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## School Board OKs \$77 million bond proposal for ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously on Monday to place a \$77 million, 30-year bond proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the board needed to officially pass the resolution to put it on the ballot.

The bond language for the ballot lists all the things that could be done with the money and notes that the total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$65,875,000.

The bond proposal advises that under state law the bond proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.

Supt. Kudlak said the proposed bond will add zero amount to the millage the voters are already paying on their school taxes. He said since the 2019 approval for three series of 30-year bonds for \$36 million, taxpayers have been paying 2.98 mills. If this new millage is not approved, he said, the amount of the millage would go down slowly as the former bonds are paid off.

In other business at the 32-minute public part of the meeting, the board:

- Approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Van Buren Education Association, generally with 4% raises for union members. The other changes were detailed on the report to the board. Starting salaries for teachers will be \$51,600 for the 2025-26 school year and \$54,100 in the 2027-28 school year. Top salary for the 2025-26 school year is \$98,500 and that top salary goes up to \$107,500 in 2027-28. Human Resources director John Leroy said they checked with other districts to keep the local pay competitive. They started negotiating in

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Thirty local youngsters took part in the Missoula Children's Theatre presentation of "The Jungle Book" with two shows on Saturday. They auditioned on July 21 at McBride Middle School and then rehearsed every afternoon last week until the shows on July 26. Two directors in a pickup truck full of costumes and sets came from Missoula, Montana, to make the show happen. Judith Weed served as accompanist on the piano, at left.

## Corps of Engineers says radioactive waste going to Texas

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has confirmed that the lightly radioactive waste from Lewiston, NY, that was going to be buried in Van Buren Township, is heading instead to Andrews, TX. Shipments by rail began July 15 to the site, 350 miles west of Dallas.

The lightly radioactive material from the Manhattan Project in Niagara County was generated during the 1940s, when the U.S. government built an atomic bomb to put an end to World War II in the Pacific.

The Waste Control Specialists site in Texas has accepted the contract to store the radioactive waste.

A lawsuit filed Sept. 16, 2024 by local communities and a temporary Wayne County Circuit Court restraining order blocked the planned shipments of the latest material to Wayne County. The court order was to be discussed again on July 28.

The shipments now will travel via

specialized railroad cars on the long route to Texas after being hauled out of the site by truck.

Brent Lasada, project manager for the NiagTexasara Falls storage site, explained the logistics.

"Now it's a combination of trucking and rail. So the trucking outside, coming out of the site, looks very similar.

"It looks identical to what it would have been going to Michigan. Just now, we're going to a transload facility to load it up via rail and take it to Texas.

"So it is dependent on the rate at which the material comes out of the site to go to the rail. Once to rail, I believe it's a couple of days, a handful of days down to make that trip down to Texas."

Lasada said this has added on costs: "Our feasibility study had the cost at just under \$600 million. As we go through our design, we're getting updated costs."

Wayne Disposal, owned by Republic Services based in Phoenix, is licensed to receive 722 different types of hazardous waste compounds not suitable for disposal in a conventional landfill.

It is one of only 12 landfills in the U.S. licensed to receive PCBs, and the only such facility in the Midwest.

When asked by the public about the level of radiation at the Wayne Disposal landfill, the EGLE (Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy) representative said the normal level is 0.4 in a home and 0.41 at this landfill.

The waste from the World War II Manhattan project was due to start arriving Sept. 25, 2024 via a route from Niagara Falls, NY, through Canada to the Blue Water Bridge and then to Van Buren Township.

The defendant in the law suit is Wayne Disposal, Inc. Listed on the complaint, filed

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## 135 Years of Service: Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church

By Dan Woolf

Belleville's Seventh-day Adventist Church can trace its beginnings to a series of tent meetings begun in July 1889 by Eugene LeLand.

Cassius Hughes returned in December and found they had been faithful in maintaining their Sabbath meetings and were of good courage. Brother D.E. Wellman, the district director, came for three days and organized a Tract and Missionary Society and a treasurer was appointed to receive tithes.

The brethren and sisters exhibited a commendable zeal in trying to learn how to work for the Lord. The Belleville Company of believers had begun, December 30, 1889.

Additional meetings were held late February and into March, 1890 at the Model School located at the corner of Rawsonville and Martz with two more signing the covenant. Henry Basney along with Elder R.C. Horton then returned and held tent meetings beginning June 21, 1890. At the close they baptized 22 souls leaving behind 29 members who had assigned the covenant.

Within a year this group erected a new house of worship in Willis with only \$200 debt. The labors who made this possible, Eugene LeLand, H.C. Basney, and D. Van Horn invited Ellen White, to speak at that dedication on Sabbath, April 4, 1891. Ellen was a co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. She is known for her practical and spiritual Bible based council. This included, health reforms in diet and hygiene. She is the most translated non-fiction female author. She wrote about that event:

*In response to an urgent call from the brethren who had been laboring in Willis, Mich., I left Battle Creek April 3, in company with sister E. S. Lane, for that place. The Lord had opened the hearts of a goodly number to receive and obey the truth. A church of forty-seven members had been organized, and a neat house of worship built, which is nearly free from debt. {Review and Herald, July 21, 1891 par. 3}*

A large portion attending at Willis were

from Bellville and it's reported that Ellen White said the church shouldn't have been built there, "for out of Belleville will walk God's children". Conference records continued to show activity until the 42th session of the Michigan Conference in September 1902. At that meeting a petition was presented requesting the organization of the Belleville Company into a church. Belleville Church had taken its new identity on Sept. 28, 1902.

The Belleville members motivated to build their own building decided on a plan to raise money. Mrs. Plague, a mother of a large family, took in laundry until she made enough to have trees, donated by Cylus Coy, cut into lumber. In 1903 with the help of Mr. Courey, also a new convert, they built the first church, a one-room building where the present Liberty Gospel Church stands.

Belleville was for many years a self-supporting church without a full-time pastor. Many workers would come occasionally, but some of the most rewarding were students working on advanced degrees at the nearby University of Michigan. They included William Murdock, William Landeen and Dr. Edward Heppenstall. And many "bright lights" as Ellen White said came from Belleville church. These include the youth, Herber Lohr, Dr. Paul Robb, Elder Samuel Elie, Keylor and Esther Noland, Robert Hoag and others.

In 1953 Pastor Melton Henry came with youth and enthusiasm. The one-room wooden church had serviced the congregation for 50 years from 1903-1953. Its centered pot belly stove having drawn the worshipers close together on many a cold night had served its purpose. Pastor Henry now supervised it being taken down, the wood being saved and a modern brick structure was built on the same site.

This new brick church would hold its first service on Nov. 17, 1954. And within two years Belleville church was dedicated debt free on Oct. 6, 1956. One feature of that location was to keep the pastor's sermons short and on target. If not, the fire station's whistle would witness to the congregation



Photo courtesy Belleville Area Museum, Mary Utz

In 1952, the first Belleville location of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at the corner of North Liberty and First streets, was taken down. The wood from the old building was saved and a brick church built in its place. In the background is the former St. Anthony Catholic Church, which was located where Mr. Muffler now operates on Main Street.

that the pastor was running behind and all attention was lost.

The new building on Liberty again served the needs of the church for another 50 years from 1954-2003. Then the Canton Adventist Company visited and soon joined with Belleville. They saw the need for a larger church and it was sold in 2003. A five-acre parcel was purchased on Belleville Road and plans were drawn for a 120-seat church all on one level. The sales agreement that allowed them to meet in the old church soon ran out as did money and patience. Arrangements were made to hold Sabbath Services at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road near the freeway which continued for 9 years.

In the spring of 2013, Michigan Conference President Jay Gallimore made a surprise visit. He encouraged the congregation to find a new home and secured temporary

funding for a used sanctuary. This church at 89 South Edgemont holds 120 people with four classrooms, an office, adequate parking and includes an adjacent parsonage.

Just one week before the first meetings were held, final work and inspections were completed and the required occupancy permit received. The transition from vacant building to the energy and unity of an active church is spiritually rewarding. Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to serve our community as one of the oldest for 135 years.

*Dan Woolf is chairman of Woolf Aircraft Products in Romulus and a lifetime resident of the Belleville area. He loves history and wishes to always remember those who provided the memories that enriched our life.*

### News Release:

## School Board approves net-zero-tax-rate-increase bond proposal

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education has approved a resolution to place a bond proposal on the ballot for the Nov. 4, 2025, election.

In a news release from the school district, it is announced the \$77 million proposal, offered at zero mill net increase to the current debt tax rate, aims to build on

the district's recent projects by funding renovations and upgrades across every school in the district.

This bond proposal reflects the district's commitment to ongoing building improvements taking into account community collaboration. All proposed projects align directly with Van Buren

Public Schools' strategic plan, which was shaped by input from over 900 community stakeholders and prioritizes safe, innovative, and inclusive learning environments.

"The impact of our previous bond has been felt in every corner of our district," said school board president Amy Pearce.

"The district has one of the area's lowest school debt tax rates and remains committed to making prioritized improvements while not increasing the current debt millage rate of 2.98 mills."

Key components of the proposed bond focus on improvements to help meet

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial:

### Local stars delight the community at Saturday shows

The seats were hard and the rain was falling in torrents outside, but the families of the 30 performers on stage didn't mind a bit.

The Missoula Children's Theatre put on two shows Saturday afternoon and the applause was regular and heartfelt.

All those animal costumes worn by the actors in "The Jungle Book" musical had come in a covered pickup truck from Missoula, Montana, along with the settings for the jungle scenes.

The truck was driven by tour actor/directors C. Alex Webster and Pablo Fullbrook.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts member Barbara Rogalle Miller learned that the directors had heard about the Detroit Institute of Arts but had never been there, so while they were in town she took them to Detroit. The DIA provided a docent to give them a proper tour.

The local actors were from grades K-12, so needless to say some forgot their lines and had to be helped along. But, they got back on track. There was a lot of singing and children marching along in animal outfits, much to the delight of the audience.

One little girl was quite a ham and took to throwing kisses to the audience with wide sweeping arm movements.

Thank you all for bringing our children to the stage to make them stars. It was fun for everyone involved.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Today's paper has an unusual set of numbers on the front page. It is Vol. 31 for the year, 31 for the week, and July 31 for the day.

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There were quite a few guests who arrived to party with the America in Bloom team that came to Belleville on July 21 and 22. After a very brief city council meeting on July 21, the council members and other guests joined the two members of the team at John and Debbie Juriga's home on the water on East Huron River Dr. for an outside catered meal.

The council has to be careful when meeting with a quorum at a private event. If the members talked about anything they are going to vote on in the future, they could be in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

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Warren city voters will weigh in on a charter amendment that will allow the mayor to make interim appointments for up to six months.

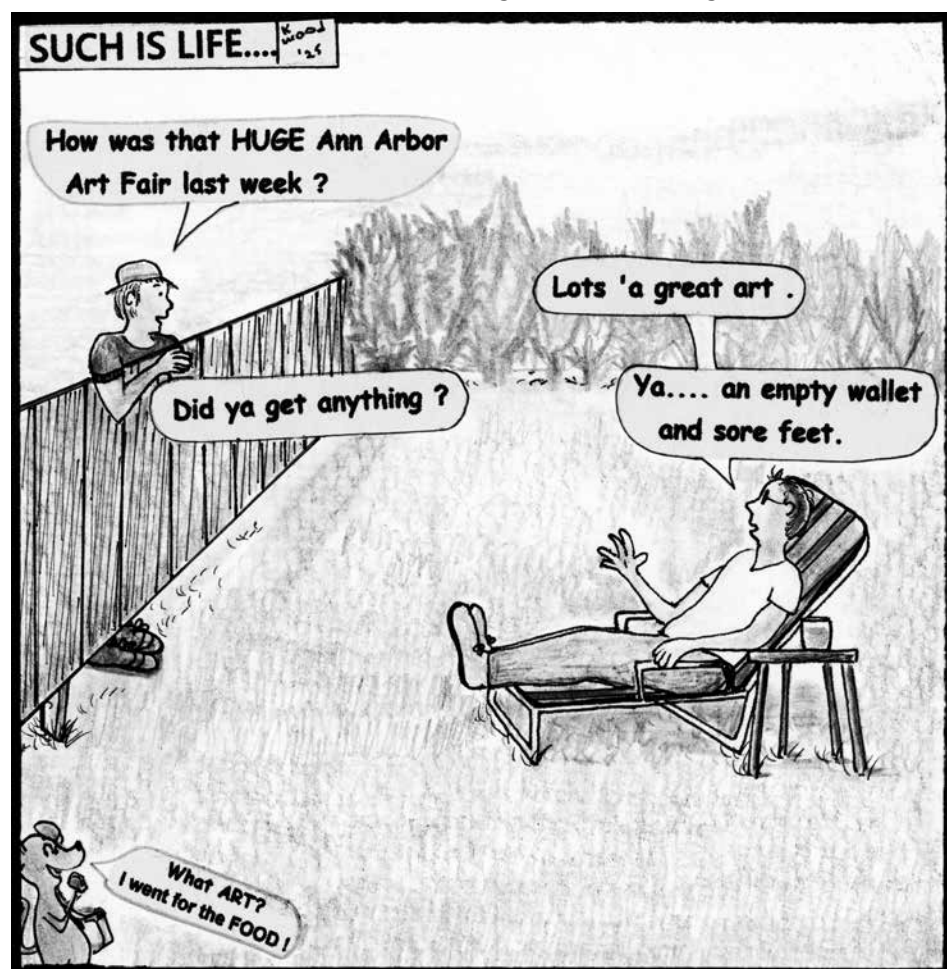
The Belleville City Charter does not mention interim appointments, so we wonder where the new interim city manager appointment, without a time limit, comes from. Maybe the voters of the city of Belleville should consider amending the charter to allow what was done anyway.

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That rainstorm on Monday afternoon canceled the Main Street car show, of course, but some of the vendors at the farmers market stayed on.

That storm stalled over Romulus and some of the streets were in deep water downtown. My son, Bill, works in Romulus and when he tried to drive home he was amazed by

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



the several feet of water in the roadway on Goddard at the curves just before the railroad track in the city.

He said one driver went too fast and ended up hitting a pole. Others were sliding this way and that. He was able to take a side street and get out of the flooding.

Metro Airport shut down for a while because of all the water, which was said to be from two to three inches in a short time. Our rain gauge measured one and a half inches at our home on Haggerty.

Then, the sun came out and the weather was lovely for the rest of the evening.

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On Monday night, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education held its only meeting in July. In the summer, the board meets at the administration building and it is a much better meeting place than the cafeteria at the high school where they usually meet with cameras and electrical wires all over the place so it's hard to see or safely walk up to the board table.

The cafeteria also is hard to hear in because the sound goes up into the rafters, I guess.

The administration building meeting room puts the audience closer to the board and the board members are all facing forward so you can see their faces. It's also easier to hear because the acoustics are better and the room is smaller. There was plenty of room for those that wished to attend on Monday.

And, the meeting room is closer to the parking lot where our cars are parked. At the BHS cafeteria, you have to walk down the long hall in the school area and then down another long hall to the cafeteria and then even farther to the other end of the cafeteria where the board meets. Senior citizens have complained about having no benches or seats along the way to rest during the trek.

There is a outside door to the cafeteria and when that part of the building was being constructed we were told when the public was using that area they could enter through the door right into that part of the building, not far from the parking lot.

For regular meeting, Reg Ion, who uses crutches, goes to that door and knocks until someone lets him in. It's a big deal.

I was delighted to hear an announcement at a recent Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting that the tri-community meeting of planning commissions that was set for July 30 at the BHS cafeteria would have that side door unlocked so the commissioners from Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter could come in that way, rather than the long walk through the school building.

How thoughtful of them to save the commissioners a few steps.



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## Letters

### Thanks to all who helped Missoula Theatre

To the editor:

On behalf of the Committee for Missoula Children's Theatre, I am writing to express our sincerest thanks to our community for its generous support of this successful children's summer-theater program. This program was a community-wide project.

In truth, we needed substantial funds to bring in Missoula. Many benefactors stepped right up. We especially thank the Holiday Inn Express in Van Buren for donating the week's housing for the Missoula directors. We thank Meijer's for its generous donation. The Van Buren Eagles Club generously supported us. Our Van Buren Schools gave us use of McBride Middle School auditorium for a week. (Thank you Superintendent Kudlak and we also thank Debbie McWilliams for all of your help). We profusely thank the McBride custodial staff for helping us at every turn. We were under your feet all week. You did so much to help us.

Our young cast enjoyed Hungry Howie's pizza during the rehearsals, pizzas delivered to us at barely their cost. Hungry Howie's delivered an abundance of pizza for our entire cast of young stars and for some of the parents. What de-minimis cost there was, was a cost covered by the donations from Glenn Silvenis and Ron and Jane Vesche. We thank Katherine Wiese Catering for our Friday lunch. We thank each of you. We thank all of you.

Many more donors were listed in our program: the Jahr family, Phil Miller of MVP Construction, Mary Jo Suchy, the many parents who gave a Shout Out in our program, recognition to encourage their children. Further, we thank all of the long-suffering parents who adjusted their schedules to the Missoula schedule. Not one child missed a practice, a rehearsal or a performance.

We give especial thanks to the *Independent* for its full and generous coverage of this children's theater event. Thank you for the stories, the announcements, the notices, the beautiful ads. And the pictures. The picture of the children on the second page of the issue of July 24, 2025, was especially

beautiful. (Elena Manalp is the excellent photographer, a local treasure).

We hope to bring in Missoula again next summer. We anticipate our successful committee will continue. The committee had wonderful support from our parent organization: The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA). Please know the membership to BACA is open. I am hopeful many from the community will be inspired to join and support our mission. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the library at 7 p.m. Come join us; you are welcome. Our meetings are open. Committee for Missoula Children's Theater  
Harry VanGelder (chair)  
Barbara Rogalle Miller  
Reggie Ion  
Cheryl Harshaw  
Cheri VanGelder

### Stand up for right to read at public libraries

To the editor:

As a resident of Van Buren Township, I am proud to visit the Belleville Area District Library and know that I have access to a wide variety of books that showcase diverse voices, perspectives, and identities.

There has been a coordinated effort across the country, and now in Michigan, by individuals and extremist groups who want to ban books in our public libraries and censor what children and residents of all ages have access to reading.

The First Amendment guarantees our right to read whatever we choose. The law also protects the right and responsibility of parents and guardians to guide their own children's learning and book choices. But no one has the right to decide what other people and children should or shouldn't read at our public libraries.

Our local librarians work hard to develop diverse collections of materials that represent the interests and identities in our community. They follow trusted collection development policies and arrange libraries in ways where it is easy to navigate through age-appropriate content and encourage parents to come to them with questions, instead of attempting to limit what others can read.

It is vital for Michigan's communities to have access to public libraries and for residents to know that when they walk in, they will find materials that will help them learn, grow, and discover who they are and who they want to be.

I encourage all Michigan residents to go to [MIRighttoRead.com/sign](http://MIRighttoRead.com/sign) to join the MI Right to Read coalition and stand up for your right to read at public libraries.

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### I have questions about the HAWK light in VBT

To the editor:

I read with interest about the Tyler sidewalk installations and see them from Morton Taylor towards Haggerty. It looks great, and it's safe for walkers and school kids. Glad to see they are expanding it.

I just have a concern and an idea about the HAWK light. I have experience with it. It's needed, and I am glad they got grant money for it. I would love to see more of them. Here's my concern and idea.

I worked at Google up on Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. They had a similar system, it went by a different name. They were basically small light poles at a crosswalk. A student, who activated it, was struck and killed by a driver who didn't have a clue. They had another, down on Stadium by the golf course. I worked for event staff at Michigan Athletics. I worked at Crisler. We parked at the golf course. They had that same stupid sign. I was scared to walk across Stadium.

I moved to Canton. They have two HAWKS. One on Cherry Hill east of Sheldon under the walking trail under the power lines. It's an odd duck. People don't understand it. It has one light on top, and two lights set side by side. People don't understand it. Like a round-about. The other is on Sheldon, by the other walking trail. It's pedestrian-activated, but it's a normal traffic light. People understand it.

I appreciate the steps to improve safety. But, please put in lights that people understand.

Pat McNally

### Thank Rep. Miller for all her hard work

To the editor:

On behalf of the state of Michigan, if I may, I would like to thank our representative Reggie Miller for all of her hard work on the Manhattan Project.

Her dedication to Michiganders has not gone unnoticed.

Patricia Riemer  
Van Buren Township

### Belleville presents new application: MIBelleville

To the editor:

The city of Belleville is pleased to announce a new application to receive community alerts and learn about other community events. The application is entitled: MIBelleville.

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• **Thursday, July 31** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Performing tonight is Mad Mad World.

• **Saturday, Aug. 2** – Belleville Area District Library Comic Fest, noon to 5 p.m. Free entry.

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• **Sunday, Aug. 3** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors all those who are serving or have served in the military, put on by the VFW and PLAV. The event includes a salute to the flag, singing of the “National Anthem” and a bugle playing “Taps.”

• **Sunday, Aug. 3 through Thursday, Aug. 7** – Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., is holding a Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Register for “Wonder Junction” through the church website: [www.bethanybiblechurch.com](http://www.bethanybiblechurch.com).

• **Monday, Aug. 4** – Another Monday in downtown Belleville brings the farmers market from 4-7:30 p.m. and the Main Street Car Show starting at 5 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Aug. 6** – VBT’s REAL Program presents Splashtastic Kids’ Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Quirk Park, 46425 Tyler Rd., behind township hall. Games, crafts, Kona Ice.

• **Thursday, Aug. 7** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Performing tonight is Salmagundi.

• **Wednesday, Aug. 13** – Mid-Week Music from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Park, 10101 Belleville Rd. Tonight it’s “Infinity & Beyond” Journey Tribute. Sponsored by Van Buren Township DDA.

• **Thursday, Aug. 14** – Music Lakeside concert begins at 7 p.m. featuring Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band.

## Contractor to begin work on invasive growth in Sherwood Pond

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Zach Goodhart of Michigan Lake and Pond gave a presentation on the vegetation treatment he will begin on the fishing dock, swim area, and area south of the beach at 17-acre Sherwood Lake.

This was at the July 22 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

He said he will focus on the vegetation close to shore to begin the eradication of the milfoil invasive species in one acre of the lake. He said it is late in the season for this and he will begin the main program in April, when he will have six treatments a month apart.

He said he will notify the township before the treatment and post yellow treatment signs at the lake. He said while the herbicide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the state, he will post a 24-hour swim restriction and three-to-four day irrigation restriction.

He said five to seven days after treatment the plants start to wilt and in 10 to 14 days they are falling down. After three to four weeks, there is a marked difference.

Trustee Tim Rush asked if they should do aeration of the pond and Goodhart said anytime you add oxygen it is good for the lake. He said if they decide to add bacterial matter to fight the algae, adding aeration will help to disperse the material.

Supervisor Tim Bowman asked if it wouldn’t be better to just dredge the lake and take everything out so it won’t come back, instead of just treating and treating.

Goodhart said that milfoil spreads by fragments.

Supervisor Bowman agreed a little would break off, but it still would be a better procedure.

Goodhart said the treatments cost less than dredging because the state requires the plants be buried in specific landfills or, if at the site, rules for how the hole must be lined.

He said to treat it repeatedly is like mowing your lawn. He said he has yet to survey the whole lake.

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# Musings

By Janet Millard  
Independent  
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Are you following BHS football this year? On Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. they will have their annual Orange & Black Game. There is no entry fee and since this is a fundraiser, they are scheduling vendor tables for \$50. It sounds like everyone is welcome to give information on their business or sell their products. Call (313) 333-3067 or email [bhstigersfpc01@gmail.com](mailto:bhstigersfpc01@gmail.com)

Milton's Pharmacy will have a backpack giveaway again this year on Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Isn't it just great to have a real hometown pharmacy!

Hey, all you seniors, there is a paid notice in the paper today about a bill to do away with property taxes for seniors. If you would like to see them go away, contact the committee chair listed and your state senator and representative. I know this has come up in the past but maybe now that everything costs us an arm, a leg, a foot and a shoe there will be more support for it in Lansing. Not sure how the funds will be replaced but I'm sure we will still pay for it somehow!

Let me give a shout out to our very diligent

Belleville DDA workers. Not only are the double-hung baskets beautiful, the staff keeps them watered and beautiful. Not sure how many of you saw the post in Facebook that the hanging baskets in Ypsilanti died over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend because no one took care of them. I have not been in their downtown to see if they were revived.

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#### Elementary Schools

- Upgrade playgrounds and replace asphalt play pads
- Renovate media centers, cafeterias, and gymnasiums
- Replace aging flooring
- Upgrade lighting to LED
- Replace exterior doors and hardware
- Renovate classrooms and upgrade fire alarm systems at Edgemont and Rawsonville Elementary Schools
- Expand and repave the parking lot at Tyler Elementary School

#### Middle Schools

- Renovate large group areas not included in previous renovations
- Renovate bathrooms
- Upgrade lighting to LED
- Upgrade athletic fields at Owen and McBride Middle Schools
- Upgrade playground and site features at Owen Middle School, including improvements to the entrance drive
- Complete mechanical system upgrades at McBride Middle School

#### High School

- Replace aging carpet in common areas
- Upgrade the auditorium
- Renovate the media center
- Upgrade lighting to LED
- Upgrade security cameras
- Upgrade classroom technology
- Install a new PA system
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Complete athletic upgrades, including new scoreboards, turf for baseball and softball fields, a new multipurpose turf field, and stadium bleacher improvements
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# Radioactive

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by Canton Township attorney Brandon Michael Grysko, were plaintiffs Canton Charter Township, City of Belleville, City of Romulus, Van Buren Charter Township, and Van Buren Township Fire Chief.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the removal of low-level radioactive soil from Lewiston, NY, a legacy of the Manhattan Project, the secret government project to develop atomic bombs during World War II featured in the 2023 movie "Oppenheimer."

Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township

was considered to be the closest licensed facility that can take the hazardous material, according to the Army Corps.

Republic Services, owner of Wayne Disposal since 2022, released the following statement:

"Wayne Disposal Inc. has been safely receiving and managing technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TNORM) for several years, and our management of this material poses no risk to the community. The landfill meets or exceeds all regulations and is designed to safely manage this type of material, which can be generated through a variety of industrial and other processes.

"The Michigan Department of

Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have stated that the material from the Niagara Falls Storage Site does not pose a risk to public health or the community.

"Many industries rely on Wayne Disposal Inc. to responsibly manage waste material, and the court ruling, which was issued without a hearing, impacts our ability to serve these customers. It also hinders important environmental remediation activities and interstate commerce. We look forward to presenting our position to the court in the very near future."

The Corps of Engineers said in order to keep its site cleanup going, it decided to stop waiting for an approval for the Van

Buren Township site and find another landfill to use.

In May 2018, TNORM waste began being sent to Wayne Disposal from the Brush Beryllium site near Luckey, Ohio. The plant was built by the government in 1949. Wayne Disposal was owned by US Ecology at the time. In 2022 the hazardous landfill was sold to Republic Services, the second-largest landfill company in the nation. Waste Management, which also has a landfill in Van Buren Township, is the largest landfill company in the country.

The Army Corps of Engineers started sending informational letters to the press in 2018 and the *Independent* regularly published the updates on the transfer of the Luckey, Ohio, waste.

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## ATTENTION MICHIGAN SENIORS:

Here is an opportunity to speak out about property taxes. Senate Bill 292 is attached below. Please read it carefully and if you agree with it and support it, please contact and tell Senator Mary Cavanagh to move forward on Senate Bill 292. Use both methods of contact to express your thoughts on this matter. Michigan Seniors deserve to be exempt from property taxes. Call your State Senator to support SB 292 and contact Senator Cavanagh to release it from the committee: email: [SenMCavanagh@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenMCavanagh@senate.michigan.gov) or phone (517) 373-7748.



## Bill To Exempt MICHIGAN SENIORS From Paying Property Taxes

Senate Bill 292 would amend the state's General Property Tax Act by adding Section 7yy. This bill exempts Michigan residents age 70 or older from paying property taxes on their primary residence, effective for taxes levied after December 31, 2025.

**TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION UNDER SB 292, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST:**

- Be 70 years of age or older
- Own and occupy the home as their primary residence
- File a claim with a local assessor, along with documentation verifying their age and residency.

If SB 292 becomes law, it could offer financial relief to thousands of households, particularly in fixed-income or retirement situations.

The bill must clear the Senate committee before heading to the floor for a vote. If passed, it would then move to the Michigan House and potentially to Governor Whitmer's desk.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Michele Hoitenga (R-Manton). Contact her or your state Senator if you support this bill!

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# School Board

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January or February and closed up July 1. VBEA president Aaron Lange said the negotiations were a dialogue rather than demands. He said the union members passed the agreement by 93 to 94%;

- Heard resident Reg Ion say, under public comment, that he is against the bond. He said the board always settles a contract and then asks for voters to pass a bond.

He said he recalled when the board wanted \$150 million to build a school on Van Born Road, then \$110 million for it to be on Hull Road. The high school finally was built for \$48 million. He said he has been

in the community for 50 years and worked for the school district for 30 of those years.

He said all the school districts do this: ask for big numbers for dream things. He said he and other senior citizens have to pay an astronomical amount of money for school taxes and he objects, especially when he doesn't like the way they are being run;

- Heard Curt Harrison say he is the president of the union that represents paraprofessionals, mechanics, building grounds, and others, and "all of us are here for the students, not to argue." He said they need to find out what the needs are for the students;

- Approved the termination of the employment of Alyson Barr, a Belleville High School teacher with less than one year of service, as of Aug. 31;

- Approved hiring the following 16 teachers as of Aug. 27: Rebeca Lazarean as BHS assistant principal for ninth grade; Drake Burney as BHS ninth grade dean of students; Christina Gonzalez and Nina Abbott-Burton as BHS counselors; Brent Coeling and Deborah Perry, as BHS resource room teachers; Irial Puente, Jolie Ballard, Kaylen Dutt, Danielle Duda-Buckshaw, Allison Weyand, all at Owen; Matthew Petersen at McBride; Adrienne Quinn at Savage; Quanish Shawanibin at Rawsonville; and Ashley Bishop and Jennifer Wampler at Tyler;

- Approved resignations of Joumana Kadri from administration after three years as of July 23 and Madison Waldroop from special services;

- Approved hiring Tessica House as a school bus driver as of July 7 and Kierra Bell as a driver as of July 15; Joumana Kadri as administrative assistant as of

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## **School Board**

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July 24; Wesley Ronquillo as food service worker at McBride; and Kamari Delfino at Early Childhood Center as a toddler teacher as of Aug. 27;

- Heard Kudlack say there will be an active shooter drill at McBride Middle School on Aug. 14 put on by police;

- Heard secretary Darlene Loyer-Gerick say the All-Alumni event this year will be a tailgate Sept. 12 at the high school cafeteria and the food will be free because of generous donors. She said 30 have already signed up and others can sign up on the district website;

- Learned band camp will have 188 participants Aug. 18-22; and

- Went into closed-door session to work on a mid-year evaluation of the superintendent that is now mandated by the state, which has new rules.

## **Nicholas Rafferty named to Kettering University's Spring 2025 Dean's List**

FLINT, MI -- Nicholas Rafferty of Belleville was named to Kettering University's Spring 2025 Dean's List.

Rafferty is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and is a member of the class of 2026.

The Dean's List recognizes overall academic performance based on the student's term grade point average (GPA). To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must satisfy the following requirements: be a degree-seeking student with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5, no grades below B, and a minimum of 16 earned credits for the term.



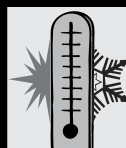
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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 363 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

### Sunday, July 20:

0054 – larceny, Bradley Ct.  
0226 – noise complaint, Lancaster Dr.  
0225 – assist other dept., Northville Rd./Mills  
0255 – domestic, Rose Blvd.  
xxxx – repossession, Lincoln St.  
0534 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0652 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0959 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1143 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1207 – suicidal person, Arlene Ln.  
1243 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1253 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1305 – property damage accident, Dellor St.  
1307 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.  
1300 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1334 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
1404 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.  
1429 – property check, Milton Dr.  
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
1529 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1654 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1743 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1912 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1959 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2006 – larceny, Freedom Way  
2022 – domestic, Victoria St.  
2025 – domestic, Oak Blvd.  
2212 – animal complaint, Stamford Rd.  
2305 – welfare check, Chester Ct.

### Monday, July 21:

0136 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
0240 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Chatsworth Dr.  
0714 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.  
0723 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0723 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hickory Woods  
0903 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
0954 – intrusion alarm, Amanda Dr.  
1043 – assist citizen, Hickory Woods  
1051 – mental subject, Bradley Dr.  
1114 – parking complaint, Preswick Ct.  
1223 – found property/child, Haggerty/Ecorse  
1308 – welfare check, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1429 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1535 – neighbor trouble, Brookview Dr.  
1611 – warrant arrest  
1844 – family trouble, Assembly St.  
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.  
2000 – 911 welfare check, Stonebridge Dr.  
2010 – harassment call, Richmond Dr.  
2125 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Old Rawsonville Rd.  
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.  
2356 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.

### Tuesday, July 22:

0013 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.  
0046 – welfare check, Wheeler St.  
0103 – domestic, Beckley Rd.  
0229 – noise complaint, Sheldon Rd.  
0300 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hamilton St.  
0320 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.  
0322 – breaking & entering, Timberview Ct.  
0705 – 911 welfare check, Edwards Rd.  
0711 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0935 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.  
1006 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Bristol Dr.  
1056 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1120 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
1233 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
xxxx – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1334 – welfare check, Oak Ln.

1405 – welfare check, Chandler Dr.  
1525 – robbery, Rawsonville Rd.  
xxxx – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
1616 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1616 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
1658 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1709 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1710 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave.  
1730 – unattended death, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1830 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1847 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1929 – juvenile complaint, Martz Rd.  
2001 – civil matter, Van Buren St.  
2109 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Wednesday, July 23:

0001 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse  
0002 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
0039 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0112 – malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.  
0307 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse  
0521 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
0558 – suicidal person, Westlake Cir.  
0910 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1032 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1314 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1329 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.  
1333 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1351 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1421 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.  
1432 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.  
xxxx – misc. complaint, Rickman Dr.  
xxxx – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.  
1547 – welfare check, Coolidge St.  
1539 – family trouble, Country Walk Ct.  
1543 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1820 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2016 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.  
2218 – welfare check, Coolidge St.  
2306 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2334 – intrusion alarm, Dorchester Dr.

### Thursday, July 24:

0040 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
0110 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0710 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Fairview Ct.  
0843 – family trouble, S. Timberview Dr.  
0844 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0939 – welfare check, Beckley Rd.  
0932 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1014 – welfare check, Alden Ave.  
1036 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
1155 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.  
1126 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1215 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.  
1247 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.  
1314 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1324 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1335 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville  
1413 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1440 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1503 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
1541 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1634 – family trouble, Fisher Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Village Center Dr.  
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.  
1641 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1650 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.

1819 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service  
1826 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1839 – domestic, Fisher Rd.  
1918 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1918 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1938 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.  
2013 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2044 – welfare check, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.  
2044 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2107 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2129 – trespassing, Old Michigan Rd.  
2201 – neighbor trouble, Freedom Way

### Friday, July 25:

0020 – domestic, Woodgrove Dr.  
0146 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
xxxx – repossession, Westlake Cir.  
0314 – civil matter, Holly Ln.  
0511 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.  
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
1124 – misc. complaint, Meadows Ct.  
1202 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1231 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
1419 – fraud, Savage Rd.  
1447 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1459 – juvenile complaint, Dellor St.  
1515 – court detail, S. Wayne Rd.  
1531 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1544 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.  
1601 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Timberview Ct.  
1636 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Bemis Rd.  
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Peninsular Dr.  
1709 – fraud, Marlowe Ave.  
1716 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.  
1845 – animal complaint, Wildrye Ct.  
1838 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.  
2239 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

### Saturday, July 26:

0019 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.  
0223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.  
0257 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0354 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0731 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
0745 – assist fire dept., Belle Pointe Dr.  
0757 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0816 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.  
0835 – welfare check, boat launch  
1047 – 911 welfare check, Maurice Dr.  
1206 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1318 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
1420 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1609 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.  
1626 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1841 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mott/Justine St.  
2128 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2135 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2147 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
2204 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.  
2245 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2320 – welfare check, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.  
Also, on this log are 166 traffic stops, 27 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 20:

1247 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
1948 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.

### Monday, July 21:

0822 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1044 – malicious destruction of property, E. Columbia Ave.  
1300 – dumping complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1520 – welfare check, Church St.  
1810 – harassment call, Astor Pl.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2231 – noise complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.

### Tuesday, July 22:

0700 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1029 – fraud, Main St.  
1203 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estrada Dr.  
1228 – disorderly, Carmell St.  
xxxx – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
1530 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
1708 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2217 – domestic, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River  
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Astor Pl.

### Wednesday, July 23:

1013 – welfare check, Fifth/Main  
1526 – misc. complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1535 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

### Thursday, July 24:

0029 – domestic, Brain St.  
0146 – noise complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.  
0245 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.  
1707 – welfare check, Brain St.  
1833 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1918 – found property/child, Carmell St.  
1947 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.  
xxxx – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.  
2022 – dumping complaint, Main St.

### Friday, July 25:

1440 – welfare check, Anaheim St.  
1648 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.  
1818 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.  
1920 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

### Saturday, July 26:

1617 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Spencer  
1911 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
1949 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2318 – noise complaint, Menlo Park Dr.

There are 74 reports on this week's log, 37 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 20:

0049 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.  
1149 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.  
1457 – assist other agency, Nevada St.  
1505 – personal injury accident, Willis/Sumpter  
1524 – 911 hangup, Redwood St./Walnut St.  
1537 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1824 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2129 – felony warrant arrest, Second St.  
2155 – larceny complaint, Tamarack Dr.  
2202 – assist other agency, Walnut St.

### Monday, July 21:

0008 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1043 – traffic complaint/hazard, 49000 bl. Willis  
1127 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1242 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1419 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Bohn  
1459 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1634 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1707 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1809 – follow-up investigation, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2029 – family trouble, Oregon St.  
2031 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln. / Wayside Dr.  
2051 – assault, Rustic Ln.  
2201 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2206 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

### Tuesday, July 22:

0053 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1321 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1356 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1422 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1524 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1529 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1552 – 911 hangup, Carriage Ln.  
1554 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1710 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1718 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1725 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Wear  
1736 – family trouble, Delaware St.  
1832 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.  
1857 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

### Wednesday, July 23:

1109 – citizen assist, Wayside Dr.  
1200 – assist other agency, Oregon St.  
1308 – welfare check, Knollwood Dr.  
1358 – suspicious circumstance, 6400 bl. Oakville  
Waltz Rd.  
1408 – suspicious vehicle, Harris Rd./Lohr Rd.  
1605 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis  
1946 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

### Thursday, July 24:

0115 – motorist assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0905 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1018 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
1147 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.  
1320 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.  
1415 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.  
1524 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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/ Willis Rd.

- 1619 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
- 1629 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
- 1704 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Bemis
- 1712 – found property, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
- 1752 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
- 1952 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
- 2041 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 2111 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.

**Friday, July 25:**

- 0026 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 0134 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0826 – property damage accident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0907 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1054 – fire dept. assist, Bohn Rd./Dunn Rd.
- 1203 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
- 1242 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
- 1257 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1409 – suspicious circumstance, 488000 bl. Willow Rd.

1448 – mental health call, Nevada St.

- 1501 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
- 1724 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
- 1811 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
- 1845 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1908 – found property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 2010 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2016 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.

**Saturday, July 26:**

- 0255 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
- 0928 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1326 – follow-up investigation, out of township
- 1418 – suspicious circumstance, Second St.
- 1445 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Bemis
- 1721 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
- 1732 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
- 1747 – noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

- 1913 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willis
- 1927 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
- 2119 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
- 2209 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 2228 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear Rd.

/ Sumpter Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 145 patrol checks, 53 traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

## News release

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*Early Childhood Center*

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*Operations*

- Relocate the district's bus yard, maintenance, and operations buildings to a new consolidated facility at the closed Haggerty Elementary School (This move will aim to improve operationalefficiency, reduce traffic congestion in downtown Belleville, and repurpose existing space for the development of a new, high-tech learning center)

Van Buren Public Schools continues to build upon its vision of "Strong Beginnings, Bright Futures." The district invites families, staff, and community members to learn more and stay engaged as the November election approaches. For more information on the bond, please go to [www.vanburenschools.net](http://www.vanburenschools.net).

**About Van Buren Public Schools**

Van Buren Public Schools, located in Belleville, serves over 4,200 students across eight schools from preschool through 12th grade. Guided by the motto "Strong Beginnings, Bright Futures," the district emphasizes academic excellence, inclusive learning environments, and career readiness through STEAM education.

With a diverse student population and a strategic plan shaped by community input, Van Buren Public Schools is committed to continuous improvement in facilities, instruction, and student support-without a projected increase the debt tax rate from the current rate, which is one of the lowest school debt tax rates in the region.

**Editor's Note:** The above news release was submitted with a request for publication by the school district.



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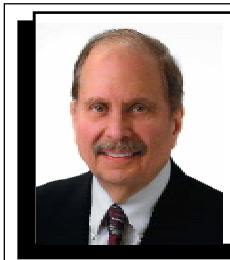
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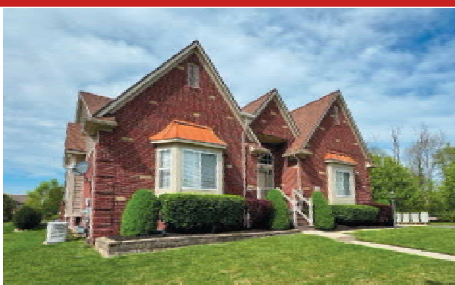
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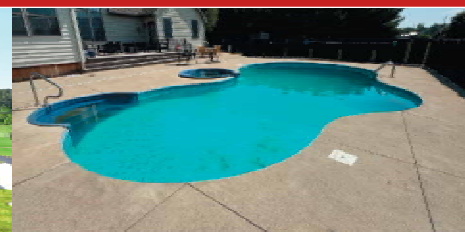
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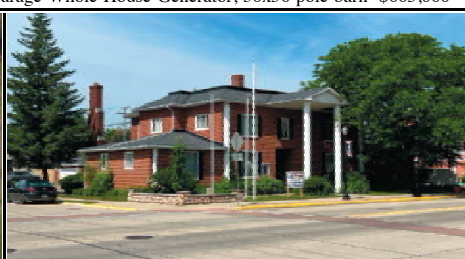
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