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Dan Power resigns to join Beckett & Raeder

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Daniel Power, Van Buren Township Director of Planning and Economic Development, has resigned his position to join Beckett & Raeder, Inc. planning consultants.

Power said he is heading to the non-government entity to work as a GIS Specialist/Community Planner.

“It will be a pivot toward a more analytical role and less one involved with management and economic development,” he said. “This was more a personal decision to reset my schedule with the aim of shifting some of my time balance back toward family. I am fortunate to have an opportunity to do so.”

Power and his wife have two preschool children.

He said he has nothing but kind words for the people he have worked with at the township.

The township is advertising in *Crane's Detroit Business* online job posting for candidates to apply for Power's position at an annual salary of \$85,000 to \$90,000.

Beckett & Raeder is a privately held Michigan corporation headquartered in Ann Arbor with additional offices in Petoskey and Traverse City. The firm has a full-time staff including landscape architects, planners, civil engineers, environmental planners, LEED accredited professionals and support staff maintaining registrations in numerous states and certification at the national level.

Power began work as planning director at Van Buren Township on Jan. 2, 2020. He had been the planning director for the past year for the City of Walker and Walker's staff planner/zoning administrator for three years before that.

He replaced Ron Akers, who resigned the
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

There was standing room only at the Sept. 4 town hall meeting to discuss radioactive waste coming to a Van Buren Township landfill. The meeting was at Wayne County Community College and as the crowd got rowdy, armed police officers joined the crowd standing along the walls.

Standing room only at town hall on radioactive waste

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There was standing room only at the three-hour-long, town-hall meeting held Sept. 4 at Wayne County Community College to discuss the radioactive waste coming from New York for disposal at the hazardous waste landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

The town hall was called by U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and the podium had politicians on one end and at the other end officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy), Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation, and Republic Waste.

The crowd was feisty at the beginning and as the evening wore on, crowd members

got surlier. They called out slurs, such as, “You don't know sh-t,” booed politicians, and told officials to put the radioactive waste in their backyards.

After lengthy presentations by politicians and officials, which took more than an hour and 15 minutes, members of the public were allowed to speak for as long as they liked, and they lined up in an orderly manner down the main aisle. At the meeting's two-hour mark, speakers were cut back to being able to speak just one minute each. This, too, brought cries from the crowd. They went on for another hour.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said that two years ago they met at WCCC about waste and, “We don't need to meet here every two years when somebody breaks a story,” he said.

“The question then was why didn't we

know?” he recalled, adding, “We were told we would know and we didn't.” He said two years ago the county was told it would be informed of what was coming to the hazardous landfill.

Evans said the waste that is coming is not rated extremely high and could be shared with other landfills.

He referred to a story from *The Detroit Free Press* from two years ago and from this summer's *Free Press* story that both stirred up public anger.

Congresswoman Dingell said she learned from *The Free Press* what was coming and then called the county and they learned from that newspaper as well. That's not the way it was supposed to be, she said.

Then she said she always calls on U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib for issues

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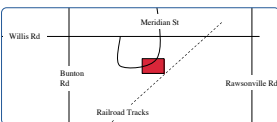
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Town hall

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like these.

Dingell said the site began as a landfill in 1954 or 1959 and in 1979 was certified for hazardous waste. In 2013, radioactive waste was permitted. She said Republic now owns the site, which is regulated by EGLE and EPA.

Tlaib said, "We just want to be safe" and US Ecology was fined \$1 million for violations in their South Detroit site which is now owned by Republic. She said in August that Republic's Wayne Disposal had a violation but she doesn't know what it was for.

State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, said she wants to shut down Wayne Disposal. She said she and Sen. Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, are working on a bill to raise dumping fees in the state from the current 35 cents a ton to more like those states that charge \$58 a ton.

Sen. Camilleri said the bill was ready but they couldn't get support to get it passed so it will be presented in November.

Members of the Wayne County Commission and local mayors and township supervisors stood to be recognized but did not speak.

A Lieutenant/Colonel of the Army Corps of Engineers explained how FUSRAP (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program) works and said there were no FUSRAP accidents in transporting hazardous materials so far.

Someone in the audience called out, "You say how safe it is. Put it in your backyard!"

Liz Browne, director of the Materials Management Division at EGLE, said the Supreme Court declared waste was a commodity and Michigan cannot ban out-of-state waste. She said there are no requirements for notifying anyone, but they will notify the appropriate person at Wayne County moving forward.

Browne said radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and her department deals with radon, too.

She said the landfill is up for license renewal and in November EGLE will have a hearing session and then have the formal hearing in the spring. She said those who live within a certain distance from the landfill will get a notice in the mail.

The director of solid and hazardous waste for Region 5 of the EPA, based in Chicago, said the states run most of the waste program, although the EPA oversees it.

A representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation said accidents are rare as hazardous waste is moved across the country, which brought loud hoots from the audience.

First speaker from the audience at the microphone was Heather Smiley of Riverview, who is the Republican



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications

candidate for Congress opposing Dingell in November. She listed things that she said were wrong and Dingell got a little testy.

The next speaker noted that radioactive water and soil was coming to the township landfill and she wanted to know where they put the water. She was told it was treated and then released into the county drainage system. The official later said people in this area do not drink ground water and members of the audience yelled out, "Lies, lies."

The third speaker said she lives three miles from the site and was a military brat and now is a wife and mother. She told stories of a family that lives seven miles from the landfill who had multiple members die of cancer. She asked for the lifespan of the storage tanks and was told they do not use storage tanks.

Chris Donley, who said he is on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and chairs its marketing committee, said the landfill is not in Belleville, as some reporters have said, but is in Van Buren Township. He said the erroneous reports set the DDA back about 20 years in its marketing and, "Thank you for that!"

He said there were nine fires in nine years at the landfill, with one going on for days. He said Van Buren Fire Fighters had to help after the landfill ran out of foam. He said the fire fighters didn't know what to do there.

"When it comes to radioactive materials, there are no small accidents," Donley said.

Dale Binecki, a Republican who is running to unseat Democrat Reggie Miller as state representative in the November election, said that evening's event was for the politicians and it was "la, la, la, la, la," the same old song. He said people do not trust those in office.

He accused Rep. Miller of voting to take wind and solar zoning decisions away from municipalities after she got 2,000 emails against the legislation. He said she said she wouldn't vote for it and then she did.

Miller, who had an aisle seat next to the public microphone started talking loudly over him and then jumped up from her seat and confronted him, waving in his face, and trying to keep him from speaking.

Congresswoman Tlaib called for order and asked them to look at the long line behind them of people waiting to speak.

State Rep. Jim DeSana, R-Ash Township, said the swamp is running things and there is corporate money going to politicians. He said he just pulled one report, but he said Republic Services donated money to several politicians, including \$2,500 to Wayne County Executive Evans and \$500 to Rep. Miller.

Rep. Miller called out, interrupting him and asking who he said gave her money and then denied knowing anything about it, shaking her head. Evans took the microphone, said he had been in office for ten years, and accused Rep. DeSana of going sideways instead of ahead.

Mike Long of Van Buren Township said when he worked for Van Buren Township in the 1970s, he filed suit against the landfill and got an injunction, but the township was not successful in stopping them.

Long said he has talked to Supervisor Kevin McNamara and suggested monitors be added at the middle school and community center to catch anything toxic in the air or water.

He also said the Department of Defense has adopted a new procedure to take blood samples and DNR from amphibians and reptiles because that's who absorb the toxins first. He suggested the Army Corps of Engineers add that kind of test as the first testing before they have to look at people.

Other topics of speakers were property values, this being a target area for a bomb that could hit two airports and the landfill, and transparency.

The speakers went on and as the meeting continued members of the audience left and there were lots of seats for those who had been standing.

Wayne County Executive Evans ended the session, saying that the officials are following the laws in place and, "I don't like toxic materials in Wayne County." He said the worst health among residents of the state is in Wayne County.

Evans asked officials to let the police and fire departments know when toxic materials are being transported in. He asked the audience to not just go home at the end of the meeting, but to support legislation that will help solve the problem.

Van Buren Township recorded the meeting and it is available on its YouTube channel.

Belleville council special meeting to consider joining joint law suit

Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt has called a special city council meeting for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, to consider joining in a law suit regarding the transport and disposal of hazardous material at Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township.

The city's new law firm, the Kelly Firm, is expected to be at the meeting to coordinate with the environmental attorney in partnership with Canton and Van Buren townships, said city manager Jason Smith.

Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, to go into closed session on a legal matter, but this was past the *Independent* deadline for this week's edition.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

School Board to vote on 100+ board policy changes

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, board president Amy Pearce presented more than 100 updates to the board policy, as recommended by the board's law firm, Thrun.

Many have to do with changes in the law so the policy will comply with current law. Innumerable are the changes to the "parent/guardian" language to just "Parent" with a capital "P" to designate whoever is in that capacity.

Also, "his or her" is now "their" to get away from gender. There were 13 new legal changes for Title IX subjects, including providing a time and place for students and staff to breast feed infants.

Then, due to the law, if the district passes any new bonds it will have to pay prevailing wage. The current bonds are grandfathered in. Also, there is a new procedure on how weapons are turned over to law enforcement and that hairstyle and makeup are not reasons for discipline.

Another policy is that if free lunches go away, there will be no negative balance for students who can't pay but will eat.

At the end of the long session, Pearce said because of the law, the district does not have to display the American flag in a prominent place at each school building, but this school district is displaying the flag and will continue to do so.

You can get the 200 pages where the changes are held to look them over before the board votes on them at its Sept. 23 meeting.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I asked School Supt. Pete Kudlak about the district's plan for Haggerty Elementary School, now that it has been vacated by Van Buren Township's senior citizens. The seniors had been there for longer than expected as the community center construction dragged on.

Now it is vacant. Supt. Kudlak said there are no plans for the building now, but they will winterize it by taking the water out of the lines. He said there is a lot of land on that site.

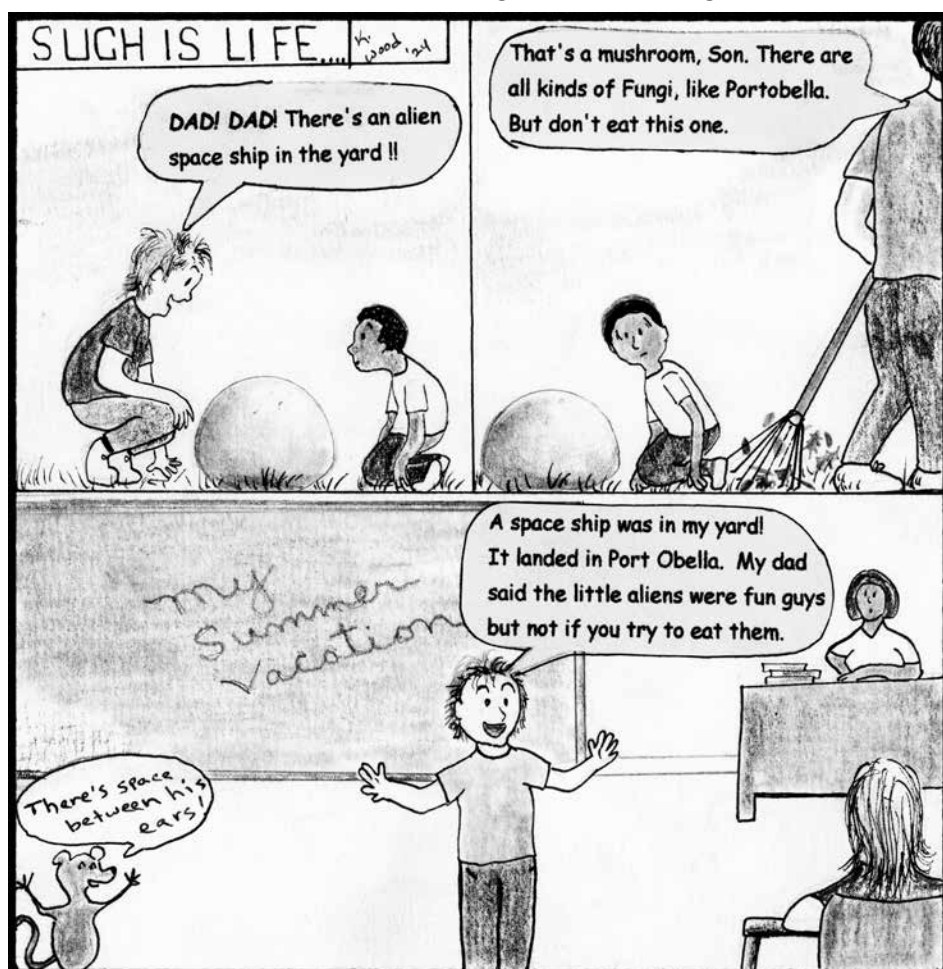
I told him that they may not have formally decided, but the district's intention for years have been to tear the school down and sell the property. He repeated that no decision has been made, but they no longer need the school.

The lights went out over a large area on Monday afternoon and the DTE outage map showed that even the high school was without power. Someone commented that they must have plugged in one of the new electric school buses they had ordered.

The lights went on about an hour later, so all is well – for now. DTE said the outage was caused by trees.

Devin O'Branagan grew up in New Boston and lived for a while in the old Riggs house at the corner of Martinsville and E. Huron River Drive. She lived in a spot on the third floor where she could look out over the lake and she was sad when I reported to her that the township had torn down the historic home.

I met Devin in Colorado when I was Sunday editor of the *Longmont Daily Times Call*. I did a cover story on her for



our Sunday magazine and got to know her. She was a beginning author. That was more than 30 years ago. She's written dozens of books since then.

She recently alerted me to her most recent book, "Resistance," that had just been published and was available on Kindle. She said it is her best book and she wanted to get it out before the election.

She said "Resistance" hit the #1 Hot New Release spot on Amazon in the category of political and government fiction. She said the story is not only entertaining, but also quite thought-provoking. She wanted to get it out before the election because she thought it might help the cause of liberty, if even a little bit.

The promo for the book says: "The rise of a totalitarian regime thrusts two courageous women into the heart of an underground resistance movement. In a chillingly plausible scenario, the United States falls under the iron grip of a brutal new government..."

I got it and read it and told her I found it very dark and I was sorry she experienced our country in such a negative way.

She replied, "I don't see the world as being that dark in the here and now; I just worry that bad things may happen if our society goes awry. (Dystopian fiction is my specialty.) Politically, I am a centrist and an independent, and I am concerned about the extremes on both the left and right. I do believe this country stands at the crossroads

and pray every day that reason will prevail.

"Also, I wanted to address the heroic nature of people in times of great adversity. (My plot was strongly influenced by my study of the French Underground during the Second World War.) I passionately believe in the innate goodness of human beings."

The three classic films being offered this season at the Belleville Area District Library have been announced: "The Maltese Falcon" (released in 1941) on Sept. 12; "Dial M for Murder" (released in 1954) on Oct. 10, and "Coogan's Bluff" (released in 1968) on Nov. 14. The films start at 6:30 p.m. and are free, brought to you by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.



As we take our papers to 34th District Court in Romulus each Thursday, lately we've been watching workers finally rebuilding the Veterans Memorial that was torn down in 2018 and stored away to make way for the new court to be built.

It's being put up near the lighted Romulus City sign, north of the new court building, but they've been working on it for weeks. Hopefully it soon will be back in a special place. It's been gone too long.

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 Conundrums
 1. America is capitalist and greedy -- yet half of the population is subsidized.
 2. Half of the population is subsidized -- yet they think they are victims.
 3. They think they are victims -- yet their representatives run the government.
 4. Their representatives run the government -- yet the poor keep getting poorer.
 5. The poor keep getting poorer -- yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about.
 6. They have things that people in other countries only dream about -- yet they want America to be more like those other countries.
 These three, short sentences tell you a lot about the direction of our current government and cultural environment:
 1. We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics.
Funny how that works. And here's another one worth considering...
 2. Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money.
But we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money!
 What's interesting is the first group "worked for" their money, but the second didn't.
 Think about it...
 And last but not least:
 3. Why are we cutting benefits for our veterans, no pay raises for our military and cutting our army to a level lower than before WWII, *but we are not stopping the payments or benefits to illegal aliens.*
 Am I the only one missing something?
"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."
 — Plato
 God Bless,
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Classic movie series begins Sept. 12 with 'The Maltese Falcon'
 To the editor:
 Please join us for the free fall classic movie series, Detecting by the Decades, starting Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring three classic movies on the second Thursdays of the month.
 The series will start with the 1941 mystery, "The Maltese Falcon," starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. John Monaghan, former film critic for *The Detroit Free Press*, will be returning to introduce the film and lead a discussion afterward.
 The Friends of the Library would appreciate used-book donations for their coming book sale on Nov. 2 and 3.
 Adult, teen and children's fiction in hardcover and paperback are currently in short supply. Romance and fantasy/sci-fi novels are needed the most. All donations should be in good condition.
 There is a limit of three boxes of donations per library visit. The deadline for book-sale donations is Oct. 25. A donation receipt may be obtained at the library circulation desk.
 "Season's Readings" Used Book Sale will be held at the Belleville Library, 167 Fourth St., on Saturday, Nov. 2, 12-3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-4 p.m.
 A pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. – noon. Membership forms may be obtained at the library, at the door on the days of the sale, or on-line at www.belleville.lib.mi.us.
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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



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If you missed the BHS Marching Tigers when they returned from camp, the 30th-annual Band Review is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the BHS Athletic Field. In addition to the performance by our Tigers, there is a special guest appearance from the EMU Marching Band. Other bands performing this year include Monroe, Crestwood, Woodhaven, Garden City, Lincoln, New Boston Huron and Berkley.

Third Thursday in the Ville has added Popups in the 4th Street Square from 5 to 8 p.m. Garden Fantasy on Main and BB's Belleville Boutique are both having extended hours until 8 p.m., and Frosty Boy and the other restaurants are open until 8 p.m. or some much later. Third Thursday shopping downtown isn't just

for the ladies, anymore. Bring the entire family and get some Christmas shopping done early!

The 5th-annual Willis Fest will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, from noon to 5 p.m. with crafters, food trucks, a car show, and much more. It is held on Willis Road in the Village of Willis. If you are lost – Google it!

Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., is holding a FCC Gala on Thursday, Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m., to raise money for a gymnasium and youth center to better serve our community. Unfortunately for you, they are completely sold out. We now look forward to their next fundraiser for this very worthy cause.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Sept. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 13 – Special meeting at 6 p.m. of the Belleville City Council to consider joining an intergovernmental lawsuit against Republic/Wayne Disposal with Canton and Van Buren townships on transport and disposal of hazardous material at Wayne Disposal.
- Monday, Sept. 16 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township

- Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. BHS
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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To the editor:

Open Arms Lutheran Church fills backpacks of food every weekend for students in need at Tyler Elementary School. Many students are from low-income families. These students rely on the free breakfasts and lunches they receive during the week; however, they have very little to no food on the weekends.

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Obituaries

JANICE LILLIAN PARKER

(October 15, 1976 - September 2, 2024)
Janice Lillian Parker, age 47, longtime New Boston resident, passed away Monday, September 2, 2024 in her home. She was born October 15, 1976 in Wayne, MI, daughter of Gary Von (dec.) and Barbara Dawn (Allstead) Parker.

Janice is survived by her 2 beloved sons, Dustin Shukait and Brendon Shukait; mother Barbara; sisters Sherri Doute (Jerry), Lavonda Whitman (Brent), Crystal Parker (Kimberly Murphy); as well as numerous cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Gary, and sister Angela Parker.

Services will be held September 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Lighthouse Church, 870 Savage Rd., Belleville, MI with luncheon immediately following. Pastor Robert Lafferty will officiate. Any contributions to help with expenses can be made to sons Dustin or Brendon, or their father Victor Shukait. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers in this time of mourning and sorrow.

JERRY L. MASON

(August 5, 1943 – August 31, 2024)
Age 81, of Higgins Lake. BHS class of 1961. Survived by wife Naomi, sons Duane and Gregory, sister Patti Bies, Howard Smallwood. Services Sept. 7 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

BHS 65th Class Reunion set for Sept. 27 at Johnny's on the Lake

The Belleville High School Class of 1959 will hold its 65th class reunion on Friday, Sept. 27, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Johnny's on the Lake in Belleville.

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The BHS football game will follow at the high school with free seats reserved.

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Sharon Lorraine Neumann

SHARON LORRAINE NEUMANN

(April 1, 1945 – September 4, 2024)
Sharon Lorraine Neumann, age 79, of Willis, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at Memory Lane Assisted Living Center, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born on April 1, 1945, in Ypsilanti, MI, to Paul Clarence and Mildred Lorraine (Moore) Pace.

Sherry lived a life of service and kindness. To others through her work, to her children and grandchildren through her love and care, to Bob through her faithfulness throughout their 61-year marriage, to God through her faith, and to everyone she met along the way with her kind heart.

Before Alzheimer's disease took its toll, she served many years as an office manager for a foster care and adoption services agency where she nurtured and enriched the lives of children in the program. Sherry also shared her gifts as a leader, as a church financial secretary at Bethany Bible Church and in church youth programs where she led many children to the Lord. Sherry was a member of Bethany for many years and enjoyed singing and being part of their choir.

Sherry made friends wherever she went, always sharing her faith and offering encouragement to friends and strangers alike. She had a fantastic sense of humor and was very quick to make up a song or a joke to get a laugh. While raising her four kids she left no doubt in their minds that they were a priority while somehow keeping them grounded in humility and without a sense of entitlement. She was a great example of the perfect parent.

She loved spending time outdoors including boating, bicycling, horseback riding, and gardening. Traveling with Bob was something she enjoyed very much and together they visited all 50 states and the British Isles. Sherry loved animals and had an affinity for lighthouses, but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Sharon leaves behind her devoted husband of 61 years Robert Alan Neumann; their four children: Robert (Terry) Neumann of Plymouth, MI, Jeff (Crystal) Neumann, Mark (Melanie) Neumann, and Jennifer Neumann, all of Ypsilanti, MI; 9 grandchildren: Sarah (Heman) Paupiah, Lauren (Austin) Borders, Nick Neumann, Alex Neumann, Nicole Arangelos, Joshua Neumann, Megan Neumann, Virginia Kopp, and Keegan Kopp; 3 great-grandchildren: Isabella Arangelos, August Borders, and Kiana Paupiah; sister-in-law Libby Pace of Virginia; two nephews Greg Pace and Kevin Pace; a great-niece Anna Pace; also numerous extended family and many friends. Sherry was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Clarence "Sam" Pace.

A visitation was Sunday, September 8, 2024, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were Monday, September 9, 2024, at Bethany Bible Church, 810 East Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, with an hour of visitation prior to services. Pastor Seth Westmoreland officiated. Interment followed in Parkview Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI.

Van Buren School Board welcomes student board member Ivonna Goff

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ivonna Goff, president of the Belleville High School Class of 2025 and president of the student council, spoke to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education from her seat at the board table as student board member at Monday's regular meeting.



Ivonna Goff

Ivonna said she also is part of the Michigan Association of School Boards' board of delegates and just got back from Lansing. She said she is intent on leadership and instigating change.

Ivonna told of changes she is working on at the high school, including the Fusion class which features lessons in Spanish and French for 10 weeks to give them a taste of each before the students decide which language they wish to learn in depth.

Ivonna also is a member of the student advisory committee to School Supt. Pete Kudlak. She announced BHS Homecoming dance is Oct. 12 and Sept. 13 is the deadline for nominations for Homecoming King and Queen, which will be based on accomplishments, not be a popularity contest.

She said the new Cosmetology class is an outstanding hit at the high school, even though it is a two-hour block.

She spoke of other changes she would like to see in the district, such as the advanced AP class always filling up with students from Keystone Charter Academy and from Savage Elementary School, where the Gifted and Talented classes are held, but not from the other schools. She said she hopes to see that improved.

At the conclusion of her remarks, the school board and those in the audience applauded.

Board president Amy Pearce told Ivonna that she hopes Ivonna goes into education for her career since her enthusiasm and ideas are needed.

Also during Monday's one-hour-40-minute meeting, the school board:

- Discussed the newly required mid-year evaluation of Supt. Kudlak. The board recently had attended three hours of training with the Michigan Association of School Board's trainer to learn the new procedure. Supt. Kudlak spoke on the district's five-year strategic plan and where they were. The new law went into effect on July 1 and the board will do the mid-year review in June next year. The regular evaluation of the superintendent is in December each year;

- Reviewed 110 board policy updates on 200 pages recommended by Thrun law firm. President Pearce said the policy committee met the previous Friday and she presented a summary of the changes from her 14 pages of notes. The updates will be brought back to the board for a vote at its next meeting;

- Approved the annual sixth-grade science camp Nov. 4-7 at YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton. There will be about 180 sixth-grade Owen Intermediate students and grade counselors from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Cost to students is \$225 each, and a fund raiser was available. Teacher sponsors are Jennifer Bias and Justin Bogrow;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Savannah Turner of Belleville High School after two years of service as of Aug. 19; teacher Brittany Stanko of the Early Childhood Development Center after two years of service as of Aug. 20; and Anthony Munoz of McBride Middle School after 19 years of service as of Aug. 16;

- Approved hiring the following instructional employees as of Aug. 28: Christina Braden, ECC, Great Start Readiness Program lead teacher; Aubrey Banning, ECC GSRP teacher; Haylee Dagnillo, ECC preschool lead teacher; Marshal Barker, BHS CI teacher;

- Approved hiring Lauren Trejo as Edgemont Elementary speech pathologist and Kaitlynn Brown as third-grade teacher at Tyler Elementary School, both as of Sept. 4;

- Approved the termination of Aaron McQuade from the transportation department after less than a year as of Aug. 22 and the resignation of William Cornell from the tech department after less than a

year as of Aug. 26;

- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Sydney Rosenblum for BHS student success coach as of Aug. 28; Martez Freeman as a school bus driver as of Aug. 26; VaLexus Woodard-Rumbley for BHS food service as of Sept. 3; Jay Rupnow for IT Tech in the tech department as of Sept. 3; Fidelia Johnson as a school bus driver and Brenda Chance as a bus aide, both as of Sept. 3; Lauren Rainey-Borgdorff as BHS attendance liaison and Judy Frentner as BHS student support specialist, both as of Aug. 28; and Aleisa Pitt as ECC Strong Beginnings Family Liaison as of Aug. 29. Kudlak explained that Pitt, who just retired as Tyler principal, is filling in for a year for a teacher who is on maternity leave, and then she will retire again;

- Heard Financial Director Priya Nayak report that the auditors collected data last week and will report to the board in the second week of October. She said the district got \$65,000 additional COVID money and was given a week to spend it, so they spent it on summer school. The actual amount of money from the state this year won't be known until the end of the year, she said. Also, she said since the district got the grant for the electric buses, they will have them in a couple of months;

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore say the district now has five buildings with new administrators and the principal at Edgemont, who has been there for five years, has the most experience. He said the change in evaluation rules for the superintendent also reflects changes in

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City Council agrees to go back to monthly utility billings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council approved going back to monthly utility billing at its regular meeting Sept. 3.

The billings also will include a monthly newsletter to go out with information on leaf collection program, leaf repairs, and other projects.

City manager Jason Smith said the last city manager instituted a bimonthly billing, but for those living paycheck to paycheck it is difficult, so he recommends the monthly billing.

KCI does the city's utility billing and it gave a quote on an 8.5"x11" piece of paper. Councilwoman Julie Kissel has volunteered to edit the newsletter. Smith said he would write it.

The KCI quote was for processing the newsletter by folding it and putting it in the envelope for \$573.77 and adding postage of \$600, which is what the city pays now for postage. It does not have a bulk mail designation. The cost of billings now is paid out of the water/sewer department budget.

Smith said they should wait until they have all the new meters installed before beginning and that would be about the first of January. A fall newsletter would announce leaf pickup.

KCI's quote was approved by the council. Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates was absent and excused from the meeting.

In other business at the one-hour-five-minute meeting, the council:

- Held a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks Plan Refresh without comment. City manager Jason Smith said there was no public input in the 30 days it was out for review. He said it will be sent to the DNR and the city will qualify for park grants;

- Voted to hold a joint meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2, between the city council, planning commission, and Downtown Development Authority to discuss the master plan;

- Approved in a consent-agenda vote, a Pop-Up Market sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 in the Fourth Street Square. This would include some 12 to 15 vendors and farmers that also go to the farmers market, to enhance the Third

Thursday special shopping evening. Just two stores now participate in the Third Thursday event;

- Approved in a consent-agenda vote, the Egan's Pub annual Witches Ball from 7 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 18 on the Fourth Street Square under a tent. About 150 costumed women are expected to attend to celebrate Halloween and raise money for Guiding Harbor;

- Approved on a consent-agenda vote Egan's Pub annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration from noon to 10 p.m. on March 17, 2025 at the Fourth Street Square where a tent will be erected. About 400 to 500 people are expected throughout the day;

- Took no action on a proposal to repair the rear city hall parking lot where police officers park. The area is prone to flooding, has dips, and fall hazards, Smith said. Smith presented a repair quote from CB Asphalt Paving for grading and putting gravel on the area for \$6,500 and for grading and then asphalt for \$17,500. Mayor Voigt said he doesn't know how long it will be before they leave city hall, so paving isn't a good option. He said he would like to try doing the repair work in house, reminding Smith that anything over \$5,000 requires a sealed bid. Smith will look into options;

- Tabled to the next meeting a proposal to install a whole-house generator for the fire department. They had received three quotes: \$29,925 from Preventive Maintenance, \$42,344 from Allied Building Services, and \$20,016 from AAA Service Network, plus a gas meter upgrade from DTE, which is about \$200. Mayor Voigt said before they make a decision he would like to have the whole cost, plus the DTE part. He said he can't believe the fire department has not had a generator for so long. He said they have a fire call and electricity is out, they would have to pull out the generator, start it and to open the door to go on a run;

- Approved accounts payable and departmental expenditures more than \$500, including to Advanced Underground Inspection of \$4,218.75 for sewer inspection and cleaning at Church and Third Street and \$5,500.95 for sewer cleaning and TV in Victoria Commons; and to Williams Emergency Vehicles, \$15,459.19 for outfitting 2024 police department Tahoe

vehicle #225;

- Heard Darlene Slupski, secretary of the Senior Co-Op on Sumpter Road tell of their problem with the lot next door to the co-op owned by Davenport Brothers Construction that had weeds, equipment, bricks, piles of gravel. She said it took three calls to the police department before the lot was mowed. She said they have fears of mice, rats, snakes, and allergies. She presented a petition signed at their meeting asking the

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evaluations of other employees. He said the Return to Learn law has been repealed;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say the legislators think they are helping the schools when they make decisions and the schools buy the books they are supposed to have and then the legislators are gone after two years and the districts start over. He would like them to ask the professionals and students what is needed, not the legislators. Kudlak said what the schools need is "less Lansing";

- Heard Kudlak note that students K-8 need a parent with them to attend a football game and the students will not be able to just be dropped off like in the past. High school students from any school wishing to attend the football game need to show their student ID, he said. Goff said since tickets are now available online, students' whole ID is brought up at the gate when they are checked in; and

- Heard board member Calvin Hawkins say his heart goes out to Georgia in the wake of the school shooting. He said when he was young, the students did tornado drills and went to the corner of the room. Now, he said, they do active shooter drills. He said academics are important, but keeping the students and staff safe is most important. He said the district has cameras and special doors. He said he would be fine with spending \$2 million to put an entrance in, so everybody is safe. Treasurer Simone Pinter said, "I'm all in favor of metal detectors."

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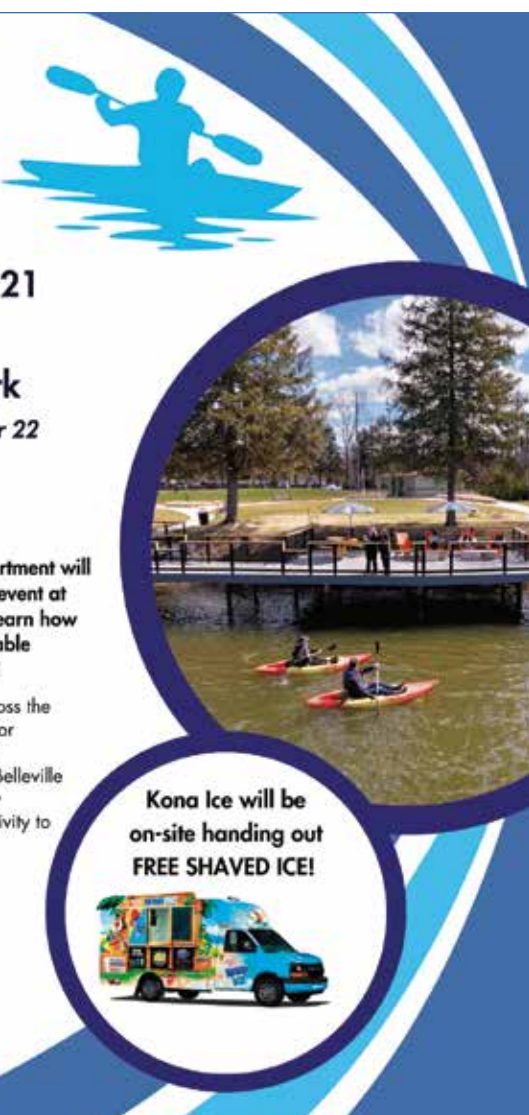
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city to help. City manager Jason Smith said this situation is on the city's radar. He said Davenport's permit to build at that site has now expired and now they have to start over. She was told to give the petition to the city manager;

• Heard Chuck Johnson, who was present with his wife Angie, ask for information on the radioactive waste coming to the hazardous landfill. Mayor Voigt advised them to attend the town hall at Wayne County Community College the next day to get the details. He said he didn't want to tell them anything that might not be exactly accurate since the landfill isn't in the city. [The Johnsons had tried to attend a regular Van Buren Township meeting earlier in the day, but found once they got there that it had been cancelled due to lack of an agenda. The Johnsons were leaving on vacation before the WCCC town hall and hoped the city could explain the situation.];

• Heard Carol Caldwell of Harbour Pointe Drive ask why her roadway is not being paved at the subdivision because she has huge holes and rocks thrown into her yard. Mayor Voigt said the city can't afford to do more than the horseshoe streets planned. City manager Smith said they got a grant for \$175,000 and will clean out the street funds available. The total project would be \$750,000. Mayor Voigt said all streets in the city are in bad condition because they have been let go year after year. He said her subdivision is the worst and the city's engineer said the horseshoe is the worst. Caldwell said the engineer needs to be fired. Mayor Voigt said they are trying to do it without raising taxes and there are other

streets they are targeting. He asked her to give the city manager her address and the city will address her hole;

• Heard city manager Smith report the Harbour Pointe work will be done by October. He said they will work on one lane at a time to allow access and cure time is five days. Trash carts have been delivered to all of Belle Villa and Priority Waste will pick up empty containers on Sept. 9. He said the alley from Wabash to Henry was torn up today in order to grade it and gravel it and asphalt or pave it with asphalt or cement with leftovers from the other street work. Sidewalk work has started and they are looking at trees. He said he and the mayor will be at the Michigan Municipal League conference on Mackinac Island Sept. 11-13;

• Heard councilman Randy Priest report he was out walking his dog and he almost fell on his face because of a sidewalk that was greatly uneven;

• Heard councilwoman Kissel say the Fourth Street Square clock needs to be fixed. Assistant city manager Steve Jones said he will find out how to fix it. The controls are in the base of the clock, he said. Kissel also said in her volunteer work at city hall, she has found blueprints that the city no longer needs to retain and she will work at giving them back to the homeowners;

• Heard Mayor Voigt say he is encouraged about the city's new newsletter because the city is not communicating well with its people. He said they will use social media, website, and newsletter as well as the newspaper. He said he has had nothing but good experience with the kids at the high school and "The Dance Team is very cool." He said the Veteran Banners will be going up and those interested can submit applications to the city's treasurer's office to apply for a banner.

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Dan Power

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previous July to take a job in Ypsilanti. Power had a base pay of \$73,000 and worked under Director of Public Services Matthew Best.

Power received the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification in 2018. He earned a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Michigan in 2012 and a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in 2008, with majors in environmental studies, policy and geography, and land use and environmental

analysis.

He worked for Spicer Group in Saginaw as a community planner and was an environmental services assistant for The Greening of Detroit for a year. He had computer skills that include GIS, AutoCAD, ArcMap 10, Sketchup, Access, Excel, Adobe Creative Suite, and PowerPoint. He also had done grant writing.

At the township board's Dec. 17, 2019 meeting, Power said he and his wife are from this area and spent time in Van Buren Township and Belleville growing up. He said he started moving their things to this area the previous month, carload by carload.




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Court Watching

Devin Michael Beach

Devin Michael Beach, 27, of Sumpter Township was scheduled for three preliminary examinations on Aug. 14 for charges from Sumpter and Van Buren Township.

Notice of the exams was sent to the Wayne County Jail saying he must be present. Defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt of Neighborhood Defender Service failed to appear, so the three exams were rescheduled for Oct. 30.

Case 23-0732 contains charges of possession of methamphetamine, open container, and carrying a concealed weapon on Jan. 2, 2023 in Sumpter Township.

Case 24-0436 contains possession of methamphetamine and driving while license suspended on May 6, 2023 in Sumpter Township.

Case 24-0125 contains possession of methamphetamine, carrying a concealed weapon, and weapons on Feb. 21, 2024 in Van Buren Township.

Personal bond is \$5,000.

Bryson Daniul McKeever

Bryson Daniul McKeever, 27, of Springfield, OH, was video-arraigned in custody on June 5, 2023 by Judge Martin

on charges of domestic violence and malicious destruction of personal property on June 3, 2023 in Van Buren Township. His in-person court hearing before Judge Oakley was set for June 13, 2023 and bond is \$5,000/10%. He did not appear and so a warrant was issued for his arrest. A show-cause hearing was set for July 19, 2023 and he failed to appear. On July 24, 2023 a bench warrant was signed. On Aug. 9, 2023 bond was forfeited.

Phillip Shawn Barnhart

Phillip Shawn Barnhart, 55, of Sumpter Township was arraigned on a bench warrant by video while in custody June 6 by Judge Martin on charges of operating while intoxicated-3 and driving while license suspended on Jan. 10, 2023 in Van Buren Township. The probable cause conference was set for June 14, 2023 and then adjourned until July 12, 2023. A live exam was set for July 19, 2023. Personal bond was \$5,000.

On July 19, 2023 he pled guilty to a reduced charge of driving while intoxicated-2 and the DWLS charge was dismissed. The plea relies on him completing his outpatient substance-abuse treatment. No jail time will be required. Judge Green turned the case over to the probation department for other sentence recommendations. He failed

to appear for sentencing on Oct. 10, 2023 and a bench warrant was issued.

Willie Earl McCorkle, Jr.

Willie Earl McCorkle, Jr., 36, of Saline, was arraigned by Magistrate Al Hindman on June 7 on bench warrants on three charges for driving without a valid license.

It was on July 10, 2022 and Sept. 14, 2022 in Sumpter Township and on April 13, 2022 in Huron Township.

He was scheduled for a remote pre-trial by zoom on July 13, 2022 for all three cases, but he failed to appear. Personal bonds were set for \$3,000 each on the Sumpter cases and \$2,000/10% bond was set for the Huron Township offense. A warrant was signed for his arrest.

Michael Ryan Stanley

Michael Ryan Stanley, 41, of Ecorse, failed to appear June 14, 2023 for his remote arraignment/pretrial and so a bench warrant was issued and the case was set for a show-cause hearing on July 19. He again failed to appear. He is charged with license forgery/alteration and driving while license suspended in the city of Belleville on Oct. 14, 2018. On Aug. 9 his \$5,000/10% bond was forfeited and \$500 paid on his fine. The warrant continues.

Derrek Dewayne Mitchell

Derrek Dewayne Mitchell, 23, of Ypsilanti was charged with a registration / plate violation, driving while license suspended, and operation of a motor vehicle without security on June 1, 2023 in the city of Belleville. His arraignment / pretrial was set for June 28, 2023 but he did not appear. A default judgment was generated and a penalty added for the registration/plate violation. He was scheduled for an Aug. 9, 2023 show-cause hearing for failure to appear for the DWLS and security offenses. On Aug. 9 he failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

On Nov. 1, 2023 he was scheduled for a bench warrant arraignment, but it was removed from the calendar because he was sent to the hospital for medical reasons while in custody with the Belleville P.D. A bench warrant was issued for failure to appear.

A remote arraignment/pretrial was set for Dec. 6, 2023 and then adjourned until Jan. 10, 2024. Bond was set at \$3,000 personal. Another warrant on a failure to appear was lifted and a show cause hearing was to be held. Notice came from the post office that it was unable to deliver the court notice. A bench warrant was issued on Jan. 26.

Stanley V. Perkins

Stanley V. Perkins, 30, of the city of Belleville, was arraigned July 7, 2023 while in custody at the Romulus Police Department. He is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), child abuse-4th degree, and domestic violence. Judge Martin set a bond of \$10,000/10% and he is to have no contact with the victim. The probable cause conference was set for July 19, 2023.

On July 19, 2023 he was in court by zoom from the Wayne County Jail and the preliminary exam was set for Aug. 23, but at that time he waved his exam and his

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 **City of Belleville Public Notice** 

**City of Belleville
PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

The Belleville City Council, Planning Commission, and DDA will hold a Special Joint Meeting on Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 6 Main Street. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the new Master Plan timeline.

Jason Smith, MPA, City Manager
Posted: September 10, 2024
Published: September 12, 2024




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PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Belleville City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 6 Main Street. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss litigation regarding the transport and disposal of hazardous material at Wayne Disposal..

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Court Watching

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case was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 6 arraignment on the information. His defense attorney Thomasine Jefferson had asked Judge Green for personal bond and a GPS tether and the judge granted the request. The attorney said he has been employed two weeks and his job is being saved for him, his girlfriend is pregnant and will deliver Sept. 11, and there are no other cases pending against him.

The Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor said the charge is felonious assault with a motor vehicle and child abuse 4 because a child was in the car he used to try to ram the victim his ex or estranged wife.

A calendar conference was set for Oct. 23, 2023 and then adjourned to Nov. 15, 2023. Final conference was Jan. 25, 2024 then adjourned to Jan. 30, 2024. A pretrial was set for March 11 and a bench trial on April 1.

The bench trial was canceled when the defendant pled guilty to domestic violence and the two other charges were dismissed.

On April 19 he was sentenced to fees of \$1,528 or 150 hours of community service in lieu of fees, along with one year of probation.

Tatyana Victoriya Fitzgerald

Tatyana Victoriya Fitzgerald of Detroit, was video-arraigned by Magistrate Hindman while in custody at the Van Buren Township Police Department on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper on July 19, 2023. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and her pretrial scheduled for Aug. 3, 2023. At that time, arraignment/pretrial was set for Sept. 7, 2023 and then adjourned to Oct. 5, 2023 and a notice to appear was generated and was to be hand-served by the defendant's attorney.

A remote show-cause/pretrial was set for Dec. 7, 2023. She failed to appear so a bench warrant was ordered.

Zachariah Allan Hruska-Dennis

Zachariah Allan Hruska-Dennis of Ypsilanti was charged with breaking and entering a vehicle to steal property more than \$200 on June 17, 2023 in Van Buren Township. He was scheduled for a remote arraignment/pre-trial appearance by zoom on July 26, 2023 but did not appear. A show

cause hearing was set for Aug. 30, 2023 but he failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued.

Eric Anthony Toncevich

Eric Anthony Toncevich, 47, of Sumpter Township was arraigned Aug. 4, 2023 by Judge Oakley on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle on Aug. 3, 2023 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$10,000 and his probable cause conference scheduled for Aug. 16, 2023 and then adjourned to Aug. 30, 2023 but the information on the new date was unable to be delivered per the post office. On Sept. 7, 2023 a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Essex Fail

Essex Fail, 83, of Van Buren Township petitioned the court to set aside a 2009 conviction of domestic violence from a 2001 arrest. There have been no convictions since then and he had a letter from the attorney general supporting the set aside. His attorney Michael Parish asked for the conviction to be set aside so his client can get on with his life. Judge Martin granted the motion to set aside the conviction.

Dennis Austin Thick

Dennis Austin Thick, 53, of Belleville had a pretrial on Aug. 9 for charges of stalking and disturbing the peace on July 28, 2023 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned July 31 and personal bond was \$10,000. He was not to be released without a GPS tether and must not return to 9800 Belleville Rd. or an address on Peninsular. A remote pretrial was set for Aug. 23 and then a remote arraignment for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 30 he was present for video arraignment and probable cause conference while in custody at the Van Buren Police Department for four more sets of charges, totaling ten different infractions on Aug. 20 and 21 in Van Buren Township and two in Sumpter Township on Aug. 20 all involving fleeing from police, police officer assault and reckless driving. A preliminary exam was set for Oct. 11 and cash bond at \$500,000.

On Oct. 11, pretrials by zoom were set for Nov. 1 for the misdemeanors and he waived his preliminary exams on three batches of felonies and was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 18 arraignment on the information. The defendant can be released

on personal recognizance bond if he goes directly to treatment. Calendar conference was set for Oct. 27. Final conference was Nov. 10 and pretrial was Dec. 4.

For his remote pretrials on malicious destruction of property, stalking and disturbing the peace he was present and the remote pretrials were adjourned to Nov. 11 and then Nov. 15 to try and follow the felony trials in circuit court. Remote pretrials were set for Dec. 6. At that time one more adjournment was set until Jan. 17, 2024 after the Jan. 12 circuit court cases hopefully will have a global plea deal including these.

On Jan. 17, his attorney said his client was supposed to be in a globally settled group of cases. He's in Veteran Defenders Court and his attorney asked for adjournment to check on the status. The zoom pretrial was adjourned to Feb. 7 when he pled guilty to a reduced charge of jostling (instead of stalking) and to disorderly disturbance. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for time served. He pled guilty to malicious destruction to the building and was fined \$550.

In circuit court he pled guilty to the Aug. 20 charges of fleeing and assaulting a police officer in one group of charges and the reckless driving was dismissed. Sentencing was Feb. 21 and the charges were dismissed. A pretrial also was set for Feb. 21 on the charges of fleeing and assaulting a police officer and reckless driving on Aug. 20 and those charges were dismissed.

Scott Joseph Tupacz

Scotty Joseph Tupacz, 39, of Milan, was scheduled for his arraignment/probable cause conference on Aug. 9 on charges of police officer assault, fleeing and eluding

a police officer, and operating while intoxicated on Dec. 29, 2022 in Sumpter Township. The charge was filed May 22, 2023 and the warrant was entered into LEIN on May 24. On Aug. 9 he was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Sept. 6. That was adjourned until Oct. 11. Personal bond was \$1,000.

On Oct. 11, he pled guilty to a reduced charge of police officer-assault and operating while intoxicated. The fleeing/eluding charge was dismissed. The case was sent to the probation department for a recommendation on future sentencing. But he failed to submit completed paperwork as required and a show-cause hearing was set for Dec. 18. He was given a notice to appear at the probation counter.

Paperwork was completed and sentencing was set for Feb. 26, 2024. He was sentenced to 12 months of probation and a fine of \$545 for police officer assault, operating while intoxicated a fine of \$1,425, 30 days on the alcohol monitor, shall not consume alcohol or controlled substances without the judge's approval, be subject to random tests, and obtain a substance abuse assessment within 30 days.

Martin Dean Fields

Martin Dean Fields, 51, of Van Buren Township was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree (against person under 13) on July 27 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned July 28 and his probable cause conference was held on Aug. 9 by zoom from the Wayne County Jail. Bond had been \$5,000/10%. On Aug. 9, Judge Oakley set the live preliminary exam for Aug. 16 and changed the bond to \$5,000 personal recognizance with a GPS tether for location.

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Belleville High School Band Review set at 6:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 18

The Belleville Band Boosters are once again hosting the Half-Time Band Review program on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Belleville High School Athletic Field.

Performers at the 30th-annual event include the marching bands from Berkley, Woodhaven, Garden City, Crestwood, New Boston Huron, Monroe, Lincoln, and Belleville high schools as well as the Eastern Michigan University Marching Band.

Admission is \$6 per person with those ages 12 and under admitted for free. Gates open at 5:45 p.m., and performances begin at 6:30 p.m.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Sept. 12** – Boys JV Soccer vs. Churchill HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Churchill HS, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Friday, Sept. 13** – Varsity Football vs. Churchill HS, 7 p.m.
 - **Monday, Sept. 16** – Boys JV Soccer vs. Lincoln HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Lincoln HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Lincoln HS, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, Sept. 17** – Girls Varsity Golf v.s. Wayne Memorial HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark GC; Boys & Girls Cross Country vs. Tri Meed 4 p.m. at Willow Metropark Chestnut Grove; JV Volleyball vs. Fordson HS, 5 p.m.; Freshman Volleyball vs. Fordson HS, 5 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs. Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.
- Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletics Secretary

Report Post Office problems to Dingell as part of public inquiry

U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell asks local residents who have delivery problems or other problems with the U.S. Postal Service to help her with a public inquiry into the service.

She invites businesses or individuals to fill out a form that she can use as part of her official inquiry. It includes a privacy release form.

The form is available on her website

at debbiedingell.house.gov or by calling (734) 481-1100 to have the form mailed.

Once you go to debbiedingell.house.gov hover your mouse over “Helping You” at the top of the page. When you hover, a dropdown list will appear. Click “Help with a Federal Agency.” Next, enter your Zip Code to confirm that you reside in Congresswoman Dingell’s district. Once you hit submit you will be taken to

a page listing all the federal agencies. For anything related to the post office select “Postal Service.” After that, complete a privacy release form either digitally or by printing and submitting it through the mail or in person.

Dingell’s Aide Haile Brown said their office can also guide someone through the process if they call.

Dept. of Education releases M-STEP test scores on reading, math

On Aug. 28, the Michigan Department of Education released the results of the 2024 Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress taken last spring.

The M-STEP test results showed that only 39.6% of Michigan third-graders passed the state’s English language arts (ELA) test, the lowest score for the last 10 years.

The number was 40.9% in 2023, 41.6% in 2022, and 42.8% in 2021, according to test data.

The pre-pandemic level in 2019 showed that 45% of third graders scored proficient or higher in reading on the test.

Grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 were tested in english and math, while grades 5, 8 and 11 were also tested in science and social studies.

Local reading results showed:

Van Buren Public Schools

Third grade ELA, % met:

- Edgemont Elementary – 19.70
- Rawsonville Elementary – 19.00
- Savage Elementary – 52.70
- Tyler Elementary – 32.10

(30.20% average for all buildings)

Fifth grade ELA, % met:

- Owen Intermediate – 32.30

Eighth grade math, % met:

- McBride Middle – 21.00

Keystone Academy

- Third grade ELA, % met – 48.80
- Fifth grade ELA, % met – 77.80
- Eighth grade math, % met – 50.00

Statewide tests showed slight increases in math scores.

Grade 8 students take the PSAT for grades 8/9 for math and ELA, while students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 take the M-STEP. Grade 11 students take the SAT for math and ELA.

Michigan students took the 2024 M-STEP, PSAT, and SAT assessments in the spring. The PSAT and SAT both transitioned from a paper and pencil test to a new online test design last spring.

It’s ‘Helpful Hints’ day on Sept. 14 for the Western Wayne Quilters

The Western Wayne County Quilt Guild will hold a “Helpful Hints” day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Cozadd Room of the Belleville Area District Library.

A few members will show a hint to help people with quilting.

Court Watching

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On Aug. 16, the preliminary exam was held by Judge Oakley and Fields was bound over to circuit court for an Aug. 30 arraignment on the information. Calendar conference was Sept. 15 adjourned to Sept. 22. Final conference was Nov. 17. Pretrial was set for Jan. 26 and a jury trial for April 22. But then, a plea of guilty to a new count of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree (with variables) was accepted on Jan. 26 and the two original charges dismissed. The jury trial was canceled. On Feb. 20, he was fined \$798 and sentenced to five years of probation. He also was placed on a Central Registry.

William Henry Trotter

William Henry Trotter, 52, of Trenton is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd in the city of Belleville on Oct. 9. On Aug. 9 his probable cause conference was adjourned until Aug. 23 to wait for a deviation letter. On that date his preliminary exam was set for Oct. 4. At that time he waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 18 arraignment

on the information. Calendar conference was set for Nov. 1 and at that time he pled guilty to OWI-3rd and the other charge was dismissed. On Jan. 11 he was sentenced to five days of jail and credited for time served, two years of probation, and fees totaling \$1,898.

Mackenzie Alexander Chandler

Mackenzie Alexander Chandler, 24, of Van Buren Township had his probable cause conference Aug. 9 on charges of breaking and entering of a building and larceny on July 29, 2023 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was adjourned to Aug. 23, 2023 and he failed to appear. A warrant was signed for his arrest.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Sept. 12** – It's Classic Movie Night at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library with "The Maltese Falcon." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Saturday, Sept. 14** – You're invited to Helpful Hints Day of the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cozadd Room of the Belleville Area District Library. A few members will show a hint to help you with quilting. Stop by.
- **Saturday, Sept. 14** – Chicken Dinner at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., from 5 to 7 p.m. (unless they run out before then). Broasted chicken and sides, \$15. Everyone welcome. (734) 941-3030. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18** – The 30th

annual Half-Time Band Review begins at the Belleville High School Athletic Field at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per persons, with those ages 12 and under admitted free. Performing bands are from Berkley, Woodhaven, Garden City, Crestwood, New Boston Huron, Monroe, Lincoln, and Belleville high schools, as well as the Eastern Michigan University Marching Band.

- **Saturday, Sept. 21** – All-Class Reunion at Belleville High School, beginning at 2 p.m. for tours with dinner at 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 21** – Faith Denton United Methodist Church invites you to a Paint in the Spirit event with a Christian artist from the Methodist Church. You paint what the spirit tells you to. Cost is \$25 for materials which will be provided by the artist. Register by Sept. 14 so supplies can be obtained. Call (734) 483-2276. The church is at 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Thursday, Sept. 26** – Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club invites

everyone to a Meet & Greet of candidates in the 2024 election at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township.

- **Friday, Sept. 27** – Tacos and Margaretas fund-raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. (unless they run out) at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post, 32970 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.
- **Saturday, Sept. 28** – Family Feud brought to you by the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Teams of six players, \$5 per player. Everyone welcome; must be 18 or older to play.
- **Sunday, Oct. 6** – Bethany Bible Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its daycare from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during church and its Fall Festival, with food, games, hayride, dunk tank.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at


Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For \$15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.

- **Saturday, Oct. 12** – Harvest Fest at the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Area Museum, and Fourth Street Place, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Tractor Parade on Main Street is at 11 a.m. and a Harvest Market, music, and nickel dig.
- **Saturday, Oct. 12** – Van Buren Township Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. to noon, at Fire Hall #2, 7981 Belleville Rd. Tickets: \$5. Menu includes pancakes, sausage links, and coffee, juice, or milk.
- **Sunday, Oct. 13** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/ seniors/children, and \$30 per family. www.ypsilantisymphony.org

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Categories

1. Families/Individuals	3. Adult Groups/Organizations
2. Youth Groups/Organizations	4. Businesses

Judging will take place on or before the **Harvest Fest** on October 12th.
Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on October 21, 2024

\$10 Entrance Fee

SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name _____

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I hereby agree to all the Scarecrow Contest rules. I also hereby release the Scarecrow Contest Committee and its employees, officers, and agents from all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants or their employees or agents.

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Your name - the way it will appear on your sign (limit 5 words)

All entry forms must be received by Monday, Sept 30
at Belleville City Hall 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111.
Applications may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall,
or emailed to sjones@belleville.mi.us


City of Belleville

SCARECROW CONTEST

INFORMATION AND RULES



- Scarecrow Contest Area will be Main Street (5 Points to Liberty). Placements will be determined by the Scarecrow Contest Committee. Entries in the "Business" category will be displayed as close to the Business as possible, based on the total number of entries and providing the business is in the Contest Area.
- Decorations may be purchased or made. Decorations made of cardboard or paper are discouraged. Items must be tied or wired securely to resist high winds, rain and vandalism. **YOUR SCARECROW MUST CONTAIN SOME VISABLE STRAW OR HAY.**
- No mechanical assistance, tiki torches or flammable objects may be used.
- DECORATIONS DESIGNED TO FEED WILDLIFE AND FOOD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
- Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand the weather. Scarecrows will not be accepted that reflect controversial, social or political situations. We reserve the right to refuse any scarecrow we deem inappropriate.
- The Scarecrow Contest committee and its affiliates are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
- You must bring your scarecrow to City Hall no later than Thursday, October 3 for display placement. Scarecrows received after that date will not be considered for judging.**
- Scarecrows must remain on display thru early November. Entries not picked up by November 8th will be discarded by the City.
- Judging will take place on or before October 12th.
- Scarecrow frames will be provided for participants. All entries must be on a City supplied frame. NO STRAW BALES ALLOWED.**
- Participant, Organization or Company's name will be displayed on the sign we provide. Please let that be the only commercialism. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with an entry.



Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 329 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 1:

0038 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
0107 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wheeler St./McKinley St.
1110 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1126 – follow up by officer, Castell Blvd.
1135 – welfare check, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River
1305 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
1436 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
1429 – missing person, Hull Rd.
1513 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sunrise Ln.
1650 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1823 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bak Rd.
1953 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1937 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2211 – vehicle lockout, Lighthouse Dr.
2036 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
2037 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
2104 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
2246 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Purple Sage Ct./Sage Cir.
2326 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2342 – 911 welfare check, Christina Ln.

Monday, Sept. 2:

0305 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0310 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0628 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0646 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
0921 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1031 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1126 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1244 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1338 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1358 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Venetian Ave.
1535 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave.
1647 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.
1853 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
2152 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
2334 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 3:

0034 – mental subject, Maude Ct.
0102 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0249 – family trouble, Maude Ct.
0319 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0416 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0456 – mental subject, Country Ln.
0703 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
0757 – follow up by officer, Holly Ln.
0818 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0834 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Jackson St.
0942 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd.
1008 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1054 – welfare check, Maude Ct.
1202 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bradley Dr.
1208 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1237 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1300 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1340 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.
1455 – traffic offense, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1531 – assist fire dept., Oak Blvd.
1552 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1608 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1636 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1643 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1723 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1818 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1834 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1838 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.

1905 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
2036 – property check, Elwell/tracks
2046 – animal complaint, Vernon St.
2116 – missing person, Maude Ct.
2301 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
2312 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lancaster Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 4:

0627 – animal complaint, Water's Edge
0847 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Sondra Dr.
0927 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Farm Rd.
0946 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0948 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1015 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1019 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1050 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1305 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1437 – intrusion alarm, Stonebridge Dr.
1738 – assist fire dept., Haggerty/I-94
2026 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2039 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.
2122 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson Ln.
2214 – intrusion alarm, Shagbark Ln.
2326 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 5:

0017 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0345 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0440 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
0626 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0731 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0809 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
0856 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1231 – animal complaint, Fret Rd.
1449 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1525 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1553 – fraud, Truman

1551 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Harmony Ln.
1551 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wilson Ave.
1551 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wilson Ave.
1552 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Lake Crest Dr.
1552 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1554 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Adams

1554 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Truman Ave.
1555 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Truman Ave.
1556 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Roosevelt
1556 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Country Ln.
1557 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, America
1558 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1558 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Denton Rd.
1558 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Denton Rd.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main/High

1607 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Van Born Rd.
1637 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1638 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
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1639 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1639 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Denton Rd.
1641 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,

S. I-94 Service Dr.
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1714 – welfare check, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1853 – civil matter, Lauren Ct.
1736 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1910 – animal complaint, Sylvia Dr./Rawsonville
1859 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1921 – parking complaint, Van Buren St.
2007 – civil matter, Sondra Dr.
2042 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
2114 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
2126 – vehicle lockout, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2308 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
2327 – domestic, Kahla Dr.

Friday, Sept. 6:

0003 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0950 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1030 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd./Jewell Ave.
1119 – personal injury accident, Van Born/Hannan
1218 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1230 – parking complaint, Van Buren St./Hayes
1235 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1306 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1442 – traffic offense, Edison Lake Rd.
1333 – civil matter, Hannan Rd./Van Born Rd.
1400 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1401 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1541 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1605 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1617 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1644 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.
1642 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.

1723 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1849 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1730 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1825 – PPO violation, Haggerty Rd.
1846 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
2022 – juvenile complaint, Park Estates Dr.
2201 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2243 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 7:

0045 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0150 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
0632 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0908 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
1052 – abandoned auto, Lancaster Dr.
1059 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
1114 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1215 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1254 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1546 – parking complaint, Fairfield Dr./Andover
1437 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1621 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1647 – welfare check, Purple Sage Ct.
1708 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1720 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1826 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.
1907 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2020 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.
2028 – warrant arrest, I-94/Huron
2042 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.
2109 – assist other dept., S. Cumberland Dr.
2152 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
2227 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake

Also, on this week's log are 132 traffic stops, 34 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 1:

1757 – civil matter, Main St.
2031 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

Monday, Sept. 2:

0345 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1410 – property check, Owen St.
1429 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1814 – disorderly, Main St.
1822 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1919 – civil matter, Carmell St.

Tuesday, Sept. 3:

xxxx – repossession, W. Columbia Ave.
0404 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
0950 – assist citizen, Main St.
1026 – larceny, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1031 – mental subject, Carmell St.
1202 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1206 – assist citizen, Angola St.
1434 – fraud, W. Thornhill Ct.
1551 – harassment call, Main St.
1745 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
1752 – parking complaint, Estrada

Wednesday, Sept. 4:

1131 – parking complaint, Edison Ave./High St.
1314 – welfare check, Main St.
1431 – road hazard, Main St./W. Columbia Ave.
2033 – welfare check, Henry St. Apt. 102

Thursday, Sept. 5:

0125 – property check, Owen St.
0843 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1009 – vehicle lockout, Fifth St./Main St.
1156 – private property/property damage accident, Loza Ln.
1337 – follow up by officer, Ash
1704 – private property/property damage accident, South St.
2120 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
2153 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.

Friday, Sept. 6:

0030 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1502 – property damage accident, South St.
1705 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
1754 – property damage accident, W. Wabash
1917 – traffic offense, Estrada/Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 7:

0211 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fourth St.
1330 – breaking & entering, N. Aberdeen Ct.
xxxx – parking complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1727 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fifth St.
2042 – missing person, Carmell St.

There are 96 reports on this week's log and 56 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 1:

0022 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0148 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0525 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
0651 – suspicious person, Edgewood Dr.
0659 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0844 – family trouble, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1020 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1057 – fire dept. assist, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1136 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
1206 – follow up investigation, 22000 bl. Sumpter
1315 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1320 – personal injury accident, Willis/Sherwood
1540 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
1739 – civil matter, Magnolia
2005 – mental health call, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2125 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
2215 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
2241 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
2345 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

Monday, Sept. 2:

0840 – alarm, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1011 – citizen assist, Birch Dr.
1116 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1126 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1510 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1512 – welfare check, Utah Ct.
1520 – noise complaint, Texas St.
1720 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1932 – civil matter, Kansas St.
1932 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2207 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

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2253 – juvenile matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 3:

0001 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0613 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1922 – alarm, Georgia St.
1224 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1425 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Arkona
1518 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1839 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1847 – follow-up investigation, Pecan St.
2205 – field contacts/special unit, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2304 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 4:

0159 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
0206 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1046 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
1428 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1520 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1745 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1851 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2010 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
2056 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2224 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
2247 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
2251 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
2256 – suspicious circumstance, Savage/Harris

Thursday, Sept. 5:

0020 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
0415 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0818 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
0846 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1011 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1041 – DB investigation, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1418 – assist citizen, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1723 – ORV complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1913 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2040 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
2058 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter

Rd.
2130 – noise complaint, Magnolia Dr.
2144 – assist medical, Rustic Ln.
2249 – suspicious vehicle, Delaware St.

Friday, Sept. 6:

0044 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0343 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0550 – personal injury accident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 7:

0053 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0259 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0659 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.
0900 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1120 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln. / Knollwood Dr.
1233 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1357 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1455 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1829 – fire dept. assist, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
1946 – fire dept. assist, Utah
2230 – noise complaint, California St./Nevada St.
2351 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

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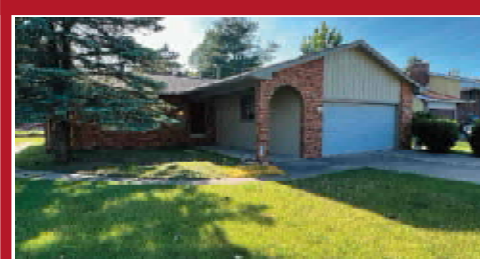
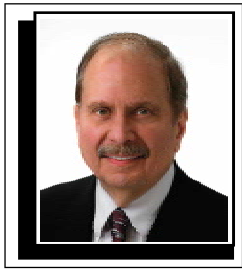
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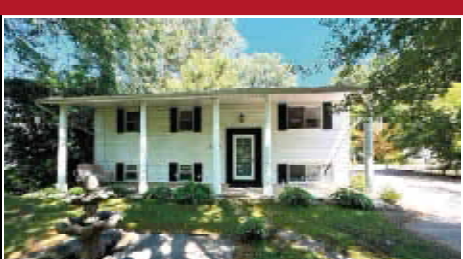
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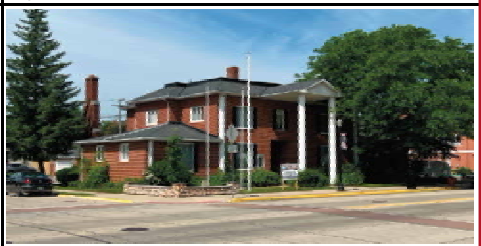
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