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Sumpter man shot in chest, cheek in his front yard on Reed Road

On Sunday, Sept. 7, at about 11 p.m., Sumpter Township Police responded to the 46000 block of Reed on the report of a shooting.



McBride

According to a posted media release, upon arrival, officers found the victim, a 40-year-old male resident, had been shot twice, once in the left upper chest, and a graze wound to the right cheek.

He was transported to the hospital by HVA.

The investigation revealed that the incident leading up to the shooting started at the Emagine Theater in Canton when the defendant, a 22-year-old male from Wayne, had contact with his ex-girlfriend and another man and began following them from the theater.

The media release said the suspect followed the two about 18 miles to the residence on Reed, at which point the victim, whom the couple had called to

notify him of what was occurring, exited the residence, telling the suspect to leave.

After a brief encounter, the suspect allegedly produced a handgun while seated in his vehicle and shot the victim, who was standing in his yard.

The suspect drove nearby to await officers' arrival and was subsequently taken into custody. The handgun believed to be used in the shooting was recovered.

The defendant, Dominic Michael McBride, was video-arraigned in custody on Sept. 10 in 34th District Court on the following charges approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office:

- Assault intent to murder;
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault); and
- Felony firearm.

His bond is set at \$500,000/10%.

A probable cause conference was set for Sept. 24 and a preliminary exam for Oct. 1.



Independent photo by James Otzman

Work has begun in reconstructing the Romulus Veteran's Memorial next to the 34th District Court. The memorial was taken down and stored more than seven years ago before construction began on the new courthouse. Recently workers began reinstalling the 502 bricks with veterans' names on them, plus the new bricks with names that have been sold recently. Romulus treasurer Stacy Paige said the original bricks are being replaced on the wall like they had been and then the sitting wall will be put in place. A large granite piece will be put on top of the wall with heavy machinery and then cement poured for a walkway and a flagpole installed. Once everything is in place, a special event will be scheduled later this year to celebrate the memorial, treasurer Paige said.

Cooper C. Mears named Semifinalist for National Merit Scholarship

Cooper C. Mears, the son of Angela and Todd Mears of Van Buren Township and a senior at Belleville High School, has been named a Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Cooper currently is ranked first out of 394 in his class with a cumulative grade point average of 4.759, with



Cooper C. Mears

4.00 being the top score. He has completed 9 AP (advanced placement) courses through the 11th grade and achieved two 4s and seven 5s on the AP examinations, with 5 being the maximum score. He has been recognized by the College Board with

an AP Scholarship with Honors Award, an AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and a School Recognition Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Cooper participates in Chess Club, is the vice president of National Honor Society, is a squad leader in Marching Band, is first-chair flute and piccolo in Symphony Band, and is a member of the Science Olympiad and Robotics teams.

Cooper is also a member of the Civic Philharmonic Orchestra in the Civic Youth Ensemble through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra organization for the 2025-2026 season.

In his free time, he enjoys baking for his friends, family and teachers. Cooper plans on attending the University of Michigan in

Ann Arbor but is undecided on his major.

Two years ago, Cooper's brother, Parker J. Mears, also was named a Semifinalist, along with Thomas K. Okubo, both of BHS.

On Sept. 9, officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced Cooper's name along with more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st-annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring.

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Alumni reunion joins Belleville High School tailgate



Edna Caswell Ford, BHS class of 1963, brought a friend to the alumni event on Friday.



Members of the earliest Belleville High School classes attending Saturday's alumni tailgate party at the BHS cafeteria posed for a picture. From left are Hugh McArthur, Valeria Haft Jones, and Rosemary Kuchta Otzman, all class of 1954; and Theresa Polzin Schalm, class of 1950. The atrium part of the cafeteria was reserved for the alumni and the rest of the room was for the BHS students and the Marching Band. Many of those attending the tailgate went on to the football field to cheer on the home team as it defeated Stevenson High School, 39-7.



Sharon and Richard Pokerwinski took part in Friday's BHS alumni tailgate event.



Mary Rose Korgal, BHS class of 1964, was at Friday's party.

Photo courtesy of Leonard Silvenis

OPINIONS

Editorial:

Violence has no place in politics

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

The assassination of Charlie Kirk has shocked the nation.

Kirk spoke his mind everywhere he went and he had discussions about topics that other people shy away from because of the sensitive nature.

And he was shot for it.

Every American has the right to his opinion. That's part of what made this country great. I can have an opinion that is not shared by someone else. Big Deal. We should shake hands and let it go at that.

In the government today we see the ugliness all the time. That's why we have government shut-downs. You are wrong and if I don't get what I want I will shut it down instead of trying to find common ground to get the work done.

When did we get this way? Have we always been this way?

Republicans and democrats alike used to oppose each other all the time. But they got it done without harming each other.

Charlie Kirk should still be alive today. All because of some nut who could not function in society he is gone.

Violence has no place in politics. Violence has no place in our schools. Violence has no place in society. Violence has no place anywhere.

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THINGS I'M THINKING ABOUT

...By Paul W. Henning

Last issue in the school board meeting story I reported that Reg Ion spoke to the board about an issue he has been waiting for four years to get resolved.

He has requested a copy of the signed affidavit for the refreshment machines in the BHS cafeteria. He said that four years ago his grandson was robbed at a vending machine that should have been off during passing time. He wants to see the affidavit.

President Amy Pierce promised she would provide it for him.

He came into the Independent last week to give us an update. President Pierce was not the one who called him back about the problem, but it was Superintendent Pete Kudlak.

Ion said that he already had several conversations about the vending machines with Kudlak. Ion was always stone walled, given someone else to contact, or plain ignored in the past. That was the outcome this time as well.

The subject was not resolved, and Ion will have to wait a little longer for his affidavit.

Rev. Billy Hailes is promoting a community garden with Messiah Lutheran Church and Belleville Presbyterian Church. Their goal is to fight food insecurity in the community by giving back, to the community, what they grow.

"We started last year and finally planted this year," said Hailes. "Already we have been able to help people in the community with vegetables."

They need volunteers to help with the garden. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rev. Hailes at (734) 740-4230.

For more information go to Messiah's



Community Garden on Facebook. Also at www.messiah48111.com or www.messiahcenterforhope.com

The WB I-94 rest area, just west of Belleville Road, in Wayne County is CLOSED for approximately two weeks for maintenance. The building and parking lot will both be closed during that time.

The City of Belleville will be commencing the road project for High Street this coming Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 a.m. High St. from Church to W. Columbia will be shut down to complete the road repairs.

During the milling process, the road will be closed to all through traffic, but residents on High Street and Brain Avenue will have limited access.

The entire paving project should be complete within three to four days, weather-permitting.

Kathy Hiner, an art teacher with Van Buren Public Schools, recently took an inspiring art vacation to deepen her craft. She traveled to Clos Mirabel, a renowned art retreat in France, to study under the guidance of acclaimed watercolor artist Wendy Artin.

The workshop brought together 18 students from the U.S., Canada, France, and Italy, all eager to learn and grow in their artistic abilities. Hiner's dedication to improving her own skills highlights her commitment to her students—bringing back not only new techniques but also fresh inspiration to share in her classroom. It's always encouraging to see educators invest in their own growth, knowing that their students will benefit from the experience.

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Letters

When talking stops, violence happens

To the editor:

My heart hurts. Not just because a young man lost his life on Sept. 10, 2025 but because there are people out there mocking it. A person that just wanted to educate the youth and have an open conversation. Assassinated in front of his family, friends and so many supporters.

Charlie Kirk knew that every time he held an event or a debate there was a chance that something could go wrong. He said, "Before stepping out on stage I say a prayer. 'God, use me for your will' ". Charlie wanted to spread a message to not just educate yourself on political matters but to get to know God. Charlie was once asked what he wanted to be known for in his death. His response, "My courage for my Faith." After his assassination it seems that message has gotten through. I have heard people saying that they have not been to church in 10, 15, even 25 years, yet they will be attending service this week.

How have we become this divided? One side celebrating a death while the other side grieves? "You can tell a lot about a person by how they react when someone dies." - Charlie Kirk. There has been no riots in the street, no looting and no burning of buildings. There have been moments of silence, vigils and prayers.

This tragedy should not stop the conversation. We do not always have to agree on everything and we don't have to be friends with everyone but keep the conversation going and be respectful while doing so.

"When people stop talking, that's when violence happens." - Charlie Kirk (1993-2025).

Anonymous Sumpter Resident
Afraid to sign my name

Thank you, Eric Partridge, for your work

To the editor:

WOW! THANK YOU, Eric Partridge from OUTDOOR AMENITIES!

Another awesome, huge donation project

in Sherwood Pond Gardens.

Eric spent a long day of leveling, moving wood chips and spreading chips to the Pipevine trellis and path. It looks gorgeous. Volunteers were amazed with the final appearance of the path.

We are so grateful for your hard work, good spirits, and positive energy. Everything looks amazing!

Again, thank you for your previous donation of removing the invasive Autumn Olive properly. That garden plot hasn't been invaded with Autumn Olive trees again.

We enjoyed you working with us. Hope you enjoyed working with us and hope to see you again soon.

From Jo Gardner and the volunteers at Sumpter Pond Gardens.

Library's used book sale coming Nov. 1,2

To the Editor,

Yard sales over? Books still in your garage? Please donate them to The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library for their coming book sale on Nov.1 and 2.

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. Also wanted are DVD's, Blu-ray discs and audio books. All donations should be in good condition.

Not accepted are encyclopedias, VHS video tapes or Reader's Digest condensed books.

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.

"Holiday Treasures" Used Book Sale will be held at the Belleville Library, 167 4th St., on Saturday, Nov. 1, noon-3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2, 1-4 p.m.

A pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held on Sat., 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.

The Friends use your donations to help raise funds for maintaining the library rooftop beehives, summer reading programs, as well as: Classic Movie Series, Jazz Night, Memory Café and Outreach programs.

Elaine Gutierrez, Friends of the Library

Court Watching

Nyrico Karice Hadden

Nyrico Karice Hadden, 33, of Detroit is charged with carjacking and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder/strangulation on Sept. 1 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned at 34th District Court on Sept. 3 and bond set at \$25,000/10%. His probable cause conference was held Sept. 10. Preliminary exam is Oct. 15.

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More Letters



WynAnn Marosi helps Marilyn Wood with the money collection at the Belleville First United Methodist Church's rummage sale on Sept. 6 to earn money for the food closet.

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Rummage sale a success

To the Editor:

\$2,014.30 was donated to the Emergency Food Closet by the Belleville First United Methodist Men's Club from the garage sale held at the church on Saturday, Sept. 6. Thank you to everyone who donated items, shopped, and volunteered to make this a huge success! This will help fill many weekly bags with food! The Emergency Food Closet is located at 417 Charles St. and is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

BAM thanks everyone who attended

To the editor:

Thank you to everyone who came to last month's lecture on *Bob-lo Island: A History*, presented by Tyler Moll. We had a full house of just over 50 people!

This month's lecture will be a continuation of Dave Booher's series on the French Landing Dam for the dam's 100th anniversary over the past year. This time, we will be learning about the intricate history of the design and mechanics of the French Landing Powerhouse through a photo tour! The lecture will be from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 Free Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m. Since we only have so much seating, please let us know if you will be in attendance by replying to bam@vbtmi.gov or calling us at 734-697-1944.

A new exhibit opened at the Guardian Building, which I assisted the Detroit Historical Society in creating. It is the most recent exhibition in the new Wayne County History Project, which will periodically display the history of every area of Wayne County. Currently on display is the history of each part of our tri-community: Van Buren Township, Belleville, and Sumpter Township. The exhibit will be open from now until the second week of Dec., when the next one opens.

If you are interested in reading the article I wrote on the 150th Anniversary of the Old Town Hall, it was released in the most recent issue of Van Buren Today! If you do not live in Van Buren Township, you can pick up the periodical at the township hall and community center.

I hope everyone had a wonderful back-to-school season, and we hope to see you all soon!

Mary Utz, Belleville Area Museum Curator

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Obituaries



Bobbie Dene Abney

BOBBY ABNEY

April 11, 1937 – September 10, 2025

Bobbie Dene Abney, age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away at home under hospice care on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, after a long illness.

She was born on April 11, 1937, in Mountain View, Arkansas, to James Alonzo and Dessie Alberta (Richardson) McIntire. Bobbie graduated from Hickory Ridge (Cross County) High School in 1955 and married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Abney, on August 16 of that same year. Together, they shared 70 wonderful years of marriage. When able, they were active members of the Church of Christ in Ypsilanti.

Bobbie found joy in cross-stitching, sewing, and gardening. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother, known for her vibrant spirit and attention to detail.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Abney; daughter Debra (Kenneth) Helton of Canton, MI; son Robert (April) Abney of Vilonia, AR; granddaughter Felisha (Addison) King of Belleville, MI; grandson Kyle Abney of Conway, AR. Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings: Inez Courtney, Bill "Billy" Keith McIntire, James T. "JC" McIntire, Anuel Clyde "AC" McIntire, and Edith Craig.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Leonard White will officiate. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice organization of the donor's choice and would be deeply appreciated.

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NANCY DELONG

(December 31, 1945 – September 8, 2025)

Nancy DeLong, age 79, is survived by her husband Marvin Jones, her two children, her two siblings, and her four grandchildren.

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CRAIG GRAHAM

March 1, 1960 – September 14, 2025

Craig is survived by his father, his three daughters, and his siblings. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, www.davidcbrownfh.com

Broadside accident on Haggerty and Ecorse

On Sept. 9 at approximately 4:30 p.m. there was a serious vehicular accident in the area of Ecorse and Haggerty roads. Van Buren Township Detective/Lt. Kenneth Floro reports a vehicle broadside collision involving a semi-truck.

The semi-truck was traveling westbound on Ecorse Road approaching Haggerty Road. It struck a Ford Edge that was attempting to turn left on Ecorse Road from a private drive.

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were called to the scene.

The driver of the Ford Edge, a 38-year-old male from Flat Rock identified as James Kaufman III, had to be extricated from the vehicle by the Van Buren Township Fire Department and was air-lifted to U of M Hospital where he was listed in critical condition. The driver of the semi-truck, a 33-year-old male from Clinton Township, did not have any injuries from the accident.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the incident and completed the on-scene investigation, collecting data and securing physical evidence. This incident remains under investigation and anyone with information related to the accident is asked to contact Lt. Floro at (734) 699-8915.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

Keystone Academy has enough funding to operate until state approves budget

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

The Keystone Academy board met on Sept. 11. Principal Jorvonna Drain welcomed everyone at the meeting and stated that the new school year opened smoothly and there are no discipline problems to report at this time.

Andrew Roth, board relations representative from National Heritage Academies, reported that financially the school is still waiting for a budget from the State of Michigan. He said that even if the money doesn't come in soon that the school is fine financially and has enough funds to operate until the state comes through.

The board went into closed session to discuss the school emergency operations plan.

In other business at the 60-minute meeting, the board:

- Appointed a representative to oversee the approval of the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification. The appointee is Board President Chris Mihely;
- Approved the 2025-2026 course offerings for the students;
- Approved the school emergency operations plan;
- Approved the cardiac emergency response plan; and
- Approved the reading assessment system selection resolution. Every NHA school has to have a system. Keystone has selected aimswebPlus.

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Musings
 By Janet Millard
 Independent Advertising Director



Another one down on our way to Ford Field. Last Friday BHS finished off Livonia Churchill 39 vs 7. Tomorrow is an away game at Franklin High School. Onward and upward TIGERS!

Van Buren Township will have a Movie on the Plaza behind the Community Center on Friday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The whole family will enjoy Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. The weather is still looking good for outside events so let's enjoy it until Michigan brisk becomes just too cold!

This will be your last weekend to enjoy the Van Buren Players production of "The Odd Couple". We are definitely fortunate to have these productions and I hope you continue to attend so we can enjoy these plays for many years to come.

Sunday, Sept. 21 brings the 6th-annual Willis Fest from noon to 5 p.m. Again, great family fun with kids' corner, a corn hole tournament, food trucks, crafters and the 4th-annual car show.

We certainly are not done with weekly

music concerts. For the first four Thursdays in October, there will be free "Music on the Terrace" at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Compus. I'll give you the low down on the first one scheduled for Oct. 2 next week.

The Belleville Farmers Market and Egan's Classic Car Show continue every Monday through Oct. 13. That is only four more times so you better start stocking up or attend if you still haven't done that!

Also, this is Third Thursday on Main Street from 5 to 8 p.m. Time to get your shopping on and enjoy the many specials at downtown businesses, food trucks in 4th Street Place, crafters in the Square and our favorite Unlimited DJ spinning your favorite tunes.

If you have something for this column, call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

BHS at-home games

Thurs, Sept., 18 – Girls Varsity Golf vs John Glenn 3:00 p.m. @ Willow Metropark; Freshman Football vs Livonia Churchill Freshman 4:30 p.m. (No JV Game); Volleyball vs Livonia Churchill Freshman and JV 5:00 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim vs John Glenn 6:30 p.m.;

Fri., Sept. 19 – Girls Varsity Diving - Tiger Invite 5:00 p.m.;

Mon., Sept 20 – Girls Varsity Swimming - Tiger Invite 10:00 a.m.;

Mon., Sept. 22 – Boys Varsity Tennis vs Allen Park High School 4:00 p.m. (Senior Player Night);

Tues., Sept. 23 – Volleyball vs Wayne Memorial Freshman and JV 5:00 p.m.; Varsity 6:30 p.m.;

Wed., Sept. 24 – Boys Soccer vs Roosevelt JV 5:30 p.m.; Varsity 7:00 p.m. (Senior Player Night).

Jamie Cichowski
 Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

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Court Watching

Christopher Ladelle Tubbs

Christopher Ladelle Tubbs of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned in custody June 17 on a charge of armed robbery and larceny from a person on May 3 in Van Buren Township. Judge Teresa Patton set a probable cause conference for

June 25 and bond is \$10,000/10%. He is not to have any contact with the victim and must not return to Lodge Lanes as part of his bond.

On June 23, Wayne County Bail Bonds posted surety for his bond. On June 25, his probable cause conference was held and another probable cause conference set for July 9 and then for July 30 since discovery was outstanding. On July 30 his preliminary

exam was set for Sept. 10. The exam was held and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

Samuel Robert Ricker

Samuel Robert Ricker, 38, of New Boston, is charged with home invasion-3rd degree, illegal entry and two counts of stalking on June 24, 2024 in Sumpter Township. The charges were entered July 16, 2025 and a warrant entered into LEIN. He was arraigned on July 19. Personal bond is \$50,000. Probable cause conference was July 30. A preliminary exam was set for Sept. 10. The first two charges were dismissed by the parties and the two stalking charges were reduced and he pled *nolo contendere* to them. A presentence interview is set for Sept. 24.

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To allow the public additional time to review the draft license and submit comments, the comment period has been extended to Oct. 31, 2025.

Review the Draft License

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Public Meeting and Hearing

The previously announced public meeting will still be held on Sept. 18. EGLE and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) staff will be available during the open house period from 5-6 p.m. for informal discussion. A presentation on the draft license will begin at 6 p.m. and EGLE

and U.S. EPA staff will answer questions from the public.

The formal hearing will begin at 7 p.m. for the public to make comments on the draft license.

The meeting will be held at Wayne County Community College District, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

You may also attend the meeting and hearing virtually. To attend the online hearing register at <https://bit.ly/MMD09182025>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Pre-registration is not required to attend, just click the link above at the start of the event (6 p.m.). If you do not have internet access and would like to join by phone, use the following phone number: (636) 651-3142 and use conference code 374288.

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- Sept. 27 – Becky Ross, Jessica Jones, Kathryn Kuehn

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Court Watching

Donnell Deshawn Jarmon

Donnell Deshawn Jarmon of Inkster is charged with assaulting a police officer on July 19 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on July 22 and personal bond set at \$5,000. A probable cause conference was set for July 30. Then the preliminary exam was held Sept. 10 and the defendant was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

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• **Friday, Sept. 19** – Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township,

offers dinner 5 p.m. until gone. Karaoke 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Sept. 22** – Another Monday in downtown Belleville brings the farmers market from 4-7:30 p.m. and the Main Street Car Show starting at 5 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 27** – Romulus High School Class of 1975 is holding its 50-year reunion from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., at the Romulus VFW, 39270 Huron River Dr. \$40 per person/\$75 per couple. Contact Peggy Staten for information, (734) 740-0647.

• **Sunday, Sept. 28** – Angel Food Catering is holding its 2025 craft show/corn and cedar fest. It will be held in

Angel Food Catering’s garage at 44850 N Interstate 94 service drive, Belleville, MI. It will take place Noon – 5 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 5** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors all those who are serving or have served in the military, put on by the VFW and PLAV. The event includes a salute to the flag, singing of the “National Anthem” and a bugle playing “Taps.”

• **Saturday, Oct. 11** – Harvest Fest and Harvest Market at the Fourth Street Place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by the CBC, the library, and museum. Lots of free

things for the kids and the market has food, crafters, and non-profits.

• **Saturday, Oct. 11** – Michigan Flight Museum presents a fundraising Hangar Party Korean War Dance from 5-8 p.m. at the Roush Aeronautics Center, 48075 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, at Willow Run Airport. Live big band, dance lessons, food and drinks. Admission, \$85. See the magnificent C-47 up close.

• **Thursday, Oct. 16** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when pop-up crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It’s the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.

• **Thursday, Oct. 16** – Spaghetti Noodles Dinner. Join FMAR for this annual spaghetti tradition. Play your part in reducing pet overpopulation, while eating the best spaghetti around. Proceeds directly benefit the spay and neuter of FMAR animals. 5 - 8p.m. at FOE Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Belleville, MI 48111. Adults \$15, kids 12 and under \$10. Cash bar, bake sale, raffles. Meat & vegetarian options available.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Costumed Monster Mutt Walk on the Fourth Street Place from noon to 2 p.m. Costumed dogs compete for medals and then take a walk around the block.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Halloween Roller Skating Party. Bake sale, costume parade, adoptable dogs! 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$10 pre-sale; \$12 at the door. Price includes skate rental. Costumes welcome.

• **Saturday, Oct. 25** – Sumpter Parks and Recreation Trunk or Treat event 6-8 p.m. at the community center.

• **Thursday, Oct. 31** – Halloween Downtown, 5-7 p.m. A costume contest is at 6 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square;

• **Sunday, Nov. 2** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors all those who are serving or have served in the military, put on by the VFW and PLAV. The event includes a salute to the flag, singing of the “National Anthem” and a bugle playing “Taps.”

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

• **Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20** – Christmas photos with Santa, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum.

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Belleville Planning Commission continues to work on master plan

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

The Belleville Planning Commission met on Sept. 11 to continue to discuss the master plan for the city with representatives from Giffels Webster of Birmingham.

Andy Aamodt, senior planner with Giffels Webster, started discussion about a zone that included Church Street along with the lake front running down to Johnny’s on the Lake called Traditional Residential. After a brief discussion it was agreed to rename it Pedestrian Residential because commissioners felt it better described the traffic the commission would like to see in this neighborhood.

The planning team reported progress on developing the zoning plan required by state

law to guide short-term implementation of the master plan. They presented proposed future land use designations including single-family residential, multi-household residential, neighborhood business, Sumpter Road mixed use, downtown mixed use, industrial, and parks/open space.

Aamodt provided an update on the city property behind Zack’s Auto Wash, presenting it as a potential site for cottage court housing development. The approximately 1.05-acre triangular property was discussed as an opportunity for housing development that could be marketed to developers with a clear vision.

Ava Miller, staff planner with Giffels Webster, reported on the status of EV

charging stations in the city, noting that installation has been extremely slow. Some stations at the library and other locations are nearly complete but waiting on DTE for final hookup.

Aamodt announced that the team is working toward presenting a full master

plan draft at the November meeting, with the goal of distributing it for the required 63-day public comment period in December, if approved. This timeline would potentially allow for a public hearing and adoption by March.

Court Watching

Kevin Lynn Dixon

Kevin Lynn Dixon of Sumpter Township was arraigned on July 21 on a charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams and driving while license suspended on Jan. 7, 2025 in Sumpter Township. The charge was entered on June 16. He was arraigned in custody and a probable cause conference set for July 30.

Personal bond is \$100,000. On July 30, the preliminary exam was set for Sept. 10. At that time he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On September 30th, 2025, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.


2009	FORD	SW	1FMCU03G09KD13136	25-10558
2003	FORD	PU	1FTRF17243NB66046	25-9786
2009	CHEVROLET	VA	1GBHG31K991155495	25-11083
1996	SUZUKI	MC	JS1NP41A6T2103975	25-11093
1999	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1YY22G9X5122735	25-11519
2001	BUELL	MC	4MZKP13C313500214	25-5693
2010	NISSAN	4D	3N1AB6APXAL656596	25-9887A
2004	BUICK	4D	1G4HR54K84U127543	25-9449

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


2008	FORD	PU	1FTPW14V88FB56224	25-10607
2020	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNAXJEV3LS531224	25-6351
2017	FORD	4D	3FAPH0H75HR280345	25-7053
2018	HYUNDAI	SW	5XYZTDLB1JG541220	25-8212
2009	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG57B994125581	21-1284A
2013	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PC5SB6D7184710	25-9744
2018	HONDA	4D	2HGFC2F57JH541013	25-8839
2002	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13S422313126	21-1284B
1997	TOYOTA	4D	JT3HN86R0V0127657	25-10820
2007	GMC	SW	1GKEV33717J118567	25-10019
2014	FORD	4D	1FADP3F21EL155191	25-9355
2015	FORD	4D	1FMCU9J9XFUB38788	25-9925
2007	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BE46K37U094447	25-9915
2000	ACURA	4D	19UUA566XYA065551	25-8853
2019	FORD	PU	1FT7W2B67KED15135	25-2511
2000	GMC	4D	3GKFK16T7YG142773	25-8936
2010	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN2AW248404	25-10063
2013	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNALBEK1D6175038	25-9235
2018	TOYOTA	4D	4T1B11HK5JU098238	25-8212
2010	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD5EY6AU115210	25-9182

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: September 18th, 2025



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
a. Presentations
i. Recognition for 25 Years of Service – Public Safety Director Faull
a. Plaques were presented to Faull by Mayor Voigt, State Representative Reggie Miller, and a staff member of Congresswoman Debbie Dingell’s office.
b. Citizen Comments
i. None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
The Consent Agenda groups’ routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.
a. Approval of Minutes
i. August 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes
b. Budget report
i. None.
c. Communications
i. None.
d. Council Follow Up List
e. Police Stats
i. None.
f. Fire Stats
i. None.
g. DPW Report
i. None.
h. Special Events
i. None.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
a. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION
a. Personal Appearance Policy
i. Presented to the Council by Public Safety Director Faull.
b. Fire Department Lockers
MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve the purchase of gear lockers for the Fire Department at a cost of \$7,900.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
Council Member Priest Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye
Council Member Kissel Aye
Mayor Voigt Aye
Motion Carried.
c. Water/Trash Billing
i. Council tabled the item pending further review of processing costs for monthly production versus bi-monthly production.
d. Trash Collection Rate
i. Council tabled the item pending further review of the figures.

e. Election – Discussion
i. City attorney Nancy Olind explained that the resolution previously approved in 2024 to change the city’s local election schedule has been deemed invalid due to steps in the processing being initially missed.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
a. Accounts Payable
b. Departmental Expenditures
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Council Member Priest Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye
Council Member Kissel Aye
Mayor Voigt Aye
Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
• The renovations at the new City Hall are moving along, as expected.
• The Music Lakeside concert series has concluded for the year.
• The goose problem at Horizon Park has returned; the city continues to look for possible solutions.
• Tree trimming throughout the city and in Hillside Cemetery continues; thank you to part-time employee Bart Devos for his work on this.
• The High St. paving project is scheduled to begin the week of September 15th.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS
a. Council Member Priest
i. There is currently not a safe route for anyone coming from east of Main St. on foot to reach Village Park due to the condition of the sidewalks and easements; asked the city to address this.
b. Council Member Kissel
i. Congratulations to Public Safety Director Faull on 25 years of service.
ii. Waiting to see updates on the city’s budget.
iii. Would like to look at long-term solutions for hiring a City Manager.
iv. All cabinets located upstairs in the current City Hall have been gone through, and appropriate files have been purged.
v. Looking forward to the city-wide yard sale.
c. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates
i. Congratulations to Public Safety Director Faull on 25 years of service.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS
a. Congratulations to Public Safety Director Faull on 25 years of service.
b. Worked with residents and EGLE last week regarding the disposal of hazardous waste.
c. Will be attending the MML conference on September 15th in Grand Rapids.
d. Belleville will be hosting the Conference of Western Wayne meeting on September 5, 2026.
e. Asking for prayers for Alex Donley, son of Chris Donley, who is in serious condition following an accident.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM
a. None.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to adjourn at 7:14 PM.
No objections were noted.
Motion Carried.
Respectfully submitted by,
Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer
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District library approves millages for tax bill

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Sept. 9, the Belleville Area District Library board approved the resolutions authorizing voter-approved millages to be put on the December 2025 tax bill.

Every year the board passes resolutions to place the levy on the winter property tax bills of Van Buren, Belleville, and Sumpter.

In other business at the one-hour meeting on Sept. 9, the board:

- Heard Hanna Rodriguez, board member of Guiding Harbor, tell about its fundraiser and annual auction Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Diamondback music hall. Tickets are on sale now. There are free food, free drinks, free entertainment, and many opportunities to spend money for the benefit of Guiding Harbor;
- Approved getting landscaping to replace

the dead foliage outside the library with black chokeberry;

• Heard that the vape detectors have been installed and already caught people vaping in the library. The violators have been kicked out for the day;

• Learned that there is a Fall Kitten Café planned on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1-4 p.m. in the Story Time room in the main library. For more information call (734) 699-3291;

• Learned that on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. the Detroit Institute of Arts will present "DIA: The Essentials." They will explore select artworks of the DIA to gain an appreciation for the diversity, quality, and world-class status of the museum's collection; and

• Learned there will be a presentation called "Classic Michigan Food and Drinks" on Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m., at the main library in Belleville. The presentation will focus on food products made in Michigan.

Ponya Bishop elected into Phi Kappa Phi honor society

Ponya Bishop of Belleville was recently elected to membership into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Central Michigan University.

Bishop is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 % of seniors and 7.5 % of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the

top 10 % of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

Local students honored at Southern New Hampshire University

Parometris Watkins of Van Buren Township has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNH) Summer 2025 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

The following students from Belleville

have been selected to the SNH Summer 2025 President's List: Aimee Cooper, Jeana Harris-Quiroz, Danielle O'Neill, Kelsey Vendlands, Kristin Simms, and Taishei Gresham.

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Sunday, Sept. 7:

0031 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville
0408 – neighbor trouble, E. Archwood Dr.
xxxx – civil matter, S. 94 Service Dr.
0851 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0923 – harassment, Rose Blvd
0947 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1024 – fraud, Wildrye Ct.
1117 – unauthorized driving away of automobile, Lake Villa Dr.
1122 – domestic, Richard Run Dr
1129 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1233 – 911 welfare check, Purple Sage Ct.
1343 – vehicle lockout, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1526 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
1613 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1728 – mental subj, Sylvia Dr.
1903 – PPO violation, Maple Dr.
1751 – disorderly, Brandi Rd.
1757 – disorderly, Victoria Ct.
1955 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1833 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1854 – unattended death, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – welfare check, E. Adams
2222 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville
2001 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr.
2142 – alarm intrusion, Haggarty Rd.
2014 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
2204 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
2216 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd. & N. I94 Service Dr.
2230 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2253 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville
2325 – alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Lancaster Dr.

Monday, Sept. 8:

0446 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0650 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0722 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. & N. I94 Service Dr.
0744 – malicious destruction, Bemis Rd.
0849 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1254 – bank detail-VB only, Belleville
0852 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
0915 – civil matter, Savage Rd.
0954 – assist other dept., Lenmore Ave.
1237 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1325 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1547 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Peninsular Dr. & Vista Dt.
1619 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1629 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S. I94 Service Dr.
1720 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd. Ecorse Rd.
2011 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Van Buren St.
1934 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
2010 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1934 – juvenile complaint, Jackson Rd.
1906 – assist other dept, Belleville Rd & E. I94
1948 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1937 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2102 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
2125 – larceny from auto, Paloma Dr.
2211 – assault & battery, Park Estates Dr.
2219 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2219 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2348 – mental subj, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 9:

0344 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0438 – alarm intrusion, McBride Ave.
0802 – suspicious person/veh/ circumstance, Purple Sage Ct.
0814 – animal complaint, Visteon Way & Ecorse Rd.
0828 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0844 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
0843 – welfare check, America
0935 – bank detail-VB only, Belleville
0910 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd & Ecorse Rd.

0922 – civil matter, W. Huron River Dr.
0952 – civil matter, Dellor St.
1016 – parking complaint, McBride Ave.
1045 – family trouble, Anna Dr.
1103 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
1210 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1227 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1229 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. & Grove Str.
1331 – larceny, Bemis Rd.
1453 – road hazard, N. I94 Service Dr. & Lighthouse Dr.
1454 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Marlowe Ave.
1521 – welfare check, S. I94 Service Dr.
1621 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. & Haggerty Rd.
1637 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. & Ecorse Rd.
1716 – malicious destruction, Westlake Cir.
1828 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1946 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1905 – alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd.
1904 – operation while intox, Lohr Rd. & Oak Blvd.
1938 – assist other dept./ Linda Vista Ct.
2040 – welfare check, Capitol Dr.
2112 – alarm intrusion, Alba Ct.
2119 – alarm intrusion, Ecorse Rd.
2052 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.

Wednesday, Sept. 10:

2052 – property check-Belleville, Village Center DR.
xxxx – repossession, S. Ponderosa Tr.
0206 – assist other dept., W. I94 & Haggerty Rd.
0414 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0334 – malicious destruction, Ecorse Rd.
0334 – alarm intrusion, Van Born
0729 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
0745 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Aplene Ln.
0750 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1007 – bank detail VB-only, Belleville
0852 – codes, N. Sadie & Anna Dr.
0851 – domestic, Edison Lake Rd.
0938 – fraud, Oak Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1030 – welfare check, Brookside Dr.
1122 –fraud, Belleville Rd.
1200 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1206 – harassment call, E. Schooner Rd.
1239 – sexual assault, Michigan Ave.
1255 – assist fire dept., S. I94 Service Dr.
1215 – civil matter, Capitol Dr.
1501 – welfare check, Rest Area
1508 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1522 – domestic, S. I94 Service Dr.
1601 – sexual assault, Michigan Ave.
1714 – civil matter, Jackson Rd.
1734 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1827 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1902 – fraud, Hayes St.
2041 – b & e, Westlake Cir.
2206 – domestic, Freedom Way

Thursday, Sept. 11:

0259 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd & Beck Rd.
0716 – hospice death, Pond Bluff Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Chester Ct.
0946 – bank detail-VB only, Belleville
0934 – domestic, Locust Dr.
xxxx – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
1014 – follow up by officer, Tyler Rd.
1204 – assist fire dept., N. I94 Service Dr.
1242 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1409 – property damage accident, Van Born & Hannan Rd.
1529 – assault & battery, Rawsonville
xxxx – found property/child, E. Archwood Dr.
1631 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S. I94 Service Dr.
1639 – alarm intrusion, Togowtee Pass
1708 – all mis.c complaints, Robson Rd.
1819 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd. & Ecorse Rd.
1914 – alarm intrusion, Rawsonville Rd.
1936 – domestic, Holly Ln.
2006 – alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd/
2019 – shooting, Old Oak Trl.
2045 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N. I94 service Dr.
2125 – dumping complaint, Mott
2201 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Bemis & Sumpter Rd.
2245 – neighbor trouble, E. Archwood Dr.
2311 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.

Friday, Sept. 12:

0006 – warrant arrest, Elizebeth
0011 – Harassment call, N. I94 Service Dr.
0027 – suicidal person, America
0626 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Tr.
0736 – animal complaint, Martz Rd. & Belleville Rd.& N. I94
0811 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, America
0948 – animal complaint, Village Center Dr.
0948 – larceny from auto, S. I94 Service Dr.
1133 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1158 – welfare check, W. Sadie Ln.
1244 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Country Walk Blvd. & Barnwell Dr.
1352 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1403 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave. & Denton Rd.
1435 – welfare check, Revere Dr.
1420 – neighbor trouble, North Shore Dr.
1448 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd & Haggerty Rd.
1452 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
Xxxx – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. & Haggerty Rd.
1634 – fraud, Maple Dr.
1641 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1642 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1723 – missing person, Tyler Rd
1827 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
1915 – alarm intrusion, Ecorse Rd.
2029 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Crowley Ave.
2041 – mental subj, Revere Dr.
2038 – road hzard, E. I94 & Belleville
2120 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2216 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
2228 – welfare check, N. I94 Service Dr.
2243 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville
2454 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
Saturday, Sept.13:
0334 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd & Haggerty Rd.
0405 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr,
0410 – property damage accident, E. I94 & Rawsonville I 94 Ramp
0809 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ecorse & Visteon Way
0833 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0920 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1003 – civil matter, N. I94 Service Dr.
1142 – alarm intrusion, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1549 – disorderly, West Lake
1847 – felony assault, Parkwood Dr.
2139 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2243 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd
2312 – suicidal person, E. Sadie Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Also, on this log are 128 traffic stops, 21 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also were two ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 7:

0227 – welfare check, Victorian Ln. & Thornhill Ct.
0338 – alarm intrusion, South St.
1111 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.
1609 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1914 – assist other dept., Victorian Ct
2322 – noise complaint, N. liberty St.
Monday, Sept. 8:
0153 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
0711 – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave.
0815 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1042 – malicious destruction, Savage Rd. & Victorian Ln.
1258 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
1333 – parking complaint, W. Waterbury Ct.
1433 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
1513 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1823 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1923 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
2301 – noise complaint, N. Liberty
Tuesday, Sept. 9:
0004 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St. & Roys St.
0955 – malicious destruction, Menlo Park

1414 – assist fire dept., Harbor Pointe Dr.
0933 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2037 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
2036 – threat, Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 10:

0029 – found property/child, Owen St.
0425 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa
1406 – property check Belleville, Village Park
1554 – civil matter, E. Columbia Ave.
1758 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.
1821 – PP PDA, Henry St.
2248 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park
Thursday, Sept. 11:
0354 – domestic, Henry St.
0431 – disorderly, Henry St.
1145 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park
1328 – alarm intrusion, E. Huron River Dr.
1357 – assist fire dept., S. Industrial Park Dr.
1403 – accident, Main St.
1507 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1945 – vehicle lock out, Loza Ln.
2057 – fireworks, ND St. & Church St.

Friday, Sept. 12:

0011 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0947 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2057 – alarm intrusion, E. Thornhill Ct.

Saturday, Sept. 13:

0259 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
0949 – civil matter, Main St.
1027 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1421 – 911 welfare check, Wexford Ave.
1540 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.

There are 100 reports on this week's log, 59 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 7:

0343 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1201 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
1234 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1250 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
1329 – neighbor dispute, Utah
1331 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1339 – alarm, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1401 – assist other agency, Country Club Blvd.
1608 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr
1756 – 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
2041 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.
2058 – citizen assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2259 – assault, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.

Monday, Sept. 8:

0139 – suspicious circumstance, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
0714 – death investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
0727 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.
0947 – neighbor dispute, Willow/Sumpter
1006 --- 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1327 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1417 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1730 – family trouble, Texas
1812 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
1902 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1904 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
1947 – special detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2026 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2059 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
2112 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
2211 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2234 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 9:

0723 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
0826 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.
0948 – harassment complaint, Birch Dr.
1007 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1013 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1124 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1210 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1227 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1308 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1455 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1803 – subpoena service, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2116 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2153 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, Sept. 10:

0246 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0938 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
0938 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1105 – mental health call, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1310 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1340 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
1718 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1719 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1840 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd rd.
2006 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Karr
2042 – 911 hangup, Utah St.

Thursday, Sept. 11:

0617 – suspicious vehicle, Hampshire Dr.
1246 – found property, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
1316 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1406 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1544 – harassment complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1757 – felony warrant arrest, Wear/Elwell
2152 – suspicious person, Bemis/Sumpter
2159 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.

Friday, Sept. 12:

0021 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
0727 – personal injury accident, Wear/Karr
0840 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1113 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1217 – alarm, Hampshire Dr.
1355 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1600 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1705 – ORV complaint, Wear Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1804 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1913 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1941 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2109 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay
2133 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2237 – 911 hangup, Nevada St.
2247 – 911 hangup, Wyoming St.
2256 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 13:

0301 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood
0558 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd.
0937 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay
1354 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1418 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Wilnot Rd.

1523 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1539 – found property, Sumpter/Dunn
1831 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2016 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.

2226 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
Also on this week's log were 191 patrol checks, 93 traffic stops and 17 misc. details.



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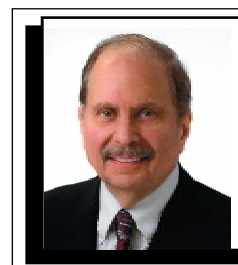
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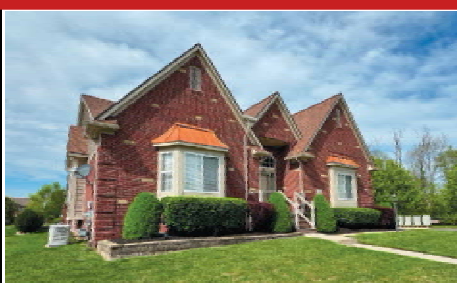
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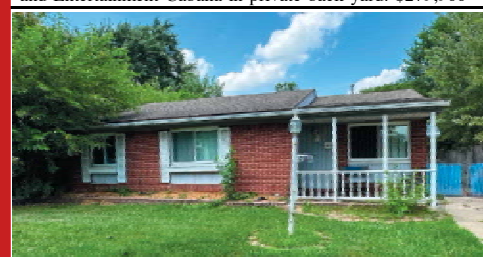
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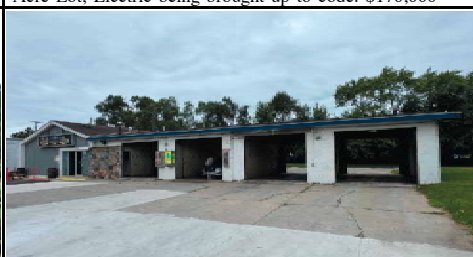
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