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## Correction: 34<sup>th</sup> District Court election is not over, it's Patton vs. Coutts

In last week's issue, the *Independent* made a mistake in announcing Teresa Patton as the final winner of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court judge seat in the Aug. 6 primary election.

She did get the most votes in the primary, but the top-two candidates will face off in the Nov. 5 general election to get the final winner.

The primary election results were:

**Teresa Patton – 5,794**

**Robert Coutts – 3,110**

Todd Barron – 1,972

Robert Coutts of Van Buren Township and Teresa Patton, also of Van Buren Township, will be on the Nov. 5 ballot and the winner of that contest will be the judge for six years.

The new judge will replace Judge Tina Brooks Green who is retiring.

We regret the error in the announcement on page 3. Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

## Cynthia Price wins \$1,000 in Rotary Rubber Duck Race on Aug. 15

The Belleville Rotary Club announced the following winners in the Rubber Duck Race in Belleville Lake during the Taste of Belleville activities on Aug. 15.

- Cynthia Price won \$1,000;
- Matt Mann won \$250; and
- McKinley Sellers won \$100.

### Central Business Community 50/50

In the 50/50 tickets sold by the Belleville Central Business Community, Carrie Castino won and then returned her winnings to the CBC.



*Independent* photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer holds up House Bills 5056 and 5058 after she ceremoniously signed the bipartisan legislation into law at the new Van Buren Township Community Center on Aug. 14. The law provides for the new fundraising 4-H license plates that will earn money for the 4-H Foundation to bring support for 4-H. The initial speaker at the event, Van Buren Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, said her family has supported 4-H for decades and her father-in-law helped start the Wayne County 4-H. Also speaking was Quinton Tyler, director of the Michigan State University Extension, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, and State Representative Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, who with Matt Bierlein, R-Tuscola County, championed the bills. Members of Wayne County 4-H recited the 4-H Pledge and then gathered around for a picture. Also present were members of the Wayne County Fair staff and elected representatives from Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the city of Belleville. U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was present to support 4-H.

## Sumpter residents complain about stench of Elwell slaughterhouse

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent* Editor

"I assure you, I'll get the answer to this from across the street," said Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman at the regular meeting of the board of trustees on Aug. 13.

This was after six residents got up to speak at length about the smelly slaughterhouse operating in their Agriculture-zoned area at 21890 Elwell Rd., south of Judd, and how it has impacted their rural lives.

Supervisor Bowman referred to the ordinance officers and the police

department whose offices are located across Sumpter Road from the township hall.

The public comment part of the meeting took 45 minutes because of the lengthy slaughterhouse comments.

The first speaker, Bob Campbell, said he lives on Elwell two houses south of Judd. He said you have to have G-1 zoning for a slaughterhouse and they all are zoned Agriculture there.

"The flies are horrible. I can't mow," he said. "My understanding is the ordinance officer said to back off... It's their religious

right... What about our rights?"

"I'm about to call the DNR, EPA, Health Department," he said, adding that he has lived there for 52 years.

He said his neighbors are throwing carcasses on the ground and now in a dumpster. They are Arab-American and have religious rights. He said the ordinance officer told the neighbors to back off.

"How would you like to be on your mower and have those smells?" he asked and Supervisor Bowman said Bowman wouldn't like that at all.

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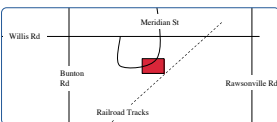
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## Sumpter Twp.

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Campbell said the guy on Bemis Road had to jump through hoops to get his slaughterhouse approved.

Trustee Matt Oddy told him, they would look into it.

Second speaker was Klaus Mueller, of 21800 Elwell, who said it's so bad you can't open your windows and he's afraid to let the grandchildren outside.

He said the law should be the same for everyone no matter where they came from.

Mueller said two weeks ago he went to the police department and waited for a very long time and no officer came and no one contacted him after he left.

He said the dumpster they have is an Easy Bake Oven, when they put the body parts in and shut the lid. He said people come and go all day long, don't stay long, and leave with packages wrapped in white paper.

He said the neighbors call the police and there's no response. The neighbors got tired, so they came to talk to the board, he said.

Third speaker was David Elrod, 21975 Elwell, who said he came to the meeting for the same reason. He said the neighbors don't care about what this family does, but it's affecting the neighbors' lives. He said it's hard to mow. He said if they moved the dumpster far away from the residences, where people can't smell it, it wouldn't be so bad.

Anna of 21951 Elwell said she has lived there 24 years and this summer the stench is horrible and she can't go outside with her grandbaby. She said she and her niece went out to pick vegetables in the garden and her niece said it smelled like the penguin room at the zoo. They went back inside the house.

She said the smell is all the time and her family doesn't want to go outdoors and keeps the windows closed and the AC on. She said this is ruining their way of life.

Ted Hall of 21960 Elwell said the area has wetlands and he tried to work with the ordinance officer to put in a polebarn. But the neighbors put dirt back there and now they've put in a polebarn.

He said instead of taking care of the offenders, he was being attacked by the ordinance officer.

Trustee Oddy defended the township saying an ordinance violation charge is in progress and it's on the ordinance report board members received for that night's meeting. He said it has to go through the court.

Hall said Summer's Market on Willow Road is still slaughtering there, although it's been through the court. He said they have gone over to check and was told by that complaining neighbor that the slaughtering is still taking place.

Trustee Oddy suggested the offense could be considered in the category of a nuisance.

Township attorney Rob Young said he hasn't had any complaints recently on the Willow Road site, but he will take a look at it.

Hall said the ordinance officer accused them of conspiring and conniving against their neighbors.

Jay Bardell of 22161 Elwell Rd. said the odor goes for 25 acres across the road. He said they burn and it smells for great distances.

Bardell said he checked and they can take the animals to Three Farmers Halal Farm at 50425 Bemis Rd. which is the township's only legal slaughterhouse.

"I saw 12 goats eating my soybeans," Bardell said, adding he told the Elwell Road slaughterhouse he doesn't eat goat meat, but he'll kill them if they come back on his property. He said they handle 50-100 goats a week and it goes to the market in Manchester and other markets. He said he complained to Colleen [at the police department], but he's never seen reports of those complaints in the paper, although they put in everything else.

Bardell said five years ago he worked hard to get the Three Farmers as a licensed facility and the Three Farmers said those slaughtering could bring their animals to the legal Bemis Road facility for slaughter. Bardell said it's a real nice facility and he uses it himself.

"It's time you guys put the brakes on," Bardell said to the board members.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said he never heard about this and he doubts that other members of the board knew. He said the board prefers to have problems taken care of before it comes to the board.

"This is first I ever heard of it," Supervisor Bowman said. "It irks me and I will get to the bottom of it."

Trustee Oddy said the board doesn't get direct reports from ordinance and then he backed up and said it does get reports and it has the July ordinance violations now.

Treasurer Patterson said if residents don't get results from the police or ordinance departments to call the township hall.

One of the Elwell Road people called that they tried and got no call back and it didn't go anyplace the time they called.

Trustee Tim Rush said to call Karen Woodington at the supervisor's office and she would take care of it.

A person in the audience called out that the ordinance officer goes by his property slowly two to three times a week. He said he pulled up to a police car parked at the Roller Rink and asked about it.

Supervisor Bowman pointed out he has been a contractor for more than 40 years and drives all over the township. He said one day he saw an ordinance officer parked at the Roller Rink and he went to town and spent two to three hours loading up with

lumber and came back to Sumpter and the same officer was still sitting in the same spot.

Trustee Oddy said when matters get to court they take a long time to resolve because the court is favorable to the landowner, and it should be. He said the township writes the tickets and lets the court determine what it wants to do.

A man called out from the audience, "There's an illegal operation and you can't stop it?"

Trustee Oddy said, the case drags on in court. He asked the supervisor to move on with the meeting.

Later, in the only report from attorney Rob Young, he said he didn't like the ordinance officers being criticized because they are very professional and efficient. He said there were 11 cases in court last Thursday. He said the officers write reports, so he doesn't have to do the background research and charge the township for his time. He said they talk to him and he has them in court.

Young said you can't shut down an operation ahead of time, before the court rules.

"I swear to God, the chief takes it serious," Young said. "It irks me when I hear the complaints." He said specific zoning is needed and tickets are written.

In another public comment Zeola Walker, who spoke before the slaughterhouse comments, asked if the board is going to renovate an office in township hall and board members said they didn't know anything about it and that wasn't happening. Treasurer Patterson said there was nothing on the table for that.

Walker said she read it in the paper and saw the court meeting video, and the paper and video are wrong?

Walker said nobody goes in that office, referring to the supervisor's office.

She also asked why they are spending money on a door for the community center when that old building is "dark, dirty, dingy" and needs to be replaced by a new building.

She also said the board tells the residents to call Wayne County about road complaints, but, "That's what you get \$38,000 a year for." She also said there is nothing in Sumpter for the juveniles to do, and, "You have nothing to offer at all."

Walker said there are mosquitoes at Banotai Park and she asked if they spray the park for mosquitoes, ever?

"I can't see what you're doing besides increasing your wages," Walker said.

Patterson said she needs to bring her complaints to the township offices and, "This is not the time to interrogate the board."

Mary Ban also took part in the public comment, saying there was a terrible rainstorm on election day and both she and her husband use walkers. She said the

poll workers at precinct four helped them out the side door to the handicap parking where she had parked.

Ban also said Van Buren Township has a new \$15 million community center and it is wonderful, but in Sumpter, "We make do with what we have." She said there are industrial complexes and commercial areas in the township that gives tax funds.

"I don't want to be Van Buren," Ban said. "I don't want any more dumps. We're rural and we'll remain rural." She pointed out all the new homes in Sumpter that are worth \$500,000 to \$600,000 which proves "somebody wants to live here."

Ban also noted the reports of those who came to talk that night about the slaughtering is very unfortunate and, "We have laws and everyone should follow them."

Trustee Peggy Morgan was absent and excused from the meeting.

## Sumpter Twp. board approves paving all municipal parking lots

At its regular meeting on Aug. 13, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to spend \$241,900 in ARPA funds for Midwest Pavement of Milford to pave municipal parking areas. This was the lowest of three qualified bidders.

This includes asphaltting parking areas at the community center and police station, library media center/DPW office, and main campus. The millings are to be used at the parks. The cost includes bumper blocks and striping. ARPA funds are from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to help local communities recover after COVID. Sumpter received \$984,000 in ARPA funds.

Trustee Peggy Morgan was absent and excused from the meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Removed from the agenda approval of the Utility Billing Policy and Procedures without explanation;

- Approved the ordinance text amendment to Division 10 – rates and charges, section 25-185, changing the word "May" to "November." Also changed was line item five to say "supervisor" instead of superintendent. This concerns putting unpaid water and sewage service fees on the property tax. The previous language was used when Sumpter only had one tax bill. Now there are two tax bills and assessments are placed on the winter bill;

- Approved the TNT Tree Service low bid of \$14,500 to remove trees and brush and trim about 45 trees throughout Banotai Park using ARPA funds; and

- Approved the proposal from C&S Construction for the community center door replacements in the amount of \$29,500 in ARPA funds.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Wetlands' appeals on VBT landfill fail

We've been informed the many appeals have failed and the state's permit now stands to allow Woodland Meadows landfill in Van Buren Township to dig up the 12 acres of rare Wet Mesic Flatwoods and at least 44 acres of wetlands to expand its landfill. We're told digging will start Oct. 1.

Those who tried to stop the removal of the 200-year-old trees with roots that are super sponges plus other parts of the wetlands, are asking residents to let their voices be heard and send their comments to EGLE (Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), Waste Management, and AG Dana Nessel.

Observers say the flooding that erupts at the corner of Ecorse and Haggerty will get worse if this wetland is removed. They also say the wetland area is part of a wildlife corridor that should be preserved because the species need a breeding, nesting, and foraging habitat.

When the appeals by the Wayne County Conservation District started, Waste Management agreed to temporary halt construction for six months in the northwest quarter of the property where it had permission to dig. Ongoing court appeals delayed that timeframe and now the appeals are over and it can dig up the former golf course to expand the landfill, which had always been its plan.

As part of its approved wetland permit, WM created and restored about 75 acres of new wetlands elsewhere and preserved about 25 existing high-quality forested wetland and forested upland.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Rite Aid announced it is closing all of its 186 stores in Michigan as well as its distribution center in Oakland County. The Van Buren Township Rite Aid at the corner of Rawsonville Road and W. Huron River Drive recently closed.

Rite Aid reported it faced falling sales, increasing competition and mounting debt stemming from opioid-related lawsuits. It filed bankruptcy last October.

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Sheetz gas/EV station with a 24-hour restaurant, is having a difficult time getting approval to build in Van Buren Township, but it is opening its first site in the state in Romulus at 33380 Wick Rd. It recently announced two sites will be built in Taylor, at 8200 Telegraph Rd. and 20623 Eureka Rd.

Sheetz, a family-owned business, has announced it wants to build 50 sites in Michigan and is just getting started. It is open 24/7 with a sit-down and drive in restaurant to serve customers, along with a large convenience store.

It is based in Pennsylvania and has 26,000 employees. It is considered one of the fastest-growing chains.

The problem in Van Buren Township is their property at the southwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads has some wetlands and has had drainage problems in the past. That, and that other gas station owners in the area don't want another station.

Another station now is seeking to build at the northwest corner of that intersection and at its public hearing last week just one other gas station owner asked the planning commission to turn it down. No action has



been taken on this proposal or the Sheetz plan.

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A reader said he was sad to see that the Belleville DDA hired an artist to paint temporary drawings on the front of the former hardware store when it could have given that project to students.

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On Aug. 14 the AT&T cell phone service stopped for businesses in the city of Belleville and phone service was gone for the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in Romulus. Some people said their service in Belleville was not interrupted, but for those in the city that used cell phones for their business phones, they were very upset. It is estimated that about six hours of service was interrupted.

Reports say when they drove over the Rawsonville Road boundary to the west, the service returned and then was gone when they came back to the city.

Reportedly the Beaumont Clinic on Third Street had to use paper and pencil instead of digital because of the interruption.

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A reader sent us a story from Monday's *Detroit Free Press* announcing that Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township is going to get 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of groundwater contaminated with elevated radiation from a site in New York where the Manhattan Project developed the atomic bomb during and just after World War II.

There will be about 25 semitrucks per week into January 2025, the story said.

We usually get a letter announcing these kinds of projects from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and we share it with readers, but we haven't received one yet on this project. Our hazardous landfill is one of the few in the country able to handle these kinds of wastes safely, so that's where they come.

We hope to hear more about this from the Engineers and they are very open with information.

Farther down in the story it said the radiation in the water and soil is light and the heavily radiated items are going elsewhere.

Every time there is a different hazardous waste coming to town *The Free Press* writes a scary story and many politicians reply saying they will get to the bottom of it. Van Buren Township officials do not get crazy, however, because they know the story.

Nobody likes having a hazardous landfill in the neighborhood, but it's not going anywhere. It is properly certified by the federal government and the regulations and safety procedures are tight.

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People are calling and visiting because of the fear engendered by the way the mass media handled the information.



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**Letters**  
**There are two finalists for 34<sup>th</sup> District Judge**  
 To the editor:  
 We are thankful to the Belleville Independent for covering the Aug. 6 election and results. It is nice to be able to go to one resource to stay informed.  
 Primary elections can be a tad bit confusing on what the outcomes mean. Some races are finalized with the votes in the primary election and some races decide who the final candidates will be to appear on the November general election ballot.  
 It was reported that I was elected as the new 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, and even though this is our desired outcome, the Aug. 6 primary simply decided which two candidates for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge are to appear on the Nov. 5 general election ballot in the non-partisan section.  
 In our race there is one open judicial seat to be filled, so only two candidates will appear on the ballot for the general election. The primary election decided who those two will be.  
 I am excited about being the top vote getter in the primary and one of the two candidates on the Nov. 5 ballot. We are now working hard to win the general election and for me to sit as the next judge of 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.  
 We are blessed with the support we have received and we look forward to being in the community and knocking on doors to speak with our friends and neighbors.  
 We look forward to your continued support and your vote on Nov. 5, 2024.  
 Teresa Patton  
 Van Buren Township  
 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge candidate

**Things to do in the Belleville area...**  
 • **Thursday, Aug. 22** – Van Buren Township open house from 5-7 p.m. in the Aspen Room in the Community Center to give public input on the Safe Streets Public Survey. Must use Community Center's main entrance. Share your experiences and opinion about safe driving, walking, and biking in the township.  
 • **Thursday, Aug. 22** – The Belleville Area Museum presents a program on "Eloise" and tells the history of the poorhouse, asylum, and hospital, at 6 p.m. Featured lecturer is Tyler Moll of the Wayne Historical Museum. You can get free pizza at 5:30 p.m., if you email [BAM@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:BAM@vanburen-mi.org). The museum is at 405 Main St., Belleville.  
 • **Friday, Aug. 23** – Hobo Dinner 5-8 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Karaoke at 7:30 p.m. Meal hosted by Keith and Ginger Bruder. \$12 per dinner. Menu: Kielbasa, potatoes, corn on the cob, carrots, onions – all cooked in a stainless-steel beer keg. Bread & dessert, too. Please sign up by Aug. 16: [gingerkeithbruder@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerkeithbruder@hotmail.com)  
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 • **Saturday, Aug. 24** – Belleville Fire Department Open House from noon to 3 p.m.  
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**Think before you vote**  
 To the editor:  
 The Border Czar for the past three years says if elected, day one she will fix the border, will not tax tips or social security, will lower price of gas, will drill, baby, drill. Will make American great again.  
 Reminds me of something I heard in grade school: Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.  
 Think before your vote.  
 Mickey Widener  
 Van Buren Township

**Arts Council to benefit from city-wide yard sale at Victory Park**  
 At the Aug. 12 meeting of the Belleville City Council, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts was given approval to lease spaces at Victory Park for the annual city-wide yard sale, Sept. 7-8.  
 Reg Ion of BACA invites members of the public who want to have a yard sale at the park on those days to contact him for pre-sale of a space by the end of August.  
 He said donation is \$15 per day, rain or shine, and then \$20 per space on the days of the sale.  
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We are definitely on the downhill slide. That light at the end of the tunnel is school starting. I was raised in a two-teacher household so the academic year is instilled in my brain. Although we hate to see summer come to an end, it is always good to be on a schedule again. So, enjoy the little time left and make plans for Labor Day.

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It is hard to believe that Harris Park will be celebrating its five-year anniversary. They will be celebrating with an open house on Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Van Buren Township DDA is planning a fabulous party with a face painter, balloon animals, cake, ice cream and Music with Tyrone. Come join this free, fun event and enjoy the lovely park. Harris Park is immediately south of Aldi's on Belleville Road.

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Now that the Taste of Belleville is over, the Belleville Central Business Community is moving on to Booville. Harvest Fest is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the library, the museum, and Fourth Street Place. The Harvest Tractor Parade is gaining steam and hopes to have upwards of 75 tractors. This year, Main Street will be closed so the crowd can look over the many tractors for about an hour. They should be on Main around 11 a.m. There will be a ton of free things for the kids to do in all three locations. That same weekend is the Belleville Council for the Arts annual Community Art Show at the BYC. October is a busy month with the CBC events, the art show and the harvest events at local churches - all that and Halloween too!

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Speaking of the Art Show, the call for artists is in this week's paper. Lots of categories and great prizes. Don't put off getting your artists the applications. October will be here before you know it!

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Diane Sloan, owner of The Hair Station at 151 Main St., is having a Customer Appreciation Day BBQ on Sunday, Aug. 25 from noon until the food runs out. Diane is celebrating her third anniversary so be sure to stop by, have some BBQ, and let her know how much we appreciate her business.

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## Obituaries



Walter R. Pych, Jr.

**WALTER R. PYCH, JR.**

(June 11, 1960 – August 14, 2024)

Walter R. Pych, Jr., "JP", age 64, longtime Belleville-area resident, passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at his home. He was born June 11, 1960, in Wayne, MI, the sixth child of Walter R. and Ellen Betty (Brown) Pych, Sr. JP graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1978. He went on to trade school, and trained as an iron worker, however, living so close to Lower Huron Metro Park, it was a natural fit for him to become, and retire as, the manager of various Metro Golf Courses. JP loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and his dog Ruby.

JP is survived by four siblings: John (Glenda) Pych, Pat (Daryl) Bauman, Stanley Pych, and Deb (Doug) Bledsoe; along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother, Joseph Pych.

Visitation was Saturday, August 17, 2024, with Father Bryan Shackett saying prayers at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Inurnment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

In 2016 JP got a second chance at life, thanks to a remarkable donor, and the University of Michigan Liver Transplant Department. The family encourages donations to them to honor JP, in lieu of trees, flowers and plants. <https://giving.umich.edu/basket/fund/212753>  
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**EDUARDE F. JANOS**

(June 20, 1936 – August 11, 2024)

Age 88 of Van Buren Township. Worked at Ford Motor Co. and VBT Fire Station #2. Survived by wife Dolores, son Edward, granddaughter Shannon; great-grandchildren Lydia and Vincent. David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Mary Ellen Hand

**MARY ELLEN HAND**

(December 23, 1943 – July 30, 2024)

Mary Ellen Hand, age 80, of Canton, MI passed away peacefully on Tuesday July 30, 2024, at Angela Hospice, in Livonia, MI under hospice care, surrounded by her family. She was born on December 23, 1943, in Monclova, Ohio, to Gayle and Helen (Pawlak) Cannon. She graduated from high school and then attended Ferris State University. Mary Ellen became an accountant for the Downriver Guidance Clinic and worked there for several years. She also enjoyed antiques, especially getting antique jewelry. She also loved to travel, cook and was an avid gardener.

Mary Ellen was widowed when Doug passed in May of 2023. She is survived by three children, Medina (Craig) Atchinson of Belleville, MI, and Erik (Leanne) Kawadri of Grosse Isle, MI, and Mayssa (Faris) Koura of Lexington, KY; three granddaughters Penelope Hand, Ava and Ella Atchinson; two grandsons Cannon and Luc Kawadri; numerous cousins, colleagues, and friends Jude Koura and Jenna Kours of Lexington, KY; two bonus children Carrol (Todd Nemanich) Hand of Henrico, VA, and Katherine (Christopher Collins) Hand of Maplewood, NJ.

Mary Ellen and her late husband John Douglas "Doug" Hand got married in October 1999, with their children as witnesses. Upon retirement, Mary Ellen and Doug enjoyed traveling to multiple states to visit Civil War battlefields and the birthplaces of former presidents. They also enjoyed visiting family and friends in a lot of states, including Oklahoma, Indiana, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida, and the upper peninsula of Michigan. They shared many hobbies: collecting antiques, rare books, especially first editions, a love for reading and reading to each other, singing groups, and watching movies, both the classics and new releases.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary Ellen was laid to rest with her husband in Great Lakes National Cemetery, in Holly, MI on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### Faith Denton United Methodist Church to host 'Paint in the Spirit'

A "Paint in the Spirit" event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church.

The public is invited to paint with a Christian artist from the Methodist Church, who helps the participants paint what the spirit tells them to, said church pastor, the Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith.

Cost is \$25 for materials which will be provided by the artist.

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Charles Douglas Watson, II

**CHARLES DOUGLAS WATSON, II**  
(September 29, 1966 – August 14, 2024)

Charles Douglas Watson, II, age 57, longtime Belleville resident, passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Born on September 29, 1966, to Charles and Linda Watson (Boltz) in Ypsilanti, MI. Charles graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1984. Charles was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing. He also loved watching the Lions play. Most of all, Charles loved spending time with his family and his beloved little buddy gizmo (gizzy).

Charles leaves behind his wife of 14 years Stacey Watson of Belleville, MI; children Jacqueline (Charles) Schmeltz of Belleville, MI, Charles (Melanie) Watson of Belleville, MI, Christopher (Shannah) Watson of Canton, MI, Zachery Nugent of Canton, MI, Jaden Nugent of Ypsilanti, MI, Noah Watson of Belleville, MI, Alexander Watson of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Elijah, Liam, Hailey, Wyatt, Onna, Ruby, and Luna; mother Linda Watson of New Boston, MI; siblings Lisa (Robert) Roe of Temperance, MI, Suzanne (Jamie) Watson of Belleville, MI, and David Watson of Romulus, MI.

Charles was preceded in death by his first wife Toni Lynn Watson in 2003 and father Charles Douglas Watson, I on April 11, 2024.

A memorial Service is being planned at the David C. Brown Funeral home.  
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**JAMES THOMAS HOWE**

(March 15, 1951 – August 12, 2024)

Age 73. Survived by wife Sheila, sons James Howe and Michael Howe, grandsons Austin Howe and Wyatt Howe, siblings Dan Howe and Gail Swartz, and best friend Fred Shuman.

Cremation rites accorded. A memorial service planned at David C. Brown Funeral Home.  
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Michael McDaniel



**MICHAEL McDANIEL**

(August 5, 1951 - August 16, 2024)

Michael McDaniel, "Mike," age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away on August 16, 2024, at his home. He was born on August 5, 1951, in Ypsilanti, MI, to Harshel and Virgie (Blankenbeckler) McDaniel.

In 1971, Mike was drafted into the Army and served our country while stationed in Germany. Mike then went to work at Kelsey Hayes and worked there for 30 years as a laborer. He was a very avid car lover and car collector. He won many awards at car shows for his classic cars in Michigan. He loved going to Pigeon Forge with his family. For 19 years they all got together to go to the car shows down there. He had a motorcycle that he loved riding around town and going to lunch. He also loved riding his motorcycle with his son. Mike was also a woodworker and enjoyed making many things. This hobby led him to craft shows to display some of the things he made. He was known to be a wonderful story-teller as well. Most of all though, Mike was an amazing father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved his family with his whole heart. He loved the family gatherings and parties. Everyone being around together. Mike loved his wife dearly and it showed. He was so very proud of his kids, his grandkids and great-grandson. He was a great example to the whole family.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joann McDaniel of Belleville, MI; his children, Kristine McDaniel of Belleville, MI, Kevin ("Jessie Mac" as Mike nicknamed her) McDaniel of Ypsilanti, MI; his siblings, Annie (Bud) Townsend of Fayetteville, TN, Alberta Harris of Kentucky, Jacqueline (Roscoe) Humbarger of Kentucky, Marlene (David) Ward of Ypsilanti, MI, and Roger (Marilyn) McDaniel of Kentucky; his grandchildren, Kelsey, Justin, Ryley, Delaney, Kaylee, Gaige, Keira, Toni, Landon and Davis; and his great-grandson Lincoln, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Arthur, Clarence, and Audie McDaniel and a brother William McDaniel in infancy.

Visitation was Tuesday, August 20, 2024, and a visitation and funeral service Wednesday, August 21, 2024, with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating at The David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.  
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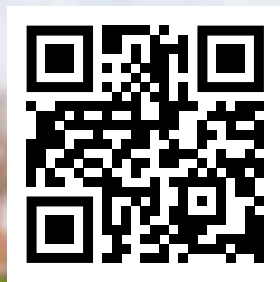
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## Birthdays

Aug. 27 - Kevin McNamara

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## BHS at-home games

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Diane Kiessel  
BHS Athletics Secretary

## BHS Class of 1984 to hold 40<sup>th</sup> reunion Oct. 19

The Belleville High School Class of 1984 will be holding its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19. All details for weekend activities as well as a link to register can be found at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search on 40 year reunion - Belleville High School Class of 1984). Any questions can be directed to [BHS838485@gmail.com](mailto:BHS838485@gmail.com)

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Jiyahna is a 2020 graduate of Belleville High School. She earned a full-ride academic scholarship to Bethune-Cookman. She was invited to Washington,

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# Belleville City Council decides to 'eat' \$10 charge for bulk pickups

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a discussion at Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council voted unanimously to "eat" the \$10 charge being levied by the new pickup service for each bulk pickup until the end of the year and then reevaluate the issue.

City manager Jason Smith said residents are upset over the \$10 upfront charge for each bulk pickup. That would be \$20 for a mattress and dresser, he said.

"Do we want to absorb the \$10 in our bill?" Smith asked the council.

He said he has had four calls on the new pickup service, with one concerning the bulk pickup charge.

Mayor Ken Voigt said for the time being the city could eat the charge and may want to set a number per household and then assess how it's working.

"We've eaten it in the past," Smith said, referring to former vendor Priority Waste that just kept a log of the bulk pickups and added it to the city's bill.

Mayor Voigt suggested limiting the number of pickups and Councilwoman Julie Kissel said, "How many couches can one house have?"

They noted that flat screen TVs are not picked up. Mayor Voigt said they can take the TVs to Best Buy.

John Juriga asked from the audience if someone is evicted and all the belongings put at the curb, who is responsible. He was told the property owner is responsible.

Smith said when the new pickup bins are delivered, they will have a notice attached on the handle, with a calendar showing the pickup days and the recycling pickup days, since recycling will be every other week. It also will tell what is and is not acceptable.

Up to two extra bags next to the pickup bin is acceptable, without charge.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates was absent from the meeting.

In other business at Monday's hour-long meeting, the council:

- Heard Jay Wilde of Alan C. Young present the audit for the year ending June 30, 2023. He pointed out the audit is six months later than it should be because the city had a crash of its computer system in June 2023 and lost six months worth of information. The city is in violation of state law, since the audit was due Dec. 31, but the state has been kept informed of the problem and has not withheld revenue from the city. He said in spite of all the problems, the city has been given an "unmodified opinion" which is the gold standard for audits. The Plante Moran financial consultant said when computers crashed the city had to take care of the people first with their paychecks and the vendors and so the audit was put on the back burner. Now all the information has been put back in place and is protected;

- Viewed a brief video created by SEMCOG showing positive scenes in the city, promoting Belleville. Smith said it was done free of charge and the city is free to use it however it wants. Juriga asked if the city can put it on TV and Smith said the city's Downtown Development Authority is working on marketing and could use it. Smith said SEMCOG plays such videos on a loop during its meetings;

- Approved the special events of Harvest Fest (Oct. 12), Monster Mutt Walk (Oct. 19), Halloween Downtown (Oct. 31), and Photos with Santa (Dec. 14 and 21);

- Set a public hearing for the Sept. 3 meeting for the five-year Parks Plan refresh. Smith said this is the final hoop the DNR wants the city to jump through before it is eligible for park grants;

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## CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2024 - 7:30 pm

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL	
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Mayor Voigt	Present

### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- a. Presentations
  - i. None
- b. Citizen Comments
  - i. None

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of item "I", award of bid for new fence in Victory Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

### motions.

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - i. July 15, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting
- b. Communications
  - i. MI Attorney General – Belleville Charter Amendments Review
- c. Council Follow-Up List
- d. DPS Activity Report
- e. Special Events
  - i. BACA – City Wide Yard Sale
  - ii. Margaritas in the Ville

**MOTION:** Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe approving the consent agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None.

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. None.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- a. BHS Dance Team – *Report on the BHS Dance Team community service project and consideration of a donation to the team.*
  - i. After discussion, Council chose to defer a decision on a donation amount until further information can be obtained about the number of hydrants that were painted.
- b. Van Buren Dispatch and Lockup Interlocal

### Government Agreement

**MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the Van Buren Dispatch and Lockup Interlocal Government Agreement, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

c. Leffler's Property Maintenance Tree Removal at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Church and the Cemetery.

i. After discussing whether or not the agreement will include stump removal and grinding, Council chose to defer this item to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

d. Purchase of 1991 Vac-Con Sewer Cleaner from Best Equipment.

**MOTION:** Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve the purchase of a 1991 Vac-Con Sewer Cleaner from Best Equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

e. Televising and Cleaning of North Section of the City.

i. After discussion, Council chose to defer this item to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

f. Michigan Class Investment

i. After discussion, Council asked for next steps in the investment process. City Manager Smith and Clerk Hootman informed Council that they would be presenting a resolution at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

g. RESOLUTION #24 – Designation of 100 Liberty as a Pocket Park

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve Resolution #24-027, designating 100 N. Liberty as a Pocket Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

h. BS&A Proposal – Beacon Meter Reading Consultation

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve a proposal from BS&A for 3<sup>rd</sup> party meter consulting for Beacon.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

i. Bid Award – Victory Park Fence

**MOTION:** Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to award the bid for fence replacement at Victory Park to Nationwide Construction Group.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

- a. B&N Heavy Equipment
- b. Batteries plus (2)
- c. Cradlepoint Netcloud
- d. Crawford Door Sales
- e. CRG Electric
- f. MacQueen
- g. Pioneer Landscape
- h. R&R Fire Truck Repair
- i. Through County Grant
- j. Westshore Fire

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve accounts payable and departmental expenditures over \$500, with the exception of Item E

for a Fire Department generator from CRG Electric, which will be going out for bid.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

### Motion Carried.

### 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- a. The Harbour Pointe road-repair project is slated to begin in September.
- b. Swapping of old Priority Waste Bins for new bins from Stevens Disposal will take place toward the end of the first week in September.
- c. New water meters from SLC Meter have arrived, and the city will be scheduling the installations soon with residents.
- d. The road safety audit kicks off on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Thank you to Clerk Hootman and her team for an awesome job on the August State Primary election.
- f. The proposed Charter amendments have been approved by Governor Whitmer's office and were sent to the Wayne County Clerk's office today.
- g. DPW Director Tony Bollini is no longer with the city. Direction for department will come from the City Manager in the interim.

### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Beebe
- Attended a tour of Grand Central Station with City Manager Smith; recommends citizens to attend a tour if able to.
  - Would like to have mowing and landscaping maintenance of Hillside Cemetery kept in house as opposed to contracting it out.
- Priest
- Pleased with the items accomplished on the Council Follow Up/Wish List.
  - Would like to see expenditures over \$500 reviewed ahead of time to determine what needs to be bid out.
  - Attended the DWIHN Youth Conference on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with Assistant City Manager Jones and the summer youth workers.
  - Thanked Clerk Hootman for her work on the August State Primary election.
- Bates
- Noticed broken swings at Victory Park.
  - Would like to see a list of trees & sidewalks that need to be replaced/repared.
  - Saw power washing taking place at the front of the Victoria Commons subdivision and would like to see the fencing around the subdivision's ponds power washed as well.

### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. None

### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Ray Martin
  - Fencing around the ponds in Victoria Commons is broken, when will they be replaced?
  - What is the status of no parking/standing/stopping signs in front of homes in Victoria Commons near Owen Intermediate school?
  - The Belleville Fire Department Open House will take place on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 p.m.
    - Juriga
      - Magic Bus performed last week at Music Lakeside, and it was a great turnout with over 600 people in attendance.
    - Loranger
      - The Frie Department has hired three new firefighters; their names are Ray, Isabella and Evan.

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

a. None.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 8:35 PM. No objections were noted.

### Motion Carried.

Submitted respectfully by Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Published: Aug. 22, 2024



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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 307 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

### Sunday, Aug. 11:

0027 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area  
0057 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Haggerty  
0315 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.  
0710 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0921 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1505 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.  
1538 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./W. I-94  
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Assembly St.  
1716 – 911 welfare check, Michigan Ave.  
2019 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
1827 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1928 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1955 – civil matter, Sonrisa St.  
2114 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2211 – civil matter, Maple Dr.  
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
2353 – threat, Maple Dr.

### Monday, Aug. 12:

0034 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0101 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0808 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0927 – breaking & entering, Quirk Rd.  
xxxx – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Belleville  
1047 – neighbor trouble, W. Adams  
1200 – private property/property damage accident, Savage Rd.  
1247 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1428 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1452 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.  
1502 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1611 – follow up by officer, Independence Ln.  
1612 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Independence  
1627 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1845 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2216 – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2141 – family trouble, Savage Rd.  
2224 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

### Tuesday, Aug. 13:

xxxx – repossession, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0800 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0838 – property damage accident, W. Huron River  
0931 – domestic, Quirk Rd.  
1008 – retail fraud, W. Huron River Dr.  
1030 – vehicle lockout, Village Green Ln.  
1303 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1323 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.  
1512 – 911 welfare check, Pond Bluff Dr.  
1520 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1559 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Sadie Ln.  
1656 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1832 – intrusion alarm, Bentley Dr.  
1729 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1832 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1831 – mental subject, W. Huron River Dr.  
1831 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.  
1944 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.  
2003 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2029 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2149 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2218 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2314 – welfare check, Tyler Rd./N. I-275

### Wednesday, Aug. 14:

0132 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.  
0303 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0336 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0642 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
0702 – welfare check, Wildrye Ct.  
0826 – unattended death, Bemis Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Milton Dr.  
0923 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

0924 – animal complaint, McBride  
1028 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1034 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1154 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.  
1231 – private property impound, Independence  
1311 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1314 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1413 – 911 welfare check, Andover Dr.  
1542 – domestic, Birch Dr.  
1554 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1640 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1821 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1856 – larceny, Togowtee Pass  
1917 – unattended death, Haggerty Rd.  
2017 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood  
2111 – breaking & entering, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2146 – intrusion alarm, Sunset Pond Cir.  
2247 – welfare check, Van Born Rd.  
2249 – mental subject, W. Huron River Dr.  
2311 – family trouble, Maple Dr.  
2352 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.

### Thursday, Aug. 15:

0012 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0136 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.  
0252 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.  
0253 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Independence Ln./Haggerty Rd.  
0312 – found property/child, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell  
xxxx – repossession, Lake Villa Dr.  
0944 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
0951 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1112 – harassment call, Van Buren St.  
1207 – fraud, Oak Blvd.  
1355 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1422 – trespassing, America  
1509 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.  
1450 – welfare check, Hoef Rd.  
1448 – parking complaint, Bristol/Chandler  
1502 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1458 – welfare check, Daniel Dr.  
1505 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1510 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1544 – harassment call, Chatsworth Dr.  
1547 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1711 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

### Edison Lake

1713 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1836 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1804 – weapons violation, Parkwood DR.  
1901 – sexual assault, W. Adams  
2044 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
2104 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
2230 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2313 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
2346 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

### Friday, Aug. 16:

0109 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0239 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren St.  
0306 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0516 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0939 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.  
1013 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.  
1321 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1424 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.  
1449 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1451 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.  
1535 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1550 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1717 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.  
1621 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1607 – court detail, S. Wayne Rd.  
1612 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

### Ecorse Rd.

1658 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.  
1632 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Woodbury  
1647 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.  
1833 – threat, Van Buren St.  
1915 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
2006 – 911 welfare check, Bayshore Dr.  
2039 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

### Saturday, Aug. 17:

0022 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pinewood Ln.  
0028 – suicidal person, Ecorse Rd.

0251 – assist other dept., S. Bellridge Dr.  
0521 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0800 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0810 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1005 – fraud, Chloe Ct.  
1051 – 911 welfare check, Wildrye Ct.  
1103 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1221 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1234 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1328 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1435 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1452 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1520 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1827 – road hazard, E. Walden Dr./Stonebridge Ct.  
1825 – property damage accident, Fay Dr.  
1852 – civil matter, Sunrise Ln.  
1903 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1916 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1946 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2145 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River  
2215 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.  
2327 – fight, Belleville Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 132 traffic stops, 25 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Aug. 11:

0050 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
0821 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1314 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.  
1702 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2102 – malicious destruction of property, Village Park  
2200 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
2204 – noise complaint, Angola/E. Huron River  
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
Monday, Aug. 12:  
0411 – noise complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0918 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Robbe St.  
1039 – parking complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Greylock St.  
1300 – property damage accident, Owen St.  
1417 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.  
1748 – dumping complaint, Water Works  
1959 – welfare check, Main St.  
xxxx – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2316 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.

### Tuesday, Aug. 13:

1319 – animal complaint, Main St.  
1920 – found property/child, Main St.  
2159 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
2336 – welfare check, Savage Rd.

### Wednesday, Aug. 14:

0238 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.  
0540 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0846 – assist fire dept., Brain St.  
0932 – traffic offense, Edison Ave.  
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.  
1138 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2156 – suicidal person, Main St.  
2251 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.

### Thursday, Aug. 15:

0052 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./tracks  
0224 – property check, W. Davis St.  
0621 – mental subject, W. Huron River/Elwell  
1013 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1549 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1909 – breaking & entering, N. Liberty St.  
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Water Works

### Friday, Aug. 16:

0021 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.  
1222 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,

### Robbe St.

1602 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Edgemont Ave.  
1728 – fight, E. Huron River Dr.  
1920 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.  
2249 – domestic, South St.

### Saturday, Aug. 17:

0148 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
1743 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.  
1850 – unattended death, Main St.  
2039 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Henry  
2345 – welfare check, Main St.

There are 59 reports on this week's log and 41 of those are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Aug. 11:

0053 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.  
0134 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.  
0942 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1134 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.  
1140 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1434 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1603 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1651 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.  
1813 – family trouble, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2102 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2223 – animal complaint, Magnolia

### Monday, Aug. 12:

0042 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
0236 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
0523 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1013 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.  
1039 – civil matter, Wyoming St.  
1101 – civil matter, Vermont St.  
1216 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1314 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1515 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1534 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria  
1710 – family trouble, Vermont St.  
1857 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1943 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter  
2003 – 911 hangup, Edgewood Dr.

### Tuesday, Aug. 13:

0303 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
0619 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0811 – property damage accident, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1024 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
1119 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1201 – animal complaint, Arkona/Rawsonville  
1329 – civil matter, Wyoming St.  
1352 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Utah Ct.  
1359 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1418 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1508 – neighbor dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
1631 – traffic complaint/hazard, Wear Rd. / Carleton  
West Rd.  
1856 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.  
1955 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.  
1956 – animal complaint, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz  
2120 – property damage accident, 26000 bl. Karr

### Wednesday, Aug. 14:

0803 – fire dept. assist, Martinsville/Willis  
0843 – follow up investigation, Utah Ct.  
1213 – follow up investigation, Utah Ct.  
1240 – follow up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1311 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willis  
1524 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1538 – fraud complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1539 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1554 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Wear  
1627 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
1632 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Judd  
1833 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2032 – flee & elude police, Martinsville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

2121 – suspicious circumstance, Vermont  
2137 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2146 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

### Thursday, Aug. 15:

0235 – juvenile matter, Washington St.  
0702 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.  
1039 – follow up investigation, Washington St.  
1051 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

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1100 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1341 – fire dept. assist, 8900 bl. Rawsonville  
1502 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1521 – follow up investigation, 2100 bl. Bohn  
1541 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.  
1631 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter  
1759 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1805 – assist other agency, Waltz Rd./Judd Rd.  
2101 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2234 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2246 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willis  
2310 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

**Friday, Aug. 16:**  
0139 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
0152 – civil matter, Arizona St.  
0737 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
0816 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0944 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1211 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1431 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1512 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Bemis  
1618 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1635 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr.  
2327 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clark/S. Huron  
2341 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Saturday, Aug. 17:**  
0118 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

0137 – personal injury accident, 46000 bl. Willow  
0420 – field contacts – special unit, Rustic Ln.  
0649 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0726 – suspicious person, Wear Rd./Martinsville  
1029 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1236 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1326 – follow up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1553 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1610 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.  
1904 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
2310 – assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week's log are 174 patrol checks, 75 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

## City Council

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- Approved donating \$1,500 to the Belleville High School Dance Team for painting fire hydrants in the city as a community service project. There are 101 hydrants in the city and they have done 23 and will be working at Victoria Commons this weekend. Smith said when they are done it is expected that about 30-33% of the hydrants will have been painted;
- Approved a total of \$7,150 to Leffler's Property Maintenance for tree removal of one at Third and Church, three on Edgemont, and four at Hillside Cemetery. This includes stump removal except for two stumps on the bank at the cemetery that can't be reached by the machinery for removal;

- Passed a resolution to approve the addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS) investment pool as an approved investment option for city funds. Smith said the city was one of 11 in the state that does not participate. The money is available to spend and while it is invested in the pool makes about 5% interest. Smith said that day's CLASS interest was 5.36%;

- Approved the \$123,000 lowest of four bids from C&S Construction general contractors of Lincoln Park to build a new Victory Park Restroom building behind Victoria Station that is similar to what is at Village Park, with male and female restrooms. This is open to the outside. The Victory Station upgrade is also being done by C&S for the low bid of \$63,300 and will include new flooring, inside only bathrooms, cabinetry for a kitchenette, and changed ceiling with updated lights. The projects are covered 65% with a Wayne County grant, 25% by the DDA, and 10% by the city. The original budget for the park projects was \$244,000, which includes the fence and concrete, so it is still under budget, said assistant city manager Steve Jones. He said C&S is ready to begin; and

- Approved accounts payable and the following departmental expenditures more than \$500: to Osborne Concrete, \$1,083 for cemetery; to Core & Main, \$952.76, water/sewer and \$952.76, water/sewer; to Rocket Enterprise, \$575, annual fee for flag/flag pole service; to Advanced Underground Inspection, \$35,145.63 for inspecting, clean and TV for six days at Victoria Commons and \$4,375 to TV and clean various locations; and to Burhop Collision, \$881.65 to replace tailgate on 2017 F-250.

## National Heritage Academies Keystone Academy Public Notice

**Keystone Academy (Y5-8)**  
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KeystoneAcademy.org  
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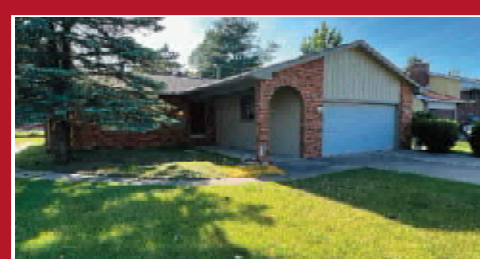
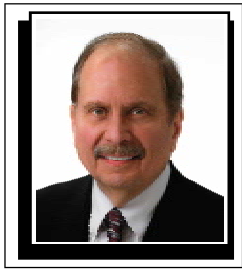
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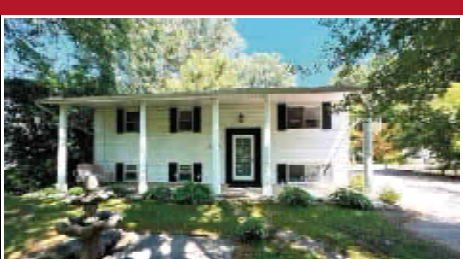
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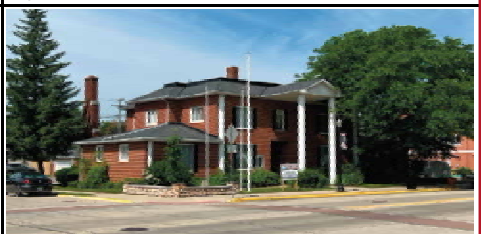
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