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‘A Bridge Too Far’ Denton Road Bridge update

By Don Sherman
 Special Writer

“A Bridge Too Far” was a 1977 movie depicting an epic World War II battle.

Curt Korneffel, head of the enterprise constructing the new Denton Road Bridge, agrees that this title also fits his seemingly never-ending Van Buren Township construction project.

This bridge over Belleville Lake was built in 1927. Due to safety concerns prompted by deterioration, it was closed to traffic in October 2022.

Fishbeck Engineering designed a \$6.5-million replacement. Trenton-based E. C. Korneffel earned contracts to construct a larger and more aesthetically pleasing bridge with completion expected in 2025.

Because the asphalt supplier closed for the season before final paving could be installed, work stopped late last year and traffic barriers stood over the winter.

Korneffel personnel recently resumed their efforts. But the company president explains that what he terms “remedial” work is now necessary. In pursuit of a finer appearance, gaps that exist in the top cast-concrete blocks must be filled to address objections raised by both Van Buren Township and Wayne County.

Korneffel adds, “This project has been tougher than anticipated. Fortunately, VBT is a well-run community and Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers has done an excellent job managing us.”

Asked to predict a new opening date, following a moment’s hesitation Korneffel notes, “We’re hoping for September of this year ... but it could be later.”

Hopefully he’s right and the coming aesthetic adjustments will be worth the wait.



Lady Tigers win, lose in season flag football opener

Belleville Lady Tigers flag football team rolled to a 28–6 win over Romulus in the season opener of Belleville’s second season last Friday, despite the rain.

Game two in the double header was 6–7 with Westland John Glenn taking the win.

In the first game, Kaydence Trotter led with five pulls, freshman newcomer Ava Franco added three tackles, and the defense stacked up multiple pass breakups and stops.

Offense got the job done. Offensive captain Grace Kelley went 14-for-16 through the air. Stevens hit sophomore Gabrielle Buford for an 80-yard touchdown, punctuated by an enthusiastic celebration, and Buford added another score later. Matea Murray and Ariel Hawkins chipped in three receptions apiece among a deep receiver group. Stevens ran in another TD, and defensive captain Chloe Miller punched in the final 2-point conversion.

In the very first play of the first game, Center Dayton Jenkins snapped, and co-captain Jamia Stevens took the handoff. She bounced outside, juked defender after defender, and suddenly it was just her and the open field. The dual-sport track athlete hit another gear for an 86-yard touchdown -- 6 points for Belleville with only seconds off the clock, leaving Romulus wondering what they’re in for.

The Lady Tigers kept the fireworks coming on the conversion: another handoff to Stevens, who finds quarterback Kelley in the end zone for a slick 2-point play.

All this came after a tense weather delay, as thunder threatened to wipe out BHS’ long-awaited season-opening doubleheader. The lightning moved on, but the rain stayed -- setting the stage for a gritty, rain-soaked season opener the BHS Lady Tigers will not soon forget.

Belleville kicked off its second season

building on the foundation from last year’s inaugural campaign. Thirteen returners provide leadership and chemistry, joined by a wave of multi-sport newcomers whose speed and athleticism are already showing up on both sides of the ball.

>The Lady Tigers compete in the Gridiron Heroes League, part of the Detroit Lions-sponsored Girls High School Flag Football program. Launched in 2022 with just four teams, the program has exploded to 80 this season, reflecting surging interest in girls flag football across Michigan and beyond. The sport is riding a national wave as well, with NFL backing, 2028 Olympic inclusion, NCAA emerging-sport status, and MHSAA considering full varsity recognition.

Game 2 on Friday against a fresh Westland John Glenn was a defensive battle in the rain. The Lady Tigers allowed

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Lady Tigers

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just one touchdown all game. Trotter again tallied 5 flag pulls, Buford broke up 2 passes, and Stevens and Miller added key flag pulls and pass breakups. Freshman Dakota Caudill contributed on both sides of the ball tonight with receptions and tackles. Belleville's lone score came when Kelley found Buford in the end zone, but the Tigers fell just short of the win, final score 6-7.

Belleville's remaining 2026 schedule:
• Friday, May 1, at 6:45 p.m. – The Lady Tigers take on Detroit University Prep at Wayne Memorial High School. Westland John Glenn will have the double header next week, facing Romulus at 5:30, and Wayne Memorial at 8 p.m.
• Sunday, May 17, at 2:45 p.m. – Belleville hosts its only home game against Wayne Memorial, which will also serve as Senior Night, recognizing the contributions of the program's veteran players. University Prep will face Romulus at 1:30 at BHS
The stakes are high down the stretch.

League champions advance to a two-day championship tournament at Ford Field on May 30-31, giving players a chance to compete on an NFL stage -- a primary goal for this squad.
As the Lady Tigers enter year two, the focus is clear: development, teamwork, and seizing every opportunity. With a strong returning core, an influx of new talent, and big goals ahead, Belleville is poised to take another step forward this spring.
The community is encouraged to support the team, especially at the May 17 home game honoring this year's seniors: Dayton

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD TWO SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (IDD) FOR APPROXIMATELY 282 ACRES OF LAND BORDERED BY HANNAN ROAD TO THE EAST, HAGGERTY ROAD TO THE WEST, AND S I 94 SERVICE DRIVE TO THE SOUTH. IF APPROVED, SAID IDD WILL BE "INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #27".

THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION (IFT) FOR THE SAME APPROXIMATE 282 ACRES OF LAND BORDERED BY HANNAN ROAD TO THE EAST, HAGGERTY ROAD TO THE WEST, AND S I 94 SERVICE DRIVE TO THE SOUTH.

THE FOLLOWING PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS IDENTIFY PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #27 AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION. 83 049 99 0001 001, 83 049 99 0009 000, 83 049 99 0011 000, 83 049 99 0013 000, 83 049 99 0015 001, 83 049 99 0019 001, 83 050 99 0005 000, 83 050 99 0006 000, 83 051 99 0001 003, 83 051 99 0003 006, 83 051 99 0003 007, 83 051 99 0004 001, 83 051 99 0005 000, 83 051 99 0007 000, 83 051 99 0008 001, 83 051 99 0009 001, 83 051 99 0010 000, 83 051 99 0011 001, 83 051 99 0012 000, 83 051 99 0013 000, 83 051 99 0014 000, 83 051 99 0015 001, 83 051 99 0016 001, 83 052 99 0001 001, 83 052 99 0002 001, 83 052 99 0003 000, 83 052 99 0005 001, 83 052 99 0015 000, 83 052 99 0017 000, 83 052 99 0018 001, 83 052 99 0019 001, 83 052 99 0021 001, 83 052 99 0022 001, 83 052 99 0023 000, 83 052 99 0025 000, 83 052 99 0026 001, 83 052 99 0027 001, 83 052 99 0027 002.
ALSO DESCRIBED AS:

PARCEL E, PARCEL 1 AND PARCEL 2A AND PARCEL 2B ALSO DESCRIBED BY SURVEY AS:

PARCEL E:
Being a parcel of land situated in Section 13, Town 3 South, Range 8 East Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and is more particularly described as: COMMENCING at the West 1/4 corner of said Section, thence along the East-West 1/4 line N89°15'46"E 50.00 feet to the East Right-of-Way line of Haggerty Road (Variable Width), also being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said East Right-of-Way line the following two (2) courses, 1) N00°04'59"E 341.37 feet, 2) N01°35'49"W 1004.07 feet to the North 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said line S89°47'33"E 1328.15 feet thence departing said North 1/8th line S01°53'40"E 1323.67 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence along said line N89°15'46"E 1394.53 feet to the Center of said Section; thence along said North-South 1/4 line of said Section N02°11'50"W 1487.39 feet to the South Right-of-Way line of Interstate Highway 275 (Variable Width); thence along said line the following four (4) courses, 1) 1,889.46 feet along a curve to the left, having a radius of 4,216.72 feet, an angle of 25°40'25", and a chord that bears S66°30'54"E 1,873.70

feet, 2) S79°21'07"E 94.30 feet, 3) N10°39'44"E 200.00 feet, 4) S79°21'07"E 792.90 feet to the West Right-of-Way line of Hannan Road (Variable Width); thence along said line the following seven (7) courses, 1) S02°06'36"E 56.24 feet, 2) S89°25'16"W 60.03 feet, 3) S02°06'38"E 510.18 feet, 4) N89°25'16"E 60.02 feet, 5) S02°06'36"E 60.17 feet, 6) N87°55'27"E 25.00 feet, 7) S08°11'40"E 121.58 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence along said line S89°25'16"W 1291.88 feet to the East 1/8th line; thence along said line S02°11'12"E 1632.45 feet; thence N88°01'26"E 1011.35 feet to the Right-of-Way line of Interstate Highway 94 access drive; thence along said line the following fourteen courses, 1) S57°39'04"W 86.63 feet, 2) S27°16'41"W 312.48 feet, 3) S34°58'06"W, 143.98 feet; 4) S50°20'56"W 143.98 feet, 5) S65°43'46"W 143.98 feet, 6) S81°06'36"W 143.98 feet, 7) S88°48'01"W 684.66 feet, 8) S89°56'01"W 1091.87 feet, 9) N85°44'24"W 198.12 feet, 10) N77°05'14"W 198.12 feet, 11) N68°26'04"W 198.12 feet, 12) N59°46'54"W 198.12 feet, 13) N55°27'19"W 516.79 feet, 14) S85°20'41"W 124.57 feet; thence departing said Right-of-Way line of access drive N01°51'29"W 359.49 feet; thence S64°24'58"W, 346.64 feet to the East Right-of-way line of Haggerty Road; thence along said line the following four (4) courses, 1) 79.62 feet along a curve to the left, having a radius of 755.89 feet, an angle of 06°02'06", and a chord that bears N51°00'34"W 79.58 feet, 2) N54°04'39"W 783.55 feet, 3) 830.43 feet along a curve to the right, having a radius of 904.93 feet, an angle of 52°34'44", and a chord that bears N27°45'56"W 801.60 feet, 4) N01°28'34"W 235.47 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL F ALSO DESCRIBED BY SURVEY AS:
PARCEL F:

Being a parcel of land situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 3 South, Range 8 East, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and is more particularly described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section, thence along the East line of said Section North 02 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds West 381.82 feet to the North line of Interstate Highway 94 and the Point of Beginning; thence along said line South 88 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds West 674.04 feet to the Right-of-Way line of Interstate Highway access drive; thence along said line the following five (5) courses, 1) North 27 degrees 10 minutes 26 seconds East 593.29 feet, 2) North 37 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds East 79.26 feet, 3) North 57 degrees 32 minutes 49 seconds East 79.26 feet, 4) North 77 degrees 47 minutes 44 seconds East 79.26 feet, 5) North 87 degrees 55 minutes 12 seconds East 127.36 feet to the West Right-of-Way line of Hannan Road; thence along said line the following two (2) courses, 1) South 02 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 125.00 feet, parallel with said East Section line, 2) North 87 degrees 55 minutes 12 seconds East 60.00 feet to said East Section line; thence along said line South 02 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 517.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The As-Surveyed legal description shown hereon describes the same property referenced in "Exhibit A" of the title commitment and as referenced on this survey as Parcel E, Parcel F, Parcel 1, Parcel 2A and Parcel 2B. The As-Surveyed legal description forms a mathematically closed figure that lies directly adjacent to without gap or overlap to the adjoining rights-of-way.
Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Too many traffic cones in our part of the world

Doesn't it seem like this area is full of too many traffic cones telling us we can't go here or there?

This is especially true in the city of Belleville. North Liberty Street has been shut down on and off in spots but if you are devious you can drive on a bumpy street to get somewhere. Sometimes not. We've been unloading our papers from the printers in the alley behind our office when huge bulldozers from the Liberty Street project roared down the alley right past where we were standing. Scary.

This week, there's something afoot around First Street between Main and Liberty that has the cones up on Main.

Of course, we are still waiting for the new Denton Road Bridge to get completed so people can visit their family in Hillside Cemetery without taking the long way around. Now we get discouraging news that the reopening of the bridge may be delayed even for another year for "remedial" work. It's been more than three and a half years now of those bridge traffic cones.

There also are cones on Second Street that have been there for a very long time.

There are too many of those darn cones in our part of the world.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Don't forget to mark Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m. on your calendar to come over to the Belleville Area District Library for a meeting about keeping your local newspaper. It will be interesting and you can see how you can help keep your local paper coming to you week after week with news about where you live.

The raid on a home on W. Columbia Ave. in the city of Belleville at 3 p.m., April 8 was reported to us by a neighbor who was concerned about the guns and body armor shown by those apparently serving a warrant. They thought it was Washtenaw County SWAT, but we checked and was told it wasn't.

Public safety director Kris Faull said she was on vacation when it happened and her officers said they offered to help but was told they had it covered.

Director Faull checked it out and she found it was federal investigators who were assisted by Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

Of course, we don't know what they were investigating, but the neighbor said they didn't see them take anything from the house.

Thunder over Michigan Air Show has announced three more aircraft that will be performing at the show at Willow Run Airport in Van Buren Township July 17-19.



The USMC CH-53 Super Stallion helicopter is 99 feet, 0.5 inches long and 28 feet, 4 inches tall. They call it an "absolute beast."

The only P4Y-2G Privateer in the world still flying will be there. With a wingspan well over 100 feet, this monstrous WWII and Korean War marvel will have fans in awe as it soars and roars overhead, we are promised.

Also, a Russian MiG17 will be performing. That should be worth watching, since a MIG crashed during A Thunder Over Michigan air show Aug. 13, 2023.

The roof on Hayward's liquor store at the entrance to the city of Belleville is stunning. It had been covered up for a long time while work was being done. Now it's out for all to see and it's terrific. Real tile with copper fittings.

That store has been there a long time and I remember going there for ice cream after church when I was a child. It was called Bunyea's then.

On Saturday morning, Haggerty Road was closed between the Savage Road that goes into the city of Belleville and E. Huron River Drive while county trucks put in a new pipe below the roadway. It was at the point where that metal plate had been laid across Haggerty for a very long time.

On Saturday, around 3:30 p.m., the road was reopened with asphalt patching the work they had done. On Sunday morning

the asphalt wasn't quite up to the surface and drivers had quite a jolt when they drove over it. By Monday, however, the jolt was gone.

There was a crash at the intersection of Haggerty Road and the Savage Road that goes into Belleville last Thursday afternoon. Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte told me one driver suffered a pretty serious injury.

He said a vehicle traveling east on Savage turned north onto Haggerty in front of the southbound car.

Drivers at the corner often pull out unexpectedly. It's a dangerous corner.

At Monday's school board meeting it was noted that a BHS student wanted to start an investment club and now it meets once a week on Friday's with a teacher as sponsor and there are about five members.

I remember when my son was in Romeo High School almost 50 years ago and they had an investment class. Those students found stocks to buy and made some profits.

It was asked if the students made any profit in this BHS club and it was suggested it was just to learn how to do it, not to do it. That, I doubt. Once they learn how and have the money to spend, you can be sure they will invest. It's quite a lot of fun, I'm told.



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Letters
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To the editor:
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Join us on Saturday, May 9, as the National Association of Letter Carriers hosts it annual food drive. The food collected by our local Post Office will be donated to the Cass Community Social Services.

You can donate non-perishable food items on that day by placing items in plastic bags and marked "Stamp Out Hunger" by your mailbox. You letter carrier will pick them up. Also, there will be bins inside the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Post Office to donate to, as well.

Your support will be great appreciated!
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Shout-out to local business: A Design Line

To the editor:
 I would like to give a shout-out to a local business in Belleville: "A Design Line", located at 10669 Belleville Rd. just south of Starbucks.

This is a company that does custom embroidery, screen printing, etc. on clothing and accessories, as well as company logos on promotional products. They also printed the jerseys for the local school sports team.

I brought a black cap into their shop a while back and had them embroider some words on it, and they did a great job.

Most impressive, though, was the customer service provided by the ladies working there; they were professional and all smiles, and it was a pleasure dealing with them.

I highly recommend them! Stop by or check out their website at www.adesignline.com. You can also call them at (734) 697-3545. Keep it local!

Randy Miller
 Sumpter Township

Parents of BHS seniors set can/bottle drive, need \$, volunteers for May 22

To the editor:
 A group of 'senior class parents' were requested by Connie Testorelli and Felicia Lasenby (the Belleville High School Student Council Advisors) at the beginning of the year to help raise money for the Class of 2026 Senior Party.

We want to thank the community for their support thus far. Through our "dine to donate" events, we have raised \$5,023.62 toward the expenses associated with the event. he expected Senior Party expenses are currently estimated to be just over \$28,000. (The school has also led fundraisers: senior parking space painting, powder puff football ticket sales, craft show, yard signs and staff versus seniors basketball ticket sales.

We have one last fundraising event organized by our "senior class parent group", which is a "returnable" can and bottle drive. It will be held at BHS on Sunday, May 17, from noon to 3 p.m. If you have returnables that you're ready to get rid of before then, please contact Margo DeLibera at (734) 752-9118 and she will arrange to get them picked up from you.

Connie and Felicia have also requested our assistance with contacting community businesses for donations. We expected to "pound the pavement" over the next three weeks.- Food, drink and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Because of the timing, we are encouraging the community to contact Margo for donation pick-up, rather than mailing donations to the high school to ensure timely delivery of the items -- and a reduction in the chance of something "getting lost in the mail". Our thanks to Contract Welding- a check has already been received from them.

If you're a business in the community or just a community member that would like to donate, your donations to the school for the Senior Party are tax deductible and a receipt can be provided.

If you are a parent or guardian that donated online previously for the "Class of 2026 fundraising" via SBA (Student Body Accounting), can you please message Margo (734-752-9118) with the date and amount of your donation? We'll track it down and ensure it is allocated correctly.

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- ❖ Monday – May 11, 2026
Casual visit 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- ❖ Wednesday – May 13, 2026
"Kite Day" 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Check out the VBT website or its social media updates for a lot more dates when you can say hello to Jasper!

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Obituaries



Tonnie Ridner

TONNIE RIDNER

September 4, 1970 – April 20, 2026

Tonnie Ridner, age 55, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on April 20, 2026, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She fought a heroic battle with leukemia for a year and 3 months that advanced into large cell lymphoma. She stayed strong until the very end. She was born on September 4, 1970, in Monroe, MI to Henry and Margaret (Grueschow) Ridner. She graduated from Belleville High School class of 1989. After her high school years, she worked as a laborer for over 35 years while raising her son, Cody, as a single mother. She was very hardworking and devoted to her family. Tonnie was kind, friendly, and giving with a huge heart. In her spare time she enjoyed spending time with family, social media, country music, and watching sunsets. She will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her father Henry Ridner, son Cody Ridner, and her brother Luke Ridner, as well as her friends.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the family, if desired. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Obituaries



Lucille McNamara

LUCILLE McNAMARA

(August 7, 1926 – April 10, 2026)

LIVONIA – Lucille McNamara, 99, passed away peacefully Friday, April 10, 2026. She was the beloved wife of Edward H. McNamara, who preceded her in death. Lucille was born August 7, 1926 to Violet (Renwick) Martin and Fred Martin. She grew up in Detroit, and after her marriage spent many years building a family, living both in Livonia and Plymouth. Lucille was a wonderful mother to her five children, and the supportive spouse to Ed in his long terms as mayor of Livonia and Wayne County Executive. She had many interests and hobbies including bridge, golf, bowling, classical piano, oil painting, reading novels -- especially Westerns, figure skating, singing in the Sweet Adelines -- and following the Red Wings and Tigers. She especially loved traveling and going to the family cottage.

Family members who mourn her passing include her children -- Colleen, Michael (Annette), Nancy (Lawrence Ponka), Kevin (Aida), and Terence (Mary). She was the proud grandmother of Lillian, Andrew, Cullan, Marissa, and Chloe. Lucille was the treasured aunt of Erin Powell, the late Patrick Feys, Peggy (Robert) Gamble, Maureen (Bart) Norman,

Kathleen (Rod) Nelson, Paul (Judy) Feys, Dan (Jill) Feys, John (Jackie) Feys, Darice Nicoletti, Richard Conner, Bobby (Marcy) Sikora, and Jerry Sikora. Lucille's dear sister Germaine (Richard) Conner, passed away four days after Lucille.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lucille McNamara Foundation, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. This academic scholarship goes to selected hearing impaired students or to future teachers of the deaf and hearing impaired. Lucille lived a full and happy life. She will be deeply missed.

SUZANNE MARIE FLOOD

June 2, 1952 – April 17, 2026

Age 73, died in Saginaw. Survived by husband Timothy F. Flood, Sr.; children Timothy, Cynthia, Peter; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brothers Artie, Allen; sisters Georgianne, Gloria. Visitation May 4 5-6:30 p.m. followed by funeral at Metro Baptist Church. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 4 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Monday, May 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, May 12 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.



Bobby Green

BOBBY GREEN

December 19, 1949 – April 20, 2026

Bobby Green, age 76, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on April 20, 2026, at Trinity Health Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 19, 1949, in New Tazewell TN, to Dallas and June (Ford) Green. Bobby worked at Ford, Rawsonville Plant, as a repairman until he stopped working due to an injury. The injury just propelled him into his next passion, quilting. Bobby became a longarm quilter. He began this journey and hobby with his wife Barbara and became very involved in his craft. Bobby was a member of the Belleville Quilt Guild and very involved with the guild. He was a tenacious man who always arrived early. Bobby was a hunter and fisherman for many years. He was an amazing storyteller and a very hard worker. Bobby attended Grace Baptist Church for many years and was a faithful man. He will be truly missed.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 31 years Barbara Green; his children Angela (James) McCoy of Belleville, MI, Tracy (John) Ritchey of Edwardsburg, MI, Wendy (John) Gladhill of Okemos, MI, Timothy (Jared Burnaska) McCormick, of Bloomfield Hills; his siblings Deanna (Bill) Wright of Wayne, MI, Vickie Hayes of Dearborn, MI, Jim Green of Belleville, MI, and Keith (Katie) Green of San Francisco, CA; his grandchildren Cameron, Miranda, Aubrey, Brynn, Clare, Jacob, and Jack; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Bobby Green Jr., and his sister Kathy Wade.

A visitation was held Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. The funeral service was Friday, April 24, 2026, with Pastor Robert White officiating. Burial was at Marble Park Cemetery, Milan.

If desired, donations can be made to *We Care*, in Bobby's honor and donations envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Judith Elaine Hoffmeyer

JUDITH ELAINE HOFFMEYER

(November 24, 1939 – April 26, 2026)

Judith Elaine Hoffmeyer, age 86, died peacefully on Sunday morning April 26, 2026 at the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Judith was born November 24, 1939 to Emma and Joseph Hogan. She was raised in Belleville Michigan where she graduated from Belleville High School in 1957 and finished her education at Eastern Michigan University with a Master's Degree in special education. Judie loved teaching and was one of the first to be certified in Autism. She retired from her career as a special education teacher from Southfield Public Schools in 1999. Judie married the love of her life Paul Hoffmeyer and they enjoyed life on the farm in Milford, Michigan where they raised chickens, horses, sheep and even a llama. They enjoyed traveling both abroad and domestic (including rustic camping). Judie was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Belleville, Michigan. Her faith was the guiding light in her life and included being an advisor to the youth group, Sunday school teacher, organist and choir director. She loved music. She played the organ from the age of 17 and was a member of the University of Michigan Choral Union. Among her many interests included her love of animals, especially her horse Bobbie who was her trusted partner in several Shore-to-Shore trips from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. Judie was blessed with a loving family. She loved her siblings, children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Joseph Hogan and her loving husband Paul Hoffmeyer.

Judie is survived by her children, Donna (Dan) Nieman, Craig (Tom) Glidden, Jennifer (Matt) Lauth, Glenn Hoffmeyer, Gretchen (Mark) Roberts and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Sandy (James) Lang, Victor (Linda) Hogan, Kim (Paul) DeBusschere and Kathy (Rich) McGuire in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will be 12 noon Friday, May 1, 2026, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. The family will host a visitation 10-12 PM at the church. Rev. James A. Frey will officiate. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Instead of flowers, please donate to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Parkinson's research or the Gilbert Residence who provided exceptional care.

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Obituaries



Bernard Paul Raymond

BERNARD PAUL RAYMOND

September 9, 1949 – April 22, 2026
 Bernard Paul Raymond, age 76, of Belleville passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at his home in Oviedo, Florida. He was born on September 9, 1949, in Plymouth, MI. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Valerie Victoria (Bryson) Raymond; his parents, Henry Alford and Ellen Jean (Roberts) Raymond; his brother, Henry Raymond Jr.; and his sister, Sharon Raymond.

A 1967 graduate of Belleville High School, Bernie proudly answered the call to serve his country, joining the United States Navy in 1969 and serving through 1971. On April 8, 1972, he married Valerie Victoria Bryson, and together they raised two daughters, Shiela and Jaime, building a farm life grounded in love, family, and shared memories, all while he maintained a long and dedicated career with Ford Motor Company for more than 30 years.

Bernie was happiest outdoors -- hunting, fishing, and enjoying nature in every season. He was passionately devoted to farm life, finding purpose in hard work, open land, and the everyday moments that define a life on the farm. In recent years, he embraced the snowbird lifestyle, spending summers in Houghton Lake, MI, and winters in Oviedo, FL, where he treasured time with his grandchildren. Known for his generosity, kindness, and the smile he carried every day, Bernie touched the lives

of everyone who knew him and could often be found on his golf cart or personal scooter visiting with neighbors.

He is survived by his daughters, Shiela (Andrew) Loomis of Oviedo, FL, and Jaime (Brian) Gadoury of Wilson, NC; his grandchildren, Nathan, Rylan, and Hayden Loomis; and his beloved companion, Denise Bukis of Belleville, MI.

A private celebration of life for close family and friends will be held at a later date.

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Obituaries



Perry Alan Nichols

PERRY ALAN NICHOLS
 July 15, 1962 – April 23, 2026
 Perry Alan Nichols, age 63, of Ypsilanti,

Michigan, formerly of Belleville, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, with his family by his side. He was born July 15, 1962, in Milford, Connecticut, to Philip and Vivian (Perry) Nichols. Perry built a long and dedicated career as a photography engineer, beginning as a contractor with Chrysler before becoming a full-time employee. He spent more than 25 years working at the Chelsea Proving Grounds. Known for his practical skills, he was an excellent handyman who enjoyed repairing things and working on cars. He had a deep love for his dogs, Honey and Pepper, and took great joy in hosting gatherings for family and friends. His backyard, affectionately known as "Perrydise", was the

setting for countless celebrations, including weddings, reunions, birthdays, graduations, tournaments, and his cherished annual birthday party each July. Perry was also an avid bowler and enjoyed golfing. In his leisure time, he followed the Detroit Red Wings and had a passion for motorsports, especially drag racing, NASCAR, and more recently, IndyCar racing. Above all, Perry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who will be deeply missed. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 29 years, Denise Marie (Wegrzyn) Nichols; his daughter, Rhonda Fairley of Belleville, Michigan; his son, Dennis (Starr) Cabay of Apollo Beach, Florida; his grandchildren, Shara Cabay and Shaune Fairley; and his great-grandson, Tre Fairley. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Philip Nichols. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, Michigan. (734) 697-4500. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Michigan or the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



Taco Tuesday is a whole lot more than that on May 5. Where are you going to celebrate Cinco De Mayo? Maybe I'll see you at Dos Pesos!

The first weekend in May is more than a used-book sale, although that would probably keep me busy. On Saturday, May 2 the Perennial Plant Swap, on the lawn at the Belleville Area District Library, will run from noon until 2 p.m. This is an event you don't want to be late for or you will miss that one special plant you have been looking for.

Then after you take your plants to the car, return to the library for the first used-book sale of the year that runs from noon until 3

p.m. If time is not on your side, you could return to the library on Sunday, May 3, for the used book bag sale from 1 to 4 p.m. I personally would go both days to be sure I don't miss some special reading material.

Annually on the second weekend of May is the letter carriers Food Drive. So, on May 9 put canned goods by your mailbox for pickup. You generally receive a bag to put them in. This is a good opportunity to get some spring cleaning done. Please don't donate expired food – they will just have to throw it away and you can do that.

Once a month the VFW/PLAV have been running an ad with their information so area veterans would know how to get in touch with them to hopefully join. They also have a great hall rental plus a great pavilion. My family has used it for a graduation party and a memorial service. Their rate has been very affordable so keep them in mind for any special occasion.

This event was supposed to happen on April 15, however, the storm came through and with no power it had to be moved. It is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. Blue Star Service Dogs are holding a 2026 Bingo Fundraiser at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The \$40 fee includes a Taco Bar and soft drinks, Bingo cards and markers. (Cash bar available.) For advance tickets call Sharon (734) 624-4380 but you

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continued support of the Class of 2026 Senior Party fundraising efforts.

Lastly, if you are the parent, grandparent and/or guardian of a BHS Class of 2026 student or just a community member age 25 and over that just likes to help -- we could really use your help at the Senior Party, which is scheduled for Friday, May 22, from 6 p.m. to midnight. A sign-up genius went out via ParentSquare and is also included in the "weekly S'more" in the Student Council section. If you're available to help, please sign-up as soon as

possible. A current background check for the 2025-2026 school year must be on file -- a link is provided in the sign-up genius, if you haven't completed one yet for this school year.

- Ban Abas (mother of Sarah Alrawas)
- Margo DeLibera (mother of Isabella DeLibera)
- Kristin Horchem (mother of Allie Horchem)
- Charlene Jones (mother of Quinn Jones)
- Angela Mears (mother of Cooper Mears)
- Jayne Schellenberger (mother of Alexis Champagne)
- April Turnbull (mother of Lilah Turnbull)

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 30** – Van Buren Township Community Open House from 6-8 p.m. at the township hall to discuss the Belleville Lake Water Assessment Project done by Progressive Companies, contracted by the township. The company assessed water quality, surveyed aquatic vegetation, and analyzed stormwater impacts to inform future conservation strategies. This is the township residents' time to view the project findings and provide feedback.
- **Friday, May 1** – Community Day at the 34th District Court in Romulus, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public safety demonstrations, tours, Quiz Bowl sponsored by Fieger Law, food trucks, resources. Open to the public, families, and children of all ages from the communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, and city of Romulus. For information call Mr. Avery Taylor, (734) 941-4463, ext. 264.
- **Saturday, May 2** – Van Buren Public Schools Student Art Show, 12-4 p.m., Belleville High School Commons. Also, Tiny Art Show at the same time at the Early Childhood Center next door.

- **Saturday, May 2** – Kentucky Derby Party, doors open 3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Dinner tickets \$20 on sale at the bar. Best hat and outfit contests. Kentucky Derby Race, 6:50-7 p.m. Live bank, Rock 22, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 7** – The Independent invites you to attend at meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cozadd rooms of the Belleville Area District Library. Dr. Hayg Oshagan, associate professor at Wayne State University, will speak on the current status of newspapers and their importance. Those attending will be able to tell what they want their local paper to be like. Light refreshments.
- **Wednesday, May 13** – At 6 p.m. Blue Star Service Dogs will hold a Bingo fundraiser at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The \$40 fee includes a Taco Bar and soft drinks, Bingo cards and markers. (Cash bar available.) For advance tickets call Sharon (734) 624-4380 or purchase tickets at the door.
- **Friday, May 15; Saturday, May 16; and Sunday May 17** – The Van Buren Community Players present "Narnia the Musical" at the Van Buren Community Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Tickets can be purchased at <http://vbvtbc.ludus.com>.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, April 30** – Varsity Boys Golf vs. Dearborn, 2:40 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; JV Softball v.s. Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
- **Friday, May 1** – JV Baseball vs. Airport, 4 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Novi, 4 p.m.; Varsity Lacrosse vs. Chelsea, 7 p.m.
- **Monday, May 4** – Varsity Softball vs. Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; Varsity Lacrosse vs. Salem, 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 5** – Varsity Golf vs. Livonia Stevenson, 2:15 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; Varsity Co-Ed Track vs. Wayne Memorial (senior player night) 3:30 p.m.; Varsity Girls Tennis vs. TBA, 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 6** – Varsity Softball vs. Dearborn, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. Dearborn, 4:30 p.m.
Jamie Cichowski, Athletic Secretary
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Public Budget Hearings will be held for the following Public-School Academy:
Keystone
 47925 Bemis Rd., Belleville
 734-697-9470
 May 14, 5 p.m.
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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on May 6, 2026**, for the Belleville High School Band Tower 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.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Early Childhood Center of Van Buren Public Schools, 451 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, on **Friday April 24, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

Bids must be submitted electronically before 2:00p.m. local time, May 6, 2026 to:
BHSBandTowerProposal@docs.e-builder.net

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included and a sworn and notarized non-collusive affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=9c652fb5465b4a45b00b5e9713233bb7>

Documents will be available for viewing on **April 20, 2026**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki with Plante Moran Realpoint at Rob.Kakoczki@plantemoran.com or 248-982-2338.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
 BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR
 IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION I
VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Sealed proposals will be received by the Van Buren Township at the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren, Michigan 48111 until 2:00 p.m. local time (EST), on May 19, 2026 for construction of this project. Proposals are to be delivered to the Township Clerk's Office in a sealed envelope marked on the outside as described in the RFP.

Project Description:
 The project consists of constructing a variable width concrete sidewalk and is located along the south side of East Huron River Drive. The project begins at the east end of Riggs Park along Huron River Drive and connects to the existing pathway on the south side of Huron River Drive. The project includes the development of approximately 2,000 square feet of 5' wide concrete sidewalk and 22,200 square feet of 7' wide concrete sidewalk. The project is split into two phases – Phase 1 and Phase 2. For the purpose of these bid documents, only Phase 1 estimated quantities are included.

The drawings and specifications under which the work is to be performed are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

Van Buren Township
 46425 Tyler Road
 Van Buren Twp., MI 48111
 or
 PEA Group
 7927 Nemco Way, Suite 115
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Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bid bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount. All questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the documents shall be directed to Jeffrey Smith, PLA, LEED AP, of PEA Group by the following means: Office: (517) 546-8583, Fax: (248) 689-1044, and e-mail: jsmith@peagroup.com.

The right is reserved by Van Buren Township to accept any proposal, to reject any proposal, and to waive irregularities in proposals. No bid may be withdrawn after the above date and time for receiving bids for a period of one-hundredtwenty (120) days.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 275 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, April 19:

0031 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
0156 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0236 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0245 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0250 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0254 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0515 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0829 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0928 – neighbor trouble, Colony Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.
1023 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1021 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1241 – property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1246 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1316 – assist fire dept., N. Sadie Ln.
1343 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1437 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1507 – 911 welfare check, Spencer Ave.
1552 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1633 – trespassing, S. Timberview Dr.
1652 – assist other dept., Ashbury Dr.
1701 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1849 – civil matter, Van Buren Ct.
1908 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1942 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

Monday, April 20:

0001 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
0050 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0205 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Locust Dr.
0936 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
1021 – civil matter, McKinley St.
1053 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

1149 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1837 – fraud, Ashbury Dr.
1752 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.
1853 – assist fire dept., Morton Taylor Rd.
2103 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2255 – welfare check, America

Tuesday, April 21:

0108 – welfare check, S. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
0547 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./W. I-94
0752 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0740 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
0824 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
0922 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0955 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1001 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1034 – intrusion alarm, Westlake Cir.
1111 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1158 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1315 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1332 – intrusion alarm, Sonrisa St.
1331 – civil matter, Martz Rd.
1442 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Pass

xxxx – private property impound, Van Born
1838 – found property/child, Hardwood Dr.
1916 – civil matter, Rogers Ave.
1950 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2022 – harassment call, Hamilton St.
2033 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2107 – animal complaint, Dewitt Rd.
2102 – assist fire dept., Winding Pond Dr.
2154 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd.
2220 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2250 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2316 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Wednesday, April 22:

0001 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
0016 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
0124 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0339 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0646 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0839 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
0911 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.

0930 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd. / Jackson St.
0949 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1034 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd.
1143 – parking complaint, Stamford Rd./N. Cumberland Dr.
1211 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
1443 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd.
1730 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.
1743 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1825 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1843 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1846 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1918 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
1917 – neighbor trouble, Jackson St.
1919 – mental subject, Doree Ave.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
2003 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Holmes
2131 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.
2342 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sadie Ln.

Thursday, April 23:

0006 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0053 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0250 – intrusion alarm, Yost
0543 – intrusion alarm, Amanda Dr.
1106 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1110 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
xxxx – private property impound, Van Born
1150 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Pointe Dr./Sondra Dr.
1239 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren St.

1336 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1552 – larceny, Ormond Dr.
1533 – 911 welfare check, Pond Bluff Dr.
1616 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service
1631 – juvenile complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
1648 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.

1733 – civil matter, Marina Dr.
1741 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Savage
1940 – parking complaint, Ashbury
1856 – domestic, Chinkapin Dr.
1906 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.
1905 – assault & battery, Chinkapin Dr.
1906 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
1916 – suicidal person, Westlake Cir.
2023 – civil matter, Dartmoor Cir.
1959 – threat, Ashbury
2009 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2100 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
2221 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
2232 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2233 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
2322 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

Friday, April 24:

0456 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0825 – abandoned auto, Savage Rd./Wildbrook
1016 – welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.
1049 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1124 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1221 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1254 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1455 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. Schooner Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, E. Huron River
1336 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1346 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1411 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1545 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1625 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1633 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1721 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./ N. I-94 Service Dr.
1725 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1734 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1825 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.

1916 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1916 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1942 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2005 – domestic, Milton Dr.
2010 – 911 welfare check, Colonial Rd.
2023 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2130 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2255 – missing person, Riggs Rd.
Saturday, April 25:
0017 – disorderly, Sunrise Ln./Harbour Ln.
0036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Freedom Way
0127 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sheldon Rd.
0204 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0203 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Marlowe Ave.
0307 – property check, McKinley St.
0402 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – warrant arrest, Will Carleton Rd.
1205 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1209 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1249 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1301 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
1341 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1416 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1451 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1649 – found property/child, Oak Ln.
1701 – family trouble, Anna Dr.
1709 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1724 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1734 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Center Dr.
1947 – vehicle lockout, Martz Rd.
1952 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
2107 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.
2126 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
2145 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
2211 – noise complaint, Revere Dr.
2216 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2220 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2336 – noise complaint, Crowley Ave.

Also, on this log are 87 traffic stops, 10 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 19:

0747 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1152 – misc. complaint, Bedell St.
1447 – property damage accident, Main St.
1718 – animal complaint, San Carlos St.
1917 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1947 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, April 20:

0526 – intrusion alarm, South St.
1240 – overdose, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1403 – domestic, Fourth St.
1923 – animal complaint, Henry St.

Tuesday, April 21:

0807 – road hazard, W. Davis St.
0907 – assault & battery, South St.
1120 – prisoner transport, 34th District Ct.
1401 – found property/child, Charles St.
1435 – juvenile complaint, Henry St.
2026 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia
2052 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia
2107 – welfare check, Church St.

Wednesday, April 22:

0359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bell Cove Ct.
0438 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Santa Clara St.
1433 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1527 – fraud, South St.
1922 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
2238 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

Thursday, April 23:

0008 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1027 – animal complaint, Oxford Ct.
1530 – parking complaint, Church St.
2255 – domestic, Loza Ln.

Friday, April 24:

1525 – private property/property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave.
1645 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2153 – family trouble, Carmell St.
2300 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.

Saturday, April 25:

0455 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1037 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
xxxx – family trouble, Huron River Dr.
There are 70 reports on this week's log, 36 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 19:

1257 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1321 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1358 – animal bite, Arizona St.
1557 – shots fire, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1637 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood
1639 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1730 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1916 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1925 – neighbor dispute, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
2039 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2256 – death investigation, Texas St.

Monday, April 20:

0249 – welfare check, Delaware St.
0414 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1045 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Hawaii
1552 – larceny complaint, Rustic Ln.
1554 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1621 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1835 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1956 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2102 – animal complaint, Arkona/Haggerty
2103 – mental health call, Timberlane Dr.
2120 – civil matter, Delaware St.
2151 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2209 – assist other agency, Delaware St.
2339 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

Tuesday, April 21:

0415 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0516 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Willow
0736 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0833 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1309 – suspicious person, 188000 bl. Lohr
1333 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1354 – recovered stolen property, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1431 – juvenile matter, Hampshire
1610 – alarm, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1754 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1850 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1914 – mental health call, Oregon St.
2032 – civil matter, Indiana St.
2140 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2227 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2240 – mental health call, Birch Ct.
2248 – juvenile matter, Florida St.
2331 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Wednesday, April 22:

0618 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
0756 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0835 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0916 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1246 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln./Brookview
1437 – noise complaint, New Mexico St.
1611 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1702 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1810 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Bohn
2248 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Clark

Thursday, April 23:

0059 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
0514 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.
0624 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0835 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell
0836 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0927 – subpoena service, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0948 – lost property, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1123 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1328 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Collyer Ln.

1502 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1703 – animal complaint, Birch dr.
1819 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1912 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.
2000 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2020 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2251 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
Friday, April 24:
 0733 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0922 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1532 – 911 hangup, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1615 – juvenile matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1735 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1742 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1932 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 2150 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
 2219 – juvenile matter, Redwood St.
 2349 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 2356 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
Saturday, April 25:
 0048 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
 0620 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
 0625 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow
 1116 – welfare check, Nevada
 1444 – 911 hangup, Iowa St.
 1548 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1609 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1827 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Willis
 1908 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2040 – shots fired, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 2243 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St. / California St.
 Also on this week's log were 148 patrol checks, 57 traffic stops and 13 misc. details.

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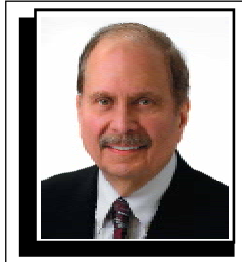
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