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EF-1 tornado touches down in VBT / Belleville area

The National Weather Service confirmed a EF-1 tornado touched down in Van Buren Township on Saturday, April 4, at 5:46 p.m. just south of Martz Road between Rawsonville Road and Hoeft Road near Willis.

Reports say there were warning tornado sirens from Sumpter Township, as well as Belleville and Van Buren Township, but some residents in Belleville and Van Buren say they did not hear sirens. Sumpter residents heard the sirens.

Belleville director of public safety Kris Faull said dispatch at Van Buren Township turns on the new sirens in Belleville which are located in the DPW yard. She said some people didn't hear the siren and so they are checking on that.

The Weather Service reported EF-1 tornadoes have winds from 86 to 110 mph.

The tornado was about 200 yards wide with maximum winds up to 100 miles per hour and was down for 3.25 miles, the Weather Service said. It lifted up at 5:50 p.m.

It first flipped a hayride trailer at DeBuck's Family Farm on Martz Road as the tornado moved northeast toward Hull Road. A large barn wall was also blown out at DeBuck's.

EF-1 damage occurred along Hull Road with the greatest concentration of EF-1 damage along and just south of Hull Road between Elwell Road and Bak Road. This damage included multiple trees uprooted and snapped, and telephone poles snapped.

The tornado continued northeast crossing Sumpter Road producing EF-0 (65-85 mph) damage with scattered large tree limbs and power lines downed. The tornado lifted right before reaching Savage Road, the Weather Service reported.

At 5:49 p.m., while the tornado was on the ground in the Belleville area, the Belleville Police issued a tornado warning over Nixel that reported an "extreme - extraordinary

threat to life or property" until 6:15 p.m. It said a tornado was sighted 7 miles southeast of Ypsilanti, moving northeast at 45 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

The Nixel alert said radar indicated rotation and on impact flying debris will be dangerous to those caught without shelter. Mobile homes will be damaged or destroyed. Damage to roofs, windows, and vehicles will occur. Tree damage is likely, the information from the National Weather Service said.

No major injuries were reported.

The Nixel alert said the tornado was observed and determined to have occurred or to be ongoing. The alert said the dangerous storm would be near Taylor, Romulus, Canton, and Dearborn around 555 p.m.

Van Buren Township police issued a Nixel alert an hour later, at 6:49 p.m. Saturday, reporting that Haggerty Road between Alden Ave. and E. Huron River Drive would be closed for an extended period of time due to power lines down. It said DTE was working as quickly as possible to fix the situation.

The *Detroit News* reported that Van Buren Fire Chief Dave McNally said motorists in four vehicles were trapped between downed lines for about an hour on Haggerty Road.

There were no reports of injuries or vehicle damage and the occupants left after DTE workers cleared the scene. Part of Haggerty remained closed until Sunday evening.

Crews also responded to several reports of power lines that had been knocked into residential yards and downed trees that were blocking roadways. The damage caused power outages on Hull Road. In total, the fire department responded to nine

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Independent photos by Janet Millard
 Members of the Abdel-nak family of Van Buren Township get their picture taken with Flop E Bunny at Victory Station on Saturday, April 4. Courtney holds Amir and Samir carries Sonny.



Since rain had been forecast, the pictures with Flop E Bunny were taken inside Victory Station and a long line waited to have their pictures taken with the Bunny.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Bellevillains on to State contest for third year in a row

By Mark Laginess, President

Tiger Robotics Booster Organization.

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 6615, the Bellevillains of Belleville High School, completed two district qualification events with a fourth-place finish in Milford and as a district winner in their home event at BHS.

After finishing their 2025 campaign as district finalists in Belleville and district winners at Renaissance, the Bellevillains had the potential of heading into a rebuilding year, losing key members of their drive team to graduation.

But a large freshman contingent from 2025 showed no signs of a sophomore slump in 2026, combining fresh competitive design elements with the experience gained in the prior year to maintain a high level of performance and competitiveness.

In Milford, Team 6615 finished in fourth place out of 40 teams after completing 12 qualifying matches, meaning they would compete in the eight-alliance, double-elimination playoffs.

As the Fourth Alliance captain, they chose The TechnoDogs (Team 3707, Brighton High School) as their first choice and The Byting Irish (Team 7660, Father Gabriel Richard High School) to fill out their alliance.

After cruising to a first-round victory with a score of 175-98 over the Fifth Alliance (The AutoPilots, Team 7762, Warren De LaSalle High School; SWEET BOTS, Team 7553, Oakland Schools Technical Campus; and HAZMATS, Team 2145, Lake Fenton High School), they were overwhelmed 368-122 in their second-round match against eventual overall winners from the First Alliance (Team 4362, Gems, Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy High School; Team 3538, RoboJackets, Avondale High School; and Team 8424, Tractor Technicians Next, Mason Middle School), dropping them into the loser's bracket.

A somewhat close 199-167 third-round victory over the Sixth Alliance (Team 8426, Automated Amphibians, Novi High School; Team 548, Robostangs, Northville High School; and Team 5674, The Gearhounds, Eaton Rapids High School) was followed by an even closer 200-172 fourth-round loss to the Third Alliance (Team 5114, Titanium Tigers, Fenton High School; Team 1023, Bedford Express, Bedford High School; and Team 5067, Steiner Steel Storm, Rudolf Steiner School), eliminating them from the event and leaving them in fourth place overall.

A week after the Milford event, the Bellevillains improved to a third-place ranking after qualifying matches were completed on their home field.

During playoff alliance selections, when



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalop

Bellevillains drive team members, from left, Xavier Miah, Ethan Sulea, John Laginess, and Owen Underwood pose with representatives from DTE during the FIRST Robotics event at Belleville High School. DTE was the event's sponsor.

the first-place team (Team 3641, The Flying Toasters, South Lyon High School) chose the second-place team (Team 3656, Dexter Dreadbots, Dexter High School) as their First Alliance partner, the Bellevillains became the Second Alliance captain and selected the fifth-place team (Team 4391, BraveBots from Gladstone Area High School) as an alliance partner. This team came the farthest distance, traveling in treacherous weather for several hours from the Upper Peninsula to compete at the Belleville event. For their other alliance partner, the Bellevillains picked their closest neighbor, Team 6538, Linc-Bots from Lincoln High School.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Second Alliance walloped the Seventh Alliance (Team 9204, Aluminum Armada from Pinckney Community High School; Team 6528, Terror Bytes from Carlson High School; and Team 6029, Railbots from Lincoln Park High School) by a score of 316-131.

The Bellevillains and their partners then squeaked by the Third Alliance (Team 1188, The Ravens from Royal Oak High School; Team 1701, Robocubs from University of Detroit Jesuit High School; and Team 9455, DinoMights from The STEAM Syndicate of Livingston County) in a closely contested 285-252 second round match. The DinoMights were called into service when the Third Alliance's original third team, 5067, Steiner Steel

Storm, developed technical issues and needed repairs.

While the First Alliance might have been the favorite to win it all, the Second Alliance dispatched them into the loser's bracket in another tight victory, 223-206, guaranteeing the Bellevillains, BraveBots, and Linc-Bots a place in the finals. The match also left one of the original First Alliance partners, Team 6618, WARHBOTS from Flat Rock High School, disabled and unable to continue. They were replaced by Team 3098, Waterford Robotics from Kettering and Waterford Mott High Schools.

But the reconfigured First Alliance succumbed to the Third Alliance in their next match, sending the First Alliance home and the Third Alliance into the finals against the Bellevillains and their Second Alliance partners.

Team 5067 repaired their robot in time to compete for the Third Alliance in the best-of-three finals, but the Second Alliance prevailed 287-246 in the first finals match. The Third Alliance took the second match, 225-176, forcing a one-match winner-take-all scenario. In the last match, the Second Alliance seemed to find another gear as they played to a 328-239 victory, securing the event winner's trophy and banner.

Off the field, the Bellevillains pocketed two awards. At Milford, they won the "Innovation in Control Award" and they collected the "Gracious Professionalism

Award" at Belleville.

The "Innovation in Control Award" celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components – electrical, mechanical, or software – to provide unique machine functions.

The "Gracious Professionalism Award" recognizes outstanding demonstration of FIRST core values such as continuous gracious professionalism (which encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community), sportsmanship, and working together both on and off the playing field.

The overall finishes at both Milford and Belleville, their position as alliance captain in each event, and the awards earned gave the Bellevillains state ranking points in addition to those they earned during qualifying matches.

The combined district ranking points from the two events along with the district title assures the Bellevillains of a place at the 2026 FIRST In Michigan State Championships at Saginaw Valley State University from Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18. Admission to the event is free, and more details can be found at the FIRST In Michigan website (<https://firstinmichigan.us/FRC/state-championship>).

Mark Laginess has been a team mentor since the team formed in 2017.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial: **Pre-Easter tornado holds off for Flop E Bunny event**

Rain had been forecast for Saturday and those in the Belleville Central Business Community had to make the difficult decision of whether Flop E Bunny could sit out in the open in the Victory Park gazebo so the lines of children could wait for their free picture with the Bunny.

One CBC member pointed out the storm wasn't suppose to start until 3 p.m., but after thinking it over and playing it safe, Flop E Bunny moved inside the newly renovated Victory Station and the long line formed outside. The rain held off and everything went well.

Those bringing children inside were impressed with how nice Victory Station is now, so it got a lot of free advertising for its rental.

Those children just interested in the candy hunts, stayed outside and got their fill. Some families just sat around at the picnic tables enjoying the pleasant day.

There was no rain and this gave all the candy-laden children time to get home. But shortly before 6 p.m. a storm that produced a tornado with 100 mph winds cut through the south end of Van Buren Township and headed north east through some of Belle Villa in Belleville. Three and a half miles later the tornado lifted back into the heavens just before Savage Road.

Many were without power on Easter Sunday when they wanted to be in the kitchen fixing a great dinner. Everyone dealt with their situation. But, the kids were safe and had lots of candy to eat.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Chick-fil-A broke ground Tuesday morning for its new restaurant on Belleville Road in front of Menard's.

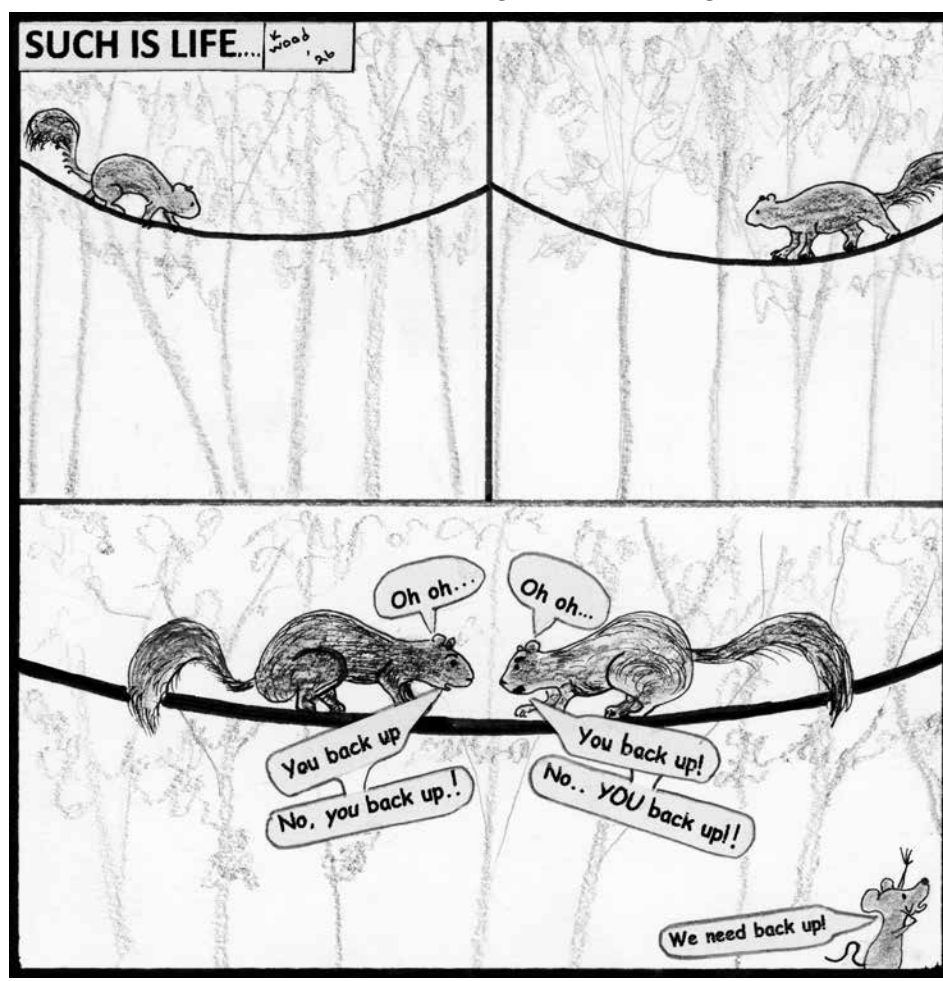
We talked to Sumpter Township manager Ken Marten after we had gone to press last week. He said the information we told him we got from the Sumpter clerk's office and printed wasn't the whole story.

He said the supervisor, at the March 24 meeting, called for a special town hall meeting on the terrible roads in the township for April 10, which the board approved. But then Ken and the supervisor participated in a zoom meeting the next day, March 25, with county officials and Ken said the officials said the county would come out and propose plans to solve the road problem.

As a result, the supervisor held a special meeting on March 30 to postpone the April 10 meeting. "A special meeting to postpone a special meeting," Marten said. The board agreed and the April 10 meeting is postponed. The town hall session is expected to be revisited at the board's regular meeting on April 28.

So, there is no town hall set, as yet. Supervisor Tim Bowman had envisioned the town-hall session to let residents tell their stories about the bad roads and how the roads had affected their lives and then, possibly, use their complaints as a basis to sue Wayne County.

You can read about that special meeting to cancel a meeting in the minutes that have since been posted. Apparently, there was no recording of the meeting. Actually, the motion was to postpone the April 10 meeting for 30 days and to talk about it at the April 28 meeting. The motion passed unanimously



by the five board members who were present. Supervisor Bowman was on vacation and clerk Donald LaPorte was absent from his fourth meeting in a row. Trustee Matt Oddy chaired the meeting.

According to the printed minutes, "Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Rush stated some kind of plan is being constructed by Wayne County. *The County is contracting a third-party vendor in addition to the County supply of road graders as well as ditch maintenance.*"

We were without electrical power for 18 hours after Saturday's tornado and storm, which really makes one realize how much we depend upon electricity for our daily lives. We have a generator in the garage that takes a lot of energy to dig out and hook up, so we kept waiting for DTE to get the lights back on. We went to bed and in the morning the lights were still off. That means no coffee.

And, the lovely Easter dinner my son was going to prepare was on hold. We were able to color the eggs that had been boiled before the electricity went off. And, the Easter baskets were filled.

Then, just before noon, the lights went on and everything was back to normal. But, in the back of our minds there was the thought that this could happen again at any minute. Time to invest in a whole-house generator?

We are struggling along as a newspaper, planning for our big move to a non-profit so we hopefully can survive to serve the community. Do you ever think what it might

be like without a community newspaper, which is the case in thousands of communities across our country?

No other publication or social media site covers all the meetings in the 48111 area, so without a newspaper you are sure to get some surprises on taxes or other local news bills you will have to pay if you don't head them off at the pass. It's important to keep our eyes on our elected officials because if we don't, who knows what ideas they will think are OK and put them into practice? They need public feedback, and for that the public has to know what they are talking about doing. We tell readers. Such as the round-about at Main and Third.

Some of our readers say they go straight for the obituary pages each week, to see who died. Others say they go to this column, where odd bits and pieces of information are laid out that usually aren't on the news pages. Then they read the rest.

We also print the upcoming meetings list, so if you want to go to a public meeting you know when and where to go. Board and commission members shift uneasily in their seats when they face a crowded audience because they know what's coming can't be good. People don't go to their municipal meetings unless they have to, so we keep them advised of what's going on. Without a paper, they wouldn't know.



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Letters
You can help with my Eagle Scout project
 To the editor:
 Hello, my name is David Mitchell and I am a member of Scout Troop 231, stationed at Trinity Episcopal Church, right here in Belleville.
 I am working towards my Eagle Scout rank, which is the highest honor a scout can receive and will set me up for more opportunities later in life. To accomplish this goal, a project must be chosen and completed that will help the community.
 For this project, I will be supervising the rebuilding of a garden behind the church where we have our meetings. They want to start planting as soon as possible so they can hand out food to the community.
 Since scouting is about leadership and teamwork, I will not be the one rebuilding it. I have chosen a group of helpers that I will be guiding through the project, and telling them exactly what to do.
 Currently, it is just a patch of dirt, but I intend to transform it into a much more functional and appealing sight. There will be raised garden beds, so the church staff does not have to bend down to harvest from them. Mulch will be used as flooring, as well as timbers for the border, which will be spiked into the ground.
 The beds will be filled with compost, dirt, and topsoil. Altogether, the cost of my project will be \$2,500. This entails the cost of supplies, tools, and food/water for my helpers. If I receive over \$2,500 the extra will go directly to the church.
 I am asking for everybody's support in the fundraising for this project. I would appreciate it if you could please send any donations you can to 17127 Lohr Rd., \$ProudMommy013 for CashApp, or <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DQvEzMLvu/> for GoFund Me.
 I truly believe that by rebuilding this garden, it will create peace and help for the community. I appreciate all of your support. Thank you so much.
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 14 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 20 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Wednesday, April 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 28 – Sumpter Township, 6 p.m.
- 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.
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Musings

By Janet Millard
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April 9 is Classic Movie Night at the Library. At 6 p.m. they will show "The Apartment" with Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine, and Fred MacMurray. An oldie but a goodie – in fact the movie was released in 1960, the year I graduated from high school!

If you didn't get a chance to give blood when Sumpter Township had a drive, Belleville Faith Community Church has scheduled a blood drive for Tuesday, April 14, from noon to 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but for an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor-faith

Sumpter Fire Department at 20550 Sumpter Rd. will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon for only \$6 per person. What a treat on a Saturday morning!

The Belleville Area Museum is starting its monthly Lecture Series on Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Pizza at 5:30 p.m., if you make a reservation. First up is Andrew Kercher speaking on "Behind the Velvet Ropes," a history of museums. Get your name on the list now before all seats are spoken for!

Did you see the ad in last week's paper from the Belleville Lions Club? All members and prospective members are invited to have dinner with the Canton Lions at Rose's Italian Restaurant on Canton Center Road. Let Lion Ron (313-316-0679) know you would like to attend on Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m. He has been working really hard to get this club started and will be delighted to welcome you.

The Belleville Community Chorus has scheduled its spring concert "Sun, Moon & Stars" for Sunday April 26, 3 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

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

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- **Thursday, April 9** – Join Huron-Clinton Metroparks for an 11 a.m. ribbon-cutting celebration at the newly renovated Walnut Grove Campground at Lower Huron Metropark.
- **Saturday, April 11** – Chicken Dinner for \$18 each from 4-6 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus Post 78 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Everyone welcome. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.
- **Saturday, April 11** – Belleville-Area Business Bash from 6-8 p.m. at the Diamondback Music Hall, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township. Free event brought to you by Diamondback and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. All Belleville-area businesses welcome.
- **Saturday, April 11** – Doors open at 8 p.m. at the Diamondback Music Hall for “Saddle Up & Lift ‘Em Up,” a country line-dancing benefit to support Guiding Harbor in Belleville and the youth and families it serves. A portion of every ticket sold goes to Guiding Harbor and its programs. Purchase tickets -- \$16.95 to \$38.05 -- at Diamondback, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township, diamondbackmusichall.com.
- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April**

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• **Wednesday, April 15** – Bingo fundraiser to benefit Blue Star Service Dogs – Rescuing One to Heal Another – doors open at 6 p.m., food served at 6:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Location is the Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Rd., Canton. Cost is \$40 per person (18 years and older only), includes taco bar and soft drink, Bingo cards and markers. Cash bar available. April 1 deadline for tickets. Call Sharon Hagerman, Canton Newcomers and Neighbors, at (734) 624-4380 for tickets.

• **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 16, 17, 18** – “The Addams Family” musical will be performed by Tiger Drama at the Belleville High School Auditorium. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for those under 18. At the door, through GoFan or cash.

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• **Saturday, April 18** – The doors open to the public at 8 a.m. at the new Tractor Supply store at 15455 Sumpter Rd. at the corner of Hull in Van Buren Township. The chamber of commerce will help cut the grand-opening ribbon at a 1 p.m. ceremony.

• **Saturday, April 18** – Sumpter Township Michigan Association of Fire Fighters’ pancake breakfast fund-raiser, 9 a.m. to noon, at the fire station, 20550 Sumpter Rd. Breakfast for \$6 includes pancakes, sausage links, juice, coffee. Support your first responders.

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This photo from the National Weather Service shows storm damage behind JT's Pub and Grub on E. Huron River Dr. in Van Buren Township. LKQ Michigan's building is in the background.

Tornado

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weather-related calls for service, the chief said.

Electrical power also was out in a large area overnight into Easter Day.

Chief McNally said there was some light flooding that was gone within an hour.

Tornado strength is rated on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, which ranks twisters from a

weak EF-0 to a powerful EF-5. Saturday's tornado was on the lower, weak end of the scale.

The National Weather Service survey team also visited spots in Monroe County where damage was reported. Checking the sites in Lambertville did not support a tornado touchdown. Instead, evidence showed damage was caused by a "divergent wind pattern indicative of straight line winds," the National Weather Service said.

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Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: April 9th, 2026



Lower Huron Metroprk to cut ribbon on newly renovated Walnut Grove

Join the Huron-Clinton Metroparks for a ribbon cutting celebration at the newly renovated Walnut Grove Campground at Lower Huron Metropark on Thursday, April 9 at 11 a.m.

Closed last summer for major improvements, the campground has been redeveloped to enhance accessibility, comfort, and the overall camping experience. The project incorporates

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Walnut Grove Campground is one of only two public campgrounds in Wayne County and the only one located in a natural setting. The campground also serves travelers along the National Huron River Water Trail and the Iron Belle Trail, both of which have direct access to the site.

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The Belleville City Council proclaimed April 2, 2026 as Mildred Elizabeth Baker Day in the city of Belleville.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Van Buren Township, plans to celebrate her birthday with a big party on Saturday, April 18.

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Supt: BHS Cosmetology class CTE designation 'a feather in our cap'

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the March 9 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education director of instruction Jill Marvaso reported the Michigan Department of Education has designated the Cosmetology class at Belleville High School as a CTE.

This is "a feather in our cap," said school superintendent Pete Kudlak.

A CTE is a Career and Technical Education class in high school. It focuses on hands-on learning with real application rather than theory to give students a jump start on employment.

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education and the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity contracted to produce five videos and two social media clips for recruiting students to CTE. The

intent is that CTE programs and schools will use the videos for student recruitment statewide.

In addition to the Cosmetology class, BHS offers CTE classes for Teacher Cadets, Accounting and Finance, Business Management, Marketing, Robotics and Mechanatronics, and Tiger Pit/Spirit Shop.

Director Marvaso also announced that the summer school program will start June 22 at Savage Elementary School.

In other business at the March 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved the hiring of Lisa Genoa as of March 16 as a CI teacher at Rawsonville Elementary School;
- Approved the resignations of custodians Steven Thom, as of Feb. 23, after four years of service, and Collin Ward as of March 12 after less than a year of service; and the resignation of bus aide Trena Pressley as of March 13 after one year of service;
- Approved the employment of paraprofessionals Brianna Adams at the Early Childhood Center as of March 3, Precious Harris and Brigette Batie at

Rawsonville as of March 9; and bus aide Stephen Haverlock as of March 2;

• Heard parent Angela Mears explain the final fund raisers for the BHS class of 2026's party at the end of the year. Parents had been asked to raise \$4,000 or \$5,000 of the \$20,000 party cost, she said. She said a Dine to Donate events will be from 10 a.m. to midnight on March 18 and April 22 at Hungry Howie's in Van Buren

Township and from 4 to 8 p.m. on April 13 at Chipotle. Also a can and bottle drive will be noon to 3 p.m. at BHS on May 17. She said the parents had raised \$3,344.02 for the party so far; and

• Heard Maya Liggins, president of the BHS class of 2028, announce that when the student council went to Grand Rapids for the state conference, BHS got several awards.

Lionel Lamont Vincent serving 75 years to life for two VBT murders

On Oct. 31, 2025, a Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Lionel Lamont Vincent, 52, guilty of one count of first-degree, premeditated murder and not guilty of a second count of first-degree murder. Instead, he was found guilty of a count of second-degree murder.

This was following the murders of a mother and her 14-year-old daughter in Van Buren Township on July 25, 2021.

The jury trial lasted two weeks.

On Dec. 12, 2025 he was sentenced to 75 years to life in a Michigan prison and a fee of \$266.

Vincent currently is a medium-security

prisoner at Kinross Correctional Facility in the Upper Peninsula near Sault Ste. Marie. Kinross houses up to 1,600 inmates.

Vincent originally had been charged with two counts of first-degree murder. He was on trial for stabbing to death a mother and teenage daughter.

At trial it was revealed there were more than 15 stab wounds on each victim. Yachanda Snipes, 45, who had dated Vincent, and her daughter Daraca Leatherberry were found dead inside their apartment in the 46000

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, following the public review period of at least 63 days, a public hearing will be held in person at the Belleville Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 330 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111, in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008, as amended (MPEA) and the Open Meetings Act, PA 267. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the City's draft Master Plan. After holding the public hearing, the Planning Commission may adopt the Master Plan.

A copy of the draft Master Plan will remain available for review at City Hall, the Belleville Area District Library, and online at: <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/>

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Should you have any public comments on the draft Master Plan, please email comments to Steve Jones, Interim City Manager, at sjones@belleville.mi.us with the subject line "Master Plan Public Comment" or mail written comments to Steve Jones, 6 Main St. Belleville, Michigan 48111. Written comments may be submitted in person at the same address. Written comments will be received up to close of business (4:00 pm) preceding the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the City Clerk's office at least 2 days prior. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/meetings/>.

For additional project information or questions, please contact Steve Jones at 734-252-4317 or e-mail sjones@belleville.mi.us.

Briana Papin
City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE Hillside Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

The City of Belleville will conduct its semi-annual clean-up at Hillside Cemetery from April 13, 2026 through April 17, 2026, in accordance with Section 5 (General Maintenance) of the Hillside Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Section 5 provides that:

"There will be a minimum of two (2) scheduled clean-ups at the cemetery to remove holiday decorations which shall generally be in November and April. The city will give notice in the city newspaper of general circulation two (2) weeks prior to the date selected. At the clean-up times, those holiday decorations which have not been removed will be removed by the city without further notice."

In preparation for this clean-up, all lot owners and visitors are respectfully requested to remove all holiday decorations, including grave blankets, no later than April 12, 2026.

Please be advised that any items remaining on graves after this date will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the City of Belleville, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we work to maintain the beauty and upkeep of Hillside Cemetery.

Briana Papin
City Clerk

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 300 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, March 29:

0035 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bemis
0150 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.
0250 – 911 welfare check, Stonebridge Dr.
0308 – hospice death, S. Woodbury Dr.
0735 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0748 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Liberty Ln.
1304 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1338 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1657 – 911 welfare check, Belleville/Van Born
1813 – animal complaint, Burtrig St.
1909 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2009 – mental subject, Pine Dr.
2029 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2041 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Jeremy Rd.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Haggerty Rd.

Monday, March 30:

0001 – threat, Milton Dr.
0009 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0116 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.
Huron River Dr.
0500 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
0511 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0745 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0856 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1002 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1148 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1200 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
1218 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /
Belleville Rd.
1347 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, W. Huron River
1438 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
1721 – welfare check, Beck/Ecorse
1948 – noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.
I-94 Service Dr.
2239 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
2300 – suicidal person, Rawsonville Rd.
2342 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, March 31:

0002 – parking complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
0019 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0023 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0028 – fight, Lake Point Blvd.
0038 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
0049 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0111 – missing person, Riggs Rd.
0212 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Belleville Rd.
0325 – missing person, N. Woodbury Dr.
xxxx – misc. complaint, E. Main St.
xxxx – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
0836 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1439 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1438 – property damage accident, Lohr/Martz
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1607 – harassment call, Freedom Way
1639 – civil matter, Lenmoore Ave.
1816 – warrant arrest, Dix Highway
1817 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1925 – domestic, Lindsey Dr.
1946 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
2146 – intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr.
2146 – assault & battery, Tavistock Dr.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Cobblestone Creek Dr.
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Rose Blvd.
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Dartmoor Cir.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, April 1:

0130 – parking complaint, Zachary St.
0145 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0202 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
0241 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
0400 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
0418 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0445 – parking complaint, Haggerty/Alden Ave.
0558 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Cherry Ln.

0805 – parking complaint, Jackson St./N. I-94
Service Dr.
0748 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0805 – parking complaint, Anna Dr.
0942 – missing person, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1013 – lost property/child, Westlake Cir.
1058 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
1100 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1428 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1432 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr. /
Haggerty Rd.
1456 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1618 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Ecorse/I-275
1852 – parking complaint, Westlake Cir.
2022 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. /
Savage Rd.
2031 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, April 2:

0134 – assist citizen, Maple Dr.
0139 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
0220 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, E. Sadie Ln.
0448 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
0532 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
0616 – domestic, Revere Dr.
0628 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0925 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
Martinsville Rd.
0953 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Belleville
1102 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1334 – civil matter, Morton Taylor Rd.
1321 – intrusion alarm, Deanna Dr.
1405 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Morton Taylor Rd.
1419 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1431 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
Lindsey Dr.
1447 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. /
Independence Ln.
1526 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1622 – welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
1829 – civil matter, Peachtree Ln.
xxxx – assist fire dept., E. Adams
2041 – shooting, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
2047 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren St.
2309 – family trouble, Evelyn Ct.
2352 – assist citizen, Renton Rd.

Friday, April 3:

0119 – noise complaint, W. Woodbury Dr.
0158 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0316 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Tyler Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Arborview Ln.
0519 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse
0538 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1148 – fraud, Samantha Ave.
1139 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1230 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1208 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1306 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1309 – civil matter, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1320 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1345 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.
Adams
1413 – misc. complaint, Maple Dr.
1439 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1439 – harassment call, Van Born
1612 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
1623 – larceny, Reedgrass Ln.
1623 – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.
1707 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
1736 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1853 – noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1906 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Ecorse Rd.

2013 – civil matter, Evelyn Ct.
2127 – domestic, Stamford Rd.
2144 – domestic, Denton Rd.
xxxx – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, April 4:

0122 – property damage accident, N. Cumberland
Dr. /Dover Ct.
0342 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 /
Rawsonville Rd.

0406 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0438 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
0809 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1017 – warrant arrest, Belleville/Michigan
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1211 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1204 – assist fire dept., N. Timberview Dr.
1226 – intrusion alarm, Briarwood Ct.
1235 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.
1437 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
1550 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1637 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1755 – personal injury accident, Martz Rd.
2008 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1939 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1948 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1956 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
2025 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
2134 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
S. I-94 Service Dr.
2212 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2220 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2308 – parking complaint, Andover Dr.
2255 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2304 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.
2329 – missing person, Beacon Trl.

Also, on this log are 126 traffic stops, 28 of which are
on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:

0015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Water Works

Monday, March 30:

0854 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
1210 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.
1312 – found property/child, Main St.
1440 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1738 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1944 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2007 – assist fire dept., S. Industrial Park Dr.
2206 – welfare check, Main St.

Tuesday, March 31:

0053 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0336 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1032 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1034 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1221 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1351 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1741 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
xxxx – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 1:

0145 – assist other dept., Victorian Ct.
1556 – property damage accident, First St.
1722 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
1931 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.

Thursday, April 2:

0621 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1644 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.

Friday, April 3:

0101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Main St.
0549 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0628 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0747 – misc. complaint, Main St.
0747 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0832 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0846 – civil matter, Main St.
1119 – property check, Village Park
1131 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1230 – property damage accident, Main St.
1731 – personal injury accident, Main/Third
2228 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 4:

0100 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0441 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1453 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1812 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1923 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2116 – follow up by officer, Harbour Pointe Dr.

There are 125 reports on this week's log, 84 of which
are traffic stops.

“A newspaper is not just for reporting
the news—it's to make people mad
enough to do something about it.”

– Mark Twain

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:

0124 – shots fired, Delaware St.
0950 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 21000
bl. Clark Rd.
1407 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1501 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1708 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1719 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1738 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Harris
1953 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Rd.

Monday, March 30:

0626 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty
0714 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. /
Haggerty Rd.
0937 – found property, Hampshire Dr.
0946 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1208 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
1648 – welfare check, Oregon St.
1703 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
2018 – family trouble, Texas St.
2041 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Bemis
2109 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2137 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Tuesday, March 31:

0017 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
0107 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
0130 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Elwell
0302 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
0734 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
0942 – animal complaint, Arizona St.
1302 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.

1333 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1413 – 911 hangup, Iowa St./California St.
1416 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1436 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Willow
1502 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1502 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1507 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Bemis
1605 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1611 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
Rd.

1735 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1816 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
2105 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell
Rd.

2140 – 911 hangup, Iowa St./California St.
2221 – follow-up investigation, Third St.

Wednesday, April 1:

0808 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0939 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
1524 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis
1707 – 911 hangup, Iowa St.
1817 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2127 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, April 2:

0228 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville/Willis
0250 – 911 hangup, Hampshire Dr.
0307 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0404 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./
Willis Rd.

1013 – fire dept. assist, Huron Twp. PD
1034 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1128 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1401 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1443 – family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1512 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1658 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1747 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2032 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

2125 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd. /
Bemis Rd.

2146 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2323 – 911 hangup, Utah St.

Friday, April 3:

0130 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
0132 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0155 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware
0648 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
0804 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0905 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1509 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1513 – suspicious vehicle, 49000 bl. Willis
1524 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1526 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1545 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

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1737 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1740 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
 1919 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
 2017 – neighbor dispute, Magnolia Dr.
 2351 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, April 4:
 0019 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Waltz
 0130 – traffic complaint/hazard, Carleton West Rd./ Judd Rd.
 0204 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0303 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Willis
 0939 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1153 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Willis
 1239 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1250 – ORV complaint, Martinsville/Harris
 1341 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1610 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1618 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1641 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1732 – suspicious person, California St.
 1752 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 1811 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
 1815 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1926 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 2016 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
 2043 – 911 hangup, Georgia St.
 2044 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
 2117 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log were 153 patrol checks, 53 traffic stops and 10 misc. details.

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Life sentence

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block of Lake Villa Drive within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex.

After the jury verdict, sentencing was set for Nov. 24 and then reset for Dec. 11.

Vincent was brought from Lakeland Correctional Facility in Ionia by the Michigan Department of Corrections for his preliminary exam at 34th District Court in June of 2022. He was being held on pending charges of violation of probation on a previous charge.

Now retired Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said at the time that Vincent was the suspect from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met.

Det. Long said the state held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police murder investigation. He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to Michigan Department of Corrections records, Vincent was paroled Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and rape, using a weapon to commit a felony and various other weapons charges, in Oakland County. He also was convicted of those charges by a jury.

Those violations of parole in the Van Buren Township murders led to him go back to prison for 20 to 40 more years for the 1994 offenses and two years more on the weapons charges.



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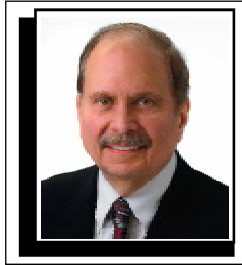
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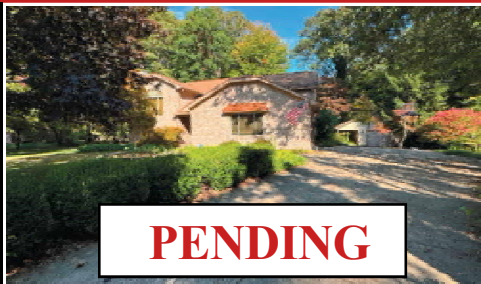
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