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F R E E

## Lions Club wants to start club in Sumpter

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

Lions Club member Coleman addressed the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at the end of its agenda on July 8, saying two local police officers are Lions Club members in Detroit and would like to have a club in Sumpter.

He said he would like the club to start this year.

The international service club will look for needs to be met in Sumpter and is looking for members. He said you need 20 people to start a club and five to start a preliminary group. He said a good first project for the group is to collect discarded eyeglasses to send to those in Third World countries.

He was directed to contact the township manager to set up an information session.

Trustee Matt Oddy said since the Lions Club will have a booth at Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 19, at Sherwood Park, perhaps they could present membership information at that time, as well.

In other business at the 35-minute public meeting, the board:

- Heard Treasurer Bart Patterson said the person who was to do a presentation at the last meeting and couldn't come again to this meeting told him the cost to work on the pond vegetation would be about \$3,000. He said Banotai Park also needs about four benches, which would cost \$1,535 each and the board could work to get sponsorships from local businesses. He said trash containers are also needed at Banotai Park and a poured concrete path to the new playscape at Sherwood Park is needed to make it handicapped accessible. He said he would prepare sponsorship information for the next meeting;

- Heard township manager Marten

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*Independent photo by James Otzman*

"Tort-ellini" is a cherry-head tortoise who currently lives in the children's area of the Belleville Area District Library. Karen Dubke, youth services librarian, holds the baby tortoise that the library is caring for for the Huron Valley Reptiles rescue group in Belleville. It won't be fully grown for three to five years and then they will be able to tell whether it is male or female. Fully grown it will be around 10 to 16 inches in size. This type of tortoise can live 50 years or more in captivity. It originates in Brazil and librarians keep a close eye on the humidity in its tank and give it daily baths. It will go back to the rescue group once it grows too big for the tank it calls home, which is on the librarian's desk. Three hundred children voted to determine the tortoise's name.

## VBT planners approve temporary parking lot for DTE

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

DTE Energy is expanding its garage at 8001 Haggerty Rd. and the site is congested so they need a temporary parking lot for workers. Tetra Tech was seeking the special land use for the project.

After a brief discussion at its July 9 regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously

approved a temporary, 60'x120' crushed aggregate parking lot at the northeast side of the property.

Lauren Sayre represented township planning consultant McKenna Associates at the meeting and she recommended approval after a performance bond is instated to assure restoration of the property after the temporary use expires. She also said there should be no "laydowns" on that

site which should only be used for parking.

The representative from DTE said the lawn property that is to be used for the parking is near the wetlands, so DTE got approval from Wayne County and will build the lot to avoid drainage from the wetlands.

She said she didn't know why the McKenna letter said "no laydowns."

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# SECOND FRONT PAGE

## Belleville Area District Library preserves area history week by week

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

It all started when Keith Bruder and his late wife Ginger were looking for genealogical information at a small library in Ohio.

Keith said the library surprised them by having its local newspaper on microfiche instead of in the bulky bound volumes they found in other libraries.

The history the newspaper carried was available on the microfiche at the library. If the library burned down, it was still on the film preserved at the place the papers were put on the film.

Keith said Ginger wanted the same for Belleville, so it could preserve its history. They requested and the library received a grant from the Belleville Rotary Club's Cozadd foundation to put all the local papers on microfiche.

At the time, besides the *Independent*, there was the *Belleville Enterprise*, *The View*, and other papers. They did them all, until the papers stopped publishing in their original local formats. The *Enterprise* now is available only on line with a group of newspapers and seldom is there a story about Belleville.

Keith said at the time all the papers cooperated, except the new owner of the *Enterprise* who wouldn't loan copies of all the years so they could be microfiched. Years later, Bruder said he was able to get

the missing years so all the years of the *Enterprise* are available up to the present when it went online. The *Enterprise* had published for about 140 years.

The Rotary foundation supported the heavy expense of getting all the newspapers on microfiche. Then, the library took over the cost of microfiching the *Independent* week by week at the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

Amy Greschaw, head of adult services at the library, said not many people use the high-tech microfiche that was installed when the newly built library opened five years ago. She said she will demonstrate how to use it for anyone interested. It is located on the second floor of the library in the History Room where the Belleville Centennial Quilt is hanging.

*Independent* photo by James Otzman  
Amy Greschaw, head of adult services at the Belleville Area District Library, pulls up a copy of a 2006 *Independent* front page as she demonstrates the high-tech microfiche reader that can print out or copy pages onto a flash drive. The equipment is on the second floor of the library. *Independents* from the first issue can be accessed. The screen shows a story about what the planned Walmart store would look like in Van Buren Township.



## VBT Plan

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Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits as board liaison to planning commission, said that "laydown" stipulation should be removed from the approval.

Planning commission chairman Brian Cullin agreed it should be stricken.

Budd said the motion for approval should stipulate that that be taken out, "so if someone sees a box of nails" there won't be a problem.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she also is not sure that a performance bond is necessary.

Brittney Williams, township planning and zoning specialist, said staff was discussing it and said the bond for the project would be about \$300,000 to \$500,000, or sometimes they charge 10%.

Commissioner Bernard Grant asked if they could tie the parking lot renewal into the construction bond so DTE wouldn't get a certificate of occupancy until the parking lot is restored. Williams said that would work.

When asked how much the garage construction will cost, the DTE representative said that is \$2.5 million. She said they are working during regular work

hours.

Grant confirmed that the certificate of occupancy could be withheld until the parking lot is restored.

Commissioner Atchinson made the motion to grant temporary land use to Tetra Tech for a parking lot for the DTE project. It can be used Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from July 10 through Dec. 19. The part of the McKenna letter that says it shall not be used for anything other than parking is removed and the certificate of occupancy will be used in lieu of a bond.

Grant seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve.

In other business at the 23-minute meeting, the commission was reminded of the joint meeting with Belleville and Sumpter planning commissions at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, at the Belleville High School cafeteria. Williams said both the front door to the school and the outdoor cafeteria door will be unlocked for entry.

Williams said the next regular meeting on July 23 will include the tree removal permit for Stellantis and the site plan for the McDonald's construction.

Absent and excused from the meeting were commissioners Peter Creal and Jeffrey Jahr.

## Sumpter Twp.

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report he met the previous day with the Wayne County Road Commission and they will be doing work on Martinsville and Carleton West roads July 16-21. He said he will attend the day of review for Big Swan Creek on July 9. He said work on Big Swan Creek will cost the township \$500,000 over 20 years -- \$25,000 a year -- and he wants to get all that information because it will affect the township budgets;

- Began the meeting with a prayer by Steven Brown from Parkview Baptist Church;

- Took no action on a proposal to extend the temporary part-time status of the clerk's office assistant Gabriella Massel, ending Oct. 21, 2025. When the item was called no motion was made and no one on the board said anything to explain and they went on to the next agenda item;

- Approved the hiring of Wyatt Behrendt as a seasonal, part-time DPW worker effective July 7 through Oct. 7 at the AFSCME rate of \$23.33 per hour up to 29

hours per week. He actually already works for the township and this motion was to comply with contract language;

- Tabled an agenda item to consider approval of the township's amended earned sick time policy to conform with the state's Earned Sick Time Act;

- Approved a proposed agreement with The Consultancy LLC/Anthony Burdick for as-needed support and projects to the new township manager or board of trustees. Burdick recently retired as township manager. No details were announced;

- Approved a fireworks permit for Brian Messer on July 19;

- In an item added to the agenda, approved payment of \$11,769.44 to former township manager Anthony Burdick's final payout;

- Went into closed door session to consider a confidential attorney's opinion pertaining to Carleton Farms Landfill/Republic Services pending audit. Township attorney Rob Young recommended clearing the board meeting room so they didn't have to stuff everyone into the small meeting room they usually meet in.



# OPINIONS

## Editorial:

### Thank the Bruders, the Rotary, library for our history

Thank Keith and Ginger Bruder, the Belleville Rotary Cozadd Foundation, and the Belleville Area District Library for preserving this area's history for future generations.

Keith Bruder reports that he and his late wife Ginger were at a small library in a tiny town in Ohio seeking information on a genealogical study they were doing.

They were amazed to find that the small library had its old newspapers on microfiche and they didn't have to wrestle with large bound volumes as they did at other locations — including Belleville.

The Bruders agreed that Belleville needed microfiche as well. They presented the project to the library and the Belleville Rotary Club and the project was funded by the Cozadd Foundation.

It took a lot of work and lots of money to take apart all those bound volumes to put the contents on film, but the work continued until it was done. The library took over the ongoing project since then. The newspapers in Belleville included the *Belleville Enterprise* which was the town's original paper and had published for more than 130 years before it went only online.

The beauty of microfiche is that it is simple and accessible no matter how complicated new computers get. Also, if the films are destroyed here in Belleville, there are still copies at the Clarke Historical Library at Michigan State University, where the microfiches are created, week by week. Thank you all.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The 34<sup>th</sup> District Court closed its doors on Monday so that employees could attend the funeral of Kenneth Brooks, a longtime court officer. He retired from Van Buren Township Police Department as a captain before heading off to work at the court.

A notice on the court home page said all the cases scheduled for July 14 will be rescheduled and those involved will be mailed a notice.

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The cost of U.S. Postal Service Forever stamps rose in price from 73 cents to 78 cents on Sunday. The USPS also said there would be five stamp price increases over the next five years. Something is not right.

The one-ounce metered letters went from 69 cents to 74 cents, domestic postcards from 56 cents to 61 cents, and international postcards and international one-ounce letter from \$1.65 to \$1.70.

The service we get has been reduced and you can't be sure your bill payment will get to where it needs to go before the due date. To survive this, we'll all start using the internet to pay our bills, if we aren't already.

It looks like as we use the postal service less and less, the cost will be more and more.

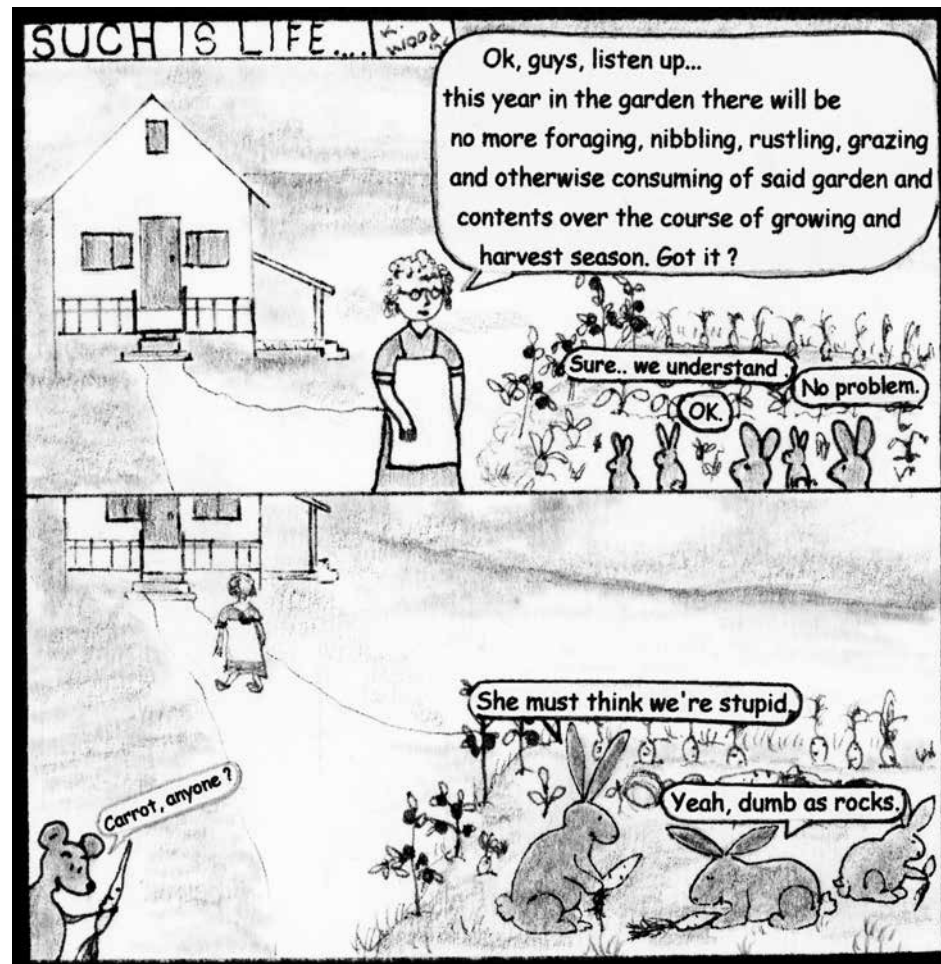
Companies like Amazon and FedEx can get products to us the same day as ordering with few problems. We do not have the same confidence in our postal delivery service.

I remember the penny postcard in my youth, along with the 3-cent stamp for letters. And, you could be assured your mail got to the recipient within two days.

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The Ann Arbor Art Fair is running through Saturday. It is the largest juried art fair in the nation. It's really three art fairs in one,

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



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When I was a young mother living in Grand Rapids, I packed up my sons with a stroller to help and drove to Ann Arbor for the art fair. It was great.

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The orange mats put down in Victory Park and Village Park, and several other locations, are the places the new EV fueling stations will be installed, we're told. The two EV stations at the end of the library parking lot next to the recycling bin were installed on Monday. At one city meeting there was a statement made that the EV stations planned for the park on High Street next to the Veterans Monument wouldn't be installed because there wasn't enough room.

With parking so limited in the city, one person told me he thought they shouldn't be taking up so many parking spaces for these EV stations. The plan is to put up warning signs that promise a fine if those other than EVs using the station are parked there.

It will be interesting to see how many electric vehicles actually will use all these stations.

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The Sept. 16, 2024 motion for an injunction against Wayne Disposal by the cities of Belleville and Romulus, Van Buren Township and its fire chief, and Canton Township concerning bringing in

radioactive waste for disposal had a July 1 special conference before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox. A temporary injunction had been put in place and Wayne Disposal asked for the case to be dismissed, which was denied. A review hearing is set for July 23. The wheels of justice grind exceedingly slow.

Meanwhile, the renewal of Wayne Disposal's license by EGLE and the EPA is pending. A public hearing will be held first and then a decision announced.

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Another comment from a watcher of the passing scene: Good thing America in Bloom is coming to look over the flowers and trees in the city of Belleville before winter comes. The America in Bloom group gave the city 150 rose bushes and 150 perennials after the city signed up with it. Everything has been planted by the DPW, the Garden Club, and other volunteers.

The roses around the big flag pole at Five Points have been planted in the place they usually pile up the snow from the street while cleaning up the city. That's the snow with all that salt in it. It will be interesting to see what the roses look like next season.

Those poor Rosie the Riveter rose bushes planted along the Roys Street side of the museum have withered and died. I think one is left.



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## Letters

### Codie Carlson catches record-breaking catfish

To the editor:

Over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend three of my kids from out-of-state and out-of-town and several grandkids and great grandkids stopped over for the holiday.

One of the main purposes for the weekend was to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, help me with some things, and organizing and cleaning of the house. They certainly did a good job of that.

I had a conversation with my grandson Codie Carlson (son of my son Mike), who is a former Belleville resident and now lives in Newport MI. He divulged the fact that he landed a Michigan State record-setting catfish, weighing in at 64.46 pounds.

Codie attended Tyler Elementary and North Middle schools and worked for years at Weise's lawncare and landscaping.

Well, I hear tell that he never actually had plans on going fishing that night. It was a last-minute thought. He decided to grab his bow to do a little bow fishing. It was the very first fish he spotted within minutes of arriving at his spot, took a shot, and the fish proceeded to take off and fight.

There were a couple of scares when he thought the fish had gotten him tangled up in some logs and weeds. He got the fish close to shore and he jumped in with his clothes on realizing that the fish was almost off. He grabbed ahold of the fish and dragged it up onto the land. He knew that he had a big fish when he got it up on dry land and used his scale that maxes out at 50 pounds and the fish wasn't even off the ground yet. Official weight of the fish was recorded at 64.46 pounds, 45 inches long, 35-inch girth, 25-inch girth at the base of the tail.

The record was official as of June 30, 2025. Last record was in May 2022, at 53.35 pounds. Next record caught was in 2014 at 52 pounds.

Codie would like to add the following comment: "Due to how it's looked at in the fishing community is that I thought I was about to shoot a channel catfish for dinner. I had no idea flathead catfish were even in our area."

Pete Pitzen, Belleville



State of Michigan record fish



Pete Pitzen with grandson Codie Carlson.

### Crystal Selma named to President's List at Saginaw Valley State U.

Crystal Selma of Belleville is one of nearly 700 students from Saginaw Valley State University who have earned a place on the winter 2025 semester President's List.

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# Obituaries



Karen Ann Alexander

## KAREN ANN ALEXANDER

February 28, 1964 – July 10, 2025

Karen Ann (Ostrowski) Alexander, age 61, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away early Thursday, July 10, 2025, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born February 28, 1964, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Paul John and Betty Jean (Radisovich) Ostrowski. She was a 1982 graduate of Belleville High School. She loved her church community and was a member of River of Life Assembly of God, Belleville. Karen was a strong woman of faith and loved the Lord and wanted everyone she encountered to experience the love of God through her. She is famously known for her hugs because when she hugged you, she meant it and you left feeling loved. She really loved people with everything inside her and made them feel important when she was paying attention to them.

Karen was a trim engineer at Adient and designed car seats of many kinds. There she showcased her love of patterning, designing, and sewing. She had a knack for problem solving and finishing projects well. When she wasn't at work, she was at home tending to her beloved chickens and her flower and vegetable gardens her and Stan planted together. She would spend harvest season in the kitchen prepping and putting up fruit and vegetables from the garden for the winter, and to give to others. What also came out of her kitchen were her famous baked goods, especially her toffee popcorn at Christmastime. She enjoyed cooking and baking for those she loved. Most of all, she cherished the time spent, and memories made with her family, especially her grandchildren, who she adored with all her heart. Karen will always be remembered for her smile that lit up the room, and her laughter that filled the air.

Karen is survived by her husband of 42 years, Stanley Alexander; two daughters Sarah (Matthew) Laginess of Trenton, MI, and Emily (Andrew) Brown of Monroe, MI; 5 grandchildren Sophie, Finn, and Theo Laginess, Owen and Autumn Brown; 6 siblings Anthony (Christine) Ostrowski of Brooklyn, Anna (Donald) Silvenis of Pinckney, Christopher (Connie) Ostrowski of Belleville, Paul Ostrowski of Belleville, Patrick (Lynette) Ostrowski of Belleville and Walter (Ginger) Ostrowski of New Boston; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Mrs. Alexander was preceded in death by her parents, also a niece Addison Ostrowski.

Visitation was Monday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Funeral Service was Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at River of Life Assembly of God, 16650 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Eddie Marcum officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the River of Life-Assembly of God and would be appreciated.

## JO ANN ROBERTS

December 12, 1953 – July 12, 2025

Age 71. Survived by two sons Sean (Sherry) Adair of Belleville and Jonathan (Danielle) Adair of Woodbridge, VA; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 6 siblings. Visitation and funeral will be July 18 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Wednesday, July 30 – Joint meeting of tri-community planning commissions of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township at 5 p.m. at the Belleville High School cafeteria.

# Newsprint not affected by increase in US tariff on Canadian imports

On July 10, President Donald Trump announced an increase in the tariff on imports from Canada from 25 to 35%; however, the administration confirmed the next morning that the exemption for U.S./Mexico/Canada Agreement-compliant products will remain in force after the increase takes effect.

The National Newspaper Association said in a memo that this means that at this

time, newsprint from Canadian mills will not be subject to tariffs when the new rate takes effect.

This action is in the context of negotiations between the U.S. and Canada. The NNA said the situation remains volatile and the NNA will advise immediately if any action is taken that would impact newsprint prices.

## Birthdays

July 19 – Shae Millard  
July 22 – David Mitchell, Jr.

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## Obituaries



Kenneth Alan Brooks

### KENNETH ALAN BROOKS

March 6, 1957 – July 7, 2025

With heavy hearts and profound love, we announce the passing of Kenneth "Ken" Brooks, a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and loyal friend. Ken passed away peacefully on July 7, 2025, at the age of 68, surrounded by the family who was the center of his world.

Born on March 6, 1957, Ken lived a life marked by compassion, service, and unwavering integrity. On December 1, 1984, he married the love of his life, Carolyn, and together they shared over 40 years of love, laughter, and partnership. Their greatest joy came in raising their children, Derek and Dayna, and later watching their family grow through marriage and grandchildren.

Ken served the Van Buren Police Department with honor and distinction for 32 years, retiring at the rank of Captain. He was widely respected for his leadership, fairness, and commitment to the people he served. After retirement, he continued serving the community as a court officer at the 34th District Court, currently with Judge Lisa Martin, a role he embraced with the same quiet dignity and dedication.

Faith played a central role in Ken's life. He was a dedicated parishioner at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, and his commitment to service extended far beyond his career. While on the force, he volunteered with the Van Buren Goodfellows serving as President, Growth Works, and CAF-5 (Community Assistance Foundation). In retirement, he remained an active member of CAF-5, proudly serving as treasurer and continuing to help families in need. Ken's dedication to helping others inspired a lasting legacy of service in his family, including continued involvement with the Goodfellows through the next generation, his children and grandchildren.

Ken also gave his time as a little league baseball coach to his son's team for many years, earning the admiration of players and parents alike for his kindness, patience, and encouraging spirit. A lifelong Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions

fan, Ken was a proud season ticket holder and shared countless memorable game days with Carolyn and his family. Those outings became treasured family traditions filled with cheers. But Ken's greatest role — and the one he held most dear — was being "Grandpa." He adored his five grandchildren — Frank, Genevieve, Sutton, Lottie, and Georgina — and never missed a chance to be there for them. He showed up for every game, recital, and Friday Fish Fry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Saturday mornings often began with a box of donuts in hand, and he was always quick to say "yes" to a mid-week coney island date or a new toy from Target — even when the parents said "no." His constant, loving presence was a gift his grandchildren will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Ken put his marriage, children, and grandchildren above anything else in the world. For 40 years, he took phone calls at 2 a.m., showed up within minutes with a calm and steady presence, and served as the unwavering anchor of his family. He always volunteered to be the pet sitter, airport chauffeur, or errand runner — often before anyone even asked. Ken did it all without ever seeking recognition or praise. His countless kind deeds often went unseen outside his close circle, but they were deeply felt by those lucky enough to know him. Ken was everything to all — a steady hand, a giving heart, and a quiet hero.

Ken will be remembered most for his generosity, compassion, honesty, and his ability to make everyone feel like a lifelong friend. He gave selflessly, loved unconditionally, and lived with integrity. He was a constant source of comfort, reassurance, and quiet strength — the kind of man who made others feel seen and cared for. Ken is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his children, Derek (Nicole) Brooks and Dayna (David) Pina. Proud Grandpa of Sutton, Lottie and Georgina, and Frank and Genevieve Pina. Dear son-in-law of Christine Mardegian. He also leaves behind a wide circle of lifelong friends and colleagues who will miss him deeply.

Visitation was held on July 13 with an evening Scripture and Sharing Service at McCabe Funeral Home 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Funeral mass was July 14 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial donations in Ken's name can be made to the Plymouth Goodfellows or Michigan Humane Society.

### STEVEN KOMORA

December 7, 1962 – July 7, 2025

Age 62. Survived by wife Eda, two children Tomari and Steven M. Komora, two grandsons George and Girard Komora; sister Michelle Lockwood. Service was July 13 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A cookout in his honor followed. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### SHIRLEY JEAN WERSTEIN

February 6, 1937 – July 2, 2025

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# District Library board authorizes signing of agreement with county

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At a previous meeting, the Belleville Area District Library Board approved setting up a proposed settlement agreement with Wayne County indicating how the overpayment of penal fines will be repaid.

At its July 8 meeting, the board voted to authorize chairperson Sharon Peters to sign the final agreement that had been negotiated by the attorney hired by the board for this issue, G. Hans Rentrop.

The overpayment will be reimbursed by the library over time so the amount of penal fines the library is entitled to receive will be withheld by the Wayne County treasurer and applied to the overpayment amount until the overpayment is paid in full.

There is no interest or penalty due from the library under this agreement and Wayne County shall take reasonable measures to ensure the future apportionment of penal fines is correct.

Executing this agreement is not an admission of liability by either party and each party releases the other from any claims related to the overpayment.

Over a ten-year period, from 2014-2023, the library was overpaid a total of \$122,733.64 because of errors at the county treasurer's office. Other libraries also were either underpaid or overpaid during that period.

In other business at the 39-minute meeting on July 8, the board:

- Noticed the city water bill for \$1,771.87 on the list of checks was marked VOID because the library was told by the city that it was wrong and not to pay it;

- Heard library director Mary Jo Suchy report that she received more information on the State of Michigan updates to the elevator code. A door-lock monitoring

system will need to be in place by January 2028. She is obtaining additional quotes for this to compare with the quote received from Otis Elevator;

- Heard Suchy report the equipment for the vape detectors has been installed in the restrooms and O'Neal Construction will work with the library staff to set up the software. Joy Cichewicz said when the vape detector was put in the Ypsilanti Library on Michigan Avenue the sensor was set so that the fire alarm went off when someone vaped and the building was evacuated. Be careful with the setting, she warned;

- Was informed the library is looking into the dying bushes at the library parking lot. It was suggested it might be a boxwood disease and they might want to replace the bushes with another kind of bush;

- Learned former staff member Harper Klotz is returning temporarily as a part-time circulation clerk to help out while another staff member is on maternity leave;

- Was informed the summer reading program started off with a bang: staff talked to more than 400 people at its Lake Fest booth; and about 125 people were in attendance for the library's Bluey party, making him almost as popular as Santa;

- Learned almost 300 people voted to name the rescued baby tortoise that now lives on the desktop in the Youth Department and

the winning name is Tort-ellini. Its favorite foods are lettuce, kale, bananas, and kiwi. The tortoise will be about a foot across at age seven and it won't be until then that they can tell whether it is a male or female. The tortoise was loaned to the library by a rescue group and the group is working to adopt it out;

- Was informed special events planned at the library include: Chess Tournament from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., July 19; Summer Writing Workshop with Dana Davidson, 1-4 p.m., July 19; Jazz Night with the RJ Spangler Quintet with James O'Connell at 7 p.m., July 30; and Comic Fest from noon to 5 p.m. on Aug. 2;

- Heard Suchy report that the library is working to get permission from Sumpter Township to use the fairground pavilion for outdoor events behind the Sumpter

library building. The library is proposing astronomy and stargazing, movie night, or an evening of blues. She said the new Sumpter Township manager belongs to the Detroit Blues Society. The board talked about getting a new sign put up at the Sumpter library so drivers can more easily see it and agreed the library would pay for the sign. Library staff member Nikki Pickeral has been painting bright pictures on the library door to attract children. The new picture on the door is a sea creature;

- Heard Pickeral say staff is working on getting information together on how people can save money by using the library; and

- Agreed to cancel the Aug. 12 meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 9.

Board members Alma Hughes-Grubbs and Don Fleming were absent and excused from the meeting.



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## VBT planners approve repainting of Auto Lab from red to white

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Danielle Callahan, was filling in for Dolce Motors representative Mark Sullivan, who was delayed because of traffic.

She said the person who was painting the sign didn't know he needed a permit. One side of the upper façade is now white.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, added that in looking at

the pictures of the building, she can see two light fixtures are not in compliance with the code and they should be shielded or directed downward.

Brittney Williams, planning and zoning specialist, said they are taking a new business walkthrough and the lights will be added to the requirements.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said this business predates the Belleville Road Overlay District and is a legal, non-conforming building.

Krishnan said the white, a neutral color, is more in line with requirements for the overlay district than the red.

Jahr made a motion to approve the same white color all around the top of the building. He said they can't make it less compliant and have it white in front and red on the sides. The motion passed unanimously.

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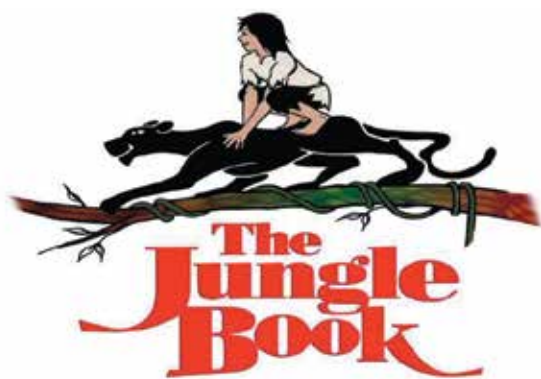
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### Court Watching

## Judge Oakley binds over Gillikin, calling his prosecution a 'crap case'

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

After a lengthy preliminary exam on April 30, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley reluctantly bound defendant Adam William Gillikin over to circuit court for a May 14 arraignment on the information.

Gillikin, 37, of Van Buren Township, is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and felony firearm (pneumatic gun) on Nov. 17 in Van Buren Township.

But, Judge Oakley was unhappy with the prosecution, calling it a "crap case that shouldn't have been brought."

After directing the prosecution to find the state statute describing a pneumatic gun and, after a break in the proceedings, hearing the statute read, Judge Oakley said there are deficiencies in Michigan law.

"The Legislature in their wisdom" misinterprets a pellet gun. He said that law needs to be updated but the current law means he has to bind the defendant over.

Gillikin was arraigned by now-retired Judge Tina Brooks Green on Nov. 19 and his bond required a tether, no entry within five miles of his home, a mental health review, and a curfew.

His defense attorney said his client was unable to return home and works in the tech field. He said Gillikin's daughter passed away during this time and he went home for awhile anyway.

"This has turned his life upside down,"

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Officially in its 16th year, Inside/Out brings reproductions from the DIA's world-class collection to outdoor spaces across Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties, making it easier for residents to engage with art in their everyday lives, fostering a deeper connection between the museum and its audiences in southeastern Michigan.

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## Court Watching

Chiera Florence Palamar

Chiera Florence Palamar of Lincoln Park is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and fleeing police in a vehicle on April 17 in Van Buren Township. She was arraigned out-county on April 18 and on April 23 was scheduled for a probable cause conference on April 30, but she failed to appear. She was set for a probable cause conference on May 21, but she was in treatment. The probable cause conference was scheduled for June 25. The court received a letter May 23 from Havenwyk Hospital that she would be in treatment for about two weeks. Personal bond is \$10,000.

DIA for this year's program and proud to participate in an initiative that connects people through beauty, reflection, and creativity," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"The Inside/Out project brings art to the public in the most impactful way," he said. "The way our residents have embraced these artworks demonstrates the significant role public art can play in building a stronger and more connected community."

This year, the Inside/Out program has brought artwork reproductions to the following locations in Van Buren Township: French Landing Park, Harris Park, Pickle Park, Quirk Park, Riggs Heritage Park/Iron Belle Trail, Van Buren Park, Van Buren Township Community Center, and Van Buren Township Hall.

Community members can expect to see eight different reproductions, including works by Vincent van Gogh, Rachel Ruysch, Charles Harry Eaton, and more.

This year's Inside/Out experience includes a connection to new interactive webpages at [dia.org/insideout](http://dia.org/insideout) featuring detailed maps and additional information on each artwork for every participating community, making it easier than ever to trace artworks back to the DIA and discover even more.

To apply to be a host site for Inside/Out 2026, visit [dia.org/insideout](http://dia.org/insideout). Applications will close Aug. 8, with select communities being notified of their acceptance in

September 2025.

The Detroit Institute of Art's Inside/Out program is made possible by the Tri-County millage and Ford Philanthropy.

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# America in Bloom advisors to visit Belleville July 21-22

Professional advisors from the America in Bloom program will visit the city of Belleville on July 21-22.

"Belleville is one of the many proud and passionate communities across America working on local revitalization programs," said Laura A. Kunkle, executive director, in a news release.

"Communities that are more welcoming and vibrant have a competitive advantage in stimulating economic development and creating a thriving place for people to live, work, and play," she said.

"America in Bloom communities experience better cooperation among municipal, commercial, and residential sectors because everyone works toward a common goal," Kunkle said.

Advisors will be evaluating the community's efforts in the areas of community vitality, floral impact, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental initiatives, celebrating heritage, and overall impression.

In addition to receiving a detailed written evaluation from the advisors citing strengths and opportunities for improvement, participants receive a special mention for what the judges deem to be an extraordinary project or program. Additional awards that can be earned include:

- Population category winner
- Outstanding achievement award – the "best of the best" over all participants in each of the evaluated criteria
- Special awards
- Community Champion
- YouTube Video

The advisor team members are Galen Gates and Diane Blazek.

Galen Gates said he believes strongly in community engagement, pragmatic research, education, and public gardens that remain relevant to their constituents. He actively pursued these interests during his 30-year career at the Chicago Botanic Garden.



Galen Gates

He led the effort to establish the Garden's long-range Collections Plan outlining the purpose and direction for the institution's Living Plant, Library, Herbarium and Sculpture Collections. He established a Verification Program methodically verifying living plant collections, securing North American Plant Collections status for spirea, geranium, and oaks.

He authored the landmark paper "Characteristics of a World-Class Plant Collection" – a reference used widely as the guide in developing and evaluating plant collections in the US, Europe, and Asia.

Gates is a founding member of four organizations including the Garden's Plant Exploration Program. He collected and studied plants on 25 trips into 20 countries, enriching botanical understanding and diversity in the US. Galen identified the need and successfully pursued solutions to abate six miles of shoreline erosion and improve water quality – generating unprecedented research and pragmatic techniques to stem erosion in the Upper US.

He initiated and programmed three annual conferences, as Adjunct Professor he helped establish an initiative that brought a Master of Landscape Architecture degree to the Chicago area. He has addressed 15 universities (including Northwestern and Harvard).

Diane Blazek, executive director of All-America Selections and National Garden Bureau, has been deeply immersed in gardening from an early age. From growing up on a small family farm in Missouri to her small suburban lot in the Chicagoland area, she is passionate about everything green.

After spending 15 years with Ball Publishing, Blazek moved to take on her current role where she can be even closer to the end consumer.

To date, more than 370 communities from 44 states have participated in the America in Bloom program and more than 22 million people have been touched by it. Awards will be announced Sept. 25-27, 2025 at America in Bloom's National Symposium and Awards Celebration in Rochester, MI.

America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

America in Bloom provides educational programs, resources, and the challenge of a friendly competition between participating communities across the country.



Diane Blazek

## Court Watching

**Jeremy Mark Watson**

Jeremy Mark Watson of Sumpter Township is charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> offense on Jan. 28, 2024 in the city of Belleville. The charges were entered April 7, 2025 and a warrant was issued. His arraignment/probable cause conference was held July 9. His probable cause conference was set for Aug. 6 and personal bond is \$5,000. He is to be screened for sobriety court.

**Marlene Jones**

Marlene Jones of Belleville is charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felony assault) and one count of domestic violence-Romulus on June 25, 2025 in the city of Belleville. She was video-arraigned in custody on June 27. Personal bond was set at \$10,000 and a probable cause conference scheduled for July 9, and then on July 9 reset for July 23.

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# Court Watching

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the attorney said. "It's disgusting what happened in this case."

Judge Oakley said there was no indication from Gillikin's mental review that there are any psych problems, so the judge dropped the GPS tether and the order to stay away from home.

Prosecutor Mohamad Mohamad's first witness was the only eye-witness in the case, Stacey English, 14310 Robbe Rd., who is backyard neighbor to the defendant at 40127 Robbe Rd.

Nov. 17 was a Sunday and she testified she was awakened at about 8 a.m. by loud music and looked out the sliding glass window at her neighbor who made hand gestures with fingers to his eyes and then pointed at her meaning, she said, "I've got my eyes on you."

She said he was using a chain saw at the southwest side of her property and he waved the chain saw over his head and "brandished" the chain saw at her as he "paraded."

She said five minutes later he was due west of her as she stood in the window and he pointed a long gun at her. She testified she was frightened and took her son and hid behind the couch afraid her neighbor was going to shoot her and the boy. She told police her husband Kevin was at the

stove in the kitchen and she told him to call 911. Kevin English told police he didn't see what happened personally.

She testified she had been going to therapy since January over the traumatic event.

The defense attorney from Neighborhood Defender Service cross examined her, saying she told police she woke up because there was blaring music and actually it was conservative political news celebrating the election and he was parading in his yard. Gillikin later turned off the outside broadcasting.

The defense attorney said Officer Valeska told English that she didn't know if a crime was committed and that made husband Kevin upset. The defense attorney said, according to the police video and report, both she and her husband tried to convince the officer to charge him, saying that Gillikin was "unstable and had issues." Stacey said he shouldn't be allowed to have a gun, the attorney said. Kevin English told police he is a school principal.

The report said Stacey's father, who lived nearby, came in the house while police were there.

The attorney said in the past Stacey English complained about Gillikin's chickens getting into their yard. Stacey complained about where he put his fence, the attorney said.

The next witness was Van Buren

Township Police Officer Katrina Velevska who was dispatched to the English home at 8:17 a.m. that day. She was told the call was about a male neighbor in a white jumpsuit who pointed a gun at a woman.

She said Gillikin was detained by other officers and then a gun was found out in the open. She testified Stacey English told her the chainsaw wasn't a threat.

The next witness was called as a defense witness. Van Buren Police Sgt. Jordan Short said he had been called to the Gillikin home near the Metropark before for negligible matters. He testified he went to the rear of the property to try to get an eye on Gillikin with Officer David Champagne. They found Gillikin with a "blowtorch" in hand setting fire to leaves or debris. (Sgt. Short later told Judge Oakley that it was a small propane torch.) He said they thought it was a weapon. Gillikin had no gun on him and he got down as the officers directed, Sgt. Short said.

They found the pellet gun in the open in the front yard and he told them he used it to shoot squirrels.

At that point, Judge Oakley said unless he finds the only eye-witness Stacey English incredulous, I'll bind over." He said if what witness A and witness B say is different the truth is for a trier of fact to consider. The district court exam is based on probable cause.

It was reported the gun was not loaded, but that was not part of the testimony. Judge Oakley said his intent was to dismiss the assault charge.

"I believe this lady was sincere," Judge Oakley said. "She didn't know what it was because she said she didn't know anything about guns. And whether it was loaded is for a trier of fact."

Judge Oakley said no doubt she was in fear, but, "This is an absolute bullshit case that never should have been brought the way it was. I don't think they should have charged assault with a dangerous weapon." He said even an AR-15, unloaded, is no more than a club.

"You would have to prove it was possibly

a dangerous weapon today," he said. "You're asking me to bind over with no evidence whether the window was open and how far from the house he was." He said distance makes a difference with a pellet gun.

Prosecutor Mohamad kept interrupting and Judge Oakley said, "You're pissing me off. Sit there like a doll on a shelf."

The judge said a pellet gun is not a fire arm and with no explosion involved it's not a fire arm.

He said he intended to dismiss, but when he got the definition in the specific statute involved, he said he had to bind over.

After Gillikin was bound over on the two original charges, Judge Oakley called for the prosecutor and defense attorney to meet with him privately.

Gillikin was arraigned on the information at circuit court on May 14 and calendar and disposition conferences were held. Final conference is July 2, changed to July 18, and a jury trial is set for Aug. 20.

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## Brandon Mikel Dutton

Brandon Mikel Dutton, 32, of Inkster is charged with assault on a pregnant individual causing physical injury to the embryo/fetus and domestic violence on Sept. 16, 2017 in the city of Belleville. The charge was entered June 16, 2025 and a notice to appear by zoom was entered. He was due to be before Judge Martin on July 9, but the post office returned the notice saying it was unable to deliver it.

## Alexandrea Doris Bell

Alexandrea Doris Bell, 22, of Detroit was video-arraigned in custody on July 10 on charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and driving while license suspended/revoked/denied on July 9 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and a probable cause conference set for July 23.

She also was arraigned on a bench warrant after failing to appear to face a charge of driving while license suspended/revoked/denied on May 17, 2024 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and a remote pretrial scheduled for July 21.

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By Janet Millard  
Independent  
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Don't forget Family Fun Day at Graham Park in Sumpter Township this Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. It seems like no matter how hot the kids love a bounce house.

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Thursdays at the Museum. Wayne County Community College's partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts offers WCCCD students programs at no cost and complimentary transportation for adults 55 and over. Experience something new every month, including tours of the collection, art talks, artmaking, films, and music. Each program is followed by a complimentary reception featuring light refreshments.

The July date has been cancelled but to check for August, contact Grace Kowalski at (734) 699-7008 ext. 5283 or [gkowals2@wcccd.edu](mailto:gkowals2@wcccd.edu)

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I hope you are as excited as I am to have the Missoula Children's Theatre back in Belleville. It has been many years and is such a great opportunity for area children at no cost to the parents. I'm sure the kids will have a great time and make lifetime memories. Shout out to Holiday Inn Express and Hungry Howie's for their support of this important Art's Council endeavor.

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Hey, it is Third Thursday in Belleville and time to get your shopping on. Another venue has been added to make the street even more walkable! There will be crafters tonight in the parking lot of the closed funeral home on the corner of Main and Second streets in addition to the Fourth Street Square and inside businesses. Watch for the Third Thursday A-frames.

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Next Thursday, July 24, the Belleville Area Museum will have a presentation by John Mills called "Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide" from 6 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP by emailing [bam@vbtmi.gov](mailto:bam@vbtmi.gov) and enjoy the free pizza at 5:30pm.

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A Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 22 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd. Call the Red Cross to get on the appointment list, 1-800-733-2767.

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I know summer has just started but it is never too early to get those little munchkins ready for school. Faith Community Church Youth Group is holding a School Supply Drive until July 27. Their Back2School Blessings Community Give Away is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m.

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Check out the ad from Willis Baptist Church. Their Neighborhood Bible time starts next week. If you are home with your kids during the day, you sure can't beat having a little extra God in their lives!

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Tonight at Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m. is Carl Bradychok. When I Googled him it said Rockabilly with I think more emphasis on the rock. Should be a great night lakeside. For all you lobster fans, Cousins food truck will be serving.

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

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Wednesday, July 16 through Saturday, July 19** -- Vacation Bible School, "Hometown Nazareth," at LifePointe Church, 45170 Hull Rd. From 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. To register, see the link on their Facebook page or call (734) 697-0927.

• **Thursday, July 17** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popup crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown

Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month from March through December.

• **Thursday, July 17** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Tonight performing is Carl Bradychok.

• **Friday, July 18** – Eagle Riders Summer Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 5 p.m. until gone, followed by entertainment.

• **Friday, July 18** – It's Family Feud night at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play starts at 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, July 19** – Sumpter Township Family Fun Day is from noon to 3 p.m. at Graham Park, 23483 Sumpter Rd. Activities include bounce house with water slides, games galore, free vision screening for the kids from the Lions Club, food trucks, ice cream truck.

• **Saturday, July 19** – Summer Writing Workshop with author Dana Davidson is from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Meet in the Storytime Room in the Kids' Hub.

• **Saturday, July 19** – Belleville Area District Library Chess Tournament, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Cozadd Room. All

ages welcome. Information: call (734) 699-3291 or see [www.belleville.lib.mi.us](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us).

• **Monday, July 21** – Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Jungle Book" are being held at McBride Middle School, 47097 McBride Ave., Van Buren Township. There are 50-60 roles for students K-12. After rehearsals are held from 4:30-8:30 p.m., July 21-25, two performances will be held. Sponsored by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Tuesday, July 22** – Be a lifesaver. Donate blood at the Red Cross blood drive at the Sumpter Township community center gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd., noon to 6 p.m. For an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code Sumpter or call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

• **Thursday, July 24** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Performing is Smoke Jones.

• **Friday, July 25** – Taco Margarita Night from 5 to 7 p.m. (or until gone) at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the building fund.

## Public Notice

### OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

#### HUBBARD DRAIN

#### NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 30, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Wayne County Community College District  
Ted Scott Campus, Room D100 Lecture Hall  
9555 Haggerty Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

**QUESTIONS:** (313) 536-0355

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition, dated April 5, 2025, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District, and describes the roles, responsibilities and decision to be made by a Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decision at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 400 Monroe, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.

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# City of Belleville Public Notice

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 16, 2025 - 6:30 pm**

## 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

## 2. ROLL

<b>Mayor Voigt</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Bates</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Member Kissel</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council Member Beebe</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council Member Priest</b>	<b>Present</b>

## 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

### a. Presentations

i. Resolution Presentation – County Commissioner Allen Wilson

1. Commissioner Wilson was unable to be present at the meeting,

ii. Fire Department Promotion – Jacob Anderson

1. Chief Zweng and Fire Fighter Landskroener presented the promotion of Jacob Anderson to fire fighter.

b. Citizen Comments

i. None.

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

*The Consent Agenda groups' routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.*

a. Approval of Minutes

i. May 28, 2025 – Special Meeting Minutes

ii. June 2, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

b. Budget Report

c. Communications

i. Michigan CLASS Statement

d. Council Follow Up List

e. Police Stats

f. Fire Stats

g. DPW Report

h. Special Events

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Summer Tax Roll Special Assessments – Delinquent Utility Accounts

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to open the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve the transfer of 55 delinquent water bills to the summer tax roll.

**Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to close the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**

## 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. None.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Liberty Watermain Replacement Bids

**MOTION:** Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to postpone seeking bids for the Liberty watermain replacement until November 2025, due to cost.

**Motion Carried.**

b. Second Reading/Final Adoption – Ordinance 2025-02 – Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 – Trees

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to adopt Ordinance 2025-02, amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, trees.

**Motion Carried.**

c. HydroCorpQuote – Residential Cross Connection

a. Item tabled by the Council for a future meeting.

d. Resolution 25-011 – Approval of the L-4029 Form and Authorization for the City Manager and Mayor to sign

**MOTION:** Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe to

approve Resolution 25-011, as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

e. Resolution 25-012 – Confirmation of the Summer 2025 Special Assessment Tax Roll

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve Resolution 25-012, as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

f. Resolution 25-013 – Grave Buybacks

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Resolution 25-013, as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

g. Notary Fee Research and Training Opportunities

a. Council directed City Clerk Hootman to proceed with enrolling her staff in notary training, utilizing the provider she feels is best.

## 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

## ROLL CALL

Council Member Kissel Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Council Member Beebe Aye

**Motion carried.**

## 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Re-paving of High St. from Main to Roys is now complete. Re-paving of High St. from Roys to Huron River Drive is expected to begin soon.

- City-wide water meter replacements are now 88.54% complete, with 127 meters remaining.

- The Safe Streets for All grant application is due at the end of the month.

- The contract books for the 330 Charles St. property are signed, and the floor plan is now complete.

- The city has submitted a request for Senate discretionary funding based on the recent road safety audit.

## 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• **Council Member Beebe**

-- No comments.

• **Council Member Kissel**

-- Looking forward to Music Lakeside this week.

-- The Monday night car show on Main St. was tonight.

-- Giffels Webster are slated to present at the next Planning Commission meeting.

• **Council Member Priest**

-- Kudos to the Garden Club and others who have assisted with landscaping throughout the city.

• **Mayor Pro-Tem Bates**

-- No comments.

## 12. MAYOR COMMENTS

- Congratulations to the Belleville High School Boys' Track and Field Team on their district win.

- Goat Day will take place this Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 12 – 4 p.m. at Horizon Park.

- The parking lot on High St. looks great.

## 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

a. Chris Zweng

i. The Fire Department will be bringing a fire truck to Goat Day.

ii. Thank you to the DPW for planting roses next to the Fire Hall.

b. John Blackstone

## 14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to adjourn at 7:29 PM.

No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

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# VBT male allegedly shot by Romulus male at Detroit fireworks show

Alphonso Cooper, Jr., 19, of Romulus, has been charged in the non-fatal shootings of a 17-year-old male of Van Buren Township and a 22-year-old female of Ferndale.

The shooting took place shortly after 10 p.m. on June 23 during the fireworks show in Detroit.

He is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, one count of carrying a concealed weapon, and four counts of felony firearm.

Cooper was arraigned July 10 in 36th District Court before Magistrate William

Burton and given a \$500,000 cash bond with a GPS tether and house arrest.

A bond hearing was scheduled for July 14 before Judge William McConico.

On July 10, the prosecutor's office filed a new charge against Cooper, larceny from the person on March 13 in Romulus. There also is a bench warrant out for his arrest for not appearing for a July 2 preliminary exam on charges of larceny from the person and using computers to commit a crime (max. imprisonment 10-20 years) on March 18 in Romulus.

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 at 10AM,** at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

<b>2012</b>	<b>CHEVROLET TRAVERSE</b>	<b>VIN: 1BNKREED4CJ158984</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>FORD EDGE</b>	<b>VIN: 2FMPK3G9XKBC50602</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>MERCURY SABLE</b>	<b>VIN: 1MEFM50U52A608526</b>

**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**6 MAIN STREET**  
**BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**

**BY KRISTY DOE**  
**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**RECORDS CLERK**

**PUBLISH: JULY 17, 2025**

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Poverty Exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should contact the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 22, 2025.

Leon Wright  
 Van Buren Charter Township

**For Classified Advertising, Display Advertising or News Tips.**

**One call does it all: 734-699-9020**

*The Belleville-Area Independent*

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 361 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

### Sunday, July 6:

0127 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
0204 – civil matter, Burlwood N.  
0500 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
0351 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.  
0448 – welfare check, Western St.  
0804 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1053 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1054 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1106 – neighbor trouble, Haggerty Rd.  
1247 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.  
1305 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.  
1330 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1338 – civil matter, Arlene  
1339 – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.  
1353 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1424 – welfare check, Anna Dr.  
1506 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler  
1542 – misc. complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
1653 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.  
1718 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
1949 – 911 welfare check, Ayres Ave./Quirk Rd.  
2100 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
2131 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
2232 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2237 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.  
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
2259 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2334 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.  
2359 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.

### Monday, July 7:

0103 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.  
0220 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0629 – intrusion alarm, Beacon Trl.  
0718 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
0733 – intrusion alarm, Van Born  
0911 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Hannan Rd.  
1011 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.  
1020 – assist other dept., Dos Rios  
1123 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr. / Dover Ct.  
1137 – assist fire dept., Richard Run Dr.  
1152 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
1146 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1201 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1236 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
1249 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1425 – hospice death, Lenmoore Ave.  
1356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

1447 – threat, Hull Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Van Born  
1529 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Van Born  
1608 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
1653 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1724 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.  
1828 – property damage accident, Water’s Edge  
1900 – threat, Martinsville Rd.  
1951 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
2129 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2303 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./McBride

### Tuesday, July 8:

0042 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.  
0806 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1110 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1222 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1316 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.  
1303 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Beacon Trl.  
1416 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, W. Huron River Dr.  
1647 – property damage accident, Fret Rd.  
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.  
1710 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.  
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1810 – civil matter, McBride Ave.  
1817 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.  
1854 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.

1915 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1955 – welfare check, Price Rd.  
2015 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
2102 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
2150 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
2217 – fireworks, Berkdale Dr./Lancaster Dr.  
2343 – breaking & entering, Richard Run Dr.

### Wednesday, July 9:

0047 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0054 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.  
0206 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Fret Rd.  
0256 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, McBride Ave.  
0449 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0752 – property check, Ecorse Rd.  
0826 – welfare check, America  
0841 – threat, Belleville Rd.  
0904 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0906 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Denton Rd./Ashbury Dr.  
1023 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1153 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1209 – harassment call, Lacy Dr.  
1246 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1243 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.  
1246 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1322 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.  
1322 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.  
1323 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1421 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Jackson St.  
1445 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
1505 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1524 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1620 – civil matter, Assembly St.  
2104 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2122 – neighbor trouble, Haggerty Rd.  
2251 – disorderly, Nautica Dr./Peninsular Dr.  
2315 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.

### Thursday, July 10:

0402 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0507 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0746 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0735 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.  
0750 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.  
1028 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Quirk Rd.  
xxxx – fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Old Rawsonville  
xxxx – private property impound, Old Rawsonville  
1435 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.

1457 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – found property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1452 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1536 – traffic offense, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler  
1739 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.  
1839 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1849 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1935 – assist other dept., Bristol  
1944 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
2006 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robson Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.  
2013 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2023 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
xxxx – misc. complaint, Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
2049 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Riggs  
2202 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Point Pass  
2123 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
2143 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
2206 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.  
2216 – harassment call, Bradley Dr.  
2226 – juvenile complaint, Patty Ln./Jeremy Rd.,  
2320 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.  
2327 – assist other dept., Liberty Ln.

### Friday, July 11:

0020 – assist fire dept., Renton Rd./Bemis Rd.  
0036 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.  
0243 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0541 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0548 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.  
0610 – intrusion alarm, Forestdale Dr.  
0915 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.

1158 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1334 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1416 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1524 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk  
xxxx – private property impound, W. Huron River  
1651 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Ecorse  
1719 – welfare check, Speedway  
1837 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren St.  
1918 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1941 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2013 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2032 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2107 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2341 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.  
2348 – suicidal person, Woodbury Green Dr.  
2347 – suicidal person, S. i-94 Service Dr.

### Saturday, July 12:

0011 – assist other dept., Robbe Rd.  
0024 – fight, Parkwood Dr.  
0024 – fight, Parkwood Dr.  
0101 – assault & battery, Richard Run Dr.  
0204 – malicious destruction of property, Rose  
0323 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.  
0418 – traffic offense, Sumpter/Belle Villa Blvd.  
0503 – 911 welfare check, Oak Blvd.  
0945 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.  
1047 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1100 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1220 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1319 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1421 – juvenile complaint, Andover Farms  
1459 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1521 – found property/child, America  
1723 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1730 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1953 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2104 – disorderly, Assembly St.  
2202 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2217 – 911 welfare check, Locust Dr.  
2249 – fireworks, Denton Rd.  
2258 – assault & battery, Assembly St.  
2322 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
Also, on this log are 165 traffic stops, 34 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 6:

0203 – assist other dept., Burlwood Ln.  
0418 – assist other dept., Hannan Rd.  
0450 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.  
0817 – malicious destruction of property, Astor Pl.  
0905 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.  
1239 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, East Huron River Dr.  
1426 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.  
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./High St.  
Monday, July 7:  
1000 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.  
1017 – welfare check, Dos Rios  
1122 – traffic offense, Main St.  
1144 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Main St.  
1402 – traffic offense, East Huron River Dr.  
1429 – disorderly, Fifth St.  
1724 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.  
2014 – assist other dept., Dos Rios  
2026 – assist citizen, S. Biggs Ave.

### Tuesday, July 8:

1111 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.  
1405 – 911 welfare check, Clarence St.  
1629 – misc. complaint, Victorian Ct.  
1633 – motorist assist, Five Points  
1649 – domestic, Anaheim St.  
1909 – threat, Dos Rios  
2043 – juvenile complaint, Main St.  
Wednesday, July 9:  
0919 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Brain St.  
1024 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Brain St.  
1034 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,

East Huron River Dr.

1219 – malicious destruction of property, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1239 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.  
1759 – ordinance violation – all 7300 codes, Brain  
Thursday, July 10:  
1058 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Potter Dr./N. Biggs  
1256 – found property/child, Main St.  
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ct. / Victorian Ln.  
1614 – domestic, Loza Ln.  
1910 – private property impound, Main St.  
2110 – welfare check, Fourth St.

### Friday, July 11:

0046 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell  
1201 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1524 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
1822 – follow-up by officer, Sandy’s Marina

### Saturday, July 12:

0355 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.  
1154 – follow up by officer, Edison Lake Rd.  
1516 – trespassing, Henry St.  
1605 – trespassing, Henry St.  
There are 144 reports on this week’s log, 99 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 6:

0021 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.  
0131 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
0408 – motorist assist, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
0748 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1237 – 911 hangup, Texas St.  
1436 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1630 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis  
1748 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1750 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Willow  
1851 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2044 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2212 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Arkona  
2242 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2349 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

### Monday, July 7:

0757 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0844 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Wear  
0948 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.  
1054 – suspicious vehicle, Nevada St.  
1216 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.  
1351 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1624 – found property, Harris Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1653 – follow-up investigation, 29000 bl. Sumpter  
1715 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1752 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1827 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1854 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1959 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2101 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.  
2319 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Timber Park Ct.

### Tuesday, July 8:

0008 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.  
0222 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0232 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
0250 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
0437 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1013 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1115 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood  
1217 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Sumpter  
1534 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.  
1543 – ORV complaint, Judd Rd./Rawsonville  
1605 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1617 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1632 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1746 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1752 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1918 – 911 hangup, Arizona  
1951 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2019 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
2036 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2128 – disorderly person, Arizona St.  
2237 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.

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### Wednesday, July 9:

0233 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 0321 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.  
 0406 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 0548 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
 0557 – suspicious person, Arizona St.  
 1019 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 1021 – civil matter, Birch Dr.  
 1202 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1315 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
 1348 – suspicious person, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.  
 1451 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
 1537 – suspicious person, Washington St.  
 1721 – 911 hangup, Wear Rd./Elwell Rd.  
 1809 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
 1900 – assist citizen, 21000 bl. Prince Rd.  
 1936 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2005 – 911 hangup, Willis Rd./Sharon Ct.  
 2103 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Willis  
 2104 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.

### Thursday, July 10:

0013 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
 0017 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 0105 – assist other agency, Willow Rd./Clark Rd.  
 0114 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
 0755 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
 0922 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1404 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1443 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
 1452 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
 1530 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.  
 1846 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Bohn  
 1926 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
 2018 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 2043 – down wires, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 2134 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.  
 2230 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
 2340 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Friday, July 11:

0125 – 911 hangup, Texas St.  
 0218 – down wires, Bemis Rd./Renton Rd.  
 0228 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
 0630 – alarm, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz  
 1512 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1738 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.  
 2048 – 911 hangup, Birch  
 2134 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 2202 – suspicious circumstance, Bohn/Bontekos  
 2220 – mental health call, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.  
 2223 – follow-up investigation, Bohn/Traskos  
 2241 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.  
 2246 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Saturday, July 12:

0042 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
 0313 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
 0543 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Martinsville  
 0614 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
 0659 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1030 – 911 hangup, Dunn Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
 1100 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
 1201 – juvenile matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 1343 – welfare check, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1417 – welfare check, Hickory Dr.  
 1601 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 1629 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1847 – traffic complaint/hazard, 50000 bl. Willis  
 1907 – citizen assist, Mulberry Dr.  
 1942 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
 2056 – citizen assist, Judd Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
 2112 – alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 2156 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 2230 – property damage accident, Judd Rd./Sue Ln.

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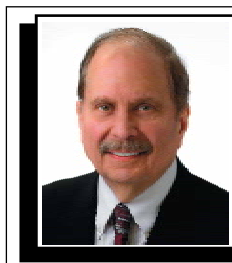
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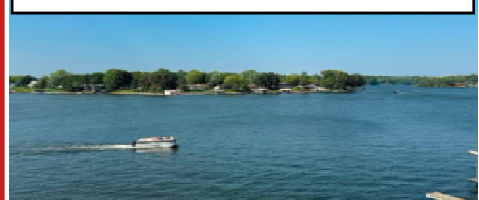
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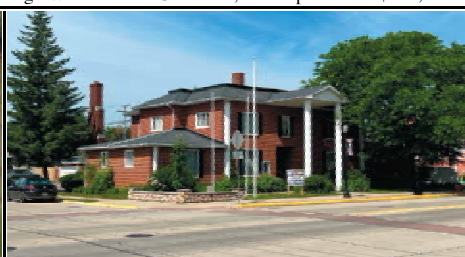
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