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Helping Those Who Help Us

The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation presented a \$25,367.58 grant to the Sumpter Township Fire Department on Sunday, Oct. 11, to fund specialized safety equipment designed to protect firefighters and strengthen emergency response throughout the region.

Pictured from left: Sparky the Fire Dog; 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin; Sumpter Township Public Safety Director Eric Luke; Sumpter Township Fire Chief Jamie Goode; Rachel Kozlowski; John Juriga; David Parrott; Ramon Eissinger; and Keith Bruder. Martin, Kozlowski, Juriga, Eissinger, and Bruder serve on the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation Board of Directors, with Parrott serving as president.

PHOTO | ELENA MANALP, CHARLES B. COZADD ROTARY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Harbor Club Housing Proposal Rejected by Township Board

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees denied a conditional rezoning request from Pepper Pike LLC to rezone a 32.28-acre parcel on Beckley Road from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to RM (Multiple Family Residential) to accommodate a 92-home development on the site of the former Harbor Club golf course.

A public hearing for this proposal was held at the Sept. 9 Planning Commission

meeting, where approximately 20 residents and attorneys for residents spoke in opposition to the proposal.

The planning commission recommended denial of the proposal after reviewing the findings of fact and concluding that the proposal did not meet the criteria set forth in Zoning Ordinance Section 12-507(E). Specific criteria cited included incompatible density and zoning, inadequate infrastructure,

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Belleville Planners Hold Final Review of Sign Ordinance

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The Belleville Planning Commission held a final review regarding the proposed sign ordinance at its regular meeting on Oct. 8.

Following commissioner feedback, the ordinance was updated to reflect new definitions and to add language for digital signs, inflatable signs and standards for food trucks.

During this review, commissioners focused on simplifying technical

language to make the ordinance more accessible to enforcement officers and residents, such as finding an alternative to "footcandle" so lighting limits can be easily understood and measured.

The ordinance draft will receive a final update and be sent for legal review. A first reading could be held as early as Nov. 12, pending legal approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Commissioners John Juriga and Tara Edwards were absent and excused.

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Harvest Fest Festivities

There were more than tractors at Belleville’s Harvest Festival that took place on Sat. Oct. 10. In case you missed it, here are a few images from the fun-filled day.
PHOTOS | BLAIR TEMPLE



OPINION

From the Editor

Here's What Election Coverage You Will (and Won't) See in the Independent

As we get closer to midterm voting the first week in November, politics are top of mind for many of our readers.

Let me start by addressing a pressing issue: incorrect ballots!



Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

We ran a small blurb in our Oct. 1 issue mentioning that mail-in ballots were incorrectly printed for the tri-community area, leaving off

a candidate for a partial term for library board. We've gotten several phone calls and emails about that, so watch out for your replacement ballots, which were mailed last week. Use the ones that come with a bright pink sticker to distinguish them as the updated ballots.

Here are a few more thoughts on local politics and elections.

I've mentioned this before but thought I should write about it again: now that The Independent has transitioned to a nonprofit model, we have some limitations on our election coverage: we cannot directly endorse candidates, and we can't tell you how to vote on state proposals.

What we can do is provide you with information on both sides of the proposal issues and introduce you to all the candidates.

I've sent questionnaires to candidates

for school board and the library board, and to candidates for state representative. Depending on whether they respond by the Oct. 16 deadline I gave them, I will print the results in either our Oct. 22 issue or the Oct. 29 issue.

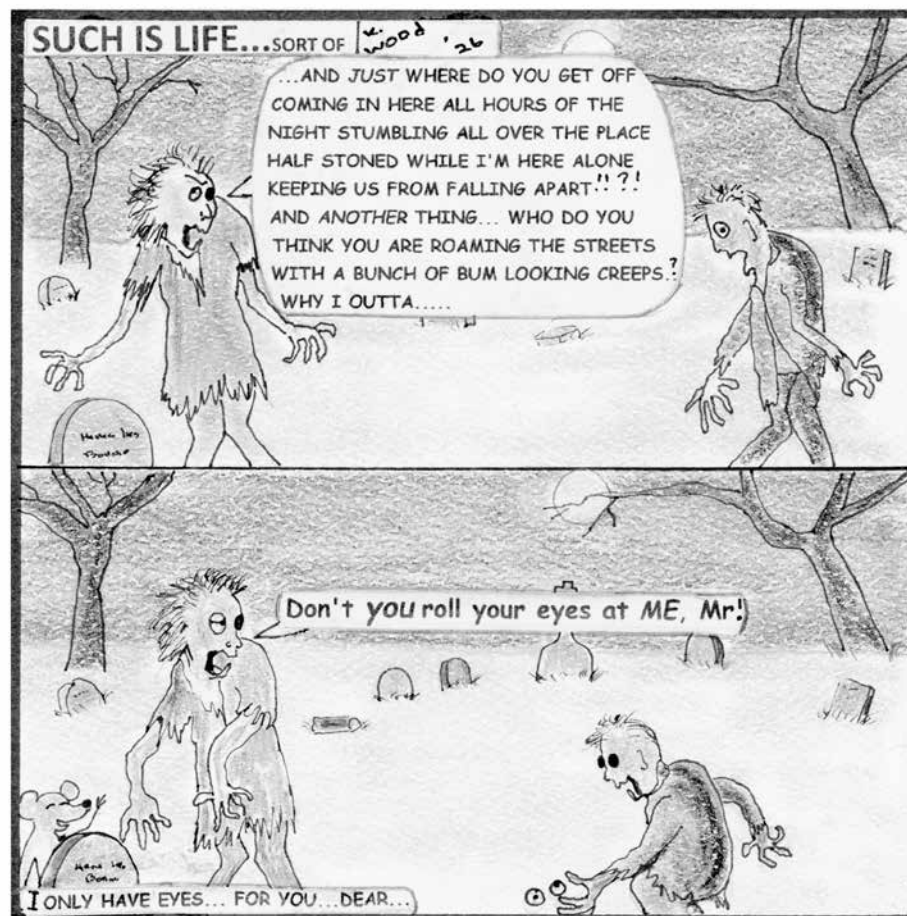
I get all kinds of opinions from readers about what we should and shouldn't be printing in terms of politics, so I will tell you what my personal stance is: I will run any ad (we could use the money!!) that isn't a lie and won't get the paper sued for libel. I don't have to agree with the content and often don't, but I don't want to get into the business of deciding whose viewpoint we print and which ones we don't.

My stance is the same on letters to the editor. If you write to me, more than likely I'll print your letter, and it doesn't matter if I agree with you or not. If you disagree with what someone writes, you can always feel free to respond to them in a letter of your own! You do, however, need to sign your letter. We don't print anonymous letters to the editor.

One thing I can promise you is that any election coverage we print will be super local. I'm not particularly interested in printing any articles about national politics, because there are many other outlets covering that.

State candidates are more relevant, but I'm most interested in bringing you coverage of races specific to the tri-community area. The Independent's mission is to keep our coverage hyper-local and concentrate on the smaller races that big media corporations don't bother with.

Who are you endorsing in local races? Feel free to write me a letter and tell me who is getting your vote and why.



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CORRECTION:

We gave out the wrong contact information for Abundant Harvest Church's pantry in my Sept. 10 "From the Editor" column. The correct contact is Maria Holmes at 734-341-7658.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to the Belleville Rotary Club and the Cozadd Foundation! Thanks to a generous grant, printing costs for The Belleville Area Independent are covered for the rest of 2026 and well into 2027.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At the **Belleville Area Independent**, we welcome letters to the editor on almost any topic, but especially anything local. Feel free to email **editor@bellevilleareanews.org**. We also accept written letters by postal mail at **152 Main St. Suite 9**.

Please try to keep letters short and to the point, preferably no more than 600-700 words. The editor reserves the right to trim longer letters in such a way that the edit doesn't distort the sender's original meaning. We do not publish anonymous letters.

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Reader Praises Makana Foundation for Filling Bellies

To the editor:

Feeding hundreds of hungry bellies in need, multiple times a week, expanding across Wayne County? Oh, that's The Makana Foundation.

The brainchild of Malia Germain started 4 years ago delivering food to veterans. With support from her husband Tim, and Marisa, Natalie, Juliet- her daughters that have a heart of gold The Makana Foundation quickly became a staple of hope for those in need of food from their own front yard.

People driving over 40 minutes, from each direction, with the Germain's giving them directions and a promise- fresh produce and nonperishables. This is where I personally met THE Makana Foundation. Running an outreach group myself, I was turned away from a pantry and Malia reached out to me and said she could help. From Sumpter to Ecorse to an immobile elderly couple that needed food terribly. The poverty rates have increased so much, and it is SO overwhelming that I had a volunteer driver from my program going to The Makana Foundation because I could not do it all alone. By the grace of God, we worked with The Makana Foundation until I had to take a break from my delivery program due to lack of funding - we fed the starving and immobile from Monroe, to Canton, to Lincoln Park.

The Makana Foundation now has a storefront pantry housed in a church in Belleville, along with their home pantry. But they do not stop there. With the connections Malia and Tim have made- they've been able to share and ration the food donations to Haggerty Sub Blessing Box, NW Detroit Blessing Box, my own free sales in Lincoln Park, and beyond. When you go to pick up a donation that is meant for The Makana Foundation, you are met with the kindest people, and it truly shows how Makana operates.

In the food outreach community, in 4 years, The Makana foundation has set a standard that we all do our best to attest to. Making sure the produce is fresh, the nonperishables are plenty, smiles and respect turned all the way on. A true inspiration when times are tough, people living paycheck to paycheck, and somehow the Germain's and The Makana Foundation keep going. Through illness, family emergencies, anything personal going on within their lives they are always just a message away for help.

The Makana Foundation also participates and runs their own fun programs for community involvement. Hunger does not discriminate. To continue The Makana standard, they need volunteers who have a few spare hours to give back. Every outreach program does.

So next time you're sitting down and eating dinner... remember there are people out there driving 40 minutes to Sumpter for a few meals for their family. Next time you are bored, eating a bag of chips remember there are people who could actively use your help to feed Wayne County. And they aren't just regular people; they set the standard on food outreach. They are the Makana Foundation. The blood sweat and tears of truly remarkable human beings, who quite literally bless every one of us that come to them or work with them.

Jessica Clay
Lincoln Park

Thanks to Makana and Others Feeding the Community

To the editor:

Sometimes the most important work in a community happens quietly—and that can make it easy to overlook.

I recently attended the Makana Foundation's cook-off, where three local food pantries competed to create a meal from a typical pantry box. It was a creative, uplifting event that demonstrated something important: food assistance is about much more than handing someone a box of food. It is about ingenuity, dignity, community and making the most of the resources we have.

The recent coverage highlighted the community church that hosted the event and houses Makana's food pantry. That recognition is certainly deserved. But it also missed an opportunity to tell a larger story—one about the organization and people doing much of the work behind the pantry itself.

The Makana Foundation is a family-run organization that collects food from donating companies, sorts and organizes it, prepares and distributes food baskets, and operates a drive-up pantry from its own home. Its founder, Malia Germain, spends her time not only making sure food gets into the hands of people who need it, but also showing up at community events to build awareness, develop partnerships and find ways to expand the foundation's reach.

That work doesn't happen by itself.

And Makana is hardly the only organization doing this kind of largely invisible labor. Across our communities, people are quietly picking up donations, sorting food, filling boxes, loading vehicles, making connections and solving problems that most of us never see.

Who gets recognized matters.

Visibility isn't about vanity. It can mean more volunteers, more donations, more partnerships and more people learning that help is available. When we fail to identify the organizations doing the work, we can inadvertently make that work—

and the needs it addresses—less visible.

So this isn't a criticism of the church, which played an important role in making the cook-off possible. It is a reminder that community efforts often have many hands behind them, and those hands deserve to be acknowledged.

Thank you to the Makana Foundation, Malia Germain, the participating pantries, the church and all of the people who make food assistance possible in our community.

And to the organizations doing this work every day: we see you. And we should do a better job of making sure everyone else sees you, too.

Sincerely,
Christine Donaubauer
Belleville

Horses Rounded Up with Help From Sumpter Police

To the editor:

One morning last week I got a knock on the door by one of our local police officers.

He asked if we were missing any horses. Upon checking, we found that two horses had escaped from the pasture.

I got in my car with ropes to try to capture the two runaways. For half an hour, I, with the help of two patrol cars, searched many of the driveways in the area without success.

Finally, both escapees circled back out of the woods, ran down the street, and bolted back into our yard where they could be led back to the pasture.

Thanks so much to the officers who helped round up the delinquent ponies. Without them, the consequences of their escape could have been deadly. It was a pleasure dealing with professional and helpful officers.

We, in Sumpter Township, have much to be thankful for with such a competent and skilled group of police officers constantly on call to help us when we need it most.

Thanks again!
Bob Kudla
Sumpter Township

Belleville is Lucky to Have the Makana Foundation

To the editor:

I'm writing to you today because I want to highlight something special in our community, The Makana Foundation. The Makana Foundation, as you know, is a family run food pantry in Belleville. They started as a little pantry at the end of their driveway, before finding a home at the Faith Community Center.

I noticed in your recent article about

the Pantry Cookoff event you credited Faith Community Center with co-hosting. While this is a fabulous church doing their own work for the community, I think it's important to note they are a separate entity from The Makana Foundation. They've graciously allowed Makana to use their space to host their pantry, but otherwise they are not involved with the day-to-day running of the pantry.

My family has received help from Makana since they were a little pantry at the end of a driveway. I discovered them on Facebook and was delighted to see how close it was to my house. As a stay-at-home Mom to two hungry growing boys, any extra help we can get with feeding them is more than welcome.

I was excited to see Makana grow into a bigger location and continue their work in a larger capacity. It has not been an easy road for them, though.

Illness struck their family, but still they persevered. The pantry also runs on food donations, food rescues, or even from what they can scrounge up themselves. It's challenging work, and I'm sure they've considered giving up more than once, but they're driven by wanting to help their community.

This is where I want to call on the community to help. If you have any change to spare, food you don't need, or time to volunteer, The Makana Pantry could use your help! Even if all you can do is spread the word about who they are and what they do. They are a wonderful organization doing good for our town, and I truly feel we are lucky to have them here.

Sincerely,
Emily Boswell
Belleville

Resident Objects to Van Buren Paving & Development Plans

To the editor:

Attention all Van Buren Township residents on and near Morton Taylor and Beck roads!

Did you know that Van Buren Township and the Aerotropolis is planning to pave these roads?

We have seen how Ecorse road, from the Willow Run Airport to Haggerty road has been developed with huge industrial warehouses and industries. We have seen a huge increase in large truck traffic and noise. Even now they are reconstructing Ecorse road with new turn lanes just to accommodate large industrial vehicles. And now they are planning to pave Morton Taylor and Beck roads. This is not to make our lives more convenient. It is to accommodate these vehicles as a throughway to I-94.

At an Aerotropolis meeting last March,

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the group, which includes Chairman Kevin McNamara, the Supervisors and Mayors of Romulus, Van Buren, Huron, and Taylor, voted on a Local Development Financial Authority (LDFA) to make it easier to upgrade these residential roads so that all those large industrial vehicles can make their way to I-94.

Are they informing the citizens or the communities? Are they asking for any input? These are residential roads! Families and children live and play along these roads! Can you imagine how much more noise and disruption this will cause to all the subdivisions and houses that surround them?

Did you hear about the effort to recall of all the Van Buren Township Board, including Kevin McNamara? First there is the radioactive landfill issue. Then there is the Google hyperscale data center. Now there is this! This is just one more reason to get out and sign the recall petitions. We need elected representatives that think about and care about our community and the residents who live here. Make your voices heard. Sign and vote. It is your Superpower as citizens.

There will be a drive through signing opportunity on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the VFW hall at 44170 Bemis Rd. (the VFW has no affiliation with this organization).

Lori Day,
Resident of Robinson River Park Subdivisio

A Grateful Family Thanks The Makana Foundation

To the editor:

I would like to tell you about The Makana Foundation in our community (a food pantry). I have been a member utilizing their services at their Sumpter location and then moving to their Belleville location.

We are a big family and the pantry accommodates that. It has helped us immensely with breakfasts and lunches for our children in the summer, snacks for the children during the school year, meat, produce, and bread all year long, just to name a few.

I have witnessed firsthand the hard work and dedication Malia and her family have for the pantry. They have a big heart for our community and always serve with a smile no matter what challenges they have faced...from family medical emergencies to things going awry at the pantry.

In my opinion, in a world that's becoming more uncaring The Makana Foundation, Malia and her family are a light for people in Our Community we are thankful and blessed to have them.

Sue
Belleville

Local Woman Offers Poetry Trail Experience Oct. 16-18

To the editor:

Poetry Trail! My poems will be found going down the trail straight ahead on red hearts written in calligraphy. Be careful to not step on any! They could be above, to the right, to the left, maybe even down below you. Enjoy your hike! This is one of my favorite places to go hiking.

I will dance at different times around the clock. And have my poetry books for sale. Come enjoy nature and the arts and support a local artist- Me!

Oct 16th-18th 5-9 call me to reserve a spot at bluffs nature area or the wooded trails headed toward Sumpter Road behind Belle Villa Condos. You tell me which one you want me to do it at.

Michelle Smolarski
Van Buren Township

Obituaries

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SANDRA BRIGHTON

(November 9, 1947 - October 6, 2026)

Sandra June Brighton, age 78, of Belleville, Mich, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026. She was born November 9, 1947, in Rochester, New York, daughter of Robert John & Jean Etta (Holmes) Brighton.

A Memorial Celebration will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, local arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

She will be buried in White Haven Memorial Park, Perinton, New York.

DARVENE WRIGHT

(April 22, 1964 - October 6, 2026)

Darvene Wright, age 62, of Sumpter Town-

ship, Mich, passed away on October 6, 2026. He was born on April 22, 1964, in Detroit, Mich to Norman Sr. and Lottie (Jones) Wright.

Darvene is survived by his wife, Ellen Wright of Sumpter Township, his bonus children, Ashley (Reed) Langton, of Flat Rock, Mich. Nicole (Jake) Warner of Tecumseh, Mich., Tiffini (Devin) Van Sickle of Onsted, Mich., and Tori Bruce of Ottawa Lake, Mich., as well as grandchildren, three siblings, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by parents and his grandson, Dominic.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, 1-4 p.m., with a graveside burial on Wednesday October 14, 2026, at Franklin Cemetery, 3922 Monroe Road, Tipton, at 2 p.m.

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Obituaries

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Alfred William Bittner

ALFRED WILLIAM BITTNER
 (August 10, 1937 – September 30, 2026)

Alfred William Bittner passed away on September 30, 2026 in Belleville, Michigan. Alfred was 89 years old.

He was born on August 10th, 1937 in Detroit, MI to Frederick and Marie (Petsch) Bittner.

Alfred graduated in 1955 from Denby High School in Detroit, MI, then served in the US Army. He continued his education at General Motors Institute and University of Michigan earning a Master's of Science in Engineering in 1965.

Alfred was employed as a Mechanical Engineer with Ford Motor Company for 35 years.

Alfred married Mary Ann Baughman in July 1972 in Amherst, Ohio and moved to Michigan where their daughter Brinka Bittner was born in 1973.

Alfred later married Frances Verbowski and moved to Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Alfred had many fond memories of his days flying his Beechcraft Bonanza and boating with family and friends. He also enjoyed reading and watching football.

He was a founding member of the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run Airport and a member of the Eagles in Belleville, MI

Alfred was also a member of the Lighthouse Club and Marine Corps League in Lake Havasu City, AZ

Alfred returned to Belleville, MI in 2024 and was a member and friend of the Open Arms Lutheran Church in Belleville, MI

Alfred is survived by his Daughter Brinka Bittner and her mother Mary Ann (Baughman) Bittner, also his sister-in-law Margaret (Lemke) Bittner and her daughters Cheryl (Bittner) Rathe, Karen (Bittner) Miller and Sandra (Bittner) Bremner and their families, as well as Janet (Petsch) White and family and Frances (Verbowski) Bittner and her family.

Alfred is preceded in death by his parents Frederick W. Bittner and Marie (Petsch) Bittner, his older brother George Bittner, their uncle Frederick and aunt Helen Petsch along with great niece Blair Miller and nephew Bill Rathe.

May Alfred be at peace now and rest eternally in the arms of Jesus.

A burial at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville, Michigan will be planned for a future date.



Evelyn Dew

EVELYN DEW
 (February 20, 1930 - October 9, 2026)

Evelyn (Riddle) Dew, age 96, of Augusta Township, Mich., passed away surrounded by her family on October 9, 2026, at Hampton Manor in Van Buren, Mich. She was born on February 20, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Robert and Esther (Colley) Riddle. Evelyn was a devoted mother of five who took great pride in creating a loving home for her

family. She shared her love and homemaking skills with her children and grandchildren, creating cherished memories that will live on for generations. A wonderful cook, Evelyn was especially known for her fried chicken, a recipe she learned from her late husband, as well as her pinto beans, cornbread, and iced tea.

When she wasn't in the kitchen, Evelyn enjoyed shopping with her dear friend, Lorene and her daughter, Marsha. She was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a devoted member of Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, and an enthusiastic Detroit Tigers baseball fan. Evelyn loved yellow roses and especially enjoyed watching her son and grandson play baseball.

Evelyn's loving family includes her five children: Danny (Gail Johnson) Dew of Brooklyn, Mich.; Gary (Lynda) Dew of Willis, Mich.; Randall (Naomi Castro) Dew of Fayetteville, N.C.; Marsha (Walt Storms) Dew of Romulus, Mich.; and Timothy (Rene) Dew of Southgate, Mich. She also leaves behind 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren, along with several step-grandchildren/great-grandchildren/great-great grandchildren, all of whom carry forward her legacy of love and family devotion.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Marvin Dew, passing in 2022; and her half-brother, Virgil Beckham.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. at Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, 7180 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197. A funeral service will follow at noon, with Pastor Joe Kennedy officiating. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 17840 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Mich., 48152. A dinner is being held at 5 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, as Evelyn requested. Envelopes will be available at the visitation.

Please keep Evelyn and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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and non-compliance with the township’s Master Plan. Strong opposition from residents was also taken into account.

At the suggestion of Treasurer Sherry Budd, the board will be looking into updating future land use maps to ensure the parcel remains permanent greenspace.

In other business at the 110-minute meeting, the board:

- Appointed John Haase to the Planning Commission with a term expiring Oct. 1, 2029;
- Held a public hearing regarding the 2026 amended and 2027 proposed budgets for Water and Sewer, Special

- Revenue, and General funds, with no public comments;
- Approved the 2027 fee schedules for township departments, including Water and Sewer;
 - Approved a personal services agreement with Connor McCraight, hiring him as an accountant;
 - Entered into a renewed Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with DIRECTV, including a video service provider fee of 5% and a PEG fee of 2%, noting that it is non-exclusive and does not prevent other providers from offering service if they install their own infrastructure;
 - Agreed to donate 14 rights-of-way to Wayne County for the Belleville Road Widening Project;
 - Approved a \$201,708.50 change order for construction of Phase 2 of

- Section I of the Iron Belle Trail, with \$102,000 in grants and approximately \$99,000 coming from the available parks budget;
- Selected True North Asphalt for Quirk Park parking lot improvements in the amount of \$208,292.97;
 - Announced that the Denton Road Bridge has one final item to complete and will be open “as soon as possible”;
 - Heard a report from Deputy Clerk Brittany Beaudry that absentee ballots have been received and will be mailed on Oct. 8, marked with hot pink stickers to differentiate them. More information can be found on the township’s social media pages.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Clerk Leon Wright was absent and excused.

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Guiding Harbor Builds Brighter Futures for Foster Youth

For 68 years, the organization has provided care, stability and support for children and teens while expanding programs and seeking more foster families.

For 68 years, Guiding Harbor has been providing residential care and vital support for children and teens navigating the foster care system throughout the Belleville area.

Originally founded as Girlstown Foundation in 1958 by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of



Emily Flesch
Independent
Reporter

Michigan (GFWC), the organization modeled itself after Nebraska's Boys Town and sought to become a place for "wayward" teen girls who had nowhere to go.

By collecting \$1 from each of 30,000 members, as well as hosting bake sales and card parties, the organization was able to purchase a house at 330 Liberty Street to provide residential support for girls ages 10 to 14.

In the 1970s, plans were in motion to purchase a second home on Quirk Road. When fire inspection concerns were raised at the Liberty Street location, Girlstown moved to the Quirk Road location, which remains its primary residential facility today. The agency expanded to serving boys in the 1980s and the name was changed to Guiding Harbor in 2010 to be more inclusive.

Today, the Quirk Road location houses the Girlstown Residential program (the name a nod to the past), which is a highly regulated environment serving children who have experienced trauma. Guiding Harbor CEO Jennifer Trotter explained that "when [they] know what's going to happen next, they can focus on healing as opposed to living in that kind of fight or flight."

Nicole Tomaszewski, Guiding Harbor's strategic initiatives manager, added that this structure and consistency provides a safe space to learn from missteps instead of feeling defeated. "We want our youth to know that making a mistake doesn't mean they have failed, but that it can be an opportunity to learn," she said.

Guiding Harbor continues to provide a wide range of support to foster families, from licensing to essential home repairs. While the goal is always to reunite children with their parents, Guiding Harbor recognizes that this



PHOTOS | EMILY FLESCH

is not always possible and launched its adoption program in 2019, aiding in both locating adoptive families and finalizing adoptions.

In 2024, the Independent Living Plus facility opened in Ypsilanti. This program allows youth ages 16 and up, who will soon be aging out of foster care, to build life skills they may not have had the opportunity to learn earlier, with the goal of helping them feel confident going into adulthood. Residents live in the facility, which is staffed 24/7, and must work and go to school, but are allowed to function as adults.

Beyond its programs, Guiding Harbor relies heavily on community support. Organizations like the Belleville Area Kiwanis Club have maintained a long-standing partnership with the agency, while volunteers are welcomed for campus projects and fundraising.

The largest need by far is foster families, and Guiding Harbor hosts orientations for prospective foster parents twice a month. These sessions are offered both in person and virtually and are noncommittal.



Tomaszewski acknowledges that there is a negative stigma surrounding those in the foster care system, but she explains that "in reality, these are kids who have experienced circumstances beyond their control and deserve compassion, understanding, and support from the adults and communities around them."

As its services grow, Guiding Harbor hopes to build a campus and unite its programs in one central location, allowing for easier transitions between them, as well as upgraded facilities. "It's going to be a big endeavor," Trotter said, "but we're really excited."

On Thursday, Nov. 7, Guiding Harbor will host "Harboritaville," an island-inspired evening featuring dinner, drinks, a silent auction, and the music of Jimmy Buffett tribute band The Leaky Tikis at The Diamondback. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$125, with all proceeds supporting children and teens in foster care.

Tickets to "Harboritaville" and additional information about Guiding Harbor can be found at guidingharbor.org.



Atchinson Ford Steps Up to Fight Hunger

ON LEFT: Al Bell, Mike Collins, and Bruno Seminara loaded the car and (ABOVE) Medina Atchinson and Bryce Vrooman delivered the food from the Atchinson Ford Food Drive to the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 6. This donation will help fill many bags with needed food. On this day, 57 bags were distributed in 3 hours with 7 new clients! This is greatest number of bags distributed in one day this year! PHOTO COURTESY | BUMC

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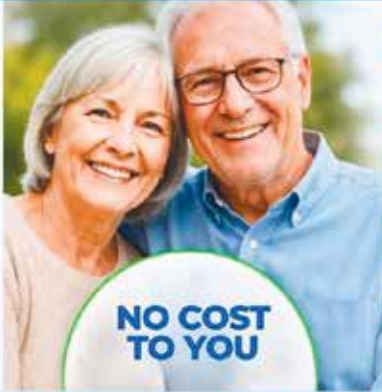
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Keystone Academy Board Tables School Safety Grant Decision

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

The Keystone Academy Board of Directors tabled a decision on whether to accept 2026-27 state school safety grant funds at its meeting Thursday, Oct. 8, pushing the decision to its November meeting.

NHA board representative DeAmo Murphy told the board the state has revised the terms of the 31AA school safety and mental health funding the board opted out of last year. The sticking point last year was a requirement that the academy waive confidentiality privileges to receive the money.

Under the revised terms, the mental health portion of about \$73.53 per pupil now goes to every school automatically, Murphy said. Only the school safety portion, about \$147.60 per pupil, requires opting in. And the waiver has been narrowed: it would apply only in the event of a mass casualty event, and only to the investigator in that investigation. The change was made in the wake of the Oxford High School shooting.

If the board opts out, it simply doesn't get the added funding, Murphy said.

Principal Jorvonna Drain said the academy has just finished spending its last safety award, including for bollards outside the building, more intercoms, updated classroom phone systems, and additional cameras. She said she is comfortable with the building's safety and that NHA has been responsive whenever

safety needs arise.

This is the third round of the funding, Murphy noted: the academy opted into the first round, which had no waiver stipulation, and opted out of the second over the confidentiality language.

The board voted to table the decision until November. Murphy will prepare a brief for the board and check whether charter authorizer Bay Mills Community College has a position on the funding.

In other business, the board:

Approved the minutes of its Sept. 10 meeting.

Heard Principal Drain's report that two staff members celebrated 20 years of service with NHA and that the PTO has raised more than \$20,000 of its \$30,000 goal to fund bussing for field trips;

Heard Drain report that enrollment stands at 713, and M-STEP data shows Keystone outperforming Van Buren, Lincoln and the state in every grade level and subject for the 19th consecutive year, with proficiency up from last year and more than half of students showing academic growth in every subject.

Approved an additional \$500 for the seventh- and eighth-grade photography elective's camera supplies after the original vendor came up short on inventory and the replacement vendor charged more.

Approved changing the academy's registered agent from CS3 to NHA's legal and compliance team.

The board's next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m.

Belleville Student Baisden Joins Albion College Program of Distinction

Belleville student Natalie Baisden was recently accepted into Albion College's James L Curtis Institute for Social Change and the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

The James L. Curtis Institute for Social Change centers the "Power of You" in the arts, culture, and humanities, connecting who you are, and your lived experience towards observing, discovering, and creating work that expresses your uniqueness. Through knowledge acquisition, applied to everyday issues, members learn how to take actionable

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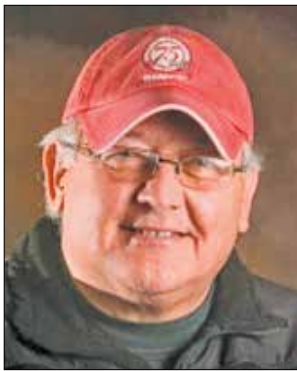
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Baisden is a first-year student at Albion College. Baisden is a resident of Belleville and a graduate of St. Mary Catholic Central High School.

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The three Davenport brothers were honored as the distinguished graduates during last year’s ceremony. Randy Brown was one of three inductees for the 2009-2010 awards.

BHS Distinguished Graduate Committee Seeks Nominations

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

The Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate program is looking for this year’s honorees, and the selection committee has a request for the community: don’t just think local.

Randy Brown, himself a 2009-10 honoree (Class of 1981) and now a decade-long member of the selection committee, said nominations tend to cluster close to home, but there’s no reason they need to.

“We’re looking for people who are unique to their own city. It doesn’t have to be Belleville,” Brown said. “What have you done different, or what distinguishes

you from somebody else?”

Brown said the nomination files that cross the committee’s table never fail to astonish him: BHS graduates who worked at the White House, built careers in science, created things that advanced their fields.

“It amazes me what some of these graduates have done for careers. It blows my mind,” Brown says.

The only requirements: the nominee must be a BHS graduate of at least 10 years’ standing. The award can go to a grad living anywhere — even, and especially, alumni who left Belleville long ago.

The program dates to 1997, when then-Principal Bruce Romant, community

member Don Juchartz and National Honor Society sponsor Claire Medley launched it. Juchartz had been inducted into the Hall of Fame at Wyandotte High School and was so taken with the honor that he brought the idea to Romant; the two men visited Wyandotte’s principal, borrowed the concept and named Belleville’s version the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Juchartz was himself a fixture in local life — a Belleville resident, a graduate of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School, the Wayne County extension agent and host of the radio show “The Garden Doctor.” His children attended Van Buren Schools and his daughter Debra Juchartz taught science at BHS. Another early figure,

Mildred Baker, used to lead the honorees’ procession, but she passed earlier this year. Brown says it’ll be a little sad without Millie leading the procession.

From the start, the award was tied to the National Honor Society induction, held each year on the last Friday in April. Past Distinguished Graduates lead the procession of newly inducted NHS members into the ceremony. This is a deliberate pairing meant to show current students what BHS alumni can become. Honorees’ names are displayed on a plaque in the BHS auditorium.

Brown’s own story is heavily rooted in

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4-Game Win Streak Ends Slow Start Sinks Belleville Against Northville, 30-7

Stewart B. Gotts
Independent Reporter

Belleville’s usually productive rushing attack struggled against the Northville Mustangs on Friday, Oct. 9, as penalties and a powerful Mustang ground game put the Tigers in a 28-0 hole at halftime.

The Tigers showed signs of life coming out of the break, putting together a scoring drive capped by a

5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kendall Franklin to Charles Britton III.

Belleville’s defense also tightened up in the second half, shutting down Northville’s offense and allowing only a safety after halftime. However, the Tigers couldn’t overcome the early deficit.

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Belleville. He lived there all his life until he left for Michigan State, where he studied landscape architecture. He ran a small business in town and served on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, the CBC and a number of other organizations. He never held a political office, he says. He was simply working in town and volunteering, when the nomination came.

"All of a sudden, I was nominated to be Distinguished Graduate. I told them, 'You couldn't find anybody else? You're really scraping the bottom of the barrel,'" he joked.

He was nominated on the basis of his volunteer work that included years of

charity work and service to groups around town.

"My grades weren't that great," he added, a reminder that the award isn't about GPAs or school transcripts.

Distinguished Graduates are alumni who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in their professional fields or made significant contributions to the welfare and progress of their community.

The nomination itself is simple: a one-page form — a name, and a statement of what makes the person distinguished — available on the Van Buren Public Schools website at the BHS Distinguished Graduates page, at the Belleville Area District Library, or from a committee member. Nominations are due by the end of January 2027.

The committee reviews nominations in

February and usually selects three honorees, occasionally four when a posthumous award is included. Recipients are expected to attend the spring ceremony; for posthumous awards, a family representative stands in.

Brown hopes this year's crop is the widest yet. His pitch to anyone hesitating over a nomination: the form takes minutes, and the committee wants to be surprised.

"Getting people to submit — that's the hard thing," Brown says.

The committee includes Karen Mida, Linda Clayton, Nicole Crockett, Randy Brown and Tom Fielder. To nominate a BHS graduate, visit the Distinguished Graduates page on the Van Buren Public Schools website: <https://www.vanburen-schools.net/o/belleville-high/page/distinguished-graduates>.

Letters to the Editor

Sumpter Township Parks & Rec Thanks Community for Support

To the editor:

The Sumpter Township Parks &

Recreation Committee would like to take a moment to thank the businesses, organizations, volunteers, and community members who helped make our 2026 events successful.

We have heard concerns from residents who believe taxpayer dollars are being used to pay for our events. We want to clarify that our events are made possible through sponsorships, donations, and community support — not taxpayer dollars. Our committee works hard to bring families together by offering fun, affordable, and family-friendly activities while seeking support from generous local businesses and individuals.

This year, we were fortunate to receive support from J&T Crova, Diversified Excavating, Cabela's, Atchinson Ford, Blocks Produce, Honey Pest Control, West Branch Builders, Sharper Image Painting, Willow Party Store, Little Town Pizzeria, MI Fireworks Club, and Moe's Farm & Produce. We are sincerely grateful for their generosity. Their contributions help us provide activities and experiences that bring our community together.

We would also like to thank the

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for their valuable input, guidance, and assistance throughout the year. We appreciate the support of our Sumpter Township Police Department, Fire Department and our DPW, as well as the many volunteers who generously give their time and energy to help make our events possible.

From our community celebrations to our family activities, these events are about bringing neighbors together, creating memories for our children, and building a stronger community. None of this happens without people willing to step forward and help.

On behalf of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Committee, thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered, sponsored, attended, or supported our events in any way. We appreciate you more than words can express and look forward to continuing to serve our community.

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VBPS Board Gets Progress Reports From Middle, High Schools

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education heard progress reports from McBride Middle School and Belleville High School leaders at its Monday, Oct. 12 meeting, covering the middle school's literacy push and the high school's phone-free first year and ninth-grade academy.

McBride leaders presented a literacy goal of raising the share of students reading at or above grade level from 37% to 47% — a 10-point gain — while cutting the share reading two or more grade levels below from 31% to 21% in seventh grade and from 32% to 22% in eighth.

The school gained 5% on fall reading benchmarks year over year despite summer learning loss, and last year's seventh graders left McBride with M-STEP proficiency of nearly 52%, up from 30.9% when they arrived — a jump of about 21 points.

To close a vocabulary deficit, the school launched a school-wide weekly vocabulary program during Tiger Time, with building-wide competitions with the educational program Kahoot!, real-time results and gift-card prizes for winners, and word lists mapped out for the full year.

A school-wide writing initiative now runs in every content area — including art and physical education — with three simple expectations: introduce the topic, connect it to the standard and write in complete, punctuated sentences. The idea grew out of students emailing teachers with the entire message crammed into the subject line, leaders said. Every classroom also follows a common instructional framework so students find the same expectations, learning targets and assessments no matter which room they enter.

Board members praised the specificity of the goals and the measurement plan, and one noted that uniform classroom expectations help all students, not just those

who struggle.

At Belleville High, Principal Nicole Crockett reported on the school's first year as a phone-free building — seniors resisted at first, but staff say face-to-face conversation has returned and parents have thanked them. The ninth-grade academy is in its second year, growing from one teacher with a full ninth-grade schedule last year to six this year, with common prompts and teacher teaming on the way.

The school's first full year of the Common Lit reading curriculum centers on growth in reading, writing, speaking and listening, with a target of a 5-to-10% proficiency gain by spring 2027.

Board president Amy Pearce pressed Crockett on a roughly 9% dip in 12th-grade results; the principal said those numbers reflect only the about 220 seniors taking Common Lit assessments — not the roughly 380-member senior class, many of whom are on other pathways such as dual enrollment, William D. Ford career and technical education or early college. She agreed that a chart of the senior pathways and how each is assessed would be useful.

The high school also launched an early-warning intervention system flagging students on attendance, behavior and academics, assigned to new academic success coach Elizabeth Ashford; hosts a math parent night this Wednesday and Thursday, where parents can see their child's skill level and take home flashcards; and reported two state Section 61f grants totaling about \$400,000 won by Jessica Roman for middle-school career and technical programs in supply chain/transportation and advanced manufacturing.

In other news from the Van Buren Public Schools board of education:

- The board approved an Intertek PSI material-testing contract for the new operations building, not to exceed \$80,430 with an \$8,000 contingency. Administrators recommended the middle bid over a roughly

\$50,000 low bid, saying testing is billed time-and-materials and low bidders tend to underestimate site visits. One member abstained, citing a spouse's employment with the firm.

- The board approved an architect/engineering award recommendation for parking lot replacement at Tyler Elementary, as well as HVAC improvements at Edgemont and Rawsonville elementary schools, to be paid for with money from the district's sinking fund.

- The consent agenda passed with check #163312 to Intense Events (\$295) pulled for a vote at the next meeting.

- The finance director gave an update: auditors have delivered a draft of the compliance supplement; the full audit goes to the finance committee next week and the board at the next meeting. State financial data is due Nov. 1, required to receive the next state aid payment.

- Open enrollment runs Oct. 30 through Nov. 13; insurance rates presented to the committee are rising but comparatively low, helped by the district's clinic and direct primary care.

- New operations building: demolition backfill is done and the contractor is demobilizing; power is being connected and construction mobilization is expected this week. Nick Shepard joins maintenance and grounds.

- Student services hired about 16 paraprofessionals since the last meeting.

- Athletics: McBride's cross-country team won its league and division; the high school has 21 boys and 16 girls running; the Zombie Run drew 180 participants.

- Strategic plan surveys went out to students, parents and community members, with focus groups and a Saturday event to follow.

- The board's next regular meeting is Monday, Oct. 26. Instead of meeting at the high school twice a month, the board will begin rotating through all the buildings in the district. The Oct. 26 meeting will take place at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Rd.

Things to do in the Belleville Area

■ **Thursday, Oct. 15** – Zion Well instructors host sunset yoga at the Michigan Flight Museum's Roush Aeronautics Center, 7-8 p.m., \$35 per person. Repeats Nov. 19.

■ **Friday, Oct. 16** – Ribbon Cutting at Dungeons and Draughts, 2 p.m., 1000 Sumpter Rd, Van Buren Township.

■ **Friday, Oct. 16** – Booville Witches Ball (21+), 7-11 p.m., 4th Street Square, Downtown Belleville. \$40.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – No Kings: Vote Early event from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., organized by members of Belleville Area Friends Indivisible (BAFI). Training, resources, and guidance to help community members navigate voting procedures and prepare for potential challenges on election day. Rain or shine on the sidewalk in front of the Canton Township administration building, 1150 Canton Ctr Rd., parking at Heritage Park. www.nokings.org

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Booville Witches Night Market, 5-9 p.m., 4th Street

Square, Downtown Belleville.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Monster Mutt Walk, noon-2 p.m., starting at 4th Street Place. Registration is noon-12:30. The fee is \$10 plus a can of dog or cat food. First 40 to register get a goody bag.

Pet costume contest with prizes, with medals for first through third place in four categories. In partnership with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Candy Loop, 4-6 p.m. at Quirk Park (rain date Oct/24). Free Halloween fun: kids walk a festive trail collecting treats from local businesses and community groups. Parking at the Van Buren Community Center behind Township Hall on Tyler Road; registration suggested. Van Buren Parks & Recreation, 734-699-8921.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Rob and Alicen. Enjoy a cup of coffee and discover what's in your cup. 4-5:30 p.m., Belleville Area District Library. Free, registration optional.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Adult Prom at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m., catered dinner at 6 p.m. The event includes a DJ and crowning of king and queen. Tickets are \$25 at the bar.

■ **Monday, Oct. 19** – Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville, 5-8 p.m.

■ **Tuesday Oct. 20** – Music Bingo fundraiser for the Belleville Community Chorus at the Baitshop Bar, 609 Main, 6-8 p.m. Three rounds of bingo, \$20.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 21** – WCCCD hosts a Trick or Treat event on campus from 5:30-7 p.m. at 9555 Haggerty Rd. Trick-or-treating, face painting, crafts, juggling, balloon animals, and more. Free and open to the public.

■ **Friday, Oct. 23** – Taco and Margarita night at the VFW Post 78 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., 5-7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the auxiliary.

■ **Friday, Oct. 23** – Shine the Light on Parkinsons Diseases benefit, hosted by the Van Buren Eagles, benefiting Kirk

Gibson Parkinsons Foundation. Dinner, live auctions, raffles, dancing, and entertainment. Dinner tickets are \$25. Doors at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. More info: 313-304-0474.

■ **DATE CHANGE: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23-25** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts hosts the 17th Annual Community Art Show at the BYC. Free admission. Artists of all ages can enter up to 3 pieces of art, designed within the last 2 years. Cash prizes will be awarded in 6 categories. The new category this year will be: Seeing America 250 Years, with a \$250 first prize. Entries due by Sept. 25. Applications are available at the Belleville Library, Sumpter Media Center or on-line at www.bacaart.org.

■ **Sunday, Oct. 25** – Trunk or Treat at the VFW Post 78 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., 2-4 p.m. Candy and treats for children, hotdogs until they run out.

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Van Buren Township Meeting Minutes

<p>CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2026</p> <p>Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Municipal Services Akers, VBC Director of Operations Dohring, Deputy Police Chief Monte, Director of Projects and Grants Renaud, IT Director Barbaza, DDA Director Coburn, Fire Chief McNally, and an audience of approximately 80.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.</p> <p>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to approve the amended agenda adding Consent Agenda Item #7: Approval of the appointment of John Haase to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2029. Motion Carried.</p> <p>ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the amended Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2026, Prepaid List of September 16, 2026, Prepaid List of September 23, 2026, Prepaid List of September 30, 2026, Voucher List of October 6, 2026, Approval of a permanent easement over a portion of Township owned property located at Fire Station #2, 8031 Belleville Road, and Approval of the appointment of John Haase to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2029. Motion Carried.</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. to receive comments on: The 2026 Amended and 2027 Proposed General Fund Budget, The 2026 Amended and 2027 Proposed Water/Sewer Budget, and The 2026 Amended and 2027 Proposed Special Revenue Budgets: Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund, LDFA Aerotropolis Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum Fund, E-9-1-1 Service Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Long Term Debt Fund, Capital Improvement Fund</p> <p>Boynton moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Motion Carried.</p> <p>CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The new updated ballots will be mailed out Thursday, October 8th with a hot pink stick on the envelope to distinguish them, The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual State of the Community Thursday, October 15 at 9:00 am in the Black Box Theater, and Candy Loop will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 4-6 pm in Quirk Park.</p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Members of the public spoke on the Waverly agenda item.</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS: Kelley moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2026-23: 2027 Departmental Fee Schedules. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2026-24: 2027 Water and Sewer Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Kelley moved, Jahr seconded to approve the execution by Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright for the Personal Services Agreement for Connor McCraight as Accountant. Motion Carried.</p> <p>For the reasons in the “Findings of Fact” Submitted contemporaneously herewith and in the record on this matter, I, Donald Boynton Jr., move that the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees deny the request to rezone the approximately 32.28 acres of landing along Beckley Road, Parcel ID No. V-125-83-007-99-0002-002, from R-1B- Single Family Residential to RM- Multiple Family Residential. Budd seconded. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement between DIRECTV and Van Buren Township. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Kelley moved, Martin seconded to approve the donation of 14 rights-of-way to Wayne County for the Belleville Road Widening Project. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Jahr moved, Kelley seconded to approve the change order for All Star Power Excavation LLC for the construction of Phase 2 of Section I of the Iron Belle Trail for \$201,708.50 and associated journal entries. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Boynton moved, Jahr seconded to approve the selection of True North Asphalt for the Quirk Park Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$208,292.97. Motion Carried.</p> <p>REPORTS: None.</p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Members of the public commented on the data center, Flock cameras and a tree that fell in Country Walk subdivision.</p> <p>BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Board announced the October 22nd Ribbon Cutting marking the official opening of Denton Road Bridge.</p> <p>ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried.</p> <div>Leon Wright, Township Clerk Kevin McNamara, Supervisor Published: 10/15/26</div>
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Musings



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This Thursday will be the last outside pupups for Third Thursday in the Ville. Look for them under the big tent in the 4th Street Square. This popular girl's night out will continue through December inside Main Street Retail stores.

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The Witches Night Out Ball is this Friday in the Fourth Street Square. Not sure if there are any tickets available, but check on face book to see if you waited too long.

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Saturday will continue with Booville activities. From Noon until 2 p.m. the annual Costumed Monster Mutt Walk will take place in 4th Street Place. I am always in awe at how creative pet owners are for this event. Between 1 and 1:30 p.m., they will do their walk along the sidewalks on Main Street – so cute! The ad is in the paper today.

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The annual Candy Loop in Quick Park will also be on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. See their ad in the paper today.

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Saturday brings the first Witches Night Market in the 4th Street Square from 5 to 9 p.m. under the big tent. Perhaps some of your favorites from the

Farmers Market will participate.

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Here is one more thing you could do on Saturday, October 17. Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Rob & Alicen at the Belleville Area District Library from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This free community event will have you sipping, connecting and discovering something new! Dr. Rob is a retired Physician, author & speaker and Alicen is a certified Nutritionist & wellness educator. You'll be glad you went.

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Last Friday was quite the BHS Tiger football game. It was a tough one and our boys in black & orange could not overtake Northville. The final score was Belleville 7 Vs. Northville 30. That was

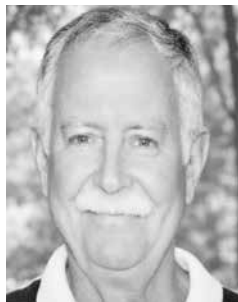
our last home game, so this Friday finds them on the road to Plymouth for the next opportunity to add another win. Let's shake off the loss and press forward to show them how the BHS Tigers bounce back!!

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Obituaries



Dr. Charles Lawrence Boelter

DR. CHARLES LAWRENCE BOELTER

(August 26, 1945 - October 12, 2026)

Charles Lawrence Boelter, DDS, age 81, found Heavenly Peace on October 12, 2026. Chuck "Doc" Boelter graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963, and The University of Michigan Dental School. He enlisted in the Navy where he proudly served as an officer and dentist on a ship off Vietnam. After honorable discharge, he opened a dental practice in Belleville, Michigan where he served his beloved patients for 42 years. He immediately hired Carolyn Elgas where she remained his often frustrated and bemused office manager until his retirement.

Chuck had many interests that he shared ad infinitum with his staff and

patients -- he did not shy away from expressing his political views with all who would listen. He was a long-haul bicyclist and participated many times in the Lansing-to-Mackinac Bridge (DAL MAC) event. He crafted beautiful traditional archery bows, one of which was featured in the television series "Lonesome Dove." He was a proud and active member of the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club. He would often crack his bull-whip in his parking lot, to the delight of local children and to the chagrin of library patrons and local businesses.

Chuck passed at Kingsley Senior Residence in Canton, Mich. from his greatest fear, severe genetic vascular dementia. This was not a peaceful death; dementia is a horrific disease that ruthlessly steals away cherished memories and abilities. He was preceded in death by his parents DeEtte Alderman Boelter and Lawrence William Boelter, his brother William O. Boelter, DDS, as well as two precious infant siblings who died at birth.

Chuck is survived by caregivers Carolyn Elgas and Toni Hunt as well as several cousins and many friends. Sincere thanks to Amber Hospice for their stellar care, and especially to his amazing Hospice nurses Rahman Shahid and

Ashley Buchan.

Donations in his memory can be made to Amber Hospice, 25500 Meadowbrook Rd., Suite 240, Novi, MI 48375.

A service will be held later at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, with full military honors. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

RONALD WEPLER

(April 4, 1958 - October 2, 2026)

Ronald Joseph Wepler, age 68, of Sumpter Township, Mich., passed away Friday, October 2, 2026. He was born April 4, 1958, in Decorah, Iowa, son of Percy Aldo & Patricia Jane (Tepesch) Wepler. Ron is survived by his wife, Carole Jeanne (Wooge) Wepler, son Christopher Wepler, both of Belleville, MI, as well as other family members and friends. Mr. Wepler was preceded in death by his parents Percy & Patricia Wepler, also a brother-in-law LuVern James Wooge, Jr. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2026, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI 48111 with Rev. George "Chip" Dischinger officiating.



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Upcoming Meetings

■ **Monday, Oct. 19** – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 20** – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 21** – Belleville DDA board meeting, 6 p.m.

■ **Monday, Oct. 26** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., CHANGE IN LOCATION: Tyler Elementary.

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 27** – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren DDA board meeting, 3 p.m.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 28** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ **Monday, Nov. 2** – Belleville City Council, 6:30

p.m.

■ **Tuesday, Nov. 3** – Van Buren Township meeting canceled due to election.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 4** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ **Monday, Nov. 9** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

■ **Tuesday, Nov. 10** – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

■ **Thursday, Nov. 12** – 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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Petition Signing Events

Walk Up Signings in Haggerty Sub

Sat. Oct. 17 | 8-10 am @ 41539 Hamlin | 12-2 pm @ 10705 Van Buren St
4-6 pm @ 41470 Coolidge

Drive-Thru Signings

Sun. Oct. 18 | 12-4 pm | VFW, 44170 Bemis Rd
Sat. Oct. 24 | 8-10 am & 12-2 pm | 9401 Quirk Rd

Sundays at Horizon Park

Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 | 1-3 pm | Gazebo

Monday Night Car Shows

Oct. 12, 19, & 26 | 5-7 pm | Downtown Belleville

Wednesday Volunteer Meet-Ups

Oct. 14, 21, & 28 | 5:30 pm | Belleville Area District Library

Halloween Signing

Sat. Oct. 31 | 5-7 pm | 9747 Jackson St, Haggerty Sub

Election Day

Tues. Nov. 3 | Look for volunteers adjacent to polling locations, outside restricted areas.

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Have a question? Shoot us an email: SpillTheVBTea@protonmail.com

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, October 4:
0233 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd
0411 Found property/child, Main Street
0426 Assist other dept, Vernon
1051 Assist fire dept, Church St
1311 Leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter Rd
1843 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1909 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
1913 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
1916 Parking complaint, W Columbia
1917 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
1920 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
1920 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
2015 Warrant arrest, Six Mile
2356 Civil matter, Loza Ln

Monday, October 5:
0256 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1242 Harassment call, Sumpter Rd
1310 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oxford Ct
1523 Parking complaint, Third/Main
1722 Neighbor trouble, N Liberty St
2001 Parking complaint, Carmell St

Tuesday, October 6:
0000 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W Columbia Ave
1403 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Menlo Park Dr
1518 Civil matter, S Edgemont Ave
1608 Welfare check, High St

Wednesday, October 7:
0924 Alarm intrusion, High St
1926 Leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Church St/2nd St

Thursday, October 8:
0803 Assist fire dept, Menlo Park Dr (missing time stamp) Assist fire dept, Loza Ln

Friday, October 9:
0811 Assist other dept, Church St
0930 Citizen assist, S Edgemont Ave/Greylock St
0942 Larceny from auto, San Carlos St
1444 Parking complaint, Sumpter Rd
1452 Parking complaint, W Columbia Ave
1635 Civil matter, Carmell St
1646 Welfare check, N Liberty St
1814 Assist fire dept, Huron River Dr
2117 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E Huron River Dr/N Liberty St
2232 Juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln/N Aberdeen Ct

Saturday, October 10:
0304 Domestic, N Liberty St
1142 Assist fire dept, Main St/3rd St
1600 Parking complaint, Main/Third
1644 Assist other dept, E Waterbury Ct
1828 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
2340 Noise complaint, N Liberty St (missing time stamp) Trespassing, Carmell St

These logs also contained 31 traffic stops. There were no 5 property checks or misc. complaints.

Van Buren Twp. Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, October 4:
0019 Suicidal person, Celestine Dr
0019 Juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd
0351 Civil matter, E Archwood Dr
0407 Domestic, Vernon St

0827 Road hazard, Ecorse/I275
1023 Civil matter, Bristol Dr
1025 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1107 Domestic, Belleville Rd
1137 Civil matter, Bristol Dr
1148 Welfare check, Elwell Rd/W Huron River Dr
1219 Suicidal person, N I94 Service Dr
1531 Mental health subject, Hull Rd
1537 Welfare check, Robson Rd
1601 Welfare check, Daisy Blvd
1710 Juvenile complaint, E Adams
1724 Fraud, Dorchester Dr
1800 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1854 Welfare check, Belleville Rd
2004 Personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd/Denton Rd
2016 Alarm intrusion, E Huron River Dr
2020 Disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd
2332 Alarm intrusion, Ricardo Dr (missing time stamp) Assist fire dept, N I94 Service Dr (missing time stamp) Civil matter, Belleville Rd (missing time stamp) Civil matter, Country Walk Blvd

Monday, October 5:
0120 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S I94 Service Dr
0153 911 welfare check, Hull Rd
0239 Domestic, S I94 Service Dr/Denton Rd
0631 Unattended death, Ryznar Dr
0638 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hardwood Dr
0810 Larceny from auto, S Bellridge Dr
0820 Larceny, Denton Rd
0823 Larceny from auto, S Bellridge Dr
0908 Bank detail, Belleville Bank
0912 Road hazard, Ecorse Rd/Beck Rd
0914 Family trouble, Anna Dr
0942 Road hazard, Van Born
0948 Warrant arrest, Washtenaw
1150 Court detail, 34th District Court
1157 Missing person, Quirk Rd
1237 Animal complaint, Vernon St
1305 Welfare check, W Huron River Dr
1509 Domestic, Bog Rd
1532 Property damage accident, Michigan Ave
1542 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S I94 Service Dr
1549 Civil matter, Martz Rd
1600 Harassment call, Barkley St
1607 Private property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1612 Property damage accident, Hayes St/Van Buren St
1621 Private property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1625 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd
1705 Larceny, Brandi Dr
1802 B&E, Denton Rd
1809 Assault & battery, Jackson St
1841 Welfare check, Tyler Rd/Hannan Rd
1852 Warrant arrest, Jackson St
1854 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
1917 Disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd
1934 Harassment call, S I94 Service Dr
2037 Civil matter, Oak Ln
2220 Property damage accident, Ecorse Rd/Beck Rd
2230 Threat, S Ponderosa Trl
2356 Missing person, Quirk Rd (missing time stamp) Assist other dept, Tyler Rd

Tuesday, October 6:
0116 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr
0117 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bayshore Dr
0446 Juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd
0731 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd
0817 Missing person, Quirk Rd
0839 Property damage accident, Victoria St
1052 Private property damage accident, Belleville Rd

1146 Animal complaint, Bog Rd
1151 Bank detail, Belleville Bank
1151 Property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1228 Malicious destruction of property, W Huron River Dr
1339 Background investigation, Tyler Rd
1339 Background investigation, Tyler Rd
1449 Property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1537 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd
1616 Alarm intrusion, Sadie Ln
1638 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd/Belleville Rd
1858 Road hazard, Belleville Rd/Ecorse Rd
1904 Juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd/Haggerty Rd
1904 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1904 Private property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1958 Missing person, Chandler Dr
2257 B&E, Quirk Rd
2340 Domestic, Holly Ln (missing time stamp) Repossession, Capitol Dr (missing time stamp) Retail fraud, Belleville Rd (missing time stamp) Assist other dept, Michigan/Haggerty

Wednesday, October 7:
0121 Hospice death, Ventura Dr
0248 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd
0314 Welfare check, S I94 Service Dr
0604 Alarm intrusion, Van Born
0754 Assist other dept, America
1029 Fraud, S I94 Service Dr

1157 Warrant arrest, Wash Co Jail
1231 Threat, Jackson St
1342 Private property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1508 Assist fire dept, Christina Ln
1526 Welfare check, Elwell Rd/Hull Rd
1528 Bank detail, Belleville Bank
1721 Welfare check, Rawsonville Rd
1756 Fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr
1848 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N I94 Service Dr
1909 Welfare check, Wildflower Ct
1915 Fraud, N I94 Service Dr
2037 Warrant arrest, Ford
2045 Domestic, Ayres Ave
2154 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd
2256 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S Bellridge Dr
2256 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd
2318 Parking complaint, S I94 Service Dr (missing time stamp) Traffic offense, E I94/Rawsonville I94 Ramp E (missing time stamp) Private property impound, Denton Rd

Thursday, October 8:
0039 Welfare check, Belleville
0049 Domestic, Tallgrass Ct
0137 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W Archwood Dr
0837 Ordinance violation, Belleville Rd
0850 Welfare check, Parkwood Dr

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0913 Larceny, Belleville Rd
0922 Bank detail, Belleville Bank
1034 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wheeler St
1051 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Purple Sage Ct
1106 Threat, Lake Point Blvd
1154 Fraud, North Shore Dr
1205 Civil matter, Rogers Ave
1246 Property damage accident, Park Estates
1457 911 welfare check, Coca Cola Dr
1551 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S I94 Service Dr
1623 Domestic, Holly Ln
1635 Welfare check, Belleville Rd
1727 Disorderly conduct, Belleville
1831 PPO violation, E Huron River Dr
1844 Alarm intrusion, Elwell Rd
1846 Juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr
1904 Family trouble, Lake Crest Dr
1907 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd/E I94
1911 Private property damage accident, Bel-leville Rd
1947 Noise complaint, Westlake Cir
1955 Motorist assist, Belleville Rd
2046 Domestic, Holly Ln
2144 Welfare check, Vernon St
2235 Motorist assist, Michigan Ave/Denton Rd (missing time stamp) Repossession, Van Buren St
(missing time stamp) Repossession, W Walden Dr

1100 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1107 Property damage accident, W Adams
1157 Property damage accident, Ecorse Rd/Morton Taylor Rd
1348 Welfare check, Oak Ln
1512 Property damage accident, E Adams
1515 Domestic, Estate Dr
1520 Civil matter, Martinsville Rd
1531 Lost property/child, Parkwood Dr
1606 Civil matter, Ironwood Dr
1608 Vehicle lockout, Belleville
1614 Larceny, Ecorse Rd
1632 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd
1638 Ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd
1642 Domestic, W Huron River Dr
1848 Welfare check, Salem Ct
1849 B&E, S Woodbury Dr
1851 Alarm intrusion, Pebblebrook Dr
2211 Animal complaint, Rebecca Ct
2253 Neighbor trouble, Freedom Way
2257 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd/Haggerty Rd
2325 Welfare check, S I94 Service Dr (missing time stamp) Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Belleville Rd (missing time stamp) Juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd
(missing time stamp) Personal injury accident, W I94/Belleville
(missing time stamp) Private property impound, Denton Rd

Friday, October 9:
0042 Welfare check, Oak Ln
0333 Parking complaint, Parkwood Dr
0456 Assist fire dept, S I94 Service Dr
0719 Missing person, Quirk Rd
0939 Animal complaint, Haggerty Rd
0940 Ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd
0954 Welfare check, Chandler Dr

Saturday, October 10:
0201 Warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd
0712 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E Huron River Dr
0810 Animal complaint, Ironwood Dr
0833 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
0845 Road hazard, S I94 Service Dr/Haggerty Rd
0957 Missing person, Quirk Rd

1020 Malicious destruction of property, S I94 Service Dr
1244 911 welfare check, Denton Rd
1247 Mental health subject, Chinkapin Dr
1321 Juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd
1429 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd/Ayres Ave
1449 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1513 Holdup alarm, Belleville Rd
1513 Property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd/W Huron River Dr
1525 Follow up by officer, Quirk Rd
1631 Missing person, Belleville
1750 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1759 Mental health subject, Rolan Meadows Dr
1802 Missing person, Walden Blvd
1802 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
1803 Suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beckley Rd/S I94 Service Dr
1807 Missing person, Quirk Rd
1855 Trespassing, E Schooner Dr
1935 Shooting, Locust Dr
2024 B&E, Holly Ln
2121 Traffic offense, Rawsonville
2225 Assist other dept, Denton Rd
2329 Missing person, W Huron River Dr

These logs also contained 40 traffic stops, 3 property checks, and 1 misc. complaint.

Sumpter Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, October 4:
0105 Noise complaint, Texas St/California St
0502 911 hangup, Willis Rd
0518 911 hangup, Creekside Dr
1204 911 hangup, Morton Ave
1309 Suspicious circumstance, Montana St
1328 Civil dispute, Oregon St
1609 Assault, Rustic Ln
1751 Civil matter, Timberlane Dr
2010 Assist fire dept, Oakville Waltz Rd
2011 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd
2114 Suspicious circumstance, Bohn Rd
2333 Suspicious circumstance, Bemis Rd

Monday, October 5:
0740 Mental health call, Oregon St
1053 Alarm, Oakville Waltz Rd
1101 Civil matter, Wayside Dr
1246 Civil matter, Willis Rd
1324 Animal complaint, Wilmot Rd
1354 Civil matter, Elwell Rd
1419 Citizen assist, Paris Dr
1427 Civil matter, Rustic Ln
1430 Civil matter, Colorado St
1523 Suspicious circumstance, Bemis Rd
1533 Property damage accident, Bemis Rd/Martinsville Rd

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1550 Suspicious person, Vermont St
1749 911 hangup, Creekside Dr
1844 Civil matter, Colorado St
2359 911 hangup, Arizona St

Tuesday, October 6:
0429 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd
0719 Property damage accident, Bemis Rd
0826 Suspicious person, Willis Rd/Martinsville Rd
0955 Mental health call, Bohn Rd
1122 Follow-up investigation, Bohn Rd
1302 Animal complaint, Sherwood Rd
1313 Follow-up investigation, Colorado St
1556 Death investigation, Judd Rd
1638 Follow-up investigation, Colorado St
1749 911 hangup, Sherwood Rd
2026 Suspicious person, Utah St

Wednesday, October 7:
0038 Suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville Rd/Judd Rd
0101 Suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd
0205 Welfare check, Willis Rd
0449 Suspicious person, Martinsville Rd
0503 Civil matter, 2nd St
0707 Family trouble, Timberlane Dr
1034 Welfare check, Judd Rd
1054 911 hangup, Harris Rd
1220 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd
1227 Assist fire dept, Greenmeadow Dr
1413 Civil matter, Haggerty Rd
1645 Mental health call, Clark Rd
1847 Property damage accident, Mulberry Dr
1935 911 hangup, Oakville Waltz Rd
2044 Suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd
2113 OWI arrest, Sumpter Rd
2255 Assist fire dept, Edgewood Dr
2311 Assist other agency, Washington St
2334 Mental health call, Wilmot Rd/Willis Rd

Thursday, October 8:
0043 Follow-up investigation, Montana St
0722 Assist fire dept, Rawsonville Rd/Oakville Waltz Rd
0935 Assist other agency, Willow Rd
0940 Suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd
1057 Suspicious circumstance, Wear Rd
1507 Assist fire dept, Kansas St
1527 Traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd/Sumpter Rd
1744 Suspicious circumstance, Willow Rd
1937 Assist fire dept, Willis Rd
2037 Welfare check, Willis Rd
2117 Suspicious circumstance, Willis Rd

Friday, October 9:
0732 911 hangup, Clark Rd
0825 Follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln
0842 Traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd/Harris Rd
1147 Suspicious circumstance, Colorado St
1337 Suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd
1505 911 hangup, Rawsonville Rd
1802 Family trouble, Kansas St
1841 Prisoner check, Huron Twp Pd
2050 Suspicious person, Carleton West Rd
2119 911 hangup, Creekside Dr
2245 Suspicious circumstance, Haggerty Rd/Willis Rd
2356 Welfare check, Willis Rd

Saturday, October 10:
0934 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd
1205 Suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr
1237 Civil matter, Arkona Rd
1304 Animal complaint, Sumpter Rd
1401 911 hangup, Carriage Ln
1518 911 hangup, Judd Rd
1700 Shots fired, Kozma Rd
1838 Shots fired, Martinsville Rd
1904 Shots fired, Nevada St
1932 Assist fire dept, Carleton West Rd

These logs also contained 55 traffic stops, 13 misc. details, and 142 property checks.



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