120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.

0415 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sawgrass Ct.

0502 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0841 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1144 – civil matter, Kent Ln.

1215 – welfare check, Hanover Dr.

1212 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.

xxxx – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94

xxxx – private property impound, Hickory Woods

1456 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.

1534 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd.

1609 – lost property/child, Maude Ct.

1726 – 911 welfare check, Brradley Dr.

1833 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.

xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.

1852 – animal complaint, Spruce Ln.

1842 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.

1951 – family trouble, N. Timberview Dr.

xxxx – property damage accident, E. Main St.

2235 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.

xxxx – repossession, N. Prairiegrass Ct.

Friday, March 6:

0116 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

xxxx – repossession, Sawgrass Ct.

0447 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hayes St.

xxxx – repossession, Rose Blvd.

0830 – PPO violation, Cross St.

0832 – animal complaint, Richmond Dr.

0839 – property check, Mansfield Ct.

0919 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.

1016 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1044 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1121 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1157 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville/Yost

1313 – animal complaint, Chester Ct.

1322 – threat, Westlake Cir.

1357 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1410 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler

1416 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1509 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – misc. complaint, Greenbriar Dr.

1613 – fraud, Van Buren St.

1629 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1640 – domestic, Bog Rd.

1644 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1901 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Liberty Ln.

xxxx – 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.

1909 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1928 – vehicle lockout, Holly Ln.

1947 – property check, E. Huron River Dr.

1949 – fraud, Burlwood Ln.

2037 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sawgrass Ct.

2122 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2134 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

2218 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

2238 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.

2250 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.

2334 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Saturday, March 7:

0046 – noise complaint, Rose Blvd.

0055 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.

0103 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0118 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0141 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.

0215 – missing person, Ecorse Rd.

0252 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Alba Ct.

0437 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.

0702 – welfare check, Belleville Rd. /W. I-94 Belleville Rd. ramp

0821 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.

0841 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.

1017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stamford Rd.

1113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.

1327 – disorderly, Filmore St.

1353 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

1402 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

1416 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1459 – welfare check, Filmore St.

1517 – welfare check, Country Ln.

1654 – animal complaint, N. I-275/Ecorse

1901 – assist fire dept., Lake Villa Dr.

1953 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

2105 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.

2143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pinewood Ln.

2220 – assist citizen, S. Ponderosa Trl.

2229 – intrusion alarm, Park Estates

Also, on this log are 186 traffic stops, 18 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 1:

0502 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.

1257 – assist other dept., Clarence St.

1749 – intrusion alarm, Estrada Dr.

1925 – animal complaint, South St.

Monday, March 2:

0029 – assist fire dept., Breakwater Ct.

0937 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1103 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.

1339 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1344 – threat, Santa Clara St.

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Main St.

2151 – assist citizen, Main St.

Tuesday, March 3:

0453 – 911 welfare check, W. Thornhill Ct.

0918 – assist fire dept., Breakwater Ct.

1117 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1117 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1147 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1433 – follow up by officer, Santa Clara St.

1511 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Montague Ave.

1750 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.

1824 – property damage accident, High/Columbia

2355 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, March 4:

0622 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

1005 – assault & battery, S. Edgemont Ave.

1315 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.

2310 – domestic, Henry St.

Thursday, March 5:

0408 – civil matter, Santa Clara St.

0806 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

0830 – intrusion alarm, Estrada Dr.

1037 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1108 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1228 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94

1413 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1414 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1909 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

2128 – property damage accident, Main St.

Friday, March 6:

0618 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.

0928 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

1210 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1314 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1237 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1307 – fire dept. assist, Huron Twp. PD
 1522 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1637 – follow-up investigation, Utah St.
 1745 – juvenile matter, Alaska St.
 2037 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
 2144 – 911 hangup, Delaware St.
Thursday, March 5:
 0706 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 0927 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

1100 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1115 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1118 – follow-up investigation, out of township
 1531 – harassment complaint, Brookview Dr.
 1603 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2025 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
Friday, March 6:
 0038 – malicious destruction of property, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 0356 – family trouble, E. Arizona St.
 0827 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Wear
 0859 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 0940 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
 0947 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
 1132 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1259 – 911 hangup, Wilmot Rd./Weimer Dr.

1338 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1441 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1459 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Martinsville
 1502 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1514 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1746 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico
 2050 – disorderly person, 26000 bl. Elwell
 2119 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2138 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Wear
Saturday, March 7:
 0147 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
 0154 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
 0314 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
 0610 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 0621 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0634 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
 0716 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
 0821 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
 0923 – suspicious person, Mulberry Dr.

1037 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1208 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
 1252 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1350 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
 1530 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1551 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
 1821 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
 1837 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 2016 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.
 2333 – noise complaint, E. Arizona St.
 Also on this week's log were 148 patrol checks, 45 traffic stops and 12 misc. details.

More Letters

Sumpter bus trip to casino has been canceled

To the editor:
 Due to unforeseen circumstances, we unfortunately had to cancel the Casino Bus Trip to FireKeepers on March 19.
 We are hopeful that we will be able to reschedule this trip in the future and appreciate your understanding.
 If you reserved and paid for your seat, refunds are available through the Sumpter Township Hall Treasurer's Office.
 We sincerely apologize for the cancellation and any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for your continued support of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation and the Sumpter Senior Center.

Anita Honey
 Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation

Organizational meeting set for Lions Club

To the editor:
 Lions Clubs International is forming a new Lions Club in the community of Van Buren, Sumpter and Belleville area. We have already conducted an informational meeting in each of these areas.
 On March 25, we will establish a Lions Club that can service these areas. The meeting will take place at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111. Time: 6 p.m. All are welcome
 Prospective members and leaders, please bring your completed application and money. One-time membership fee of \$35 and prorated dues of \$55. Total \$90.
 LCI motto is WE SERVE. So let us start helping our community with various projects.

Lions Roshni Patel and Ron Coleman
 Lions Club International

Legal left turns require yielding to traffic

To the editor:
 Driving lesson: When making a left turn, yield to vehicle turning right or proceeding through the intersection. They have the legal right of way.
 Tip: The horn does not stop your vehicle. Use your foot to apply the brakes.
 Think, observe and yield to oncoming vehicles. Do not blindly follow the line of cars in front of you that are clear to make a legal left turn.

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Ages 5 - 12 years

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Monday - Thursday | 9 AM - 12 PM
 Fee per week: VBC Member \$185 | Non-Member \$205

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
June 15 - 18 Soccer	June 22 - 25 Basketball	July 6 - 9 Soccer w/ Art
WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
July 13 - 16 Volleyball	July 20 - 23 Basketball	July 27 - 30 Volleyball

ADDITIONAL AFTERNOON CAMP HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 12 - 4 PM
 Fee per week: VBC Member \$115 | Non-Member \$135



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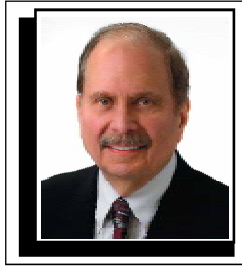
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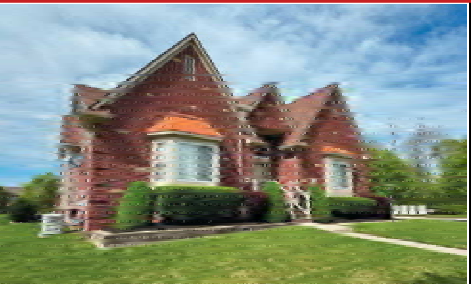
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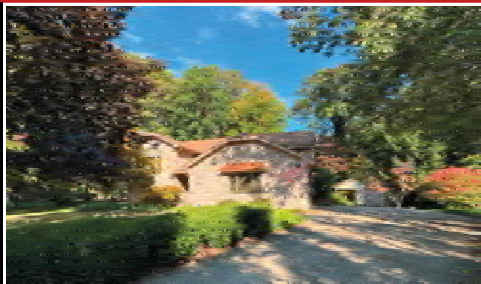
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13691 BASSWOOD, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
CUSTOM BUILT Brick Ranch 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, Hardwood Floors, New Carpet, LaFata Kitchen, Finished Basement, 3 Car Garage, House Generator, New Roof. \$540,000



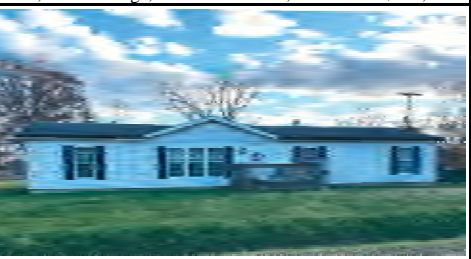
48620 WEAR, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
BEAUTY WORTH CELEBRATING 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths (One New) 1,690 Sq Ft on 1.3 Acres. Deck and Large Pole Barn room for a workshop and more. Extra Clean \$319,900



28503 MARGARET LN, HURON TOWNSHIP
THIS BRICK HOME HAS IT ALL 3,828 Total Square Feet of finished living space, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Hot Tub, 14x27 Family Room, 2 + 1 Car Garages .85 Acres Short Sale \$385,000



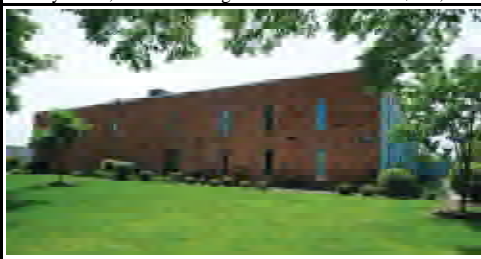
11012 JACKSON, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
FOR LEASE IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Super Clean, freshly painted with new flooring throughout. 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath Ranch. Two car garage. No Smoking or Pets \$1,600 mo



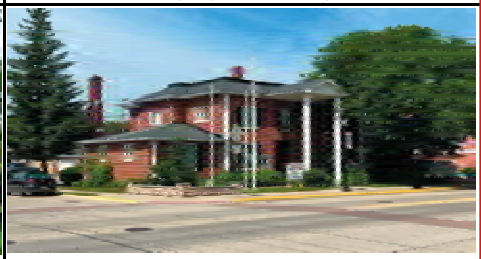
29515 CHARLES, ROMULUS
COMING SOON. It's Loaded with 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, 1,647 Square Feet, Fireplace, Deck and More. On 1/2 Acre with Huge Garage. 1996 Construction Just \$200,000



46083 REED, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
Amazingly Affordable 3 Bedroom One Bath Ranch with New Carpet, Large Patio, Big Garage with New Roof, Fenced Yard, City Water and Sewer on Paved Street. \$234,900



12950 HAGGERTY VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
FOR LEASE Zoned M-2 for many uses. Best location with 16,800 SqFt For Lease. 20 Foot Ceilings, Large Offices Huge Work Area. Close to I-94 & I-275. \$6,900. Mo Triple Net



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

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

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GRANT & WAHRMAN 4 ACRES LT INDUSTRIAL NEAR METRO AIRPORT \$250,000
WILLIS & MARTINSVILLE 1.64 AC PAVED ROAD WATER & SEWER AT STREETS \$65,000

MARIO ANN COURT ROMULUS Finest Private Area in Romulus. Perfect location with City Water and Sewer at the Street. \$35,000
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 AC LT IND \$19,000

***** BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT *** 2405 RAWSONVILLE 99X328 .74 AC \$99,900**
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