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On Sept. 17, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards ceremony at Angel Food Catering. The award winners gathered for a photo. From left in front are chamber executive director Dinara Strikis; Large Business of the Year is Pinter's Flowerland: Diane Pinter, Debbie Pinter holding plaque; Ted Kuckelman Community Service Award Jessica Jones of Social House Real Estate; Kathie Steigerwald, vice president of the Belleville Central Business Community; Small Business of the Year Award, Collette McClinton of Garden Fantasy on Main; Leona VanBuhler Chamber Member of the Year Award (tie), Amy Lucas of Steel & Stilettos Firearm Training; and master of ceremonies for the program Duane Davis. Back row from left are Bob Pinter, Larry Pinter, and Simone Pinter; Non-Profit of the Year Award, Jennifer Trotter of Guiding Harbor; Leona VanBuhler Chamber Member of the Year Award (tie), Margo DeLibera (accepting for Margo was her husband Victor); and Brian McClinton of Garden Fantasy on Main.

VBPS board president frustrated over state legislature's lack of budget action

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Editor Emeritus

Amy Pearce, president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, voiced her fear that the district may have to spend extra funds to borrow money to keep the school going because the state legislature "... can't get their act together.

It's frustrating."

She referred to the state legislators being unable to pass a budget that would allow money to be released to school districts for their operations.

Pearce voiced her concerns during Monday's regular school board meeting after finance director Priya Nayak reported

she was preparing for short-term borrowing in case the state's inaction on the budget lasted beyond the Oct. 1 deadline.

Nayak said there also is confusion between federal funds and state funds because federal depends on state funds for authorization. Also, the federal money due to the district in May is not here yet.

School Superintendent Pete Kudlak said every district in the state is in a different place financially and some have already had to borrow to meet their September obligations.

He said the Van Buren district has a healthy fund balance, but that only goes so

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School Board

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far.

Nayak said steps have to happen to borrow and she will talk to the attorney about it. She said the district has a qualified status, so that is good.

She said she will bring a contingency plan to the next board meeting.

"And this is because the legislature can't do their jobs," Kudlak said.

He said the students will continue to get their free lunches and breakfasts because the district qualifies federally by family eligibility, but parents have to fill out the eligibility forms each year or the district will lose that eligibility.

Nayak said the district is sending out emails to parents urging them to fill out their eligibility forms by Oct. 1.

"The numbers fall when they don't fill out the forms and then we don't qualify and have to start over," Kudlak said.

In other business at Monday's 35-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the hiring of Molly Stevens as a Great Start Readiness Program teacher at the Early Childhood Center as of Sept. 25 and Jill Marvaso as director of curriculum and instruction as of Oct. 1, replacing Jeff Moore, who resigned;

- Approved the hiring of Juan Walker as a paraprofessional at McBride Middle School as of Sept. 9, Renatta Swasey as a paraprofessional at McBride as of Sept. 15, and Phillip Dlugoss as custodian in the Building and Grounds Department as of Sept. 22;

- Approved the Camp Field Trip and transportation for 180 students, most in the sixth grade at Owen Intermediate School, with counselors from 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, as well. The camp will be Nov. 4-7 at YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Students will travel by school bus. Cost to each student is \$250 with students paying and a fund raiser available;

- Approved school board members Diane Loyer Gerick, Calvin Hawkins, and Wade Fields as delegates to the annual leadership conference of the Michigan Association of School Boards in October, with Vic DeLibera as alternate. They will represent the district and vote on state education issues;

- Heard Julien Frazier, director of student services say that the kindergartens are getting additional support from bus drivers who are extra hands for the teachers in getting the students acclimated to school. He said the drivers park their buses after delivering the students and then get off the bus and go inside to help. He said this is the first year for this at the Early Childhood Center. Kudlak said the district did this last year and he told other superintendents about it and they thought it was a good idea

and planned to do it in their districts;

- Heard parent Billie Harsh say she has three children in the district and she sees there is \$1 million for athletics in the budget. She said every kid on the football team has to fundraise \$500 for equipment and uniform and she wondered where the \$1 million was going. Kudlak said he would check into this and be in touch with her;

- Heard Kudlak say a person from the Michigan Treasury came by that day to walk around the district to check out the projects proposed for the \$77 million bond that is on the Nov. 4 ballot. He said this is the first time someone from Treasury came out in person to check on a bond. He said he has been going to PTOs to explain the bond and he said one of the questions was about the bar graph on information he is distributing. It shows Van Buren among the handful of school districts carrying millage below 6 (which includes Plymouth/Canton and Taylor, which both are lower than Van Buren). He said the bond is 2.98 mills, the sinking fund 1.75 mills and the total millage levied by Van Buren 4.73 mills. He said the proposal is not to raise that, but just for it not to go down;

- Heard Gerick say about 250 people came to the recent alumni tailgate party and some went out to the football game with the band. She said they didn't line them up by year because that would have been "too much like herding cats". She said the tailgate went well and they will have that again; and

- Heard Pearce say she and her pilot husband will serve on the Aviation Expansion Advisory Committee which will meet at Schoolcraft College under RESA leadership. She said a drone expert will be there, as well.

School board welcomes Jill Marvaso as new director of curriculum

Human Resources Director John Leroy introduced Jill Marvaso at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. As of Oct. 1, she will be the district's director of curriculum and instruction.

Marvaso fills the vacancy left by Jeff Moore, who resigned. Leroy said dozens of people applied for the position and then it was whittled down to 42 and then to one.

Leroy said Marvaso brings more than 20 years of experience in education, beginning her career as an elementary teacher in Dearborn before serving as an instructional coach, assistant principal, and most recently, principal at Kinloch Elementary



Jill Marvaso

in the Crestwood School District.

He said throughout her career, she has focused on improving student achievement, supporting teachers, and building strong school communities.

She holds a bachelor's and master's degree



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Dept.

The cast members in last weekend's final production of "The Odd Couple" at the Van Buren Township Community Center Black Box Theater were, from left, in front, Courtney Gillis, Geoff Kopp, Eric Schongalla, and Bethany Wallace. In back, from left, are Sara Long, Brian Trippel, Michael Knight, and Samuel Bingle. Director was Thomas Mattison, Jr.

Willis Road sewer pipe repair could cost \$50,000

By Paul W. Henning

At the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees' regular meeting on Sept. 9, Department of Public Services Director Ron Tabor explained that it's going to cost around \$50,000 to fix a recent sewer pipe clog.

He said on Aug. 21, there was a clog in the pipe on Willis Road between Rawsonville and Lohr roads. When the crew started digging, workers found lots of sand and groundwater had fallen through to the pipe and had gotten into the two "dog houses" attached to the pipe.

He explained a "dog house" is like a room that provides access to either a water meter or valves.

Director Tabor said the incident eventually caused the ground to give way and collapse into a 25-foot hole.

The seals going from the pipe to the "dog house" were eroded by hydrogen gas that seeped into the pipe. Tabor said he thinks hydrogen was being created because of how deep the hole is. If a drop -- a gas diffuser -- is put in it should alleviate the problem, he said.

He said they had to go into eight different manholes to restore the integrity of the

from Eastern Michigan University and a K-12 School Administrator Certificate.

She attended Monday's meeting with her husband and two of her three children. Her son had to attend a soccer game, she said.

system. He said to fix the problem that ten manholes have, it will cost \$5,000 per manhole.

In other business at the Sept. 9 meeting, the trustees:

- Approved hiring Gabriel Massel as full-time assistant to the clerk, which is also a floater position;

- Discussed hiring a second ordinance officer so that there would be an officer available on the weekends. They decided not to add an officer at this time because first another car needs to be procured for the second officer to drive;

- Approved the building report with no discussion;

- Heard the fire department report that in the month of August there were 128 calls: nine were fires, 98 medical rescue service, three hazardous conditions, three service calls, one good intent, and one false alarm;

- Approved the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks ADA infrastructure grant; and

- Approved sending Clerk Don Laporte and Deputy Clerk Samantha Herman to the Michigan Township Association's Professional Development Training on Sept. 29 and 30, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Racetrack in Van Buren subdivision guarantees lots of noise

By Paul W. Henning

How would you like a racetrack in your subdivision? That is what the people living around Robson Road are dealing with.

A resident who owns four acres of property on Robson Road has built a drift racetrack in that area.

Drift racing is a motor sport that was first developed in Japan and has become so popular it has reached the U.S. Drifting is a driving technique where the driver purposely oversteers, with loss of traction, while maintaining control and driving the car through the entirety of a corner or a turn. The technique causes the rear of the car to slip while taking a turn.

And it makes noise. Screeching tires and revving engines type of noise that can be heard for blocks all around.

Residents in the neighborhood say the noise can be heard in the afternoon and into the evening.

Ron Akers, the Director of Municipal Services for Van Buren Township says the area where the track exists is zoned residential. The person who built the track was supposed to have gone through Van Buren township to get permission for the track. They did not.

Van Buren is trying to arrange a meeting with the track owners to start a dialogue about the issue.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We'll be offering this column again until things get better organized as my retirement moves forward.

When the electricity in this area went out for about an hour on Saturday, we were told the elevator at Columbia Court on West Columbia Avenue in Belleville stopped working. When the lights came back on, the elevator still didn't work.

On Monday we were told the elevator was still out, leaving residents fearful. Over the weekend, a woman resident who couldn't make it up to her sixth-floor room called 911 and an officer (not sure if it was police or fire department EMT) came to help her and ended up carrying her up the last flights in a chair.

That elevator has had problems over the years and sometimes residents have had to be rescued from inside the elevator. Residents now reportedly are afraid to leave their rooms because they are afraid they won't be able to climb the stairs back up to get to their living space.

A relative of one of the residents called our office on Monday and asked us to put in writing a request for Columbia Court to get a new elevator. She pointed out Columbia Court gets government funding and should offer a safe facility to the fragile folks within.

When the lights went out on Saturday, a watcher of the passing scene suggested maybe someone at the school district plugged in one of the new electric buses it got for "free". Those extra-heavy electric buses won't be suitable for muddy gravel roads in the rainy and snowy seasons, but could do the routes on the paved roads or to other communities for special classes.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



The residents of the Haggerty/Savage-road area are very skeptical about having a new bus garage at the former Haggerty school site, that is to be built if the millage question passes on Nov. 4. Electrical service in that area has been unreliable and goes out – mostly on beautiful, sunny days like Saturday.

On Saturday, DTE said the lights went out over a wide area of the 48111 area due to "equipment failure," whatever that means.

We hear that Moe's Farm, just south of the Sumpter Township fire hall on Sumpter Road, has 78 bee hives. The roadside shop full of fresh vegetables also offers jars of local honey for \$15 apiece. We're sure the pollinating bees are wonderful as the produce grows.

We also have local honey from the hives on the roof of the Belleville Area District Library in downtown Belleville. On occasion, that honey also is on sale to the public. Other private beekeepers have local honey for sale. Aren't we fortunate to live in this area?

We noticed on the 5 o'clock TV news last Thursday, Sept. 18, that there was a clip of those over at Wayne County Community College in Van Buren Township who were already protesting for that night's information meeting and official public hearing on proposed renewal of the operating license for Wayne Disposal toxic landfill in VBT.

Those pictured on the newsclip were familiar faces since they also have been

protesting at other recent meetings to oppose the landfill.

On Monday, Belleville councilman Randy Priest said that our report of the Sept. 2 meeting of the Belleville City Council was in error. He said we reported he said there was no safe way for walkers to get to Village Park. He said the official city minutes of the meeting also got it wrong. He didn't say Village Park, he stated. He meant Victory Park when complaining about how there is no safe way to get there.

I remember his statement at the meeting. He's right. He didn't state the name of the park when he said there was no safe way to get to the park and I assumed it was Village Park, since he had just been talking about the bad drainage in the area of the Davenport Plaza that leaves water holes across the street.

My assumption was wrong. The city clerk also got it wrong when she wrote that it was Village Park. It is interesting that councilman Priest voted to approve those minutes of the Sept. 2 meeting that he now says are wrong.

He said people have been asking him why he said it is so hard to get to Village Park safely. He's been telling them that he meant it was hard to get to Victory Park safely. We apologize for the inaccurate report.



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Letters

Beware of 'net-zero' tax rate in VB Schools

To the editor:

I am extremely disappointed in the Van Buren School Board of Education for the lack of transparency when asking for this millage proposal on Nov. 4.

The flyer I received in yesterday's mail lacks information! When going on the site that explains the bond issues, it is stated that there is no increase in taxes for property owners. What is NOT explained is that if the millage does not get approved, our property taxes should decrease.

In 2009, the voters approved a 3% millage increase to build the new high school. Then voters approved again another 3 mills for the school in 2022. Now it is 2025 and once again the school board is asking for 3 mills, calling it a Zero-Tax Rate increase. When does it end? Since 2023, property owners in Van Buren Township have had a 4% increase in the taxable value of their homes, which allows the schools to also reap the benefits of this taxable increase. My understanding is that when the original bond in 2009 was paid for, property owners would see a decrease in the millage, helping property owners with property taxes going down.

Not happening when the school board continues to ask for 3 mills, calling it Zero-Rate increase. Please understand, 3 mills in 2009, 3 mills in 2022, 5% increase in property taxes in 2023, 2024, 2025, and now asking for another 3 mills with the school board calling it a Zero-Rate Tax Increase. Please, we are not idiots in this school district. What we need is honesty to allow us to make educated decisions.

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I am totally for the Public Schools and don't mind paying my taxes, but honesty is important when being taxed. Why not ask for a 1 mill to help operate the schools, then the school district can benefit along with the property owners?

In 2022 when asking for the 3 mills, I remember one of the school board members before it was on the ballot stating that if the 3 mills does not pass this time, we will try for 1.5 mills, we have time to do so. Well, the voters did pass the 3 mills in 2022, now they are asking for it again ... when do property tax payers get a break? Van Buren Public Schools does a tremendous job with our students and I am proud when I say we have a great school district. At the same time, I also feel this is a corrupt tactic -- politicians withholding information.

I would like the school board to give information regarding when the original bond (2009) will be paid off? Not increasing, not expiring when it should have. When will the existing bond (2022) expire? Do you really need the new (Net-Zero) bond with the taxable value increase on homes since 2023? Do you really need 3 mills? The same as it took to build the school? Inflation has elevated in all areas, including taxable value of homes. We have an opportunity to bring down property taxes when bonds are paid for but not if we continue to extend the 3 mills.

Transparency is needed! Withholding this information to property owners is corrupt. Do not skip over the facts. We would like to vote with all information to make good decision.

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To the editor:

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Obituaries



Loretta Rippey

LORETTA RIPPEY

September 8, 1940 – September 22, 2025
Loretta Rippey, age 85, of Belleville, MI, formerly of Dearborn, Michigan and Lakeland, Florida, passed away early Monday, September 22, 2025, at Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI, after her 10-year battle of Parkinson's disease and brief illness of cancer. She was born September 8, 1940, in Jellico, Tennessee, daughter of Charles Herbert & Clema Pauline (Jones) Fultz. She loved being with family, enjoyed bowling, golf, travel, and flower gardening. She was a longtime member of the Women of the Moose. Mrs. Rippey is survived by her husband of 66 years, James Lesley Rippey; three sons: Greg (Elaine Kaminski) Rippey of Ira, MI, Randall (Marjorie) Rippey of Taylor, MI, and Rick (Jeneen) Rippey of Belleville, MI; 9 grandchildren: Robert, Sam, Ryan, Jenny, Amy, Ryan, Kara, Stephanie, and Madeline; 14 great-grandchildren, also extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a sister Shirley Rodgers.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10-11 a.m. Thursday with an 11 a.m. Funeral Thursday, September 25, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Kurt Hutchens will officiate. Interment will be at 1 p.m. in Grand Lawn Cemetery, 23501 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI.

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Obituaries



Bruce Charles Patterson

BRUCE CHARLES PATTERSON

(February 7, 1947 - September 15, 2025)
Bruce Charles Patterson, age 78, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025. Born February 7, 1947, in Detroit, MI, Bruce was the beloved son of William and Margaret Patterson. He earned both a Bachelor of Arts (1969) and a Juris Doctor (1972) from Wayne State University, launching a career that combined private law practice, higher education advancement, and public service.

Bruce practiced law for many years and served as president and partner of McCabe, Middleton & Patterson, P.C. Before entering elected office, he served as Director of Planned Giving at Eastern Michigan University (1991-1994), where he coordinated faculty/staff development campaigns and led planned-giving efforts to strengthen the university's philanthropic programs. His EMU role reflected his legal background and commitment to education and community development.

Bruce's public service began at the local level. He served as a Wayne County Commissioner (1995-1998) before being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1999. As a freshman state representative, he served as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore, and in his second term he was elected Majority Floor Leader. In 2002 he was elected to the Michigan State Senate representing the 7th District (Belleville, Canton, Northville, Plymouth), where he served two terms from 2003 to 2010. During his tenure in the Senate, he chaired the Energy Policy & Public Utilities Committee and served on the Health Policy, Judiciary, and Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs committees. He was known as a thoughtful legislator who championed consumer protections, environmental stewardship, and government transparency.

Beyond his professional and public life, Bruce was a loving husband, devoted father, and proud grandfather. He found great joy in hunting, golfing, fishing, and taking long drives — but family remained his greatest pleasure. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; their children Justin (Jess) Patterson, Denise (Anthony) Mettetal, and Lauren (Jeffrey) Winner; and grandchildren Tannis, Maverick, Arlette, and Winston. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Bruce's life was held on September 19 at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI 48187.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions in his memory to either the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154.



Alice Margaret Payne

ALICE MARGARET PAYNE

April 18, 1990 – August 30, 2025

Alice Margaret Payne, age 91, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born September 16, 1934, in Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Oliver Ivan & Helen Louisa (Craine) Snyder. Alice graduated from Lake High School, class of 1952. She moved to Belleville in 1964, and graduated from Eastern Michigan University, with her bachelor's of elementary education. Alice taught piano lessons for a short time, to help with college costs. After she graduated on a Saturday, she began teaching the following Monday, and she taught for 25+ years. All in Van Buren Public Schools at Elwell Elementary School as a fourth-grade teacher. Alice and her late husband Dean were dedicated members of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI, for many years. Alice enjoyed teaching Bible studies and Sunday School for several years as well. She was also an American Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer for more years than she could remember. Her friendly voice called to ask for help, and her smile greeted you when you donated.

Alice is survived by three children: Connie Purdue of Owosso, MI, Robert (Joannie) Payne of Belleville, MI, and Nancy (Robert) Mitchell of Waterford, MI; 5 grandchildren: Beth (Steve) Desch, Mathew Purdue, Ryan (Lizzie) Payne, Sean (Nicole) Payne, and Kira Mitchell; 9 great grandchildren; two sisters: Mary (Rudy) Cepko of Novi, MI, and Carol Foote of Walbridge, Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, former students, church friends, and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Dean M. Payne on January 12, 2016, sister Jane Whitner, and a son-in-law David Purdue.

To honor Alice's wishes, cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

A Memorial Celebration of Her Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The family will greet guests from 10-11 AM. Pastor Greg Buchner will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the FUMC Food Pantry and would be greatly appreciated, and would honor Alice's big and selfless heart by helping those in need in our community. www.davidcbrown.com



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Musings

By Janet Millard
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Booville starts next week with many fall festivals and events during the month of October. However, Bethany Bible Church is having its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule starts at 11 a.m. with special speaker Jay Cooper during service. Then at 12:15 p.m. there's food in the gym and from 12:45 to 3 p.m. there are games, dunk tank, hayrides, face painting and more!

Don't forget that the Corn & Cider Fest is on Sunday at Angel Food Catering on the N. Service Drive. From noon until 5 p.m., enjoy great food, crafters and fun family activities.

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Sept. 30 – Nia Robinson
Oct. 2 – Reggie Miller

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Van Buren Township board approves lake study

By Paul W. Henning

The Van Buren Township board of trustees met on Sept. 16 and approved a Limnological Assessment of Belleville Lake for a cost of \$13,880. The assessment will tell the township what is happening and what problems are affecting the lake.

"Recently, the staff has done a leadership approach by certain residents regarding not only water quality issues about the lake, but also invasive plants which have started to spout up in certain areas of the lake," Supervisor Kevin McNamara said.

The assessment promises to give the board a direction on where to start to fix problems with the lake, supervisor McNamara said. He said other lakes have found ways to filter out what is coming downstream.

In other business the board:

- Approved all policy updates for 2025: travel, purchasing, credit cards, policies and procedure manual, and the salaried benefits manual;
- Approved the Haggerty Park improvement project, not to exceed \$200,000 from building and grounds capital outlay; and

• Heard Nicole Gerhart, Director of Recreation, inform the board on upcoming events, including Movie on the Plaza on Friday, Sept. 26. Activities begin at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at dusk, about 8 p.m. Also, Friday Fitness Class Free Demo Week is Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 at the Van Buren Community Center.

Court Watching

Michael David McDaniel

Michael David McDaniel, 26, of Van Buren Township, is charged with intent to do great bodily harm less than death (strangulation) and assault on a pregnant person on Jan. 17, 2025 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for Feb. 19 and adjourned until March 12 for discovery. Preliminary exam was April 23 and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. Calendar conference was July 17 and final conference Sept. 4. A tether violation was cited on Sept. 15 and he was remanded. A final conference is Sept. 24 and a jury trial Oct. 27.

His probable cause conference on a charge of felonious assault and domestic violence on Sept. 5 in Van Buren Township was held Sept. 17. A live exam was set for Sept. 24.

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City council agrees to Romulus request to withdraw from court agreement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
and Paul W. Henning

At its Sept 15 regular meeting, the Belleville City Council agreed to honor the request of the city of Romulus to withdraw from the 34th District Court Funding Agreement that was enacted when the new court building was planned.

Mayor Ken Voigt explained that the State Supreme Court administration wants to redo how courts are funded so they will all be the same, which isn't the case now. The city of Romulus had signed off on its full faith and credit to back the bonds to build the new courthouse. 34th District Court cases are taxed \$25 each to help pay for the bond.

Mayor Voigt said the city of Romulus is on the hook for this bond and wants to be able to negotiate with the state so the

bond indebtedness works out. Mayor Voigt said Romulus mayor McCraight told him Romulus has been subsidizing the court.

To be able to negotiate with the state, Romulus has asked all five communities who are members of the 34th District Court, to withdraw from the original court agreement, if that becomes necessary in the future. The withdrawal is not immediate, he said.

The city council passed a resolution that authorizes the court to release all information the court has on payments made to the city of Belleville for fiscal years ending in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, including the number of tickets processed by the court and payments made by the court, showing the percentage of the ticket amount provided to the city of Belleville

In other business at the Sept. 15 meeting, the council:

- Approved raising the trash collection rates by 15% (\$3.11 per month) at the recommendation of its city accountant from Plante Moran;

- Approved the mayor's appointments of Phil Miller and Whitney Beaubien to the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. Both are longtime residents of the tri-community. Miller's term expires on Dec. 31, 2026, and Beaubien's term expires on Dec. 31, 2027

- Approved updating and increasing building department fees to better align

with Van Buren Township, which is doing inspections for the city;

- Approved gear lockers for the police department;

- Approved Redemption Bible Church to use 4th Street Square from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 22 for a worship night. The church has used the Fourth Street Square before and this year they are adding refreshments of cider and donuts; and

- Approved Egan's Pub changing the date to Oct. 17 for its annual Witches' Ball which also uses part of the Fourth Street Square.

Court Watching

Adam William Gillikin

Adam William Gillikin of Van Buren Township had been scheduled for a circuit court jury trial on Aug. 20, but that was canceled and reset for Oct. 14 at the request of the prosecution.

Gillikin, 37, is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and felony firearm (pneumatic gun) on Nov. 17, 2024 in Van Buren Township.

After a lengthy preliminary exam on April 30, 2025, 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley reluctantly bound the defendant over to circuit court. The judge said he was unhappy with the prosecution, calling it a "crap case that shouldn't have been brought."

After the prosecutor produced the Michigan law involved, Judge Oakley said, "The Legislature in their wisdom" misinterprets a pellet gun." He said that law needs to be updated but the current law means he had to bind the defendant over.

Deandre Cortez Williams

Deandre Cortez Williams of Sumpter Township was arraigned Aug. 19 on charges of possession of firearms by a prohibited person, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, two counts of carrying

a concealed weapon, two counts of felony firearms and operating a motor vehicle without security on Aug. 17 in Van Buren Township. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 27 and preliminary exam held Sept. 3. Bond is \$5,000/10%. The defendant was labeled a habitual offender – second offense notice. After his exam was held he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Sept. 17. Final conference is Nov. 12.

Stephen Boyd Wiley

Stephen Boyd Wiley of Belleville was arraigned on Aug. 25 on charges of assault with a deadly weapon (felonious assault) and assault or assault and battery on Aug. 23 in Sumpter Township. He was assigned bond of \$5,000/10% and is to have no contact with the complaining parties and not return to the address of the incident. Probable cause conference was held Sept. 3 and a preliminary exam was set for Sept. 10. The first charge of assault was dismissed by the party. A remote pretrial on the second charge was set for Sept. 24.

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Whitmer lowers flags in memory of Senator Bruce Patterson

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol complex to be lowered to half-staff on Friday, Sept. 19, to honor former state Sen. Bruce Patterson, who died Sept. 15. Flags were returned to full staff on Saturday.

"Bruce was a good friend, tough foe, and great fun. Whether he was wearing the iconic red Stormy Kromer hat while speaking at my inauguration or debating legislation on the Senate floor, Bruce always put Michigan first," the governor said in a news release.

Patterson attended Wayne State University, earning a bachelor's degree and juris doctor. He began his career with private law practice, practicing for many years and serving as president and partner of the law firm McCabe, Middleton &

Patterson.

He served as director of Planned Giving at Eastern Michigan University, where he led planned-giving efforts to strengthen the university's philanthropic programs, the release said.

Patterson served as a Wayne County commissioner before being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1999. In 2002 he was elected to the Michigan State Senate representing the 7th District, where he served two terms from 2003 to 2010. During his time in the legislature, he advocated for consumer

protections, environmental stewardship, and government transparency.

"He never wavered in his commitment to making Wayne County and our entire state the best place to live, raise a family, or build a business," Whitmer said. "At a time when things feel so heavy in our politics, the world could learn from Bruce about how to see humanity in each other, regardless of which side of the aisle we stand on. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and those who worked with and served alongside him."

Court Watching

Cody Ray Roberts

Cody Ray Roberts of Westland is charged with assault to do great bodily harm less than murder, domestic violence, driving while license suspended, and malicious destruction of property on Aug. 13 in Sumpter Township. He was arraigned out-county on Aug. 16 and personal bond set at \$75,000. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 27 and a preliminary exam set for Sept. 3. At that time it was adjourned for a probable cause conference set for Sept. 10 and then reset for Oct. 15.

Tanya Joy Kinnen

Tanya Joy Kinnen of Garden City is charged with police officer assault on Feb. 21, 2023 in the city of Belleville. She failed to appear for her preliminary examinations three times and bench warrants were issued. On June 6 she was scheduled for a June 18 probable cause conference. She appeared and her warrant was recalled. A preliminary exam was set for Sept. 3. She failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

Marlene Jones

Marlene Jones, 58, of Belleville is charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felony assault) and one count of domestic violence-Romulus on June 25, 2025 in the city of Belleville. She was video-arraigned in custody on June 27. Personal bond was set at \$10,000 and a probable cause conference scheduled for July 9 and then on July 9 reset for July

23. A preliminary exam was held Sept. 3 and she was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 17 arraignment on the information, reset for Sept. 22.

Alexandrea Doris Bell

Alexandrea Doris Bell of Detroit was charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and driving while license suspended in Van Buren Township on July 9. She was video-arraigned in custody on July 10. Bond was \$5,000/10% and a probable cause conference held July 23. Preliminary exam was Sept. 3 and the complaining victim failed to appear. Charges were dismissed.

Jamil Robert Fuller

Jamil Robert Fuller of Van Buren Township is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, fleeing police in a vehicle, and weapons on May 24, 2024 in Van Buren Township. The charges were entered July 7, 2025 and a warrant was issued. He was arraigned July 17 and the warrant lifted. His probable cause conference was set for July 30, 2025 and then the preliminary exam was scheduled for Sept. 3.

On Sept. 3, the defense attorney said his client was in the hospital after a serious car accident and was having surgery that day. The case will be reviewed on Oct. 15.

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Publish: Sept. 18, and Sept. 25, 2025

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Upcoming Meetings

- 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.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 25** – Dine to Donate to the Belleville High School Class of 2026 Senior Party to be held at the end of the school year. Get lunch, dinner, or late-night snack at the Red Robin, 3797 Carpenter Rd., Ypsilanti. Take-out is included. You must mention you are supporting the fundraiser for it to be counted toward the BHS sales.

• **Friday, Sept. 26** – The Romulus VFW

Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, will serve Taco Margaritas from 5 to 7 p.m. Public is welcome.

• **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 Statten for information, (734) 740-0647.

• **Sunday, Sept. 28** – Angel Food Catering is holding its 2025 craft show/corn and cider fest. It will be held in Angel Food Catering's garage at 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township. It will take place from noon to 5 p.m.

• **Thursday, Oct. 2** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce annual State of the Community Breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Van Buren Community Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Learn what is going on in the tri-community from local leaders. Register at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/state-of-thecommunity-breakfast>. Information at (734) 377-4195 (text is best).

• **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."

• **Friday, Oct. 10** – The Bash at LifePointe Church, 45170 Hull Rd. A family alternative to Halloween. There will be inflatables, games, music, hayrides, bonfire, trunk or treat, cider and donuts, walking tacos and lots of candy.

• **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. 18** – Faith Community Church Fall Festival, 6-8 p.m., 840 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Trunk or Treat, hayride, games, bounce house, Bible story, food truck, and lots of candy. Take part in raffle. All proceeds help fund the future youth center.

• **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."



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34th District jury finds Garaba not guilty of domestic violence

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

Gerlad Kudakwashe Garaba of Van Buren Township was found not guilty of domestic violence by a 34th District Court jury on Friday and the case against him was closed. Judge Lisa Martin presided.

He was charged with domestic violence the night of July 26-27 in Van Buren Township and was video-arraigned in custody on July 29. Personal bond was \$1,000. A remote pretrial was set for Aug. 6 and then adjourned to Aug. 20 at the request of the defense attorney's wish to seek discovery.

On Sept. 19, the defendant's wife Elizabeth Garaba was called by Wayne County Prosecutor Jacob Lekki as a witness. She testified her husband threw a lighted candle at her and there was dry wax on the clothes over the right side of her hip. She said he also threw a wooden box holding a deck of cards at her and an apple.

Van Buren Township patrol officer Dan Svabik testified he was dispatched to the home on Basswood Circle to investigate a "domestic" and sometimes domestic calls turn out to be just arguments. He said there was dry wax on the wife's hip and wax

on the floor of the deck. He testified the wife smelled of alcohol and the defendant didn't. He said he saw no burns on her. He said in the state of Michigan you have to arrest the aggressor, so he did.

Retained attorney Daniel T. Geherin cross-examined Elizabeth and she said she didn't seek treatment for a burn and had no pictures to prove injury.

Gerherin called witness Emyleye Garaba, who has been married to the defendant's brother for 15 years, and she testified to the defendant's good character and being a reliable person. She said Elizabeth had become non-reliable and so she stopped leaving her children with her for care.

Gerherin then called the defendant to explain his background and testify about what happened that night. Garaba said he was a tax-preparer with two offices and a graduate of Wayne State University. He said he went to a concert in Detroit that night and came home by Uber. He said his wife had been drinking and she changes when she drinks. He said he had obtained the candle a year or so earlier and it was on a table with empty beer cans where his wife was on the deck and he brushed them off onto the floor with his arm. He testified

that he didn't throw any box or cards or apple at his wife.

The jury of four women and two men came back with the not-guilty verdict in less than an hour.

Court Watching

Enrique Jose Cano-Hernandez

Enrique Jose Cano-Hernandez of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned at 34th District Court while in custody on June 6 charged with driving while license suspended on Nov. 4, 2019 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and a remote pretrial for July 3.

He also was arraigned on charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and driving while license suspended on June 3. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and was present for his probable cause conference on June 18 from the Wayne County Jail. A preliminary exam in person was set for July 30 and the defendant appeared on zoom at 3:57 p.m. from the jail.

Judge Oakley approved an adjournment of the exam until Sept. 3 in person at the courthouse.

At that time a probable cause conference was set for Nov. 26 to give time for a possible plea.

Milaun Leigh White

Milaun Leigh White, 23, of Southfield is charged with operating without security and driving while license suspended on June 22, 2025 in the city of Belleville. On July 23, an arraignment/pretrial was set for Sept. 3. He failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

Crystal Shenea Hester

Crystal Shenea Hester of Cincinnati, OH is charge with operating while intoxicated and operating while intoxicated-3rd in Sumpter Township on Jan. 11, 2024. She was arraigned on Sept. 3, 2025 and her probable cause conference set for Sept. 24. Personal bond is \$1,000.

Lauren Francis Phillips

Lauren Francis Phillips of Van Buren Township is charged with two counts of

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES -- September 16, 2025**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Trustee Boynton and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, and an audience of three.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the amended agenda moving the Closed Session to after Board Comment Non-Agenda Items. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Kelley moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025, Prepaid List of September 4, 2025, Prepaid List of September 11, 2025, Voucher List of September 16, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: On Friday, September 26 the VBC will be hosting a free family friendly Movie on the Plaza from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.; the VBC is hosting free fitness classes from September 30-October 2 for members to try out; and the Township is using new AI software to map out potential improvement plans to the water/sewer

system.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelley moved, Martin seconded to approve All Policy Updates 2025: Travel, Purchasing, Credit Cards, Policies and Procedures, and Salaried Benefits. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Kelley second to approve the Haggerty Park Improvement project, not to exceed \$200,000 from Building and Grounds Capital Outlay 101-265-971-000. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve a proposal from Progressive Companies to complete a Limnological Assessment of Belleville Lake for a cost of \$13,880. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15,268(c) for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Kelley and Martin. Nays: None. Absent: Frazier and Boynton.

Budd moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

Martin moved, Kelley seconded to reconvene the Board Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: September 25, 2025

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 7, 2025 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment on:

- The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed General Fund Budget
- The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed Water/Sewer Fund Budget
- The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed Special Revenue Funds Budgets
 1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 2. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
 3. Landfill Fund
 4. Belleville Area Museum
 5. E-9-1-1 Service Fund
 6. Federal Forfeiture Fund
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 8. Long Term Debt Fund
 9. Capital Improvement Fund

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 one week prior to the public hearing and is available on the Township website vanburen-mi.org.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 361 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 14:

1121 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1557 – domestic, Pebblebrook Dr.
1812 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr.
1958 – neighbor trouble, Belle Pointe Dr.
2020 – assist other dept., Buchanan St.
2034 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.
2143 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
2232 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln.
2317 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Sept. 15:

0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Water's Edge Ln.
0235 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0239 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0253 – threat, E. Archwood Dr.
0748 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1042 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1201 – intrusion alarm, Ash Dr.
1207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
1309 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Timberview Dr.
1505 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1557 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1603 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1630 – assist other dept., Sandlewood Dr.
1657 – trespassing, Lohr Rd.
1716 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1711 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

xxxx – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1953 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1839 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1947 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.
2035 – larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 16:

0233 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0246 – assist citizen, Ecorse/I-275
0423 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0705 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Borgman Ave.
0942 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1122 – fraud, Buchanan St.
1151 – animal complaint, Wabash Rd.
1305 – domestic, Pebblebrook Dr.
1338 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1339 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1339 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1612 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1625 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1719 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
1734 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1755 – mental subject, Holly Ln.
1829 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1821 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1919 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2036 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.

2105 – domestic, Holly Ln.
2133 – property damage accident, Oak Blvd. / Maple Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

0124 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0250 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0801 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0710 – animal complaint, Farm Rd./Bog Rd.
0957 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
xxxx – private property impound, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1054 – welfare check, Colonial Rd.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1146 – welfare check, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service
1150 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1351 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1420 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ormond Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, N. I-94 Service

1435 – fraud, Hamilton St.
1446 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, McKinley St.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1710 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1842 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2115 – family trouble, Savage Rd.
2137 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2316 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2328 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2358 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

Thursday, Sept. 18:

0050 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0105 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
0219 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
0601 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
0728 – parking complaint, Van Born Rd.
0756 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0828 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
0842 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
0853 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0921 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
0947 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
1003 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
1021 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Walden Dr.
1022 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Bristol

xxxx – repossession, Samuel Barton
1110 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1243 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1312 – intrusion alarm, Thornwood Dr.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Woodbury Dr.
1338 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1357 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1520 – civil matter, Hoeft Rd.
1832 – civil matter, Lenmoore Ave.
1812 – threat, Rebecca Ct.
1859 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1908 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
2030 – missing person, Oak Blvd.
2137 – warrant arrest, Hogback Rd.
2151 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2154 – property damage accident, Fairbanks St.
2312 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.

2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mission Pointe

Friday, Sept. 19:

0046 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0334 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Anna Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Paloma Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Sonrisa St.
0520 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
0614 – suicidal person, Coolidge St.
xxxx – family trouble, Birch Dr.
0813 – intrusion alarm, Robbe Rd.
xxxx – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1016 – motorist assist, N. I-275/Ecorse E. I-275 ramp N.

xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1057 – welfare check, Zachary St.
1100 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1114 – civil matter, Hancock Ave.
1122 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1147 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Winchester St.

1220 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1407 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.
1438 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.
1611 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1736 – intrusion alarm, Madison Dr.
1832 – civil matter, Reedgrass Ln.
1917 – civil matter, Elwell Rd.
2004 – PPO violation, Arlene Ln.
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.

2029 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.
2121 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
2146 – noise complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
2159 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2336 – noise complaint, Bristol

Saturday, Sept. 20:

0031 -- property damage accident, S. Dartmoor Cir. / Churchill Dr.
0147 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0330 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0422 – domestic, Lancaster Dr.
0728 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
0737 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0821 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0925 – warrant arrest, Cross St.
0943 – assist other dept., Parkside Dr.
1033 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1042 – welfare check, Western St.
1140 – follow up by officer, Oak Ln.
1120 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1207 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1432 – neighbor trouble, Winchester St.
1536 – neighbor trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.
1532 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1842 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1846 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2011 – parking complaint, Shagbark Ln.

1906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd./Robson Rd.
2101 – private property/property damage accident, Maple Dr.
1945 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2011 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
1951 – neighbor trouble, Stratford Dr.
2010 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2005 – juvenile complaint, Chester Ct.
2028 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.

2045 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
2126 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd.
2102 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
2150 – parking complaint, Westlake Cir.
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
2207 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2217 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

2308 – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
Also, on this log are 175 traffic stops, 11 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 14:

1454 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1930 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
2014 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.
2207 – welfare check, Loza Ln.

Monday, Sept. 15:

0731 – accident, E. Huron River Dr./Main
1116 – motorist assist, Hull/Elwell
1549 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1722 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 16:

1508 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2233 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

0032 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1147 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia
1147 – juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln.
1451 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
2058 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2146 – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.
2319 – animal complaint, W. Columbia

Thursday, Sept. 18:

0709 – assist fire dept., Anaheim St.
1032 – parking complaint, High St.
1436 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1505 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1654 – misc. complaint, Church/W. Columbia
2023 – welfare check, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 19:

0327 – welfare check, Main St.
0833 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1019 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
1142 – repossession, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1300 – intrusion alarm, Bay Pointe Dr.
1705 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1830 – fraud, South St.

Saturday, Sept. 20:

0023 – welfare check, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
0806 – parking complaint, W. Waterbury Ct.
1239 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1535 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2007 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2147 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2344 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 87 reports on this week's log, 51 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 14:

0302 – flee & elude police, Rawsonville/Bemis
1616 – mental health call, Nevada St.
1714 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1824 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1836 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1852 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1905 – shots fired, Oakville Waltz Rd./Martinsville
1909 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2038 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2055 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2110 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
2218 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2246 – fire dept. assist, Florida St.

Monday, Sept. 15:

1042 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1044 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1107 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1554 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1602 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
1616 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1633 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1654 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1706 – 911 hangup, Rawsonville/Judd
1758 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1805 – welfare check, Nevada St.
1914 – assault, Second St.
1942 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2012 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2016 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2055 – welfare check, Oregon St.
2148 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2220 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 16:

1051 – follow-up investigation, out of the township
1144 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
1146 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1455 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Haggerty
1801 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1815 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1933 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Willis
2201 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

0025 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis
0955 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1213 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1240 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1807 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1945 – mental health call, Birch
1953 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2024 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 18:

0042 – citizen assist, Oregon St.
0122 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0434 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
0612 – 911 hangup, Carriage Ln.
0942 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis
1014 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1348 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1355 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.
1411 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
1610 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1834 – welfare check, Arizona St.
1844 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1923 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Wilmot
1949 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2002 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

2054 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville / Bemis
2156 – mental health call, Nevada St.

Friday, Sept. 19:

0651 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1235 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.

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Court Watching

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felonious assault (assault with a dangerous weapon) and one of domestic violence on July 18 in Van Buren Township. She was video-arraigned in custody on July 18 and a probable cause conference set for July 30. Personal bond is \$5,000. On July 30, the defendant was in the hospital so the probable cause conference was adjourned until Sept. 3. She was still in a treatment center so the probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 8.

Jeremy Daniel Schuh

Jeremy Daniel Schuh, 44, of Ypsilanti is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property on Sept. 13, 2024 in Van Buren Township. He was scheduled for a remote arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 6, but he failed to appear. A show-cause hearing was set for Sept. 3. He failed to appear so a bench warrant was issued.

Kaleal Darnell Smith

Kaleal Darnell Smith of Detroit is charged with malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200 on June 9 in Sumpter Township. He was arraigned on June 12 and personal bond set at \$500. An in-person pretrial was set for July 30 and the defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued. A show-cause hearing was held Aug. 6 and then a pre-hearing held Sept. 3.

A final pretrial was set for Oct. 22 and the complaining witness must appear.

Simone Alexandria Moore

Simone Alexandria Moore of Sumpter Township on Sept. 9 was sentenced to a fine of \$1,250 for pleading guilty to a charge

of operating while visibly impaired on March 3 in Sumpter Township. This charge was reduced from the original charge of operating while intoxicated. She also must have alcohol education within 30 days and will be on probation for 12 months.

Rayshaun Anthony Jackson

Rayshaun Anthony Jackson of Detroit was fined \$1,250 for pleading guilty to a charge of operating while visibly impaired, reduced from the original operating while intoxicated on Feb. 14 in Sumpter Township. He must have alcohol education within 30 days and be random tested two times a month. There are 12 months of

probation.

Rhonda Irene Sullivan

Rhonda Irene Sullivan of Belleville on Sept. 9 was fined \$750 for pleading guilty to a charge of operating while visibly impaired on Feb. 9 in Sumpter Township. This was reduced from the original charge of operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more. She must have 24 hours of alcohol education within 60 days.

Dakota Robert Stubbs-Crossley

Dakota Robert Stubbs-Crossley of Maybee on Sept. 9 was sentenced to a fine of \$1,390 for pleading guilty to operating while visibly impaired on Nov. 28, 2024

in Sumpter Township. This is reduced from the original charge of operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more. He has 18 months of probation and a delayed sentence. Testing will be through Washtenaw and he must do 48 hours of community service within 90 days.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1502 – larceny report, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1502 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1531 – personal injury accident, Willis/Rawsonville
1627 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Sherwood
1643 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1848 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2058 – 911 hangup, Hampshire Dr.
2059 – family trouble, Vermont St.
2238 – felony warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
2325 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 20:

0151 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0209 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0410 – family trouble, Tamarack Dr.
0508 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0730 – assault, New Mexico St.
0830 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1026 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1123 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Willis
1226 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1315 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1408 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1427 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1501 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1608 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1611 – juvenile matter, Edgewood Dr.
1629 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2011 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Oakville

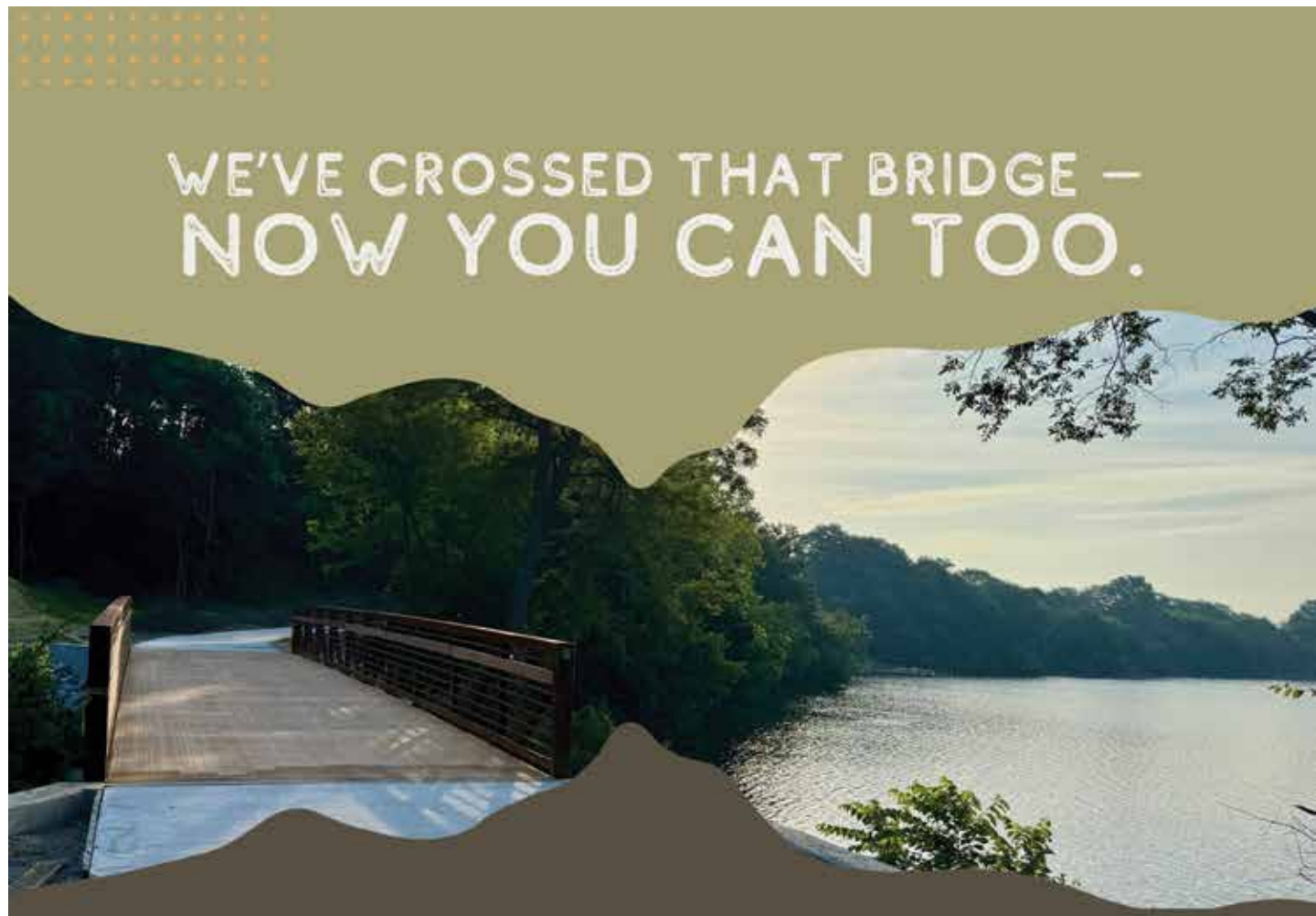
Waltz

2112 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Bemis

2209 – 911 hangup, Virginia St.

2301 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log were 186 patrol checks, 83 traffic stops and 17 misc. details.



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A crowd of local residents attended the Sept. 18 public meeting and the required public hearing held at Wayne County Community College in Van Buren Township. The meeting was hosted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to give community members a chance to learn about and provide input on the operating license for the hazardous waste storage and disposal facility on the North I-94 Service Drive. The public has until Oct. 31 to offer input before officials plan to approve the license. Above, Jim Chudzinski of Belleville speaks about the many people who live around the landfill that are endangered by its contents and its growth.

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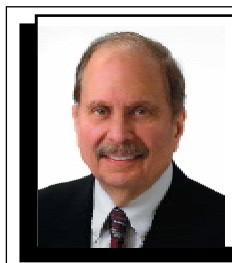
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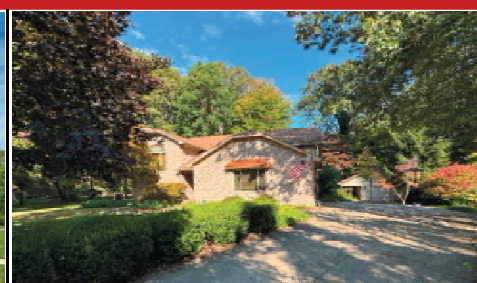
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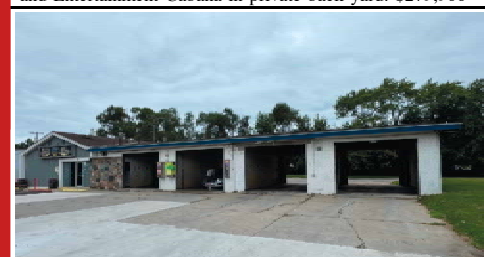
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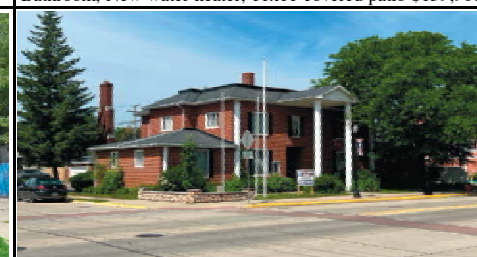
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