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Archaeologist to study ground for Belleville Road widening project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Although it was not in the original scope of services, Wade Trim is getting \$75,168.11 more for the Belleville Road Widening Project design concept because different tasks have been added.

At the regular July 23 meeting of Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, Sean Beckman explained that they now have to stake property lines, get a survey drawing and a professional surveyor for the project. Beckman is with Wade Trim.

They also want to get a federally certified archaeologist to study the ground for the Belleville Road widening between Tyler and Ecorse roads.

When DDA members asked what the archaeologist will be looking for, Beckman said he didn't know but suggested it might be bodies.

He said this additional field investigation is a very time-consuming exercise.

"We don't anticipate they will find anything, but there could be some excavation," Beckman said, adding the archaeologist could take six to nine months.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said the MDOT road widening project wants to go out for bids in early spring and construction is planned for 2025.

Since not all the funding for the project has been obtained, the archaeological study would be required if federal funds were obtained for the project and they don't want to wait until the last minute.

The total includes a final certified survey, parcel split drawing and field work, \$66,596.99; right of coordination and project management, \$4,316.12; and SHPO Section 106 Archaeological Desktop Review, \$4,255.

The DDA voted to approve the extra funds and take it from the DDA budget line

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FEMAR volunteers pause for a picture during Saturday's celebration. From left are Jenny Villa, Orsi Dezsi, Corrin Jessen, Margaret Mayol and Cathy Boatin. The dogs from left are Olive and Odie. FMAR was contacted by C.H.A.I.N.E.D., Inc., a nonprofit organization that assists owners of chained dogs in Wayne County with supplies and resources. Odie and Olive are 14-month-old siblings that were living in a tough situation, among trash and dangerous building materials, all outdoors. C.H.A.I.N.E.D. had been working with the owners since last December to bring essential supplies for the dogs, and were ultimately able to convince the owners to surrender the animals. FMAR provided a place for these siblings to land. Odie has been neutered and is on the FMAR website available for adoption, and Olive will be spayed this week and available once she's fully recovered. This sweet pair is getting used to living indoors.



On Saturday, visitors to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue on Arkona Road in Sumpter Township were present to celebrate the 20th anniversary of FMAR. They enjoyed tours of the different buildings housing rescued dogs and cats at the no-kill shelter.

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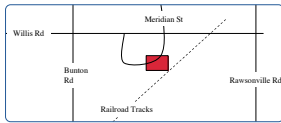
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VBT DDA

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item for Engineering.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said the township is giving the DDA a small piece of its "Ford Land" at the northwest corner of Tyler and Belleville roads so the intersection can be better aligned for safety.

Director Coburn said once Wayne County has signed off on the revised alignment, a public engagement open house will be scheduled with the property owners and community to review and provide their input and ask questions prior to finalizing design of the project.

In other business at the 29-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Reviewed and approved the 2024 amended and proposed new 2025 budget. Revenue in 2025 is expected to be \$4,059,423 and expenditures \$6,667,367.37 and it will use \$2.6 million from the fund balance, taking it down to \$2.4 million;

- Approved sponsoring the Van Buren Township Fire Department's Firehouse Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 12 with a \$2,000 donation from DDA budget line item for Public Relations;

- Heard Coburn announce the DDA was not awarded the federal RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant for the Belleville Road Widening Project, but it will be reimbursed from the Michigan Infrastructure Office for the \$26,000 cost to write the grant. RAISE offers a debriefing so the DDA can see where it failed. She said Supervisor McNamara wants them to resubmit an application for the grant;

- Was advised the DDA was awarded a \$1.3 million reimbursement grant from SEMCOG for the Tyler Road Non-motorized Pathway. The next steps are being determined. Coburn also gave details of the Safer Streets for All project and the results, so far, of its community engagement survey;

- Heard a report on the right-of-way acquisition process now under way for the Belleville Road Widening Project. The township attorneys are working with Ron Reynolds, the attorney representing three property owners: the full-take property, the State Farm property and the Price property just north of that. There will be a small window for the eight properties not acquired to accept the township offers and then it would go to court, Coburn said; and

- Learned the DDA Mid-Week Music program was a success, the Christmas in July event was moved indoors due to rain, Houston Patton has been performing Jazz in the Park on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Park, and the flagpole has been installed. Staff is planning to have a celebration to mark the fifth birthday of Harris Park on Aug. 27.

Sumpter DPW Director Danci resigns as of Aug. 6

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

John Danci, 36, of Romulus who has served as Sumpter Township Director of the Public Works Department since Oct. 4, 2021, has resigned as of Aug. 6.

His resignation was accepted with regrets at the July 23 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

The board also approved posting and publishing a help-wanted ad to fill that position.

Danci was hired in 2021 at a salary of \$72,000 to replace DPW Director Kenneth Kunka who resigned after more than eight years of service at a salary of more than \$70,000, with perks putting his total compensation at \$92,854.

The list of Sumpter salaries for 2023 shows Danci at \$77,009.72, with a total of \$104,318.65 total compensation including health benefits and other perks.

Before coming to Sumpter, Danci had worked for the City of Romulus since September 2015, most recently as a water/sewer crew leader (as needed) and water/sewer crew operator.

Before that he worked for Arbor Valley Tree Services in Ann Arbor, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Ann Arbor Pioneer High School as head freshman/junior varsity baseball coach.

He earned a bachelor of science in Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology & Motor Control from the University of Michigan in December 2009. He also was a licensed realtor and carried S1 and F5 Water Operator licenses from Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy).

The reason for his resignation was not discussed at the meeting, but others said he had an offer from Dearborn that was too good to refuse.

In other business at the 38-minute, July 22 meeting, the board:

- Approved with regrets the resignations of fire fighters Ayden Roupe, effective June 23, and Christopher Zweng, effective July 8;

- Approved posting a help-wanted notice for hiring a temporary DPW worker for a part-time position up to 29 hours weekly at \$23.33 per hour for 90 days from the date of assignment;

- Approved posting and accepting bids for the police department restroom floors and south wall windows replacements;

- Approved purchase of 20 yards of mulch for Banotai Park Playscape at a total cost of \$585, using federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds;

- Approved budget amendments for the first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25, which included increased interest funds, increased property insurance costs, and an

ARPA fund amount;

- Tabled approval of the Utility Billing Policy & Procedures until the next meeting so board members could study its 49 pages before voting on it;

- Heard Zeola Walker ask for statements from board members who are political candidates in the Aug. 6 primary election as to why she should vote for them. Township attorney Rob Young pointed out this was not a political forum and such statements are inappropriate;

- Heard John Honey, who is candidate for trustee, say from the audience that he would come to her doorstep to talk with her. He said fixing Banotai Park takes people to do the work rather than spending taxpayer money. He said with volunteers they might be able to have a turkey shoot or a fair;

- Heard Ovidiu Suci, who is running for trustee, say that he didn't know they were working on the park and how would the township residents know that help was needed? He has equipment and he would have helped, he said. He said he came from the communist country of Romania and at 18 years of age walked halfway across Europe to get to the United States. He said many people were blessed to be born here. He said over there, they do something for the people only when there is an election, and he is disappointed to find it's the same here. He said a candidate promises the people cake, but once a candidate gets behind the desk, he takes the whole cake and gives people the crumbs;

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush say they mentioned the park project at a board meeting in plenty of time and it was also put on the township website so people will know;

- Heard Mary Ban say the ditches along the roads are filled with tall greenery, which

obstructs driveways and intersections, making it very unsafe. She said last year the county only mowed in November and she asked if the township could put some pressure on the county. Treasurer Bart Patterson said there has been a letter in the water bills the last three times telling people the best way to get results is to have multiple people calling the county, rather than the township calling. Ban also asked about the upgraded doors to the community center and Patterson said they are currently interviewing bidders;

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte say people should call the County Commission District 11 candidates to ask what they will do for Sumpter about road maintenance. Current commissioner Al Haidous is not running for reelection;

- Heard Finance Director Scott Holtz report that the landfill royalty check was \$185,816.66 for the month of June, which is down 7.8% from a year ago;

- Heard Treasurer Patterson say that the increase in interest from investments is more than the loss in royalties, so it more than makes up for it;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy add to John Honey's comment on the necessity for people to get out and get involved. He said post-COVID it's been hard to get Parks & Rec established again; and

- Heard LaPorte say fire fighter Dave Baron offered to help LaPorte with the work he planned at the park and then Baron went ahead and got all the work done himself. He called LaPorte to tell him the work was done as LaPorte was on his way to the park with his tractor. LaPorte also explained the two fire fighter resignations, saying a lot of people want to serve but when they are on more than one fire department there comes a time when they have to choose.

VBT planners discuss Subaru R&D's new landscaping project

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The changeover from turf to native plantings at the Subaru Research & Development building on Michigan Avenue was discussed by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its regular meeting on July 24.

"It looks a little bit jarring without the sod," said Dan Powers, director of planning and economic development, who inspected the project on July 17 with Subaru officials.

He said Subaru has put up signs to announce their intentions.

A year ago, Subaru came to the planning commission to ask to allow about 1.1

acres of the original landscaping plan for the building at 50255 Michigan Ave., to be converted from turf grass to native plantings that will use little or no irrigation.

The planning commission granted modifications to the original landscaping plan on June 14, 2023 and asked that it be reviewed after two years.

But at that meeting, commissioner Jeff Jahr was skeptical at how it would look and asked the staff to review the project after one year.

Township treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said it looks a little sparse.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Congratulations to FMAR for 20 years of saving our pets

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue celebrated 20 years of serving this community at an open house on Saturday at its location on Arkona Road, just east of Rawsonville Road, in Sumpter Township.

The no-kill shelter actually started in Van Buren Township and we remember sitting at the dining room table in the Sheldon Road home of Pete and Marcy LaFramboise as they outlined their dream. A few rescued dogs were already in their home next to us as we spoke.

Politics were rampant in Van Buren Township in those days and the couple couldn't get approval for a kennel zoning in their rural property, so they found a spread in Sumpter, bought that, and moved their home.

That's where FMAR now operates and Pete and Marcy no longer lead the project, but they do still own the property and live in their home there. And, volunteer.

It's costing more money to run the shelter because of rising prices for everything, but the volunteers still come to walk the dogs, clean the enclosures, and love the homeless pets.

Our community is very blessed to have FMAR caring for our cast-off dogs and cats – sometimes for years before they are adopted.

Thank you, FMAR, and all the loving volunteers who have cared for these pets who continue to hope for forever homes.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

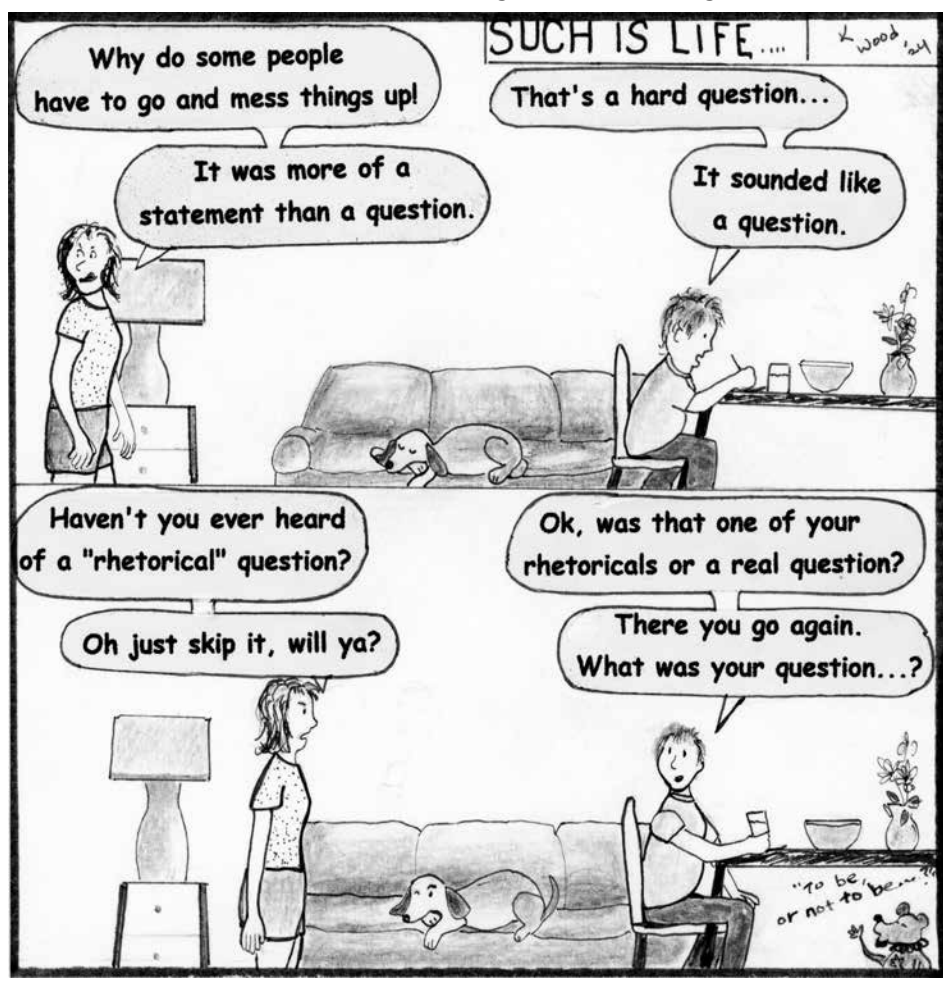
At the July 23 meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club, Marilyn Wood gave a presentation on the Emergency Food Closet based at Belleville First United Methodist Church to serve the hungry people in the city of Belleville and townships of Van Buren and Sumpter.

She told how the need has grown, with more people coming to get food. Wood said no one is turned away and people always get a bag of food on their first visit. To continue to receive food, clients must bring a Michigan drivers license or State ID, two pieces of proof of residency (rent receipt, tax bill, utility bill), and a referral from the Salvation Army, Community Care Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, schools, or churches.

People used to park outside the church and come in to get their food, but since COVID they drive up, stay in their cars, pop open their trunks, and are served by volunteers. Distributions usually take place at the church from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Distribution days may change and this week there was no distribution.

Wood showed a six-minute video that tells the story of the food closet and it is very nicely done. You can watch it on the First United Methodist Church website: www.bellevillefirstumc.org.

She said when the food closet isn't open, she puts food in a mini-closet facing Charles Street so people who are hungry can find something to eat to hold them until the closet is open. She said lately she's been discovering that about 20 minutes after she fills the mini-closet, it is empty and she has to refill it. She said she has suspicions that someone is watching from the second



floor at the library across the street and then comes over and empties it. There are lots of library windows facing the church.

Grant Memering and crew spent Friday and the weekend putting a new asphalt parking lot in at the office building where we lease space. He dug all the way down to the dirt and put in a brand-new lot. On Monday morning, we found it beautiful and all nicely striped.

Thank you to our landlords, Belleville Tax and Accounting Services.

Those strong solar storms are kicking up the atmosphere again this week and the Northern Lights may be seen in Michigan.

Send us a picture if you get a good shot and we may be able to publish it.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and his wife Aida were tending to their bucket list and headed to Idaho last week to see Yosemite National Park and then Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, but it turned out to be quite an adventure. The airlines stranded them in Idaho, so they rented a car and drove, eventually to Chicago, where they had to turn the rental in. Then, they took the train from Chicago home to Michigan. Along the way, they did get glimpses of the special things they wanted to see, but they are very happy to be home.

After all the negative comments about approving another service station in Van Buren Township when the Sheetz public hearing was held, now another company wants approval for a service station – right across the street from where Sheetz wants to build.

Sheetz asked for approval for special land use on the southwest side of the Ecorse/Haggerty intersection and the new service station wants to build on the northwest side of that intersection.

Most of the negative comments about Sheetz were that the township didn't need another service station. Towards the end of the public hearing on that project, members of the audience got into comments about it being on wetlands or surrounded by wetlands. It was at a county drain and any spill could pollute the drain and eventually the Great Lakes. Any decision was postponed.

It should be noted that negative comments came from other gas station owners or investors in Van Buren and across Hannan Road in Romulus.

It will be interesting to see if the same group of service station people show up to the public hearing for the new proposed station at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15.

This new project is by owner Frank Jarbou of Symmetry Management.



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Letters

Denton doesn't need park, it needs safety

To the editor:
 Subject: Denton Village
 This letter is to the VBT Supervisor McNamara.

I read with interest your commentary on how Denton Village "needs a park..." No, we don't need a park. We need safety. As the neglected corner of Van Buren Township, we need safety improvements.

Thank you for finally addressing the storage towers near the railroad tracks that are hopefully filled with other things than toxic substances.

What we need are safety improvements to the village that are:

- Going to address the semi trucks and racing cars that plow on through Denton Road at 45 mph.
- Reduce the village speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph.
- A concrete wall between Denton Village and Michigan Avenue. The chain-link fence has been plowed into many times. Currently, it's bent in several areas. Our houses are so close together that safety is a concern, as a car could run through a house. The concrete wall would reduce noise from Michigan Avenue, too. I went into the VBT offices looking for help to contact WCRC, a contact person perhaps. The clerks there said I could look up the information on the internet for WCRC and did not know of anyone at the WCRC that could help me. I expected them to have a contact person that they routinely used. Rude and dismissive.

• We would like a sidewalk down Denton Road that could safely connect us to the sidewalks in Belleville. As it stands, we have no sidewalks and to walk down Denton Road the proper way is to face oncoming traffic at 45-50 mph constantly. The grass on the side of Denton Road gets extremely long. Last year it received one mowing from VBT. A sidewalk would be really nice.

• How about an overhead walkway over Ecorse Road? That would be a great improvement in safety. I've lived here all my life and so many kids on bikes have been killed while trying to cross Ecorse Road. The traffic is endless and they get scared and confused. I mean, really, how many deaths does it take to get an overhead walkway for safety?

We do not need another park. We in Denton Village just want to connect safely to the ones we already have in VBT.

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Taste of Belleville coming Thurs., Aug. 15

To the editor:
 The Belleville Central Business Community is looking forward to a delightful Taste of Belleville on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street following the Annual Bridge Walk that begins at 5:30 p.m. from the Gateway sign.

In addition to the City of Belleville and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, sponsors for the Taste are Jack Demmer Ford, The Butcher Shop, Alicia McGovern - Edward Jones, Van Buren DDA, Wayne County Community College - Ted Scott Campus, Atchinson Ford, and KSpringer Media Management.

Music will begin at 6 p.m. with Unlimited DJ in Horizon Park, and The Belleville Area Council of the Arts will be hosting Music Lakeside with Jive Colossus (Reggae/Funk/Jazz/Soul) taking the stage from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on High Street.

At 6:30 p.m. the Belleville Rotary will release the ducks for their annual Lucky Ducky Race fundraiser. Tickets may still be available that evening so stop by the table where the big duck will be residing.

Participating in the Taste this year are: Angel Food Catering, Applebee's, Belleville Area Kiwanis Club, Baan Phadthai, Benito's Pizza, Confections Factory, Crafted Beanery, Jet's Pizza, Johnny's on the Lake, Kona Ice, Rachael Lynn's Catering, Sweeter Days Bakery, The Butcher Shop, Twisted Rooster, Van Buren Public Schools, and free face P painting with J.R. O'Shay. The menu will be published in this newspaper on Thursday, Aug. 15, and as always we look forward to catching up with friends, meeting some new ones, having delicious food, and listening to great music.

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Sumpter Outreach thanks Todd Robinson

To the editor:
Sumpter Outreach program would like to thank Todd Robinson with Pharmacare Drugs for the generous food donation to our food pantry.
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Biden-Harris points out Trump is convicted felon

To the editor:
The Biden-Harris ticket likes to point out former President Trump is a convicted felon. Many will vote for the felon over them.

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Obituaries



Roger Borders

E. ROGER BORDERS

(November 16, 1940 – July 23, 2024)
 E. Roger Borders, resident of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Ohio and Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born on November 16, 1940, in Salyersville, Kentucky to Dewey and Dora (Penix) Borders. After high school Roger worked at Ford Motor Company as an assembler. He loved to play cards, especially Euchre and he really enjoyed listening to blue grass music. Roger spent his time being outside, especially on his porch, planting his marigolds or gardening. He was known to support the Kentucky Wildcats and his biscuits and gravy could go down in history. Although he worked for Ford he proudly drove a Chevy and took the heat from his co-workers and friends about it. Most of all though Roger loved his family. Roger is survived by his children, Melissa Sedlar, Densie Borders and Miachel (Dawne) Borders all of Belleville, Michigan; his 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife in 2004, as well as 11 siblings.

A visitation and funeral were held Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. A burial followed at Cherry Hill Cemetery, 236 Ridge Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

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Nancy Lee Sears

NANCY LEE SEARS

(August 27, 1936 – July 29, 2024)
 Nancy Lee Sears, born on August 27, 1936, in Owosso, Michigan, passed away on July 29, 2024, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the age of 87. For 39 years, she dedicated her professional life to the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, where her work and commitment left an indelible mark. She was united in marriage with Robert Sears, her devoted husband, with whom she shared 68 beautiful years of love and companionship. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Ivan Rainey and Irene Alchin, as well as her sister, Shirley. She is survived by her loving son, Jeffrey Sears; her cherished grandchildren, Jessica (Rudy) Valdez and Amber Sears; her precious great-grandchild, Rosibell Valdez; and her sister, Barbara. Nancy's legacy of love and dedication to her family will forever be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Her cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, Flat Rock.

Former BHS football player dies in apparent cliff-diving accident

Utah State University football player Andre Seldon Jr., 22, a former Belleville High School athlete who played at the University of Michigan and New Mexico State University for two years each, died July 20 in an apparent cliff-diving accident.

He was due to begin his fifth year of college football at Utah State in 2024.

Cache County Sheriff's Office said the young man was seen diving from cliffs at Porcupine Reservoir and did not resurface. He was found by the Utah Department of Public Safety dive team later that evening.

As a senior in 2019, he led the BHS Tigers to conference, district and regional championships and a spot in the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals. Seldon committed to Michigan, where he was a two-year letterman and an Academic All-Big Ten honoree in 2021.

This week a memorial service was held at Northwestern High School football field in Detroit.

Andre was born May 15, 2002.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Q. A. Cantrell Funeral Services LLC, 22121 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe, MI 48021.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m. at 9801 Chalmers St., Detroit, MI 48213.

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People keep leaving things on my front porch

To the editor:

The pics below are items I found on my porch a few weeks ago. The "God Bless America" was a gift from the Blue Tape Bandits. I have no idea who they are, but



I do believe they drop donations in my free flag display in front of my house on a regular basis. The donations are always wrapped with BLUE tape.

The "Eagle/Troopers" sign was also found on my front porch. Had no idea who dropped it off until the next day when a Belleville Police Officer knocked on my door. Wondering if he was gonna arrest me, I opened the door and all he wanted was to confirm I got the gift his wife made and donated. I think it's called "diamond beading" or something like that. It consists of hundreds/thousands of itty-bitty colored beads. It must have taken many, many hours to make this.

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Arts Council grateful for \$5,000 Wayne Co. grant

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has recently placed the new Community Art 48111 Banners on the city light poles.

This year over 70 banners feature the images of children's art (K-12) from pictures taken at the Van Buren School's Art Show, held in May. Also, images from artwork of BACA members are highlighted.

Community Art Banners will be displayed July-September to encourage art appreciation for all ages.

This year's banner initiative has been sponsored by a Wayne County Community

Partnership Grant through Al Haidous, County Commissioner.

BACA is grateful for the generous grant of \$5,000 to encourage cultural and educational activities in the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township and/or the Van Buren School District.

The county partnership grant partially funded this year's 15th Music Lakeside Summer Music Series, held in Horizon Park, and the 15th Annual Community Art Show, scheduled for Oct. 11-13 at the Belleville Yacht Club. Also, Art in the Belleville High School Parking Lot, planned for early September, will be aided by the grant.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts thanks Al Haidous and Wayne County on behalf of Commission District 11 for sponsoring BACA's programs for 2024.

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- Thursday, Aug. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Township

Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building; Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Aug. 13 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 15 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

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The livestock auction dinner is at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, followed by the livestock auction at 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 2, is Veterans' Day and Saturday's activities include the Unique Motorsports Night of Destruction at 7:30 p.m. at the grandstand.

Court Watching:

Clifford Alan Watson

Clifford Alan Watson, 55, of Highland, was scheduled for his preliminary exam before Judge Lisa Martin on July 3, but the prosecutor called for an adjournment because the necessary police officer witness was not available due to his pre-paid vacation. Watson is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd offense and disorderly person – obscene conduct on Oct. 7, 2018 in Van Buren Township.

Judge Martin said the court received the motion from the assistant prosecutor to adjourn the case on July 2 and the date for this exam was set way back on April 10.

She denied the motion to adjourn and dismissed the charge against Watson without prejudice, which means it can be refiled.

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VBT Plan

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Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, said he had some experience with Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan) and it takes three years to really fill in. He said he planted a few and in three years it completely took over.

Commissioner Jahr said he went over to look at it himself and saw butterflies, and bees, and birds chirping and was “very pleasantly surprised how this has turned out.”

Jahr asked whose idea it was to make the change and Director Power said it was Subaru’s idea.

Jahr said if it looks good after two years, maybe the township should consider changing the landscape ordinance to allow natural planting.

He asked that they look at it again next year.

In explaining the project to the township in a letter June 7, 2023, Subaru facilities manager of the facility Ryan Plum wrote:

“The goal of this proposed pollinator garden at 50255 Michigan Ave. is to conserve water and reduce the amount of pesticides that we are applying to our property – in the most cost and environmentally effective manner, which also providing habitats for species that have lost them due to lawns, invasive species, etc.”

He said the large expanse of grass between their north parking lot and Michigan Avenue comprises 64% of it irrigated acreage (2.3 acres out of 3.6 acres) and uses nearly 2,000 gallons of water per irrigation cycle (or 4,000-6,000 gallons of water per week).

He said on the days they don’t irrigate their lawn, they consume an average of 400 gallons per day of water within the facility.

“We will have to irrigate the area to establish the pollinator garden but in a few years it should be 100% self-sustaining,” Plum wrote. “Our proposal/contract with PlantWise LLC also includes numerous annual services to weed out invasive species that appear and to get things going and looking good as soon as possible.”

He stated, “Watering and fertilizing grass is not a healthy activity – and along with this project, Subaru R&D is also pursuing adding renewable power sources like wind and solar to be a positive example on the community, meet our corporate earth stewardship goals, and reduce our impact on the environment.”

He said this is something Subaru is proud of in other locations.

In its 37-minute meeting, the commission also granted final site plan approval to Ashley Capital Crossroads North for buildings 8 and 9 at 6290 Haggerty Rd. and 6480 Haggerty Rd.

This is to construct two 205,888-square-foot industrial buildings along with parking, landscaping, and affiliated site improvement. The total Ashley site is 175 acres in area and this proposed development is about 26.09 acres.

Kyle Morton, who represented Ashley Capital, said now all of building 11 is

leased which makes all of the Crossroads North buildings occupied.

He said “the end is near on bumpy rides” referring to the work on Haggerty Road next to Crossroads North. He said the township has completed upgrading the 12-inch water line on the west side of Haggerty between Ecorse and Van Born roads and it is now 16 inches. He said gravel has been put on the west side of the road so they are getting ready to pave. Then they will flip to work on the east side of Haggerty.

He said they will be tapping into the sanitary sewer on the east side of Haggerty and so Ashley Capital has placed the connection so the paving can go over it and they won’t have to disturb a brand-new road in the future.

All of the storm water management plan was approved by the county for the whole Crossroads North plan so the county has approved that part of it.

Morton said there is a lot of standing water now, so they are anxious to get started on the detention ponds.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said Ashley Capital agreed to change their plans to put in a 5’ sidewalk from building 11 all the way to Haggerty Road to make a campus setting and pedestrian walkways. They also added a greenbelt behind buildings 8 and 9.

Absent from the July 24 meeting was commission chairman Brian Cullin, so vice-chairman Jeff Jahr led the meeting. Also absent was commissioner Medina Atchinson.

Court Watching:

Wain Bales bound over to circuit court after preliminary exam

Wain Lee Bales, 51, of Van Buren Township was charged with domestic violence on July 15 in Van Buren Township. On Dec. 20, the victim did not show up to 34th District Court for his final pretrial on the matter, so the charge was dismissed without prejudice.

He was reminded of his Jan. 22 court date on the misdemeanors out of Van Buren Township. A show-cause hearing was set for Feb. 26 on those, but hospital papers showed he had been in the hospital since Feb. 25, so the show-cause was moved to March 25. He failed to appear so a warrant was issued March 27.

On May 8, 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman video-arraigned him while

in police custody on a new charge of possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy on May 5 in Van Buren Township and the six bench warrants for misdemeanors in Van Buren Township. Bond was \$5,000/10%.

His probable-cause conference was set for May 22 on the drug charge and then reset for June 5. On June 5, he was an hour late for court and his attorney left before he got there. His case was reset to June 18. His pretrial on the technical requirements was set for June 6. His bench trial was set for July 25. Personal bond was \$3,000. Warrants were canceled.

On June 18 he failed to appear and a bench warrant was signed for his arrest. On June 26 he paid \$500 for his new bond of \$5,000/10% and his probable cause conference was set for July 10.

On July 10, his preliminary exam was set for July 17. At that time his appointed attorney said she wished to withdraw. Bales said he wanted another attorney.

Chief Judge Brian Oakley said defendants can’t shop for free defense attorneys. The judge determined the defendant didn’t wish to follow his attorney’s direction on a proposed plea deal. Judge Oakley ordered

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Court Watching

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the exam to begin.

Van Buren police officer Curtis Mowbrey testified he and his partner officer McGregor answered a call that someone had broken into a home on the I-94 South Service Drive. When they arrived at the defendant's home, they found no signs of an attempted garage break-in, but they found many warrants out for his arrest so he was arrested.

The defendant's car had its door and hood open and they wanted to give him time to secure it before they left with him, Officer Mowbrey said.

That's when they saw him take a bag from off of the battery with drug

paraphernalia and a substance that tested to be methamphetamine. Officer Mowbrey testified to unsolicited statements the defendant made from the backseat of the patrol car on the way to the police department.

Judge Oakley bound Bales over to circuit court for a July 31 arraignment on the information.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by "The Saints of Soul."

Thursday, July 25:

- 0030 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
- 0059 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
- 0218 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0347 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
- 0402 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1235 – traffic complaint/hazard, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
- 1410 – animal complaint, Magnolia Dr.
- 1458 – 911 hangup, 17000 bl. Martha's Dr.
- 1542 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
- 1547 – civil matter, 49000 bl. Collyer Ln.
- 1714 – family trouble, Utah Ct.

Friday, July 26:

- 0213 – 911 hangup, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0223 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
- 0249 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Elwell
- 0550 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 0555 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
- 0616 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0632 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
- 0931 – larceny, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1007 – suspicious person, Colorado St.
- 1157 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1209 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
- 1254 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
- 1512 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1522 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1632 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1636 – property damage accident, Judd Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
- 1709 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
- 1713 – juvenile matter, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1759 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1835 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1908 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
- 2050 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2248 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2256 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
- 2301 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis

Saturday, July 27:

- 0346 – family trouble, Vermont St.
- 0542 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
- 0552 – property damage accident, Savage/Harris
- 0622 – shots fired, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
- 0706 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0818 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1207 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1234 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1312 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- 1323 – 911 hangup, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1344 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
- 1532 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 1625 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
- 1632 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arizona St.
- 1638 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 1707 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1720 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Fenster
- 1826 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1841 – death investigation, Rawsonville/Bemis
- 2037 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Martha's Ln.
- 2247 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

Also on this week's log are 121 patrol checks, 33 traffic stops, and five misc. details.

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



Well, summer is slowly slipping away and school will be starting before you know it! Only three more concerts for Music Lakeside and on Aug. 15 they will share their last concert with Taste of Belleville. You will see the list of participants in Letters to the Editor this week and the menus will be in the paper on the 15th. As long as the weather cooperates, it will be a great time lakeside. The CBC did set a rain date for the next day, just in case.

For all you budding artists: Join artist Noelle Douglas as she leads you through the process of painting your very own canvas to take home with you. This will be at the Belleville Area District Library in the Cozadd Room on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Wayne County Fair started on Monday. We hope many have had the

opportunity to attend, but if not, Thursday is the livestock dinner and auction. With the price of meat so high, there really should be a big crowd this year. The Registration starts at 5 p.m. on Aug. 1 and the meet-and-greet dinner runs from 5:15 to 7 p.m. There is no charge for registering or the dinner so you will be able to give a decent offer as the beef, chickens, etc. go up for bid. The kids really work hard raising the livestock, so bid high and often!

It sure seemed a long way off but now the Primary Election is just around the corner. Our deadline is before the election ends, so we won't be able to publish the results on the 8th. Rosemary will put results on our website and maybe post a notice on our door. I assume a lot of you have mailed back your ballot or have voted in person. I hope reading the candidate questionnaires and their ads in the paper have been helpful in making a decision. Some are running unopposed and this will be their election, but others will be on the ballot for November and so the process goes on. I for one am always glad when it is over and they can get to work running whatever their bailiwick happens to be.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On August 9th, 2024, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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| 2010 | FORD | SW | 1FMCU5K35AKA29033 | 24-6228 |
| 2017 | NISSAN | 4D | 1N4AL3AP3HC158549 | 24-6118 |
| 2020 | HYUNDAI | 4D | 5NPD84LF0LH577216 | 24-5747 |
| 2011 | NISSAN | 4D | 3N1BC1CP9BL489277 | 24-5817 |
| 2008 | PONTIAC | 4D | 1G2ZH57N084213859 | 24-6435A |

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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|------|-----------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 2016 | HONDA | MC | JH2SC6819GK300139 | 24-5559 |
| 2004 | HONDA | SW | 5FNRL18074B122371 | 24-5391 |
| 1996 | CHEVROLET | 4D | 1G1JC5244T7219282 | 24-13804 |
| 1986 | QUANTUM | WC | BJYL47CRE686 | 24-7248 |
| 1987 | CHEVROLET | MOC | 1G1GZ11G0HP149543 | 24-7506 |
| 2009 | GMC | SW | 1GKFK33089J103406 | 24-7363 |
| 2007 | FORD | 4D | 3FAHP07Z37R242154 | 24-6461A |
| 2011 | FORD | SW | 1FMHK8D89BGA13668 | 24-6461B |
| 2012 | CHEVROLET | 4D | 1G1PC5SH1C7144358 | 22-4155 |
| 2002 | GMC | PU | 1GTCS145428107060 | 24-6457 |
| 2011 | DODGE | 4D | 1B3BD4FBXBN541089 | 24-6590 |
| 2006 | HONDA | 4D | JHMFA36216S001106 | 24-6760 |
| 2014 | CHEVROLET | PU | 1GCVKREC3EZ134883 | 24-6162 |
| 2005 | CHEVROLET | 4D | 1G1ZU64875F185952 | 24-5904 |
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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: August 1st, 2024

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 21:

- 0239 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0307 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 0334 – assault, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0344 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 0633 – found property, Rustic Ln.
- 0859 – larceny, Edgewood Dr.
- 0917 – larceny, Timberlane Dr.
- 1012 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
- 1022 – harassment complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1038 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1219 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
- 1350 – assist other agency, 6300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 1444 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
- 1514 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
- 1831 – suspicious circumstance, Utah St.
- 1958 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
- 2106 – recovered stolen vehicle, Rustic Ln.

Monday, July 22:

- 0730 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 0854 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0912 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 0946 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1241 – suspicious person, Knollwood Dr.
- 1338 – larceny, Timberlane Dr.
- 1515 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr.
- 1545 – motorist assist, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.
- 1545 – property damage accident, Judd/Sumpter
- 1637 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1824 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
- 2147 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.

Tuesday, July 23:

- 0048 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
- 0329 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Bemis
- 0359 – assault, Texas St.
- 0610 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0639 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
- 0717 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
- 1041 – juvenile matter, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1059 – 911 hangup, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1152 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1155 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1606 – property damage accident, Birch Dr.
- 1637 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
- 1650 – citizen assist, Alaska St.
- 1730 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1742 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2030 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
- 2039 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
- 2215 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, July 24:

- 0416 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1021 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood
- 1240 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1637 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2305 – welfare check, 29000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 305 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 21:

0240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pine Dr.
0257 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0835 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0949 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Dartmoor Cir./Lancaster Dr.
1009 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Nautica Dr.
1305 – breaking & entering, Milton Dr.
1314 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1353 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1442 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
1609 – traffic offense, sandbar
1638 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
1649 – breaking & entering, Colony Ln.
1850 – juvenile complaint, Hickory Woods
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1852 – welfare check, Beckley Rd.
1858 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1941 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1952 – unattended death, Ayres Ave.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
2049 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.
2212 – family trouble, Castell Blvd.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Western St.
2243 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Sunset
2245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2334 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

Monday, July 22:

0020 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
0411 – welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.
0534 – domestic, Lancaster Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Tyler Rd.
0719 – civil matter, Lancaster Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Cherry Ln.
0818 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR code, Roulo St.
0854 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
0925 – domestic, Castell Blvd.
xxxx – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0945 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1124 – warrant arrest, Haggerty Rd.
1148 – larceny from auto, W. Huron River Dr.
1331 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR code, Zachary St.
1436 – private property/property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
1418 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1446 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
1513 – malicious destruction of property, Pinewood Ln.
1640 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1824 – trespassing, Park Estates Dr.
1838 – traffic offense, Anna Dr.
1902 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
1926 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1958 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse
2057 – private property/property damage accident, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville Rd.
2129 – fireworks, Filmore St.
2141 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2226 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Belleville Rd.
2317 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
2312 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
2331 – family trouble, N. Bellridge Dr.

Tuesday, July 23:

0030 – disorderly, Westlake Cir.
xxxx – repossession, Village Green Ln.
0348 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Archwood
0419 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Jeremy Rd.
0535 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0747 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR code, Alden Ave.
0816 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1006 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
1014 – mental subject, Bentley Dr.
1031 – family trouble, Quirk Rd.
1051 – juvenile complaint, W. Adams
1133 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1227 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1343 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park
1450 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1450 – harassment call, Brookside Dr.
1521 – robbery, S. Bellridge Dr.
1558 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1601 – breaking & entering, S. Bellridge Dr.
1608 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daisy Blvd.

1629 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1625 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1649 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd.
1702 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – animal complaint, Briarcliff Dr.
1722 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1743 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1832 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1901 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
1911 – civil matter, Castell Blvd.
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

1905 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Van Buren Park
1918 – civil matter, N. Bellridge Dr.
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
1956 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
2024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Belleville Rd.
2157 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2242 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, July 24:
0048 – assist other dept., Chaney Rd.
0145 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.
0339 – private property/property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr./Brookside Dr.
0420 – family trouble, Ash Dr.
0703 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0714 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0847 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd.
0849 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
0849 – threat, N. Cumberland Dr.
1039 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
1056 – suicidal person, Martz Rd.
1121 – parking complaint, Casteel/Chandler
1126 – parking complaint, Chandler/Ladonna Ln.
1126 – parking complaint, Chandler Blvd. / Ladonna Ln.

1126 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.
1134 – parking complaint, Chandler Dr./Castell
1134 – parking complaint, Chandler/Castell
1134 – parking complaint, Chandler/Castell
1207 – threat, Locust Dr.
1256 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1303 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
1352 – private property/property damage accident, Samuel Barton Dr.
1342 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1452 – welfare check, Willow Way
1416 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1429 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1500 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
1459 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1528 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1554 – family trouble, McBride Ave.
1620 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1717 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1838 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1856 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2043 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.
2140 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
2139 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2208 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2227 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, July 25:
0130 – welfare check, Haggerty/W. I-94
0153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0720 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
0738 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0832 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
0947 – misc. complaint, S I-94 Service Dr.
0952 – welfare check, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1032 – background investigation, Maple Dr.
1111 – animal complaint, Dewitt Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1131 – vehicle lockout, Ash Dr.
1142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – harassment call, Estate Dr.
xxxx – welfare check, Locust Dr.
1336 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1535 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1600 – parking complaint, Briarwood/Greenbriar
1647 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1646 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1654 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1859 – civil matter, Borgman Ave.
2007 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.
2128 – welfare check, Locust Dr.
2149 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor

Friday, July 26:
0102 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0122 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0122 – shooting, Victoria St.
0159 – welfare check, Bemis Rd.
0337 – domestic, Belle Pointe Dr.
0438 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
0733 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0835 – animal complaint, Cobblestone Ct.
0853 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1004 – private property impound, Independence
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.
1052 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1033 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.
1059 – 911 welfare check, Turnberry Ct.
1146 – domestic, Wheeler St.
1146 – family trouble, Belle Pointe Dr.
1408 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1532 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1548 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1716 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1632 – trespassing, Belle Pointe Dr.
1829 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1918 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
2104 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Main St.
2205 – larceny, Beckley Rd.
2234 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2327 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2334 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.

Saturday, July 27:
0000 – breaking & entering, Alden Rd.
0016 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tavistock Dr. / Andover Dr.
0319 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0335 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2342 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1117 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1234 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1336 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1318 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1338 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1408 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
1403 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1356 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1503 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1629 – breaking & entering, Bristol
1633 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1649 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.
1654 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake
1720 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe
1943 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1852 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 – welfare check, Fret Rd.
2028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2008 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2115 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2202 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
Also, on this week's log are 79 traffic stops, 11 of which are on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 21:

0030 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Waterbury Ct.
0051 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St./Henry St.
0105 – assist citizen, High St.
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.
1929 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – alarm intrusion, Henry St.
2220 – welfare check, Main St.
2300 – animal complaint, Carmell St.

Monday, July 22:

0906 – warrant arrest, E. Second
0950 – harassment call, Carmell St.
1342 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1343 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1633 – misc. complaint, South St.

Tuesday, July 23:

1130 – property check, Denton Rd.
1155 – property check, Harbour Pointe sub.
1602 – fraud, Main St.
1627 – parking complaint, E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, July 24:

0027 – misc. complaint, Main St.
0847 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Huron River Dr.
0950 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0959 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Thornhill Ct.
1004 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Victorian Ln.
1208 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Wabash Ave.
1256 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1307 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1427 – vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave.
1817 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, July 25:

1146 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bay Pointe Dr.
1220 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1223 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Main St.
1237 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1437 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2119 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, July 26:

0843 – traffic offense, Main St./First St.
0852 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St.
0911 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St.
0925 – traffic offense, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1008 – traffic offense, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1015 – malicious destruction of property, High St.
1148 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1230 – traffic offense, Village Park
1242 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon

Saturday, July 27:

0120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0310 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Menlo Park Dr.
0900 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1228 – domestic, Henry St.
1343 – traffic offense, Main St.
1804 – assist other dept., Robbe St./S. Biggs Ave.
There are 138 dispatch calls on this week's log and 91 of those are traffic stops.

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Doris Juchartz, longtime Sumpter Township resident and now of New Boston, was presented with a replacement Paul Harris Fellow medallion from the Belleville Rotary Club at its July 23 meeting. Juchartz had received the medallion in the past and then donated it to an exchange student who earned the medallion but the club couldn't get it for the student before the student had to leave. For many years there were no replacement medallions available and now there are. Juchartz was active in Rotary for many years with her late husband Don Juchartz.



Wayne County Fair
July 29th - August 3rd, 2024

Monday July 29th

(No Carnival)

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| Swine Show 8:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Horse Show 11:00am | Horse Arena |
| Sheep Show 6:00pm | Livestock Pavilion |

Thursday August 1st

(Kids Day)

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| Goat Milking 9:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Horse Show 9:00am | Horse Arena |
| Crafters/Vendors 12:00pm-10:00pm | Merchants |
| Food Truck Row 12:00pm-10:00pm | Midway |
| Carnival 1:00pm | Midway |
| Livestock Auction Dinner 5:30pm | Midway |
| Livestock Auction 6:45pm | Livestock Pavilion |

Tuesday July 30th

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| Poultry Show 8:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Horse Show 9:00am | Horse Arena |
| Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm | Merchants |
| Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm | Midway |
| Carnival 4:00pm | Midway |
| Goat Show 6:00pm | Livestock Pavilion |
| Karaoke Dance Party 7:00pm | Grass Area North of Cozadd |

Wednesday July 31st

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| Rabbit/Cavy Show 8:00am | Cozadd |
| Horse Show 9:00am | Horse Arena |
| Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm | Merchants |
| Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm | Midway |
| Jr. & Adult Homemaker 1:00pm | Community Arts |
| Carnival 3:00pm | Midway |
| Dairy Show 5:00pm | Livestock Pavilion |
| Beef Show 6:00pm | Livestock Pavilion |
| Micro Wrestling Federation 7:00pm-9:00pm | Track |
| Tickets sold day of show | Track |
| \$15.00 GA/\$40.00 Ringside | **presale tickets available online via eventbrite.com** |

Friday August 2nd

(Veteran's Day)

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| Pig Trail 8:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Horse Show 9:00am | Horse Arena |
| Goat Pet Class 10:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Goat Pack Class 11:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm | Merchants |
| Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm | Midway |
| Carnival 1:00pm | Midway |
| Unique Motorsports Offroad Derby & ATV Racing 7:30pm | Track |
| \$10.00/person at the Grandstand, 5 & Under - FREE | |

Saturday August 3rd

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| Master Stockman Contest 10:00am | Livestock Pavilion |
| Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm | Merchants |
| Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm | Midway |
| Carnival 1:00pm | Midway |
| Unique Motorsports Night of Destruction 7:30pm | Track |
| \$10.00/person at the Grandstand, 5 & Under - FREE | |



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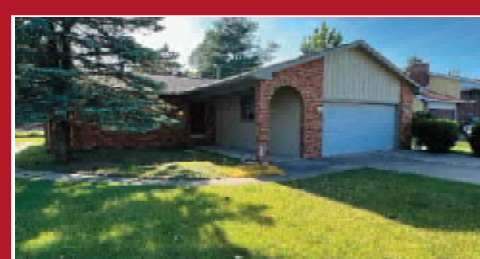
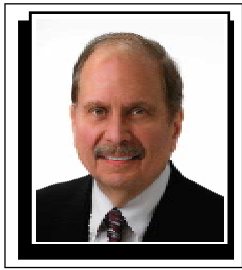
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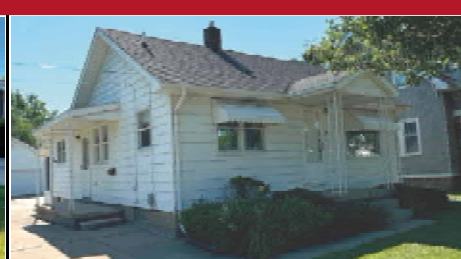
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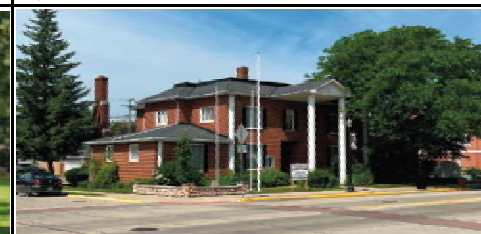
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