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Judge Kevin Cox puts restraining order on radioactive waste

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Sept. 18, two days after a lawsuit was filed by communities seeking to stop the delivery of radioactive waste to a landfill in Van Buren Township, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox put a temporary restraining order on the delivery and set a Sept. 26 hearing on the issue.

The waste from the World War II Manhattan project was due to start arriving Sept. 25, via a route from Niagara Falls, New York, through Canada to the Blue Water Bridge and then to Van Buren Township.

The defendant, Wayne Disposal, Inc., had until Sept. 24 to file a response.

Listed on the complaint, filed by Canton Township attorney Brandon Michael Grysko, were plaintiffs Canton Charter Township, City of Belleville, City of Romulus, Van Buren Charter Township, and Van Buren Township Fire Chief.

The hearing before Judge Cox is set for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, and can be viewed by the public via zoom.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the removal of low-level radioactive soil from Lewiston, New York, a legacy of the Manhattan Project, the secret government project to develop atomic bombs during World War II featured in the 2023 movie "Oppenheimer."

Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township is considered to be the closest licensed facility that can take the hazardous material, according to the Army Corps.

The lawsuit was filed after a rowdy town hall meeting and claims by elected officials that they were in the dark about the plan. Members of the audience said it didn't belong in their back yard.

Republic Services, owner of Wayne Disposal, released the following statement:

"Wayne Disposal Inc. has been safely receiving and managing technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive

material (TNORM) for several years, and our management of this material poses no risk to the community. The landfill meets or exceeds all regulations and is designed to safely manage this type of material, which can be generated through a variety of industrial and other processes.

"The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have stated that the material from the Niagara Falls Storage Site does not pose a risk to public health or the community.

"Many industries rely on Wayne Disposal Inc. to responsibly manage waste material, and the court ruling, which was issued without a hearing, impacts our ability to serve these customers. It also hinders important environmental remediation activities and interstate commerce. We look forward to presenting our position to the court in the very near future."

VBPS board approves resolution against radioactive waste

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board unanimously approved a resolution saying it disapproves of burial of radioactive waste in a Van Buren Township landfill near McBride Middle School.

The resolution was presented by School Superintendent Pete Kudlak and it reads:

WHEREAS, the City of Belleville and the Van Buren Public Schools District borders Van Buren Township and is adjacent to the Wayne Disposal Inc. Hazardous Waste Landfill that is preparing to take 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville Downtown Development Authority member Kelly McWilliams announced that a pie baking contest has been added to the book signing event on Oct. 19 on the Fourth Street Square. At that time former Detroit Tiger Lance Parrish and writer Tom Gage will be signing their "Enchanted Season" books in an outside event.

Belleville DDA agrees to help put asphalt on neglected city alley

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted to pay up to \$20,000, and not more than 50% of the total cost, of putting a 3" asphalt cap on the alley between Wabash and Henry streets.

This was the only action at the Sept. 18 regular meeting, besides approving accounts payable and routine meeting steps.

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones, who is part time director of the DDA, at the meeting asked that the item be added to the

agenda.

Jones said the alley has been in poor repair for years and the DPW was working earlier that day to grade it and put stone on. The 3" cap would give it a hard surface. He said the DDA could share the cost 50-50 with the city, not to exceed \$20,000 for the DDA's share.

He said that area had been added to the DDA district.

Jones said the stone portion is done and the the stone was purchased from Osborne.

Mayor Ken Voigt, who sits on the DDA,

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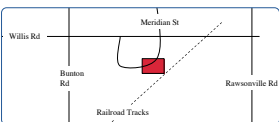
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Mildred Mida Baker, age 98, BHS class of 1944, at left, was celebrating her 80th class reunion. She was one of the founders of the All-Class Reunions. Steve Stoltz, center, is from class of 1957, and Mary McLaughlin, class of 1958.



Photo courtesy of Steve Stoltz

Belleville High School class of 1957.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Jackie Randall, class of 1955, and her son Curtis Randall, both of Sacramento, CA, join Lois Mida Zilka, class of 1954, of Canton Township at Saturday's Belleville High School All-Class Reunion.

BHS All-Class Reunion

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Tired volunteers consider scrubbing BHS reunions

A plea for comments or suggestions was put at each place setting at tables for Saturday's annual BHS All-Class Reunion event, urging those attending to help volunteers figure out what to do.

The request explained the event is in jeopardy of folding unless they have more participation of classes after 1971.

"The same classmates have been planning the annual reunion since its inception and we are tired and worn out trying to come up with ideas to get graduates from the classes in the 1980s through today.

"We have done this for many years and the attendance continues to decline. [There were slightly more than 100 present on Saturday.]

"Do you have grandchildren, great-grandchildren that graduated from BHS? What would they say? Any ideas you may have are welcome ..." the form said.

The simple reunion begins with tours of BHS, shopping in the school store, a few welcoming remarks, and dinner, with members of the BHS National Honor Society helping disabled alumni get their food and carry their plates. This year School Supt. Pete Kudlak helped clear plates from the tables as alumni went on with their chatting.

"Should we continue next year or not?" asked volunteer chairperson Linda Clayton, '71. She said that will be determined at the wrapup meeting coming up. What do you think?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

It was amazing to see that Millie Mida Baker, age 98, was celebrating her 80th class reunion at Saturday's event at Belleville High School. She is from the class of 1944 and that was the oldest class represented.

Then, I saw on the list of classes being honored was the class of 1954 which was celebrating its 70th reunion. That's my class! I didn't realize I was that old.

The class of 1964 celebrated its 60th reunion and 1974 its 50th reunion. ***

On Monday, the weather was lovely and so the Farmers' Market and the Main Street Car Show in Belleville celebrated another Monday without rain. Neither the market nor the car show had to shut down for inclement weather this year.

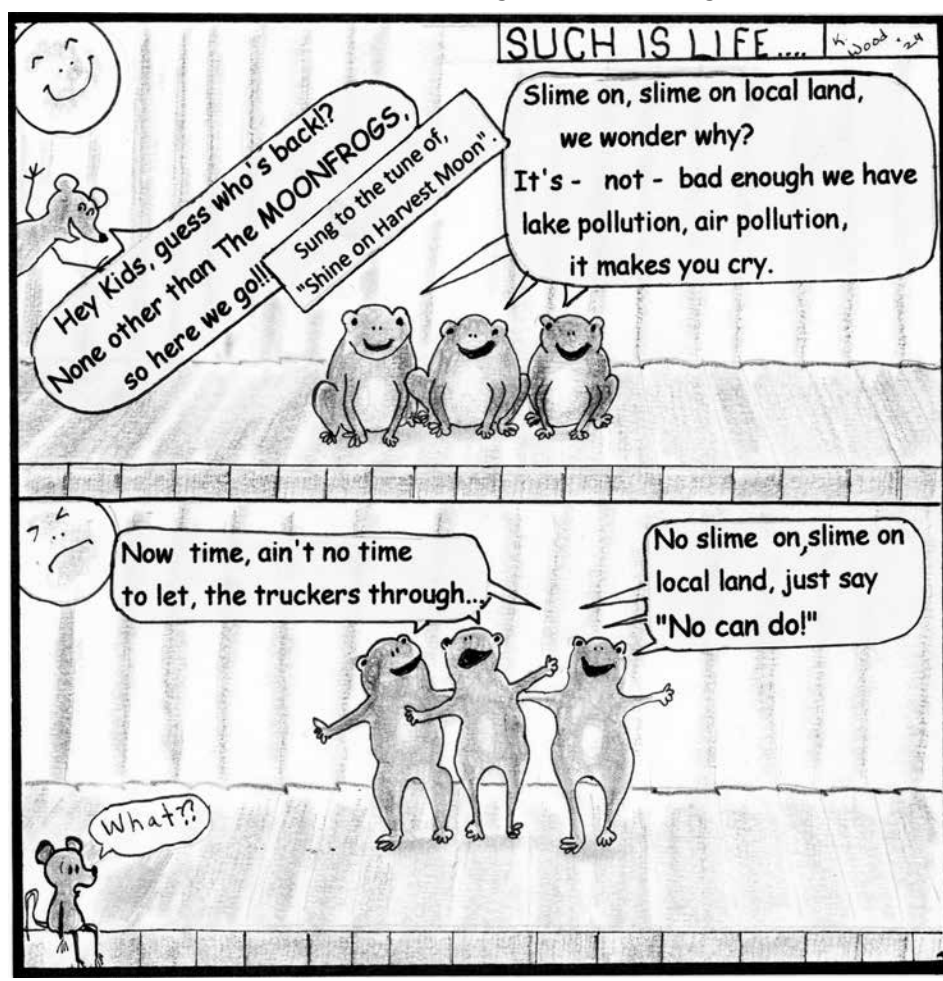
John Winter from Egan's Pub, which sponsors the weekly car show, said that on Oct. 14, the last day of the year for the car show, they will have a Trunk or Treat in the cars on display. He said not all the car owners have to participate, but many will and there will be other things for kids. He said his daughters came up with the idea.

He said that is on the 14th and then on the 18th Egan's will be putting up its tent for the annual Witches' Ball, a benefit event to raise funds for Guiding Harbor (Girlstown).

Oct. 14 also is the last day for the Farmers' Market this year. ***

Check out the new fence along Savage Road at Victory Park. The old split-rail fence is gone and a black, institutional metal fence has replaced it. It's going to take some time for me to get used to the way it looks -- like it's keeping people out. ***

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



At Monday's school board meeting, board president Amy Pearce praised at length the work of Mark Laginess who has been in charge of the BHS Band Review for 19 years and is retiring from that role to spend more time with the robotics program.

"He's the brains behind the event," she said of his work to get the band review organized each year. This year they had nine marching bands from other schools, including the Eastern Michigan University Marching Band, which showed the high schools what a band can be.

Pearce said there were more than 900 visiting students for the Sept. 18 Half-Time Band Review at the BHS football field.

She said she tried to get Laginess to stay another year to make it an even 20 years with the Band Review, but he needs more time for robotics.

Laginess also is on the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority and has been active in many local activities. ***

Some trees have been planted along the Iron Belle Trail that goes to the west side of E. Huron River Drive and over the Huron River bridge between the two Haggerty Roads.

Many people complained when the beautiful trees that were in place along the front of Huron Valley Steel were cut down to put the cement trail. VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said nice trees would be planted to replace those trees.

The ones planted are nice but can't replace the beautiful ones that were so well-cared-for by Huron Valley Steel and that blocked the view of their yard.

Huron Valley Steel has always taken such great care of its landscaping. ***

The Sept. 25 Van Buren Township Planning Commission was cancelled. This was to be the first planning commission meeting without Dan Power, former director of planning and economic development, who resigned to take a position in the private sector. The township is working to fill his position.

When he was hired, Supervisor McNamara compared Power to a "Swiss Army knife" with many skills. ***



We just received a copy of Ronald Barrington Robinson's "In My Opinion" video that was put on YouTube and on a Flint cable channel on Saturday.

Its topic is "Horrible Conditions in Sumpter Township, Michigan."

It came to us while on deadline for this week's paper, so we didn't have time to review it, but if it's like his other shows, it tells stories and shows pictures of things he has observed about the community in which he lives. ***

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Letters

Turn your absentee ballots in directly

To the editor:
 I urge voters to turn in absentee ballots directly rather than putting them in the mail. I mailed my primary ballot two weeks in advance of the election.

Fortunately, I checked and learned the day of the election that my ballot had not been received. If I had not signed necessary papers to void the mail-in and submitted a new ballot my vote would not have counted.

Please be sure to vote, and make sure your vote is counted in this very important November election.

Dee Crowe, Van Buren Township

Thank you to BHS Jr. ROTC students

To the editor:
 Thank you, Jr. ROTC students, for coming to my rescue on Monday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville Farmers' Market. My usual help to unload and set up the booth was not available that day. But the group of ROTC students came out of nowhere and asked if I needed help.

They all jumped into action, lugged my equipment, and set up my tables and cover. They worked like a well-oiled machine! I was very grateful for all their assistance. Thanks, again.

Kathryn Wood, Van Buren Township

POW/MIA recognition day was Sept. 20

To the editor:
 September 2024 has a couple of days that we really need to be recognized. Sept. 11th of course was the date of 9-11 a well-known date in history.

What a lot of people don't realize is that on September the 20th, 2024, the United States recognizes the POW/MIA recognition day. It's a day to honor those who were prisoners of war as well as those still listed as Missing in Action. It is also one of the six national observances when the POW/MIA flag can be flown. The other five observance days are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence

Day, and Veterans Day.
 Belleville VFW Post 4434 would like for everyone to observe September 20th and remember all the POW/MIAs that are still unaccounted for, which still number over 80,000 from all wars.

Robert Krouse, Commander
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434

Editor's note: We apologize. We were supposed to publish this letter last week.

Parents need to be involved in education

To the editor:
 Belleville parents need to become more involved in their child's education. Attend a school board meeting. If that is not possible, discuss with other parents what happens in their child's classroom. We are all busy in our lives each day, but isn't YOUR CHILD more important than anything else?

Keep in touch with their teachers. Find out from their child's teachers how many children are in their class. Ask your child what happens in their classroom all day? I'm sure their teachers are teaching each and every child with patience, understanding and Love. That is why they became teachers.

GET INVOLVED! Stay involved each day, so your child sees that you care about everything involving them is the most important thing in their life! Speak up for them.

Kathy Wasser
 52-year resident of Van Buren Twp.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 26** – Girls Varsity Golf vs. Franklin HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark GC; Boys JV Soccer vs. Franklin HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Franklin HS, 6 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 27** –Varsity Football vs. Franklin HS, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 1** -- Boys JV Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis vs. KLA A Crossover, 4 p.m.; Freshman Volleyball vs. Dearborn HS, 5 p.m.; JV Volleyball vs. Dearborn HS, 5 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs. Dearborn HS, 6:30 p.m.

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Belleville DDA

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said the city will get bids on the work.

Jones said if the DDA, which only meets once a month, approves the payment, the city can consider it at an upcoming meeting so the work can get done before the asphalt plants close for the season.

In other business at the Sept. 18 meeting, the DDA:

- Learned that an Apple Pie Contest will be part of the DDA-sponsored book signing by Lance Parrish and Tom Gage from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Fourth Street Square. DDA member Kelly McWilliams, who is setting up the event with her own funds, said there will be one category and each pie baker will bring two pies, one to test and one to sell to raise funds for the Belleville High School baseball and softball teams;

- Heard DDA Chairperson Alicia McGovern report that she received a call from City Manager Jason Smith, who told her he wants Jones back full time as assistant city manager/DPW director, and the DDA could have somebody full time. She said she gave Jones the offer to stay with the DDA full time and Jones said he is still contemplating the situation and needs to talk with Smith on how that would work. McGovern said she would contact the financial consultant Kelly Howey on the costs. DDA member Chris Donley asked if there's enough to do full time for the DDA and Jones said that person could be looking for grants, planning improvements to parks, managing not neglecting DDA maintenance, attend meetings with other entities and do more with the Van Buren Township DDA. McGovern said there is so much the DDA could do and said, "We need more of you," to Jones. "Ultimately, it's his decision," said Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams. McGovern said she would discuss the legacy costs with Howey and Mayor Voigt said they would double;

- Discussed removal of phragmites from the Victoria Commons pond. Jones presented a quote from Water Landscapes, LLC of \$11,500 for the initial cutting/mulching, and removal of the phragmite and \$650 a month from May through October 2025 for monitoring and treatment. Jones said these plants are like at the high school. They grow quickly, to 15' tall, are hard to get rid of, and destroy the natural vegetation. McGovern asked if this was the only quote and Jones said he reached out to them because they were familiar with the ponds. Donley said he has those on his property and the roots grow underground sideways. DDA member John Winter said EGLE suggests chemical treatment and then a controlled burn in the winter, which could be by the fire department. They will ask EGLE if there is financial assistance available and Donley asked if goats eat this. McGovern said they will dig into the details a little more for spring action. Mayor Voigt checked on his phone and said the phragmites started here in 1910 and there has been some success with goats;

- Heard Donley give a report on possibly veering away from the plan to hire someone for a development plan, since the plan takes

over 6 months and then would be given to them and they would pay \$40,000. He suggested hiring Springer Media to market the town and to put advertisements in Today Magazine and tri-fold brochures in rest areas in multiple states. McGovern suggested they paid a professional for a strategic planning session and report. "I would like to tie it to the strategic plan we agreed to," she said suggesting that everyone read the strategic plan again. "I agree we should look at the strategic plan," said Mayor Voigt. "Let's get this done. We've been dragging our feet";

- Heard Richardson-Williams report from the Arts & Culture committee that Vera Redden will start painting the hardware store windows on Sept. 19 and they asked her to be done by October Festival. Heard Valerie Kelley-Bonner give a report on her SOOAR after school program at McBride encouraging students to discuss vaping, suicide, what they would like to see, and other things on their minds. She said, "We miss out on an opportunity if we don't train our kids in leadership" and listen to them; and

- Heard Jones report that the playset and swing set at Victory Park needs repair and was the subject of complaints on social media. He said he ordered new replacements and found that the employee who had been working with the city on the previous order had been fired. He said that Councilwoman Kissel found the 2015 plans for the Horizon Park irrigation system which will make repairing and replacing it a whole lot easier.



Coach Yamamoto and four student members of the Belleville High School Varsity Dance Team came to the Sept. 3 Belleville City Council meeting to thank the council for the donation of \$1,500 and to talk about the four Sundays they spent painting 44 fire hydrants. Each student spoke of her experience, with one saying she could drive by and say, "I painted that hydrant." Another said she felt good about taking part in a visible contribution to the city. Coach Yamamoto said the Dance Team is not funded by the school district and has to earn its own money or have parents pay for uniforms, poms, and the family banquet at the end of the year.

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Obituaries



Harold "Rocky" Dubisky

HAROLD 'ROCKY' DUBISKY

Harold "Rocky" Dubisky, age 63, of Lantana, Florida, passed away August 22, 2024. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sylvia Dubisky. Rocky grew up in Romulus, Michigan before relocating to Florida as an adult. He is survived by his son Timothy Grenier; granddaughters Kaylee and Ava; his father Harold Dubisky; siblings Bob (Denise) Dubisky, Ray (Shari) Dubisky, and Lynn (Jeff Holt) Langenberg; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 – A special joint meeting to discuss the new Master Plan timeline will be held at 6 p.m. for the Belleville City Council, Planning Commission and DDA at city hall.
- Monday, Oct. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 21 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Sept. 26** – Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club invites everyone to a Meet & Greet of candidates in the 2024 election at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Friday, Sept. 27** – It's Oktoberfest from 5-8 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Menu: Brat or ham hock, German potato salad, sauerkraut, Spätzle (German noodles), red cabbage, bread/butter and dessert, \$15. German music by Crosstown Horn Band, cash bar, German beer, shotski. Call (734) 461-2498 for reservations. Sponsored by Keith and Ginger Bruder and Eagle Friends. Open to the public.
- **Friday, Sept. 27** – Tacos and Margaretas fund-raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. (unless they run out) at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post, 32970 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.
- **Saturday, Sept. 28** – Family Feud brought to you by the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Teams of six players, \$5 per player. Everyone welcome; must be 18 or older to play.
- **Sunday, Sept. 29** – Misty and Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic invite the public to their home at 46110 Judd Rd., Sumpter Township, from 3-8 p.m. to spend the afternoon, eat some free barbecue, and enjoy the interactive Halloween decorations which are in abundance. There is no charge and no donations. This is a fun, give-back to the community. No exotic animals are involved.
- **Thursday, Oct. 3** – Romulus Public Library offers a free, live music show from 6 to 7 p.m. by Matthew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid, a piano and song man of 5 million YT views. He will perform American songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Era. The library is next to 34th District Court at 11121 Wayne Rd., phone (734) 942-7589, for more info/register.
- **Friday, Oct. 4** – Euchre Tournament at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 Huron River Dr., Romulus. Doors open at 5 p.m., tournament at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, with no tickets sold at the door. Cash prizes of \$300, \$150, and \$50. Hot dogs and chips. This fund raiser is to support the VFW building fund. Information: Jan Lemmon, (734) 941-0996.
- **Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6** – St. Paul's Apple Fest 2024 at 19109 Craig St., New Boston. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Apple pies, \$10; Apple Shooters, \$2; food/drinks, vendors & crafters. Info at: (734) 625-0514 or (734) 753-9048.
- **Sunday, Oct. 6** – Bethany Bible Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its daycare from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during church and its Fall Festival, with food, games, hayride, dunk tank.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For \$15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.

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School Board

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gallons of groundwater contaminated with elevated radiation from Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, New York, which from 1944 until 1952 served as a primary storage location for wastes and byproducts associated with uranium ore refining; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a multiyear project to remove the elevated radiation wastes from the Niagara site with 25 semi trailer loads a week of the radioactive waste shipped on local highways and roads, beginning in late August through January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Conference of Western Wayne, comprised of eighteen member communities representing over 730,000 residents in passed a resolution in opposition to the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, Belleville City officials nor Van Buren Public Schools were not notified of the upcoming transport of radioactive waste through and near our communities and public safety issues of this magnitude affect the entire region and surrounding communities in Michigan, putting our residents, motorists and infrastructure in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, government officials and residents have no say in what occurs at Michigan Disposal, although it directly impacts the health and welfare of our communities; and

WHEREAS, questions about why the Wayne Disposal site was selected, why local officials and the public were not notified, what safety measures are being taken for the transport and disposal of materials, whether the waste will be tested before landfilling, what protocols and technologies are being used to safely manage and contain the waste, and what ongoing monitoring of materials all remain unanswered;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this day September 23, 2024, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education disapproves of Wayne Disposal Inc. Hazardous Waste Landfill receiving 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of groundwater contaminated with elevated radiation. We stand firm with our local government in stopping this particular waste from entering our community.

Supt. Kudlak said a week or so earlier he got a call from Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt to see if the school district would pass a resolution against bringing in the radioactive waste, like a lot of other groups are doing.

Kudlak said the communities got a judge to issue an injunction for a short period of time and State Rep. Reggie Miller introduced a bill to keep the waste out of Michigan.

He said the school district could take a stance against bringing radioactive waste to this community. He then read the resolution and the board voted to approve it.

Jessica Peterson of Canton spoke from the audience saying she had been talking to Mayor Voigt earlier that day and he told her to come to the school board meeting. She has four children and one has an autoimmune disease. She said what is happening is devastating and it's because it's the

cheapest place to bury the waste.

Peterson said she had lived in Belleville for many years and she encouraged the community to work together to fight this.

Reg Ion said from the audience that none of the politicians were opposed to it at the time it became a toxic waste landfill. He said it's an election year so they are opposing it now, but these people were in office when the landfill changed and they didn't oppose it then.

He told Peterson that Rep. Miller didn't vote against the landfill when she was on the Van Buren Township board.

In other business at Monday's 43-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved a large group of updated board policies as recommended by the Thrun law firm, recommended by the policy committee, and discussed at the last meeting;

- Approved the retirement of BHS social worker Kimberly Bargardi after 30 years of service as of Dec. 31; and approved the resignation of teacher Lamazer Williams of Owen Intermediate School as of Sept. 11 after less than a year of service;

- Approved the non-instructional staff retirements of Lorrie Grzych after 24 years of service as a bus driver in the transportation department as of Oct. 1; and Diane Kiessel of BHS as of Oct. 31 after 41 years of service;

- Approved the resignation of Fidelia Johnson from the transportation department as of Sept. 9 after less than a year of service; and the termination of Melissa Meimaridis from food service as of Sept. 17 after four

years of service;

- Approved the employment of Aislinn Basil as a paraprofessional at Rawsonville Elementary School as of Sept. 12;

- Heard Kathy Wasser of Van Buren Township ask the board to consider what the large classrooms of 29, 30, or 32 students is doing to hinder the students from getting a good education and to discourage teachers from pursuing their careers. She said she has lived in VBT for 52 years and she and her husband raised their children here and now their grandchildren are attending classes with 32 students. "Will people who are looking for a good school district for their children to attend come to ours?" she asked;

- Heard Reg Ion say that he's had an issue over the pop machine at the high school for three years because there is no contract. Supt. Kudlak said he'd take care of it three years ago and he hasn't. Ion said he is asking the board to stay on Kudlak and make sure a signed contract is in place; and

- Heard Ion say he wanted to show a picture from a football game to all the board members so he gave them his phone and they all looked and then he showed it to those in the audience who were interested. The picture showed the back of football player #11 who had a sign on his back that said: "You Slow AF." He asked what kind of coaches allowed that? He said if people didn't know what that meant, he'd tell them. No one asked. He said there is also vulgar language in music played at the games. "Is this acceptable?" he asked the board and president Pearce said, "That has been addressed," without further comment. Ion said the board could solve the class size problem by closing the Schools of Choice program that supplies the "shady football program you've got." He said professional and college sports don't allow that. He added that the referee should have taken it off the player, but the picture shows the ref apparently fist-bumping the player.



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Well obviously, Dearborn High School was not a match for our prowling BHS Tigers. Our boys took them out 49 to 22. Not sure how our boys let them score that much but let's not do that again! Tomorrow is a home game with Livonia Franklin HS on the chopping block, Let's finish the month with another win!

The Van Buren Eagles hall on Beck Road will be jumping to German music at its annual Oktoberfest on Friday, Sept. 27, 5-8 p.m. Priced at only \$15 they are serving brats or one ham hock, German potato salad, sauerkraut, spätzle (German noodles), red cabbage, bread/butter and dessert. Open to the public. Call for reservations, (734) 461-8498.

Many of you know Mark and Misty Rosenthal of Animal Magic. Well, they decided to do a huge Halloween-decorated yard at 46110 Judd Rd. and have a party. Bring your family by for free hotdogs and drinks on Sunday, Sept. 29, 3-8 p.m. and admire their creative spirit for this fun holiday display.

Belleville's Booville is nearly upon us and you only have a few more days to get your scarecrow entry form to city hall. The form must be submitted to city hall by Monday, Sept. 30. The form is in this week's paper for the last time so please get it filled out so Main Street will be all dressed up for the month.

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



The public is invited to a Van Buren Township ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly upgraded French Landing Park at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 12090 Haggerty Rd. "The fishing dock was failing, the play structure was rotting and unsafe, and the vegetation was overgrown, hiding the park from street view," said VBT Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud, who managed the project. "We found ourselves with a major opportunity to transform the space into something really special for the community." The park received the Innovation Award at the Michigan Recreation and Park Association annual conference.

Six running for four seats on Van Buren Board of Education

Six candidates are running for four, four-year terms on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education by filing by the deadline to be included on the ballot, and one as a write-in.

- They are:
- Victor DeLibera, 44723 Greenbriar Dr., Van Buren Township
 - Dionne Falconer, incumbent, 43705 Dorchester Dr., Van Buren Township
 - Wade Fields, 6642 Sheldon Rd., Van Buren Township
 - Billie Jo Harsch, 47 Montague St., Van Buren Township
 - David W. Shall, 45455 Harmony Lane, Van Buren Township
 - Also, incumbent school board member Kelly Owen, 42607 Maude Ct., Van Buren Township, has filed as a write-in candidate. Her name will not be on the ballot.
- Incumbent school board members not

running for reelection are vice-president Susan Featheringill and treasurer Simone Pinter. Their present terms run until the end of December.

Romulus Public Library to host 'The Boogie Woogie Kid' on Oct. 3

The Romulus Public Library welcomes Youtube Influencer of 5 million views Matthew Ball, "The Boogie Woogie Kid," on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. for a live music show. This is a family-friendly, free music event with the piano and song man of 5 million Youtube views performing American songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Era. The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Rd., next door to the 34th District Court. Phone (734) 942-7589 for more info or to register.

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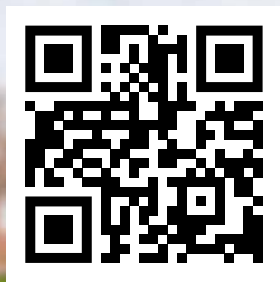
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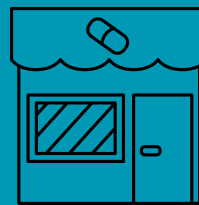
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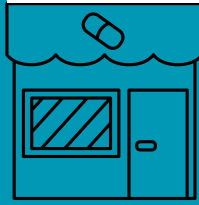
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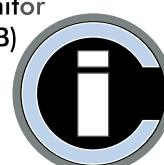


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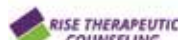
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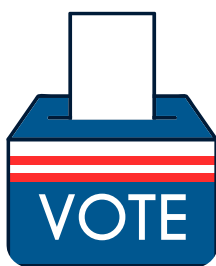
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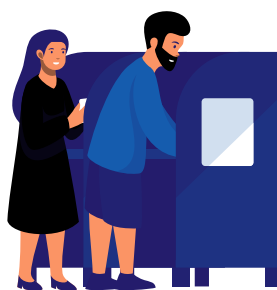


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Former Birmingham art dealer sentenced to over five years in prison

Wendy Halstead Beard, 59, of Birmingham, was sentenced Sept. 11 to 5 years and 3 months in federal prison for wire fraud, announced U.S. Attorney Dawn N. Ison.

One of her victims was Van Buren Township reporter J. Ross Baughman, 71, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and college professor.

Joining in the announcement of sentencing was Cheyvorvea Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A news release was issued.

Beard was sentenced before United States District Judge Judith E. Levy in Ann Arbor. Beard's sentence follows her guilty plea to one count of wire fraud arising from a multi-year scheme in which she received millions of dollars' worth of fine art photography prints on consignment, sold the artwork without the knowledge of the owners, kept the profits for her own personal gain, and continually deceived the owners about the status of their photographs.

Judge Levy also ordered Beard to pay

restitution in the amount of more than \$2 million.

According to court records, between March 2019 and October 2022, Beard engaged in an ongoing scheme to defraud dozens of her customers, many of whom were elderly. The primary purpose of the scheme was for Beard to convert to her own use multiple fine art photographs that had been provided to her on a consignment basis, in order to sell those photographs and keep the proceeds for herself (rather than turning over the proceeds to the consignors).

She also took thousands of dollars in payments from other victims, for photographs which she then failed to deliver. On at least one occasion Beard victimized two individuals with one photograph -- never providing the photograph to the purchaser while also failing to pay the original consigner following the sale.

When questioned by her victims about the whereabouts of their artwork (or their share of the proceeds), Beard repeatedly lied to them, inventing more and more ridiculous justifications for her delay in repayment or return of consigned property. These excuses consisted of, among other things, exaggerating the severity of her own health problems, including claiming (1) to have recently been in a coma and (2) to have received a double-lung transplant.

Beard also created fake "employee" identities which she used to correspond with her victims in a further effort to delay detection and conceal her theft.

"My office stands ready to investigate and prosecute elder financial abuse in all its forms and will continue to hold perpetrators

like Beard accountable for their actions," said U.S. Attorney Ison. "Beard's ongoing deception was of a level that we rarely see, even in fraud cases, lying to her customers repeatedly in an attempt to conceal her scheme. Today's sentence will hopefully bring a measure of closure for the more than three-dozen victims who trusted Wendy Beard with their valuable artwork."

"Preying on vulnerable individuals in any form is utterly deplorable and will not be tolerated," said Cheyvorvea Gibson, the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Michigan. "Ms. Beard's calculated criminal acts displayed a complete disregard for the victims who placed their trust in who they believed to be a legitimate business owner.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Birmingham Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ryan A. Particka and Adriana Dydell.

She was arraigned Oct. 14, 2022 and she has been free on unsecured \$10,000 bond.

During the FBI's investigation, over 100 rare photographs with a combined estimated value of about \$1.6 million were identified as being consigned to Beard and not returned or sold to victims without being delivered.

Beard operated a gallery out of a storefront in Birmingham until 2020 when the gallery was closed and relocated to her Franklin, MI residence.

One of the five top victims was Van Buren Township resident J. Ross Baughman who was interviewed by two FBI agents after he made a formal complaint about how Beard has possession of 20 of his rare photographs by Ansel Adams and other famous photographers that he had consigned to

her for sale for a lump sum of \$40,000 in February 2020. The consignment was for one year and paid a 10% commission. Beard said she had planned to take the photographs to a sale she was hosting in a Florida gallery.

Baughman lost his life's work and art collection from the water used to fight a fire at The Waverly, the former Harbour Club apartments, on May 24, 2021.

According to the criminal complaint, one of Baughman's 20 photographs was "Human Pin Cushion, Maryland, 1961" by Diane Arbus, which Beard valued at \$8,500.

The criminal complaint described four other victims, including an 89-year-old man with Alzheimer's who, among other things, had his signed Ansel Adams photo returned with the signature gone; an 82-year-old who gave Beard \$900,000 in fine-art photography to sell; a 70-year-old victim who placed a signed Ansel Adams book and three photographs with Beard and got the book back and a bad check for one photo for \$4,000; and a 72-year-old victim who paid \$73,000 for an Ansel Adams photograph and never got the photograph.

Baughman said when he was unable to get his photographs back from Beard, he went to the Belleville Police Department and they told him he needed to file with the Van Buren Township police, since he lived in the township. After being interviewed by Van Buren Township detectives, he said they recommended he file his complaint in Birmingham because that police department has more resources.

He said he and his sister, Mary Ann Bitner, drove to Birmingham to file the complaint and police said they received multiple complaints on Beard and it is being turned over to the FBI.

Baughman said on Monday, "As to those wheels of justice we all enjoy, I'm glad the system hasn't completely frozen solid. Just a few days before this verdict was handed down on Sept. 11, I was finally notified that 18 out my original 20 vintage prints have been recovered. No date yet on when I can expect their return. No word on what might have happened to the remaining two, which were sentimentally among my favorites, and which totalled \$8,000 in raw market value. No word on when or if I might get any of the settlement fund as compensation, even after they asked me to submit several rounds of crime victim impact statements."

Baughman concluded: "Mark me down with a big, exasperated sigh..."

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Public asks VBT board for help with cyber security, dead trees

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A resident asked the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees for help with cyber security at its regular meeting on Sept. 17.

She said especially with the Smart freeway being installed, the public needs cyber security because it can't afford to be attacked. She said she has been a cyber security victim for two years and she said the Van Buren Police dismissed her reports.

She asked the board to set up a cyber team for public safety and security.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said she is not the first person to mention this.

She said she had a suspect and ample evidence but was not taken seriously.

"I don't know what we can do," McNamara said.

Clerk Leon Wright said this is something brand new that has been brought to the MMRMA board where he sits. "We're trying to get a hold on it," he said. "It's so new."

"You must be proactive," she said.

McNamara said residents are coming to township police for help with this.

The next speaker under public comments at the beginning of the meeting, was former VBT Fire Chief Brad Traskos, now retired and living on Willis Road in Sumpter Township. He said his wife Diane and he both have called the Wayne County Road Commissions at the New Boston Road. Their concern is the dead trees along Sumpter Road between Bemis and Hull roads.

He said several years ago a motorcycle club was out and a tree had come down, but had landed in a shaded area. He said one of the motorcyclists drove into the branches, was impaled, and expired.

Traskos said on Sumpter Road big elms are leaning over the road and they will be in the road when they fall.

"I'm worried for your first-responders, being a retired fire chief from here," Traskos said, adding he is hoping the board could look into it and push Wayne County Forestry to get that done.

Supervisor McNamara said they will call, but he knows the county has cut back on forestry employees.

A third speaker, Ms. Hall, asked the board to move the age down at the new Community Center to allow her son, age 15, to exercise unsupervised. She said at Summit in Canton, the age is 12. She said her son wants to play basketball hour upon hour and she doesn't want to sit and watch that. She said he is in the National Honor Society and would obey the rules. She asked that it depend not on the age, but that the rules are being followed.

Supervisor McNamara said he guarantees those making the decisions will talk about it.

In other business at the hour-long meeting, the board:

- Approved the Winterfest Commercial Fireworks Display Permit Application by the Fireworks Club to discharge fireworks on Belleville Lake during the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Winterfest on Saturday, Dec. 7, with a rain date of Sunday, Dec. 8;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Jeff Jahr and Brian Cullin to the planning commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2027;

- Heard a presentation by Donovan Smith of McKenna Associates on the Housing Readiness Initiative he will be managing for 13 months. The township got a state grant of \$45,000, with a \$5,000 matching grant, to pay for the study. There will be four public engagements. Smith will be working with the steering committee and staff on the project, which is expected to be approved by the board next spring. It works on revisions to the 2020 Master Plan that will encourage middle housing;

- Approved the \$21,342 quote by W.J. O'Neil to replace the split system HVAC in its server room at Fire Station #2. The existing system, which is 21 years old and in two parts (one on the outside and one on the inside) failed a few months back and temporary portable air conditioning units have been used to maintain proper temperature in the server room. The recommendation to replace the system was primarily due to the age of the existing split system unit, as parts are no longer commercially available for its repair;

- Approved adopting the 2024 Van

Buren Township Economic Development Strategy and Marketing Plan as part of Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification. The goal is to market the township for future growth. This study was paid 95% with grant money. After approval the township will work with MEDC contacts to complete the final process of RRC certification. "This is the last big hurdle for certification,";

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance rezoning the 38.8-acre parcel west of Costco Truck Terminal from M-1 Light Industrial to M-2 General Industrial, as recommended by the planning commission. The second reading and adoption is planned for the next board meeting agenda. McNamara said he lives in that area and Costco has just-in-time inventory and trucks drive around until they can get into the site. "This is huge," he said, noting Costco will use the new parcel to get trucks off the road;

- Heard Clerk Wright say the new state election rules are costly for local municipalities, but the township will get \$110,000 back for expenses. He said the ballots are going out and if you don't get your absentee ballot by Oct. 2, contact the township. He said the nine days of early voting starts Oct. 26. He said the township has more than 25,000 registered voters and, "Every vote counts"; and

- Heard McNamara announce that that night's meeting was the last one for Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power as an employee of the township. Power has resigned to take a position in the private sector with Beckett

& Raeder. McNamara said the board doesn't want him to go, "But we want you to be happy. Thank you for what you've done for the community." Other board members complimented his work and Power said it was a challenge for awhile, when COVID struck, but he thanked them for the opportunity. Director of Public Services Larry Luckett said, "Wherever you go, you'll be a shining star."

Chamber to present 2024 State of the Community at VBT

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will present its 2024 State of the Community breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Van Buren Community Center Black Box Theater.

The public is invited to enjoy a breakfast and hear first-hand what is happening in the community.

Speakers are scheduled to be Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt, Sumpter Township Manager Anthony Burdick, Detroit Regional Aerotropolis CEO Christopher Girdwood, and Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak.

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The Belleville High School Class of 1974 presented a check for \$1,075 to retired Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent James Richendollar for the scholarship he sponsors for students. The check was given to him at the Sept. 19 dinner at the Belleville Bait Shop during the the class' 50th reunion. Standing behind Richendollar, from left, are Kathie Krajewski-Oliverson, Hubert Russell, and Madison (Linda Maki) McComas.

Judge Oakley dismisses murder charge in Romulus as self-defense

Chief 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley dismissed a murder charge against an Inkster man after determining the shooting was done in self defense.

Christopher Demetrious Peterson, 24, was charged with the second-degree murder of Dante Carey, 49, in Romulus on July 3. Carey was the ex-boyfriend of Peterson's mother, defense attorney Robert Burton Harris said.

On Sept. 4, the preliminary exam was held and the charge of murder and using a firearm in commission of a felony were dropped by Judge Oakley.

Burton-Harris said in a *Detroit News* report that Michigan has one of the stronger self-defense laws in the country and if an attorney admits evidence of self-defense, prosecutors have to present evidence to rebut that claim.

"My client, like anybody, is happy to not have the most serious charges hanging over his head, but he is not happy about the situation," Burton-Harris said. "He's certainly not happy about having to do what he had to do. He understands and acknowledges someone lost their life. It's a very unfortunate situation."

Romulus police were called to a home in the 30100 block of Jamestown Street near Eureka and Middlebelt roads at about 10:15 p.m., July 3, for a report of a shooting, according to prosecutors. Police found Carey with multiple gunshot wounds.

Prosecutors said Carey and Peterson were in an argument that escalated before Peterson shot Carey. Peterson was licensed to carry a gun.

Carey had a "long, lengthy history" of domestic violence against Peterson's mother, Burton-Harris said, and was on

a tether for an unrelated assault with the intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and felonious assault case at the time of his death.

Prosecutors have not yet decided if they are going to appeal Judge Oakley's dismissal of the case.

Belleville PD to launch 'Hope Not Handcuffs' with Oct. 2 event

Three area police departments are holding special events to kick off their new "Hope Not Handcuffs" initiative.

Redford Township's event was on Sept. 18, Inkster's is on Sept. 25, and the city of Belleville Police event is at noon on Oct. 2 at the police department at Five Points.

In addition to the police chief, speakers will include representatives from FNA/"Hope Not Handcuffs."

Face Addiction Now (FAN, formerly known as Families Against Narcotics), a Macomb County-based nonprofit organization founded in 2007, is teaming up with three Wayne County police departments to bring hope to people who struggle with a substance use disorder (SUD) and want to find recovery.

One of FAN's most successful initiatives, "Hope Not Handcuffs" is designed to give people who are struggling with SUD a safe and easy way to access help: by visiting their local police station.

The program's concept is simple: Any person who is battling a drug or alcohol addiction can go to a participating agency and say they want help. They will be greeted with support, compassion, and respect, and one of FAN's trained volunteer "Angels" will be dispatched to meet them. The Angel will then contact FAN's Call Center and work with them to get the individual placed into treatment.

Circuit Court judge sentences John Green-Johnson to 10-20 years

John Brain Green-Johnson, 34, of Detroit was found guilty of second-degree murder, tampering with evidence, and felony firearm by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury on Aug. 16.

The sentence announced Sept. 12 by Circuit Court Judge Bradley L. Cobb was 10 to 20 years, with 574 days credit for time served. Those sentences run concurrently.

His felony firearm charge is two years more. He also was fined \$1,874.



Green-Johnson

Green-Johnson's original charge of homicide-open murder was vacated and a charge of first-degree murder dismissed.

This is for the death of Amber Nicole King, 29, whose body was found in a storage shed in the city of Westland after she was shot and killed May 9, 2022 in Westlake Apartments in Van Buren Township.

He was also charged with domestic violence/aggravated assault on Feb. 8, 2020 in Romulus. That charge was dismissed by the party and the Personal Protection Order was canceled.

He was extradited from a federal prison in West Virginia, where he was serving time for a probation violation, to face the Van Buren Township murder warrant.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said at about 4 p.m. on May 9, 2021, the Van Buren Township Police Department began receiving information regarding a potential homicide that occurred within the township.

Chief Wright said after many steps and much investigation, the body was found in a storage unit in the City of Westland. Chief Wright said police determined that a suspect had shot a female in an apartment at the Westlake Apartments. The female victim's identity was unknown initially and her body had been moved. However, officers had a suspect's name.

Chief Wright said officers were able to locate the scene of the homicide at Westlake. A search warrant was

obtained and VBT Police requested the assistance of the Michigan State Police Forensic Unit to process the apartment. Further investigation led VBT Police to Monroe County where the Monroe County Sheriff's Department located and arrested a male suspect, who was a VBT resident.

Acting on information, Van Buren detectives subsequently executed a search warrant on a storage unit in the City of Westland where the female victim was found.

The victim, Amber Nicole King, was a 2011 graduate of Belleville High School. She was survived by a son and many relatives in the Belleville area.

Students at BHS held a tearful vigil in front of the high school for the family after the death.

Sumpter Twp. board votes to donate \$5,000 to Republic litigation

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its Sept. 10 regular meeting to contribute \$5,000 toward the litigation opposing toxic waste disposal in Van Buren Township, with the donation subject to the review of Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young.

This agenda item was added to the end of the agenda during the meeting.

Supervisor Tim Bowman said he got a phone call from VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara saying that several communities were donating money to try to stop the radioactive waste from being brought to the landfill on the I-94 North Service Drive.

Supervisor Bowman said McNamara told him each participating community is putting up \$5,000 and asked if Sumpter could do the same. He said he is asking the board to consider this, subject to the township attorney's opinion.

"We're within a stone's throw," said Trustee Peg Morgan, who made the motion to put this on the agenda.

"It's not going to end at \$5,000," responded attorney Young. "We have to be realistic." He said it is a complicated case. They are asking for injunctive relief and the lawyers are trying to put a hold on this, but that's not the end.

He asked if Canton was leading the litigation and Bowman said it was.

"Normally, these things take on a life of their own," Young said, adding the township could put in the \$5,000 initially because time is of the essence and then this would give Young time to look into what they are going to do next.

Bowman said the Canton Township attorney is leading the litigation.

"They have to have some plan," Young said, adding he would talk to the Canton attorney.

Trustee Tim Rush said what is coming is low-level nuclear waste from the

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 1, 2024 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment on:

- The 2024 Amended and 2025 Proposed General Fund Budget
- The 2024 Amended and 2025 Proposed Water/Sewer Fund Budget
- The 2024 Amended and 2025 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
7. State Forfeiture Fund
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

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Manhattan Project in New York state. He said the 18 communities in the Council of Western Wayne planned to vote on the issue on Sept. 13.

Trustee Rush said the main problem is that it will take a lot of trucks and it just takes one accident.

A member of the audience said she just purchased a house in Canton, three miles from the landfill and her son has auto immune disease. She is very worried, she said, and she came to the meeting to find out about the landfill. She told of the stories of people who got cancer and they were seven miles from Lewiston, NY where the radioactive waste is coming from to Van Buren. She said she will tour the landfill Sept. 17 with a group of people who are concerned. She said she won't stop talking

about stopping the shipments and the board applauded her comments.

Trustee Rush invited her to attend the CWW meeting later that week in Huron Township where the subject will be discussed.

The township board held a closed-door session on the topic of the Republic Landfill on Sept. 17. The minutes of the Sept. 17 meeting, that was 46 minutes long, say the board voted "to direct the attorney to proceed" with no details.

Another closed-door session to discuss the same topic was scheduled for the end of the Sept. 24 regular meeting.

In other business at the hour-long regular meeting on Sept. 10, the board:

- Heard an audit report by Rana Emmons of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel. She said the "unmodified results" are the highest result possible and it was a "clean audit." She said the interest income was way up, to \$112,000 in the general fund alone.

the township showed a 6.75% increase in property values, and once you take away the 5% inflation, the growth is significantly above other communities. She noted the pension liabilities are 83% funded. She said she missed the past meeting because she didn't know she was on the agenda;

- Removed Item B from the agenda: approval to establish the new Sumpter Township Recreation Committee with Nicole VanAssche as appointed chairperson, pending background approval. Township manager Burdick said more information is needed;

- Heard Burdick report the community center doors and campus parking lot projects are this month, recycle area is complete, Graham Park playscape is next spring, the police department window and flooring bids will be on the next agenda, and the Graham Park tree bids close Sept.

18. There have been three interviews for DPW Director and a tentative selection. He said it has been learned Spicer Group did the work on the Rawsonville water line;

- Heard attorney Young ask the board to put a new motion on the agenda regarding the location of slaughterhouses. He wants the board to direct the planning commission to hold a public hearing on the issue and to address other ordinances that need updating. The board unanimously passed the new agenda item. Young said, "You can't outlaw them completely, but you can determine where they go"; and

- Heard firefighter Jaimie Goode explain that new program on risk assessment of special needs families, a project he had started before COVID and now is back in play. Dispatch and HVA will have information on family needs as well as the fire department.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Municipal Services Lockett, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Public Services Akers, Director of Parks Locke, and an audience of 10.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the amended agenda moving Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items to take place after the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Budget Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024, Prepaid List of August 22, 2024, Prepaid List of August 29, 2024, Voucher List of September 3, 2024, Prepaid List of September 5, 2024, Prepaid List of September 12, 2024, Voucher List of September 17, 2024, Approval of the Winterfest Commercial Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club to discharge fireworks on Saturday, December 7, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, December 8, 2024, and Approval of the Reappointments of Jeff Jahr Jr. and Brian Cullin to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on 10-01-2027. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A resident expressed concern with cyber security and reported personal experiences with hacking and spoofing; a Sumpter resident asked the Board to contact the Wayne County Road Commission in regards to dead trees on Sumpter Road between Bemis and

Hull Rd.; Director Locke announced a Paddle at the Park event that will take place on Saturday, September 21 from 11a.m. until 2 p.m. to give people the opportunity to try out a kayak from the kayak vending machine on Belleville Lake; and a resident asked the Board to consider lowering the VBC age from 16 for students to be able to exercise alone.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: A presentation on the Housing Readiness Initiative Program was given; the Board said their goodbyes to Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power as he leaves the Township for his next adventure; and Clerk Wright announced \$110,000 worth of election grants and reimbursements the Township will be receiving; and reminded voters that absentee ballots will go out later next week and to call the Clerk's Office if voters have not received their ballot by October 7.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.
PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS:

Kelley moved, Wright seconded to approve a quote by W.J. O'Neil to replace the split system HVAC at Fire Station #2. Motion Carried. Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve Resolution 2024-12: To Adopt the 2024 Van Buren Township Economic Development Strategy and Marketing Plan. Motion Carried. Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the First Reading of Ordinance RZ 09-17-24(1) Rezoning of the parcel west of Costco Truck Terminal (parcel ID number 83 014 99 0004 704) from M-1 Light Industrial to M-2 General Industrial. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The Board accepted Financial Report of January 2024, Financial Report of February 2024, Financial Report of March 2024, Financial Report of April 2024, and Financial Report of May 2024 as presented.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Sunday, Sept. 15:
0124 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
0300 – noise complaint, Dakota Ct.
0319 – civil matter, Arizona St.
0324 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0854 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Paris
0957 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1003 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
1058 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
1203 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1227 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1425 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1654 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willow Rd.

1715 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Willow
1918 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Monday, Sept. 16:
0226 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0932 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1203 – animal complaint, Redwood St.
1216 – follow-up investigation, Tulip Dr.
1306 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Dunn
1505 – assault, Colorado St.
1638 – suspicious vehicle, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.
1719 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1838 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
1856 – traffic complaint/hazard, Tulip Dr.
1922 – animal complaint, Tulip Dr.
2231 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.

Tuesday, Sept. 17:
0054 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0104 – PPO violation, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0531 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0538 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0840 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.
0948 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1059 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1157 – follow-up investigation, Second St.
1230 – follow-up investigation, Second St.
1237 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
1303 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1332 – civil matter, Second St.
1358 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1422 – fire dept. assist, Harris Rd./Haggerty
1504 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1555 – animal complaint, Arkona Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1624 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1835 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow
1856 – 911 hangup, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2104 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
2242 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2359 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:
0035 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0732 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1113 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Trasko Ave.
1215 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1300 – animal complaint, Willis/Rawsonville
1347 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Arkona

1514 – neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1817 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Judd
1905 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
2058 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 19:
0528 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
1203 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.
1307 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1437 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1524 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sherwood Rd.
1646 – welfare check, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.
1651 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

1736 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1812 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1848 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow
1942 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.
2035 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow
2105 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2106 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd
2122 – welfare check, Colorado St.
2146 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2352 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. judd Rd.
0000 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
Friday, Sept. 20:
0641 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
1327 – property damage accident, 41000 bl. Judd
1341 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1508 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Haggerty
1546 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1630 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1742 – welfare check, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1801 – harassment complaint, Carriage Ln.
1810 – mental health call, Mulberry Dr.
1815 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.
1826 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1951 – recovered stolen vehicle, California/Texas
2211 – mental health call, Mulberry Dr.
2249 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2336 – noise complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 21:
0213 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
0240 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
0742 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1136 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd.
1204 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Bohn
1322 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1356 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
1410 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1508 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1840 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
1912 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1940 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood Dr.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2005 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
2020 – traffic complaint/hazard, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2043 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood Dr.
2354 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 236 patrol checks, 114 traffic stops, and 19 misc. details.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 405 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0020 – welfare check, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – repossession, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0225 – mental subject, Sondra Dr.
0240 – disorderly, McBride Ave.
0435 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0455 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mitchell Dr./Jeremy Rd.
0723 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0758 – private property/property damage accident, Paloma Dr.
0833 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1040 – family trouble, Buchanan St.
1055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
1114 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1152 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Ct.
1320 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1352 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
1443 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1513 – fraud, N. Timberview Dr.
1516 – welfare check, Cherry Ln.
1520 – private property impound, Edison Lake Rd.
1548 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1704 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.
1803 – property damage accident, Riggs Rd.
1843 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1905 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mida Dr./Ecorse Service B Dr.
2026 – family trouble, Sonrisa St.
2051 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2305 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.

Monday, Sept. 16:

0029 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0218 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Old Denton Rd./Denton Rd.
0648 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0720 – shooting, Parkwood
0735 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0825 – civil matter, Lancaster Dr.
0940 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0945 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride
0958 – noise complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
1008 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1047 – suspicious pers on/vehicle/circumstance, Anna Dr.
1057 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
1227 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1242 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1356 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1414 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1417 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1421 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1552 – assist fire dept., Ironwood Dr.
1553 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1555 – fight, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
1624 – mental subject, Sadie Ln.
1630 – intrusion alarm, W. Schooner Dr.
1635 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1637 – misc. complaint, Sylvia Dr.
1639 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1849 – threat, Oak Ln.
1857 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1920 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.
2132 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
2254 – domestic, Ryznar Dr.
2331 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

0110 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Archwood Dr./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0140 – family trouble, Ecorse Service B. Dr.
xxxx – repossession, E. Archwood Dr.
0343 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

0413 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
0427 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Savage Rd.
0812 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Monterey Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Bemis Rd.
0958 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1043 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1059 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Crowley Ave.
1334 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1348 – intrusion alarm, Sandlewood Dr.
1537 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1558 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville Rd.
1623 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1628 – private property impound, Lake Villa Dr.
1800 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1824 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1850 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1853 – suicidal person, Sandlewood Dr.
xxxx – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1911 – domestic, Locust Dr.
2018 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0147 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0740 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0745 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
0751 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0933 – civil matter, W. Huron River Dr.
0950 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1039 – road hazard, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1046 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1101 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1256 – mental subject, Coca-Cola Dr.
1336 – welfare check, share
1357 – fraud, Gilmore St.
1418 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1509 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1450 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
1644 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1648 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
1712 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
1845 – traffic offense, Bog Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2011 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Dr.
2254 – threat, Bak Rd.
2235 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
2313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Patty Ln.
2242 – welfare check, EB I-94/Morton Taylor

Thursday, Sept. 19:

0159 – traffic offense, Haggerty/I-94
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
0508 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0644 – missing person, Quirk Dr.
0649 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
0702 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0714 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
0725 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
0922 – misc. complaint, Redwood Dr.
1056 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1151 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
1157 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1252 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1256 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1437 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1445 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1621 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1634 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St.
1720 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1827 – follow up by officer, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1831 – assist fire dept., Ecorse/I-275
1853 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1915 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
2024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2042 – domestic, Morton Taylor Rd.

2048 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2116 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
2247 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
Friday, Sept. 20:
0100 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.
0109 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0420 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
xxxx – assist fire dept., Richard Run Dr.
0730 – intrusion alarm, Fay Dr.
1332 – abandoned auto, Beck Rd.
1113 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
1136 – indecent exposure – all 3600 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1218 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck/Ecorse
1326 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1354 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1450 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1541 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1552 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1655 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1705 – larceny, Harbour Club
1836 – civil matter, Morton Taylor Rd.
1740 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1926 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1908 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2127 – assist other dept., Lighthouse Dr.
2201 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
2315 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0041 – 911 welfare check, Dellor St.
0213 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0617 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0927 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1037 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1114 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1200 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
1251 – 911 welfare check, Martz Rd.
1329 – parking complaint, Jackson St.
1409 – larceny from auto, Sondra Dr.
1459 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
1530 – civil matter, Fret Rd.
1537 – fraud, McBride Ave.
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1627 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.
xxxx – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1708 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1731 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1743 – civil matter, Greenwood Dr.
1752 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1819 – larceny from auto, Sondra Dr.
1920 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
1927 – fight, S. Bellridge Dr.
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stonebridge Ct.
2004 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2052 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
2144 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.

2239 – missing person, N. Cumberland Dr.
2306 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2331 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2352 – noise complaint, Arlene
Also, on this week's log are 137 traffic stops, 17 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also were 58 ordinance violations -- all 7300 MICR codes.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0120 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1057 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1122 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Ave.
1758 – civil matter, Main St.
1950 – civil matter, Anaheim
2111 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Sept. 16:
0010 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.

0712 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth St.
0835 – harassment call, Owen St.
1008 – property damage accident, Madelon/Robbe
1132 – property damage accident, S. Industrial Pk.
1441 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1454 – motorist assist, Martinsville/Savage
1656 – found property/child, Main St.
1715 – property damage accident, Fifth St.
1826 – property check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1935 – animal complaint, Main St.
1955 – 911 welfare check, Victorian Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

0734 – noise complaint, Third St./Main St.
0818 – traffic offense, High St./W. Columbia Ave.
1634 – property check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1645 – found property/child, Henry St.
1952 – assist other dept., Victorian Ln.
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0223 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.
0930 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
1024 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Edgemont Ave.
1042 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Edgemont Ave.
1215 – animal complaint, Main St.
1307 – assist citizen, Main St.
1426 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Liberty St.
1542 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. Edgemont Ave.

1822 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1915 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Edison Ave.
2128 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

xxxx – repossession, N. Liberty St.
0747 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1138 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1210 – assist citizen, S. Edgemont Ave.
1449 -- ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wexford Ave.
1824 – disorderly, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 20:

1739 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0117 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1119 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
1148 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
1459 – traffic offense, Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada
1833 – threat, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2053 – neighbor trouble, Church St.
2139 – warrant arrest, I-96/I-94

There are 97 reports on this week's log and 48 of those are traffic stops.

VBALL to hold board elections on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Beck Fields

The Van Buren Area Little League invited all interested voters and potential board members to attend the 2024 board elections at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28 at Beck Fields.

Parents of registered players of the 2024 season are permitted to nominate and vote.

Every year VBALL holds board elections to elect board members for the upcoming year. With a number of members stepping down, any volunteers interested in filling these positions are invited take part to help maintain the smooth functioning of the league.

Open roles requiring a vote are president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Open roles to be appointed are chief umpire, concession stand manager, and player agents.

For more information, see:

<http://www.vanburenarealittleleague.org/>



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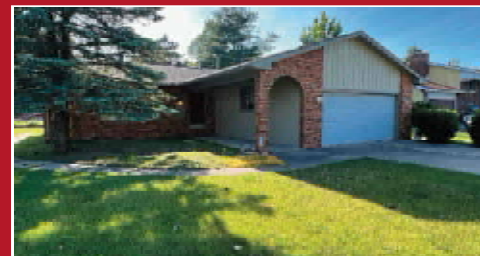
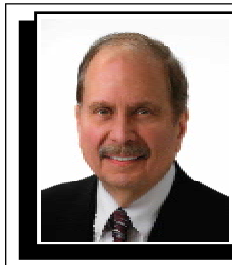
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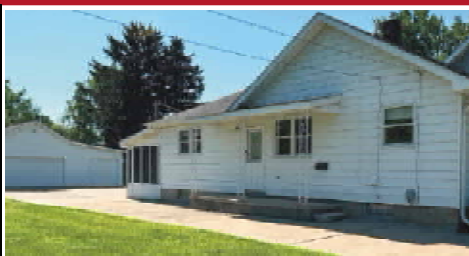
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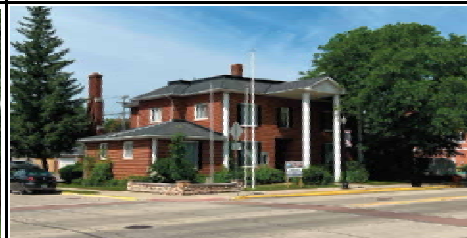
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