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F R E E

VBT police arrest suspect in Parkwood shooting death

At about 2:18 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, the Van Buren Police Department was dispatched to the Parkwood Apartments for a reported shooting inside an apartment. Upon arrival, officers discovered a deceased 32-year-old male from Canton Township who had sustained multiple gunshot wounds.

There were several individuals inside the apartment at the time. Through investigation, detectives were able to identify both the suspect and the suspect's location. Late Monday evening, with assistance from the Western Wayne Special

Operations Team, detectives executed a search warrant in Ypsilanti Township and took the suspect into custody.

The investigation remains ongoing. Once it is complete, detectives will submit their findings to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review and charges.

"This was a fantastic effort by our dispatch staff, patrol officers, and detectives, whose coordinated work led to a swift resolution to get this subject off the street," said Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte, who said the deceased and the suspect were known to each other.

Belleville delays plan to hire fire dept. advisor instead of fire chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Editor Emeritus

After a lengthy discussion on a proposal to embed a fire advisor in the Belleville Fire Department, the city council on Monday decided to give the city firefighters a chance to put together a proposal instead of bringing someone from the outside in to run the department.

Before the council was a recommendation from interim public safety director/police chief Kris Faull and interim city manager Steve Jones to approve contracting with Gregory Flynn d/b/a Three Corners LLC as an embedded advisor for the Belleville Fire Department.

Although not in the paperwork, when asked from the floor, mayor Ken Voigt said the cost is \$9,600 for six months.

Chief Faull said Flynn would look for grants and administer them, set up a capital improvement plan, which has already been started, she said. She said it has been a year since the last Fire Chief Brian Loranger left the job. Chief Faull said since the duty crew was shut down, the police department

has been hammered with emergency medical calls and she would like to hire a fire chief.

"I understand their frustration," Faull said of the fire fighters present at the council meeting to speak on the subject. "A year without a leader."

She said after the six months with Flynn, she would like to see a fire chief hired and have somebody to work with the fire fighters. She said those who had worked on the duty crew now have full-time jobs.

Fire fighter Ray Martin spoke as a member of the fire department and as a Victoria Commons resident, saying, "We don't have a fire department in a sense." He said his duty crew days had been Thursdays and Fridays and he had cleared his work schedule for that. "It's scary being a resident. We know insurance rates will go up because there is no answer for a while after we call for help and then they have to call Van Buren."

"We don't want to drive firefighters away

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 show off their new hats proclaiming the post as an All-American Team for 2024-25. From left are Pete Pitzen, who serves as junior vice post commander; Stanley Pikula, who is post adjutant; and John Blackstone, who is post commander. The Belleville post was named an All-American Team based on its leadership, teamwork and accomplishment in membership growth and VFW programs. At 11:11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, the post welcomes the community to Veterans' Day at the Veterans' Monument at Horizon Park in Belleville. On Nov. 12, it will host a free breakfast for veterans from 8 a.m. to noon at the post at 44170 Bemis Rd. in Van Buren Township, paid for by David C. Brown Funeral Home.



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City Council

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who have been here awhile," Martin said, referring to retention. "It gets down to public trust. When they pick up the phone that we will come with help," he said, referring to a fire at Johnny's in Belleville. "It gets down to safety for the community and for the firefighters."

"Our morale is at an all-time low," Martin said. "We don't have any stability. I became a fire fighter last year at 47 years of age to serve the community."

The second fire fighter to speak was assistant chief Chris Zweng, who read from a statement he had prepared. That statement is published in today's *Independent*. He said it is important to provide continuation and, as second in command, he had not been given the opportunity to lead the department when Chief Loranger left. He said a city-appointed director lacked any skill in the fire department and those in the department have pursued and managed grants over the past two decades.

He said historically, the next higher officer was promoted to chief and, "We are ready, willing, and able to lead."

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said an outside consultant gives the city a broader view.

Mayor Voigt said they cut the duty crew because the city cut every budget because of the problems with the overall city budget. He said the fire department was filling less than 50% of the shift and, "We have to be able to staff the crew." He said right now there is money in the budget for a consultant. The next step in the process would be hiring a fire chief and, "We hope to be in better fiscal situation next June," he said.

A fire fighter in the audience called out that the city said the duty crew had to be five days, but the fire department knew it could cover just three days.

Mayor Voigt said hiring a fire chief is a big transition and, "The next person in line doesn't always work... We'll go into the next budget year and look at reestablishing the duty crew and hiring a leader."

Councilman Beebe said he has worked with consultants and that's how consultants work. First, they will tell you what's wrong and then you can hire him again to tell you how to fix it, he said, "double dip."

"I am a union member," Zweng said. "I cannot discipline. Why bring in someone else?"

"To make sure we get it right," mayor Voigt said.

"We all make under \$10,000 a year," Zweng said.

Beebe said a consultant is an investment. He said a consultant makes sense, but it's OK with him to table this item out of respect for the group of fire fighters present

to get more information.

Zweng said they can't resolve problems they don't know about, referring to problems the mayor referenced.

Martin said everything he talked about is out the window if the council does this, saying it is paying somebody from the outside to fix problems on the inside that the insiders could fix.

Mayor-pro-tem Kelly Bates suggested the firefighters create an inhouse plan, but Zweng said they don't know what the issues are and, "We can't even hire anybody."

Mayor Voigt said they will table this until the next meeting.

Beebe said he doesn't want fire fighters to spend hours and hours on details and Zweng asked, "What do you want?"

Bates said they should tell the council what is needed and, "You can't put a price on safety."

Councilwoman Julie Kissel made no comments at all on the proposal.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Heard interim city manager Jones introduce Nathaniel Johnson as the city's new Department of Public Works director. Although Jones provided no background information other than to say the new director was very well-qualified, Johnson told the *Independent* later



Johnson

that he had worked at Brownstown and had a S-1 water license. He lives in Allen Park;

- Held a one-minute public hearing during which no public spoke on a proposed change to the city charter regarding elections. Then the council voted unanimously to amend Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Belleville City Charter to change the city's local elections from odd-numbered to even-numbered years;

- Approved a resolution to engage Corporate Benefit Solutions to provide benefits to employees and retirees effective immediately. Mayor Voigt said the city has been working on this for some time and it gives the "most bang for the buck";

- Approved participation in PFAS Phase 2 class action litigation, which is without cost to the city unless it receives benefits to alleviate future PFAS pollution. The city attorney reviewed the agreement before it was submitted to the council;

- Took no action on a social media management proposal prepared by KSpringer Media Management for \$500 a month, until a representative is present and gives the demonstration requested last May. Springer already has a contract with the city's Downtown Development Authority. Jones said Springer has been helping the city do things pro bono and when asked

how she got on the city's sites, mayor Voigt said Springer's group has the password to post on the city's Facebook page. Bates said she asked for a demonstration last spring and they didn't do it. She said it's essential to have dialog with them;

- Approved details of Winter Fest as provided by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, although no one was there to present the request to the city. Winter Fest will run from Thursday, Dec. 4, to Sunday, Dec. 7;

- Approved accounts payable of \$579,901.47 for expenditures including \$321,588.40 to Davenport Brothers Construction Co. for work on the new city

hall at 330 Charles St.;

- Heard Jones report that all the park restrooms are winterized and closed for the season. He said the roof deck on the garage is in place at the new city hall and the floor is to be poured soon. He said the appraisal of the old city hall was done last Friday and it takes few weeks to get the results;

- Heard mayor Voight say the veterans' banners were put up earlier that day. Four crews took just two hours to get them all up, he said; and

- Heard Chief Faull say the two new police cars are now operational. She also said on Saturday there will be breakfast for vets at 275 West Columbia Ave.

Zweng asks council for local fire department leadership

To the Honorable Members of the City Council,

I appreciate the opportunity to address the recent decision to hire an external advisor for the Belleville Fire Department. I feel it is important to provide context from those of us who have been on the ground, serving this department and this community with dedication and pride.

Over the past year, I have not been given the opportunity to lead the department in the capacity I believe, I -- and our command staff -- are fully capable of. Last November, we collectively raised concerns regarding Chief Loranger's prolonged absence, lack of engagement, and diminishing commitment to the department. In the wake of that leadership void, we have operated under the direction of a city-appointed director who, while well-intentioned, lacks any background in fire service operations.

Despite this, our team has remained committed and responsive. We have fulfilled every request made of us. We developed a responsible, balanced budget with the intent to follow it diligently. We've continued to pursue and manage grants -- something we've done successfully for over two decades -- saving the city a substantial amount of money in the process. These efforts were made not for recognition, but because we believe in the mission of this department and the safety of our community.

We have also ensured that every member of our department remains fully compliant with all State of Michigan licensing requirements. In addition, we continue to prioritize ongoing education and training to maintain the highest standards of service and readiness. This commitment reflects our belief that professionalism starts with preparation -- and our team has never wavered in that responsibility.

What's most disheartening is that we were never given the chance to demonstrate that this department could be run effectively, professionally, and efficiently by the very people who have dedicated their careers to it. The command staff and our members at large have the experience, the institutional knowledge, and the passion to lead. Yet, key decisions -- such as suspending duty crews, halting grant applications, and hiring -- have been made without our input or involvement.

Furthermore, I want to make it clear that none of the city's concerns regarding leadership have ever been formally brought to my attention. At no point was I asked to respond to or address any perceived shortcomings. This lack of communication has made it difficult to understand the rationale behind certain decisions and has prevented us from offering solutions or improvements from within.

I also feel compelled to raise a serious concern regarding the financial impact of recent leadership decisions. The city has already spent \$10,000 on a consulting firm and \$15,000 on a director with no fire service experience -- both of which have dramatically affected our budget. Now, with the addition of another advisor, the financial strain continues to grow. Historically, the Fire Chief position was compensated at less than \$15,000 annually. It simply makes no fiscal sense to continue outsourcing leadership at a significantly higher cost when qualified, committed individuals are already in place and willing to serve.

Equally troubling is the fact that neither the director nor the advisor are required to respond to emergencies. Meanwhile, our staff continues to drop everything -- day or night -- to answer the call and serve our citizens. This disconnect is a real pain

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Community loses David C. Brown

We were saddened to learn of the Oct. 27 death of community leader David C. Brown. The Belleville area lost a great supporter with his passing.

Although he had turned over management of his funeral home to his daughter Shelly, sold his house on the lake, moved to an out-of-town assisted care unit with his wife Martha, and recently closed the doors to his treasure shop, he still served as chairman of the Belleville Rotary Club's Cozadd Foundation, which makes grants to worthy projects in the community.

He had served as a member of many other groups in the community and we remember covering his service on the city's Downtown Development Authority.

When the city's summer concerts were first planned at Victory Park, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts came to him for emergency financial support and he made it happen with a big donation. That's been his style.

Mr. Brown was a supporter of the *Independent* since our newspaper started publishing more than 30 years ago and his funeral home was one of our first advertisers. David C. Brown Funeral Home hasn't stopped advertising to this day. We appreciated his constant support and readers know they are able to see in our paper the details of arrangements at Brown's for their friends and neighbors.

People throughout the community expressed shock last week when they heard he had died. We all expected David C. Brown to live forever. We send condolences to Martha, Amy, Shelly, and his grandchildren.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Since our deadline for the printer is before the end of Tuesday's election, we will be unable to print the results in this week's paper. The numbers will be in next week's paper. We will announce the numbers for the school district bond vote on our website as soon as they are available.

John Juriga, who lives in the city of Belleville, said when he was in the Peace Corps he served in Jamaica and he helped build a school. He was saddened last week to learn that the school he built was destroyed by Hurricane Melissa.

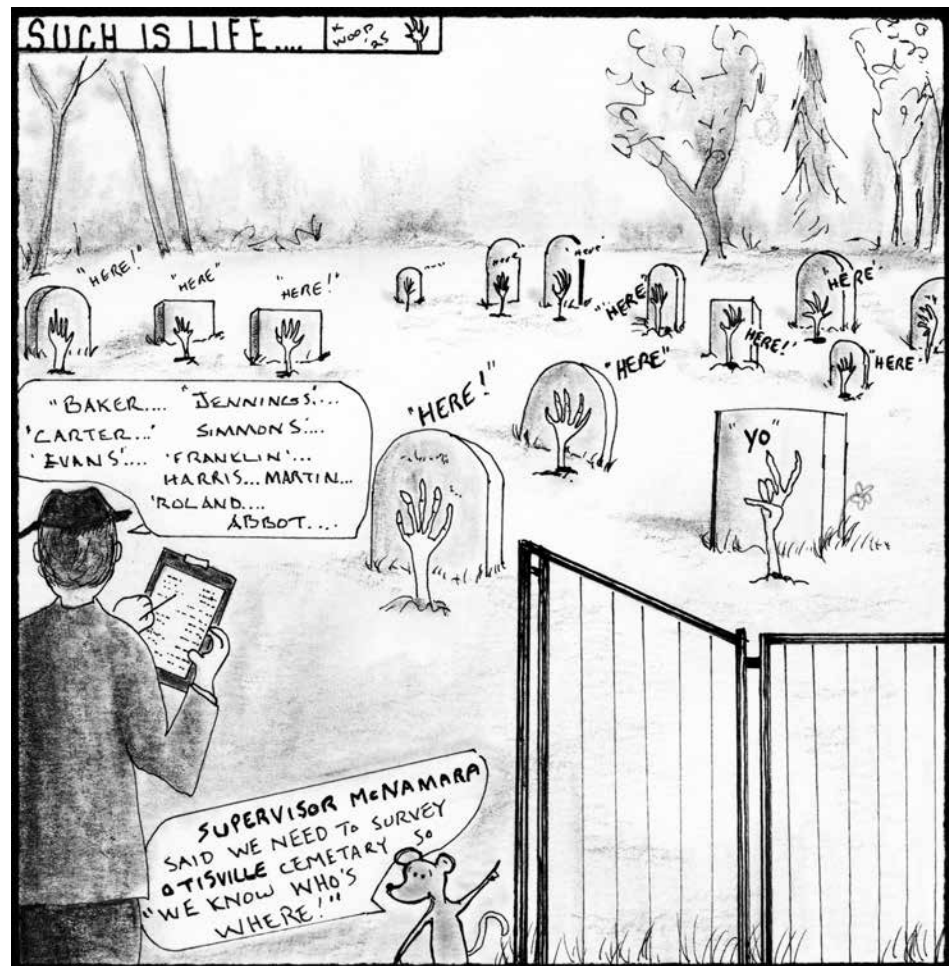
After college, Juriga went on to become a teacher and retired from teaching shop classes in the Romulus Schools. He recently retired from the board of directors of the Belleville Area District Library after watching over the construction of the new library by heading over there every day to check things out, ask questions, and solve problems. He still serves on the Belleville Planning Commission and continues to ask questions and suggest remedies.

John also helps deliver *Independents* by taking them over to the library and the Romulus Athletic Club fresh off the truck after they are delivered from the print plant just before noon on Wednesdays. We appreciate his assistance.

It was really dark at the Veteran's Memorial at Horizon Park on Sunday for the monthly Bugles Across America event. Pete Pitzen used his cell phone's light to illuminate the American flag for the pledge to the flag, listening to the "National Anthem," and listening to "Taps."

Those present suggested setting the clocks

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



back from Daylight Savings Time may have confused the timing on the lights at the memorial. Someone planned to ask the city about it. Whatever, it was very dark. Geof Bush, who sings the "National Anthem" with his wife Lori Day at each monthly event said he couldn't see the words to his song, because it was so dark. Of course, he was kidding. He knew the words to the song.

Mayor Voigt said the city council is interested in getting the fire department right. He said in the past, they took the path of least resistance. Voigt said the anonymous letter in this column last week was wrong in that the fire department doesn't have anything to do with the city hall, with the money coming from different sources. "It's apples and oranges," he said. He said they are getting a new city hall without putting too big of a dent in the fund balance. He said after they sell the old city hall and the property next to the DPW yard, the city will have lots of money.

Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull said she was out of town on vacation last week, so Sgt. Todd Schrecengost worked his last night on Halloween to fill in for her. Now he works for HCMA police department.

Mayor Voigt said there were an estimated 1,500 people at the trick or treat on Main Street on Halloween, although he said some have suggested it was about 1,000. It's about counting the candy left over. Hard to tell.

A woman who lives in Parkwood Apartments said the fatal shooting on Monday morning allegedly was about two guys over a woman. She said one of the shots went through the closet into the next apartment. She said it's very scary when shooting starts nearby.

A resident of N. Liberty Street in the city of Belleville was at Monday's city council meeting again to ask about the flags on the sidewalks in her neighborhood and that includes some at the fire department.

She was told they are DTE flags and the city will check into it. She was told DTE did some work at the corner of Second and Main Street recently – next to the funeral home.

Monday's wake for David C. Brown was wonderful. It was at the funeral home he started and the room was full of people who had good things to say about him.

It was led by Deacon Pete, who no longer serves St. Anthony Church, but he was a very good friend of David. They played cards together in Dave's garage and had lots of laughs. In fact, there were a lot of laughs during the wake and everyone remembered a man who was kind, generous, and loved to laugh.



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Letters

Belleville Residents: Reminder of Nov. 11

To the editor and Belleville Residents:

This is a reminder!

Tuesday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. It is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on Nov. 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as Veterans.

Originally called "Armistice" Day," Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919.

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle, or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American Veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* Veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. Many companies offer free meals to Veterans: Google "veterans day free meals" for info on free or discounted meals for all Veterans with proper I.D.

Nov. 11 of each year is the day that we ensure ALL Veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

Show your respect and pride for our Veterans who live on your street by displaying a flag in front of your home. Thanks to a generous donation from Mans Lumber, and labor from Contract Welding, I will have a supply of FREE refurbished flags in front of my home at 48 S. Biggs. Take one and join all my neighbors with a display any American city would be proud of. Drop off any torn, faded, flags for proper disposal in box on the porch.

As an added note, you can further honor our Veterans by attending the following event.

A special, short, VFW ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., 11/11/25 at the Veterans

Memorial in Horizon Park. All are invited and bring the whole family.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville
Chairman VFW Flag Program
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434

BHS academics 'after' the buses leave

To the editor:

Belleville High School doesn't become an "empty" building after the buses leave at 2:10 p.m. each day. A number of academic support activities continue through the rest of the afternoon.

"After school" tutoring is available for students in grades 10 through 12. Using the new Homework Lab App, students are connected with either a National Honor Society member or a Teacher Cadet for academic assistance. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Transportation home can be provided if requested in advance.

Mrs. Fryske, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Small help coordinate this program. However, it is the students' responsibility to stay in contact with their tutor.

Students have the ability to make up tests during the same day and time period. Teachers can place the assignment in the student's Homework Lab cart folder and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Small will administer the test during the after-school time frame. This allows students to use class time for learning upon their return from being absent, instead of using that time to make-up for what they have missed.

Ninth grade is considered by many people to be the most difficult period in a student's academic success. Maturity as well as going to the "Big" school can be overwhelming. Belleville High School has just this year created a Ninth Grade Academy to help students through this difficult period.

Belleville High School has, for the fifth year, provided a Tiger Success Institute (TSI) after-school program for ninth grade. As of this year, over 450 students have received help from this organization. Focus areas for the program include: SMART goal setting, academic tutoring, and small-group mentoring. Students eat a snack together, play games (Play Stations, board games, etc.) and build positive relationships. This program has been transformational for many students.

TSI also collaborates with Washtenaw Community College on STEM and career readiness skills. Students even visit the college a few times a year and transportation is also provided for in-district students every Tuesday and Thursday. Additional staff members and peer tutors work closely with students one-on-one. The program is directed and coordinated by Mrs. Fryske and Dr. Rosenblum.

When the buses drive by your window in the afternoon, remember there is still a lot of learning taking place at BHS.

Tom Fielder
Belleville

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Van Buren Twp. DDA approves amended DDA-TIF plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved the third-amended DDA and Tax Increment Financing Plan at its regular meeting on Oct. 28 and sent it on to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees for a public hearing on Nov. 18. The DDA also recommended the board approve the amendment.

At the Oct. 28 DDA meeting, consultants from Wade Trim presented a final draft of the amended development plan, the CIP, the Asset Management and 10-year financial Projection Plan.

DDA executive director Merrie Coburn said the VBT DDA was organized in 1999.

This amendment includes an updated narrative reflecting the recent investments and added amenities in the district, added projects, revised cost estimates, updated maps showing amendments to the zoning ordinance, and updated tax capture revenue

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point for our team. It's difficult to reconcile the weight of our responsibilities with leadership that isn't expected to share in the urgency, sacrifice, or risk that defines our profession.

And those sacrifices are not limited to our members alone. Every call we respond to -- whether it's in the middle of the night, during a family dinner, or on a holiday -- impacts our families as well. They carry the emotional weight of our service, often without recognition. Their support is unwavering, but the strain is real. It's a burden we accept with pride, but one that deserves to be acknowledged when decisions are made about who leads us.

Historically, when a vacancy has occurred in the Fire Chief position, the next highest-ranking member has been promoted. I understand that the Fire Chief role is a non-union position, and I am fully prepared to accept that responsibility and lead a team that has already proven its dedication, professionalism, and capability.

I respectfully ask that Council consider the proven commitment and capabilities of those within the department before continuing down a path that further distances leadership from those who serve on the front lines. We are ready, willing, and able to lead Belleville Fire into its next chapter -- with integrity, professionalism, and a deep-rooted dedication to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Christopher Zweng
Assistant Fire Chief
Belleville Fire Department

Editor's Note: The above statement was read to the Belleville City Council at Monday's meeting. Mayor Voigt corrected one item, saying Police Chief Kris Faull was paid only \$3,000 extra temporarily to oversee the fire department.

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The update to the CIP, incorporated with an Asset Management Plan has 18 projects from traffic studies to infrastructure improvements to a marketing and brand awareness campaign and the 10-year financial projections that will help the board align and prioritize projects during budget planning.

Executive director Coburn said she met with the newly appointed District Advisory Citizens Council on Sept. 23 for an orientation of what the role of the DDA is, the process to update the plan, to go over the survey results and give an overview of the draft plan. A nine-member citizens council is required by state law.

The council was invited to the Oct. 28 DDA meeting to provide any comments regarding the plan and to give the recommendation to adopt the amended plan to submit to the township board of trustees.

The DDA was introduced to members of the citizens council. Four of the nine appointed were present in person and two present by video.

Wade Trim announced that proposed traffic lights at Belleville and Quirk roads and Belleville and Van Born roads don't qualify now, according to a Wayne County study, but they may in the future due to development.

One Wade Trim consultant said as far as

asset management, since the light poles in the streetscape are deteriorating the DDA might like to contract with DTE on the street lights. He suggested the DDA property drives be sealed every five years to maintain them. Also, sidewalks should be checked every five years and it's certain every 15 years they will need repair.

Wade Trim consultant Wayne said since over the next 10 years there is no intent to bond beyond the Belleville Road project, there are three ways of looking at the future: the good, the bad, and the ugly. He was told the "good" version didn't need to be described. But he described what could happen if market conditions were bad or ugly. A real estate crash is not likely, but possible.

A full-time person to work with Coburn will be added in next year's budget. Wayne said the DDA has been keeping a \$3 million fund balance and they will have to decide whether it needs to keep that high an amount.

Chip Smith, Wade Trim's project manager, said there is a question why DDAs should buy property and some in Southeastern Michigan got in real trouble when their plans didn't work out. He said DDA's usually buy property so they can have what they want in a particular location, but often that doesn't pan out.

In other business at the one-hour-15-

minute meeting, the DDA:

- Decided not to purchase an 18-foot, pre-lit Christmas tree for \$14,054.75 and instead buy an 18-foot Norway Spruce that had been cut down at Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, MI. It will be cut, delivered, and installed at a cost of \$1,000 for the annual Light Up the Park event;

- Rescinded prior approval of the renewal for the lease, installation, removal and on-call service from Grosse Ile Lawn for holiday lighting for Harris Park in the amount of \$10,550. Director Coburn said she has been unable to get the firm to return her calls;

- Approved the purchase of holiday lights, installation, removal and on-call service from Money Green Lawn LLC for holiday

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Gordon Silvey

GORDON SILVEY

January 26, 1936 – October 26, 2025

Gordon Silvey, of Romulus, MI, passed October 26, 2025. He was born on January 26, 1936, in Highland Park, MI, to Richard and Marguerite (Leet) Silvey. He was employed by McDonald Dairy, in Flint, as a driver, and was promoted to supervisor. He then started his own business as a transporter for various funeral homes in the area, including David C. Brown Funeral Home. He also had a printing business throughout his lifetime. In this younger years he was very involved in the Michigan Jaycees, where he served as the president of the Jaycees for the state of Michigan for many years. He was also a member of the United Methodist Community Church in Romulus, Michigan.

Gordon's greatest love was playing cards. After retirement he played Euchre 4 times a week. He played baseball, as a pitcher in his younger years. Also horseshoes and golf. Cars were a big hobby of Gordon's. He owned 2 antique cars in his lifetime and has a vast collection of older model cars and memorabilia. He had a love of fine cigars.

Gordon is survived by his children, Diane Strachan of Plymouth, MI, Patricia (Michael) Hunter of Romulus, MI, Marguerite Byes of Jackson, MI, Christopher Silvey of Romulus, MI, and Kimberly Cole of Carolton, Texas. He is survived by his grandchildren, Ryan, Kyle, Amanda, Deana, Jennifer, Andrea, Sean, Joshua, Patricia, Anthony, Christopher and Alex; his 24 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Wanda Silvey, and his brother James Silvey.

A visitation is planned for Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111, from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service is scheduled at Romulus Methodist Church, 11160 Olive Street, Romulus, MI, 48174 on Friday, November 7, 2025, with visitation at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. A burial will follow at Romulus Cemetery. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JIMMIE D. ANDERSON

March 18, 1941 – November 2, 2025

Survived by wife Carolyn; daughter Alicia McGovern; stepdaughters Jill, Jeanette, Jennifer; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Visitation on Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to time of service at 1 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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VBT DDA

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lighting for Harris Park. This includes the 18-foot cut Norway Spruce, permanent Govee lights on the pavilion, garage and building, and the lighting at the monument in the amount of \$13,310. Coburn pointed out the DDA would then own the lights, so after the first year the only cost would be for installation;

- Approved the DDA board meeting dates for 2026. Each month's meeting is at 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in the conference room at the DDA building, with no meeting in December 2026;

- In two separate votes approved formally committing to the operation and long-term maintenance of the constructed 10-foot Belleville Road and 10-foot Tyler Road non-motorized pathways. This commitment is required by Wayne County;

- Learned all the required rights of way have been acquired by the DDA for the widening of Belleville Road. To date it has paid out \$882,454.75 for 11 rights of way, one being the full taking of property and in 2016 the DDA paid out \$154,060. There is still some negotiating going on about 8380, where the owner is getting an appraisal to compare to the DDA's new appraisal to assist with a settlement;

- Heard Coburn say there are a couple of board members who have missed several meetings in the last couple of years. The bylaws state three unexcused absences will result in automatic resignation from the DDA. She proposed an amendment to the bylaws to state: "A board member absent from three consecutive regular meetings, or 25% of the meetings in any calendar year, unless such absence is excused by the board, may be recommended for replacement according to provisions of Act 57 of the Public Acts of 2018, as amended. The board member shall be notified in writing by the board of their delinquency, and a communication shall be directed to the Supervisor and Board of Trustees requesting a replacement." She said the attorney is looking at the amendment; and

- Heard DDA member Joyce Rochowiak thank those who contributed to the Oct. 24 Parkinson's fund raiser.

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• **Thursday, Nov. 6** – Annual Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, at 5 p.m. until sold out. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Carryout is available. Price: \$15. Information: (734) 753-9048.

• **Thursday, Nov. 6** – Historian and photographer Jeff Morrison will present “Native American Influences on Michigan Architectural Sculpture” at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The 60-minute program will feature more than 85 images of architectural sculptures influenced by Native American forms in Michigan. Free.

• **Friday, Nov. 7** – Hands-on workshop at 3 p.m. on Using Canva for Graphic Design at the Sumpter Media Center, 23645 Sumpter Rd. Learn to access and use thousands of templates for making flyers, signs, logos and more. Registration required. (734) 699-3291 or visit bit.ly/BADLCanva. Free.

• **Friday, Nov. 7** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo at parish activity center (school building), 37200 Neville St., Romulus. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Three paper quickies, \$1 pack; 12 paper games, \$12 per packet. Bingo prizes awarded are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Raffle with grand prize of turkey and \$20 gift certificate and/or one of ten \$10 gift certificates. Information: (734) 697-2061.

• **Saturday, Nov. 8** – Scavenger Hunt Bingo gathers at 3 p.m. at the Romulus VFW Post, 39270 Huron River Dr., Romulus. \$10 entry fee per person includes Bingo card, one raffle entry, and Sloppy Joe/chips dinner after returning from the Hunt. Get instructions at 3 p.m., return to the VFW by 6:30 p.m. to get your prizes.

• **Saturday, Nov. 8** – 40th-annual auction and fundraiser for Guiding Harbor of Belleville at 6 p.m. at Diamondback Music

Hall on the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. Line dancing, food, auction items, and a night of support for kids in foster care. Tickets: <https://guidingharbor.org/event/diamonds-and-denim-guiding-harbors-40th-annual-auction/>

• **Sunday, Nov. 9** – St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, will host a breakfast to benefit veterans in need from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations will be requested at the door and all proceeds will be distributed by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434. Breakfast will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, Tator Tots, coffee, water, and juice.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 11** – A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11:11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville put on by the VFW and PLAV. Also, a Veterans Day event will be held at 5 p.m. at Belleville High School auditorium with the theme “What is a Veteran?” The BHS event is put on by the BHS faculty, students, and the River of Life church Warriors’ Journey – Second Chance Veterans Outreach. All veterans and the community are welcome at both ceremonies.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – Memory Café is at 11 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. A relaxed, informal, social event for those with memory difficulties and their caregivers. Snacks, crafts, conversation. Free.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – Light Up the

Park is set for 6 p.m. at Harris Park next to the Van Buren Township DDA building on Belleville Road. A cut 18-foot Norway Spruce Christmas tree will be set aglow and the Belleville Lakeside Singers will sing Christmas carols. Two vendors will provide hot chocolate and cookies.

• **Saturday, Nov. 22** – Vendors’ Market at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. More than 70 local crafters and vendors will be there, snacks and drinks available to buy, and raffles of one-of-a-kind items. This event raises money for the BHS senior class.

• **Sunday, Nov. 30** – Pictures with Santa, 1-3 p.m., featuring Rachel Leonard Photography. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund. Romulus VFW Post, 39271 Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030.

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

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

• **Wednesday, Dec. 17** – Memory Café is at 11 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. A relaxed, informal, social event for those with memory

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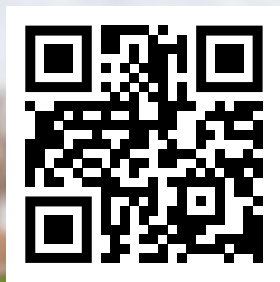
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Andrew Moore of VBT begins journey at Kettering University

FLINT, MI -- Kettering University welcomed Andrew Moore of Van Buren Township to campus during its fall convocation in October.

Held in the Connie and Jim John Recreation Center, the ceremony brought together 254 new students and their families to mark the official start of their Kettering experience.

While many students hail from Michigan, the incoming class represents nearly 20 states and eight countries. Roughly half of the students have declared Mechanical Engineering as their intended major, with Electrical Engineering and Computer Science rounding out the top three.

"To our new students: you're taking this first step with purpose, with courage and with the full support of a community that believes in you," said university president

Dr. Robert K. McMahan. "This is your moment to explore who you are and begin to shape who you want to become."

As part of Kettering's signature 50/50 model, Moore, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering, will complete 11 weeks of intensive coursework on campus before beginning his first co-op employment assignment, earning on-the-job experience that will set him apart in today's competitive workforce.

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- Saturday, Nov. 8 -- Girls Varsity Swim - KLAA B meet 12 p.m.

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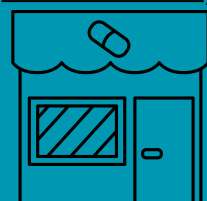
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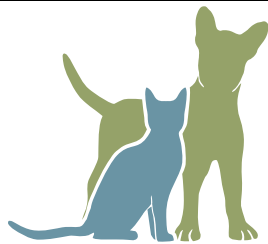
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Musings

By Janet Millard
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Last Saturday, Woodhaven dashed our hopes of making it to Ford Field this year. It was quite the football game and Woodhaven won 30 vs. 29. Our Tigers fought hard but we are done for the season. I feel sad for the seniors but the others will be back next year and will give it that good old college try and will show them how Belleville bounces back!

So, what did you decide? Did you get a real ticket or a virtual one for Guiding Harbor's Diamonds and Demin fund raiser? It is on Saturday, so if you haven't made a decision yet - now is the time. Really, it will be a great party and you won't have far to drive. Enjoy!

The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation will have a Trivia Night fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 14, starting at 7 p.m. This '80s themed night of fun will be at the BYC, 831 E. Huron River Dr. For only \$25/person there will be teams of 4 to 8 with prizes, raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, cash bar, pizza and snacks.

I got a notice that the Van Buren Community Players are starting to sell tickets for their Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14 plays. They are performing "A Christmas Story" this year. Always fun to watch that silly boy. Again, with the BHS drama in November and this play in December there are always lots of good family activities available at a reasonable cost.

On Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, all veterans will be recognized at a special Welcome Home ceremony at 5 p.m. in the Belleville High School auditorium by BHS faculty, students and The Warriors Journey - 2nd Chance Veterans Outreach from the River of Life Church. For information call (734) 740-5701 and leave name and phone number.

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WHEREAS, Americans have an abiding faith in the ideals and strengths on which our great nation was founded, in our democratic process, and in the men and women of the armed forces who have served our country so well; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these dedicated men and women, we pledge our ongoing respect so that their sacrifice will stand

before the entire world as a tribute to the spirit and determination of a people dedicated to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, let us all commit ourselves to the great need of fostering a spirit of dedication to the ideals that have served as the foundation of this great country,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Voigt, Mayor of the City of Belleville, do hereby invite all veterans and their admirers to attend the Veterans Day ceremony that will begin 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, at Belleville High School, 501 West Columbia Avenue, in Belleville. The theme of this year's ceremony is "What Is A Veteran?"

FURTHERMORE, I, Ken Voigt, Mayor of the City of Belleville, do also hereby invite all veterans and their admirers to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony, that will take place at 11:11 a.m., at the Veterans

Memorial on High Street, next to Horizon Park, in downtown Belleville.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of November, 2025.

Signed by Mayor Voigt and the city council

More Letters

Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows donations

To the editor:

As the holiday time of year draws near, we are reaching out to you as residents of our community for donations to help the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows keep the promise of "No Child Without a Christmas."

We are a totally volunteer organization and spend countless hours putting this program together. Every cent of your donation goes to the program and without your help none of this would be possible.

Any residents wishing to make a monetary donation may drop it off at the Van Buren Police Department main window or mail it to: Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows, c/o Pam Fleming, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111.

Please make checks payable to Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows.

Monetary donations are used to purchase children's toys.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville/Van Buren Twp. Goodfellows

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting moved to Nov. 12.
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 17 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Rubin Scott-Green of VBT earns degree

ADELPHI, MD -- Rubin Scott-Green of Van Buren Township earned a Bachelor of Science Cum Laude in Cybersecurity Technology from University of Maryland Global Campus in summer 2025.

Scott-Green was one of 3,800 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the summer 2025 term.

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Court Watching

Lauren Francis Phillips

Lauren Francis Phillips, 24, of Ypsilanti and formerly of Van Buren Township, is charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on July 18 in Van Buren Township. She was video-arraigned in custody on July 18 and personal bond set at \$5,000. She was due for a probable cause conference on Sept. 3, but she was in the hospital and the court got proof from Skyway Recovery. The probable cause conference was reset for Oct. 8, but the court got word that she had left the facility against medical and clinical advice. Her preliminary exam was set for Nov. 19. She is to have no contact with the protected party.

Nahsja Denise McCullough

Nahsja Denise McCullough, 27, of Van Buren Township is charged with assault with intent to cause great bodily harm less than murder (strangulation) and assault or assault and battery on Sept. 25 in Van Buren Township. She was arraigned outcounty on Sept. 27 and personal bond set at \$50,000. A probable cause conference was held Oct. 8 and a preliminary exam set for Oct. 15, then changed to Nov. 12.



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Court Watching

Jeremy Mark Watson

Jeremy Mark Watson of Belleville is charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated – third offense on Jan. 28, 2024 in the city of Belleville. A warrant was issued and on June 6, 2025 he hired an attorney and a probable cause conference was set for July 9. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 6 and a probable cause conference set for Aug. 27 and then Sept. 8 and Sept. 17 and set again for Oct. 8 and then Oct. 22. He failed to appear and a warrant was issued on Oct. 23 and canceled on Oct. 24. A probable cause conference was set for Nov. 19. On Oct. 28, the defendant was welcomed into DT court and will be under the probation module if the plea allows the charge to be reduced to a misdemeanor.

Davery Ricky Spearman

Davery Ricky Spearman, 30, of Romulus is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), felony firearm, and carrying a concealed weapon on Nov. 22, 2024 in Van Buren Township. The complaint was issued on June 14, 2025 and a warrant issued. He was arraigned and a probable cause conference held on Oct. 8 and a preliminary exam held on Oct. 22. He was bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 5 arraignment on the information.

Cody Ray Roberts

Cody Ray Roberts, previously of Sumpter Township and now of Westland, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Oct. 15 on charges of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder – strangulation, domestic violence, driving while license suspended, and malicious destruction of property in Sumpter Township on Aug. 13. Personal bond was \$75,000.

All the charges were dismissed on Oct. 15 because there was no complaining victim present. Case closed.

Richard Louis Hollie

Richard Louis Hollie of Detroit is charged with retail fraud – first degree on Sept. 4, 2022 in Van Buren Township. A bench warrant was issued when he failed to appear for a Oct. 25, 2022 court date. Bond is \$5,000/10%. He was present for a probable cause conference on Oct. 15, 2025 and his warrant was cancelled. A probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 29. At that time the defendant's attorney failed to appear, so the probable cause conference was reset for Nov. 5.

Harold Eugene Robinson

Harold Eugene Robinson was video arraigned in custody on Oct. 21 on a charge of home invasion-first degree on Oct. 18 in the city of Belleville. Bond is \$50,000/10%. A probable cause conference was held Oct. 29 and his preliminary exam set for Nov. 5.

William Joseph Huziak

William Joseph Huziak was video arraigned in custody on Oct. 21 on charges of assault with intent to inflict physical harm less than death (strangulation) and domestic violence on Oct. 18 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond is \$5,000/10% and he is not to be released without a GPS. A probable cause conference was set for Oct. 29 and a preliminary exam for Nov. 5. On Oct. 29 the probable cause conference was held and the exam date changed to Dec. 10.

Christopher Michael Kreutzer

Christopher Michael Kreutzer, 39, of Romulus was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 21 for interfering with police on Oct. 19 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond is \$5,000 and he is not to be released without a GPS. Probable cause conference

is Nov. 20.

Kaleal Darnell Smith

Kaleal Darnell Smith of Ypsilanti was charged with malicious destruction of property under \$200 on June 9 in Sumpter Township. He was arraigned June 12 and personal bond set at \$500. A pretrial was set for July 9 and then for July 30. A showcase hearing was set for Sept. 9 by zoom. The final pretrial was set for Oct. 22 and the complaining victim must appear. The charges were then dropped by the complaining party and the case dismissed. Case closed.

Jeffrey Alan Kovi

Jeffrey Alan Kovi, 38, of Van Buren Township, had been charged with reckless use of a gun and gun possession while under the influence on June 16, 2024 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty to the first charge and the second charge was dismissed. The court recently was informed of a new charge while he is on probation from his guilty plea. A case review had been set for Jan. 12, 2026. A showcase hearing was set for Oct. 22, but he failed to appear and so a warrant is out for his arrest.

Tierra Mone McCullough

Tierra Mone McCullough of Detroit was charged with assault and battery on Sept. 25 in Van Buren Township. Her arraignment/pretrial was set for Oct. 22. The defendant appeared as scheduled and she was set for a final pretrial on Dec. 3. Personal bond is \$1,000. There is to be no contact with the victim.

Marsha Lynne Devore

Marsha Lynne Devore, 42, of Sumpter Township was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 23 by Judge Martin on five counts of retail fraud in Van Buren Township.

The dates are Sept. 27, Sept. 30 (two counts), Oct. 21 at 6:02 p.m., and Oct. 21 at 7:14 p.m.

Bond is \$1,000/10% on four cases and a pretrial for them all was set for in person before Judge Oakley on Nov. 6.

Travis Moore

Travis Moore of Oak Park was video arraigned in custody on Oct. 24 on a bench warrant concerning charges of organized retail crime and retail crime-second offense on Aug. 11, 2024 in Van Buren Township. The charges were entered on June 3, 2025.

His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 5 and his preliminary exam for Nov. 12

Chad Michael Jones

Chad Michael Jones, 34, of Sumpter Township, was video-arraigned in custody

on Oct. 24 on three outstanding bench warrants.

They included possession of narcotics on July 31, 2025 from Western Wayne Narcotics and two driving while license suspended charges, one in 2019 in Huron Township and one in 2020 in Sumpter Township. Probable cause conference on the narcotics charge is Nov. 5 and exam is Nov. 11. Personal bond is \$5,000.

Remote pretrials for the Huron Township and Sumpter Township charges will be Nov. 13 and personal bond is \$3,000 for each of the charges.

Richard Wayne Parks

Richard Wayne Parks, 43, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 29 on a charge of domestic violence in Van Buren Township. He was set for a remote pretrial by zoom on Nov. 12. Personal bond is \$2,000.

Brooke Ashley Andrzejewski

Brooke Ashley Andrzejewski of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 28. She is charged with two counts of assault on a police officer, operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more, operating while intoxicated, and open alcohol container in vehicle on Oct. 26 in Van Buren Township. Her personal bond was set at \$10,000, her probable cause conference set for Nov. 5, and her preliminary exam scheduled Nov. 12. Judge Oakley said he was not issuing a no-contact order at this time due to lack of context. The officer in charge was not present at the arraignment to give additional information.

Shawn Michael Ludeman

Shawn Michael Ludeman of Sumpter Township was video arraigned in custody on Oct. 29 on charges of fleeing police in a vehicle-3rd degree and refusing to give a DNA sample on Oct. 28 in the city of Belleville. His personal bond is \$5,000. A probable cause conference was set for Nov. 12 and his preliminary exam for Nov. 19.

Jacob Anthony Jones

Jaacob Anthony Jones of Westland was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 29 on a charge of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more on Oct. 29 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$1,000. His pretrial was set for Nov. 24.

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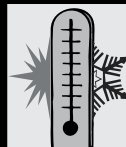
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Rumor has it some people are going to open it up. You're thinking, "OK. We will be glad we can get service help with our vehicles, like before."

Not so. As it turns out, Sumpter was chosen to be the home of a used-car lot. No service for the area. Just going to come from somewhere else to here. They already have had hauler activity in our mostly

residential neighborhood. Stopping traffic physically for the semi driver to maneuver. It's a fast-moving corner of traffic there.

They brought their guns and have fired them, most recently the neighbors complaining about the automatic weapons activity.

To top it all off, the American flag that has stood proudly for 30+ years has been removed, pole and all.

People here sell their cars from their houses. No middle man. An eyesore for our property values.

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Sumpter Clerk alerts neighbors to proposed used car lot

The following letter was sent by Sumpter Township clerk Don LaPorte to 18 property owners who are within 300 feet of 17450 Savage Rd., Sumpter Township.

Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
October 22, 2025

To Property Owner within 300' of 17450 Savage Rd.

You are hereby notified that the Planning Commission of the Township of Sumpter

will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

The Public Meeting is requested by owner Hassan Nassar, 17450 Savage Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, for a special land use variance at 17450 Savage Rd. for the purpose of the outdoor sale and display of used automobiles. The Public Meeting notice is enclosed for your review. If you cannot be present, you may express your approval or objection in writing before the hearing date to the Clerk's Office at the above address. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office staff at (734) 461-6201.

Don LaPorte, Clerk, Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Twp. Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing Special Land Use Request

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at:

**6:00 p.m., Thursday
November 13, 2025**

Regarding the request for the following special land use.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The nature of the request is to consider the proposed special land use for the outdoor sale and display of used automobiles.

SITE LOCATION

The site of the requested variance is 17450 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111. This Public Meeting has been scheduled to provide all interested citizens with an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the request. This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), Act 110 of 2006 (Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Sumpter

Township Planning Commission will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 5 days' notice to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aid or services should contact Sumpter Township by writing or calling the following: Don LaPorte, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 461-6201 Ext. 2.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office before the hearing date by Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

Don LaPorte, Clerk, Sumpter Township
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Posted: October 17, 2025

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VBT student Kendall Bentley earns spot on Albion basketball team

ALBION, MI -- Van Buren Township student Kendall Bentley was selected as a member of Albion College's 2025-26 men's basketball team. Bentley will play guard for his second season with Briton basketball.

"We're really excited about this season," head coach Jody May said. "This is a group that's hungry to win, and has put in the work to put us in position to win. That's everything from workouts, our strength and conditioning program, to being really collected off the floor. Everyone has something to prove and it's been exciting to see this positive competitiveness to win

every drill.

"I give a lot of credit to our seniors and captains that have set the standard this year. It's also great to have the same coaching staff for our third year, which has made things seamless this preseason," May added. Throw in some new faces in new roles and a talented first year class, I think we're all excited to show who we are and what we are capable of accomplishing."

Bentley is majoring in combined engineering/math. He is the son of Kimberly and Kevin Bentley of Van Buren Township and is a graduate of River Rouge High School.

To build a better world, start in your own community!



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 20, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt Absent - Excused
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Present
Council Member Kissel Present
Council Member Beebe Present
Council Member Priest Absent

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentations
 - i. Giffels Webster – Parks and Rec Plan Overview
- Citizen Comments
 - i. None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups' routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

- Approval of Minutes
 - i. October 6, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- Budget report
 - i. Monthly update.
- Communications
 - i. None.
- Council Follow-up list
 - i. As of 10/16/25
- Police Stats
 - i. None.
- Fire Stats
 - i. Sep. 2025
- DPW Report
 - i. None.
- Special Events
 - i. None.

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

• **Resolution # 25-030 – Closure of City Hall – Week of Christmas Day/New Year's Day**
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution # 25-030**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

- Accounts Payable

• Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel Aye
Council Member Beebe Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- The renovations at 330 Charles, the site of the city's new municipal building, are going well. We are continuing to meet with the contractors involved; staff members plan to be operating out of the new building by January 1st.
 - Recently met with Hennessey Engineers regarding the bank stabilization plan at Horizon Park.
 - The Denton Rd. bridge project will not be completed by the end of the year, as initially anticipated. The county's new target date for completion is May 26, 2026. As a final part of that project, the intersection of Main St., Denton, and Belleville Rd. will be re-paved.
- #### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS
- **Council Member Kissel**
 - i. Trick or Treat on Main St. will take place on Friday, October 31st. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic at 4:30 p.m.
 - ii. Attended the Michigan Municipal League Economic Committee on Land Use meeting today. The League is still developing language on a housing proposal.
 - iii. The renovations at 330 Charles are continuing to take place.
 - iv. Thank you to the Belleville Police and Fire Departments for their presence at Harvest Fest, the Monster Mutt Walk, and the last car show of the year.
 - **Council Member Beebe**
 - i. Lots of attendees and children at tonight's car show; great event.

12. MAYOR PRO-TEM'S COMMENTS

- Excited to work with Stephanie and Eric from Giffels Webster on improving the community.
- Go Blue!

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

• Rosemary Otzman

- i. Asked where the upcoming public hearing will be held.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: November 6, 2025

Court Watching

Mark Adam Maclean

Mark Adam Maclean of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned Oct. 29 on a bench warrant for operating while intoxicated on Nov. 19, 2022 in Van Buren Township. On April 10, 2024 he failed to appear on the case and a warrant was issued. Pretrial was set for Nov. 24. Judge Oakley said he would give him another chance to appear even though he had failed to appear twice before. Judge Oakley set a personal bond of \$2,000.

Lamar Allen Respress

Lamar Allen Respress of Detroit was

video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 29 on a charge of larceny by conversion, \$1,000 to \$20,000, in Sumpter Township on June 6, 2023. Bond was set at \$20,000/10%. A probable cause conference was scheduled for Nov. 12 and a preliminary exam for Nov. 19.

Anthia Kimberley Brooks

Anthia Kimberley Brooks of Detroit was set for a jury trial before Judge Patton on Oct. 30 on a charge of malicious destruction of property on April 26, 2025 in Van Buren Township. Instead of the trial, she pled guilty to the charge and was immediately ordered to pay a \$1,500 fee on a payment plan and given six months of probation for

a delayed sentence.

Sydney Jade Pree

Sydney Jade Pree of Van Buren Township was arraigned Oct. 29 on charges of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams, police officer assault and operating while intoxicated-2nd on Oct. 4, 2022 in Van Buren Township. Her attorney called the court and said she wanted to turn herself in. Her probable cause conference was set for Nov. 12 and personal bond set at \$10,000. It was adjourned for discovery and to review the prosecutor's offer.

Matthew Lee Hurst

Matthew Lee Hurst of Van Buren Township was present for his remote pretrial on Oct. 29 on a charge of domestic

violence on Oct. 13 in Van Buren Township. He had been video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 16. Personal bond is \$1,000. The final pretrial was set for Nov. 19 and the complaining victim must appear.

Benjamin David Mee

Benjamin David Mee of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Nov. 3 on a charge of domestic violence in Van Buren Township on Oct. 31. Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and a remote pretrial on Nov. 19. He is to have no contact of any kind with the victim and not return to the place of the offense.

Kurtis Allen Nofz

Kurtis Allen Nofz, 61, of the city of Belleville was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 2 on a charge of malicious destruction of a building, from \$1,000 to \$20,000, on April 2 in Van Buren Township. The charge was authorized Sept. 11 and a warrant issued Sept. 12. The warrant was lifted at arraignment and personal bond set at \$5,000.

An in-person probable cause conference before Judge Oakley was set for Oct. 15 and a live preliminary exam before Judge Oakley for Oct. 22.

The defendant's daughter told the court that the defendant will be at the University of Michigan Hospital beginning Oct. 6 for a medical procedure and will be at the U of M for some time after the procedure. Judge Martin advised the defendant at the arraignment to provide proof of hospitalization for Judge Oakley's consideration for a zoom appearance on Oct. 15.

The defendant dropped off hospital paperwork for the court to review. A probable cause virtual conference was set for Oct. 29 and virtual preliminary exam on Nov. 5. On Oct. 29 the probable cause conference was held and another probable cause conference set for Nov. 19 so the attorney can seek diversion. The Nov. 5 exam was removed from the calendar.

Henry Avery Driver, Jr.

Henry Avery Driver, Jr., of Vassar, is charged with assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on Oct. 3 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on Oct. 6 by Judge Martin. His probable cause conference was held Oct. 15 and preliminary exam set for Oct. 22. Bond is \$2,500/10%.

Van Buren Maroney III

Van Buren Maroney III, 51, of Willis was arraigned in custody on Oct. 6 by Judge Martin for carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on Oct. 4 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 15 and his preliminary exam for Oct. 22. That was changed to Nov. 26. Personal bond is \$5,000.

On Oct. 6, he also was arraigned on a bench warrant on an operating while intoxicated charge from Sept. 9, 2019 in Van Buren Township. His jury trial had been delayed because of the COVID state of emergency. He was waiting for a new date and then failed to appear for a July 21, 2022 pretrial. A bench warrant was issued. A pretrial was set for Oct. 16 and personal bond set at \$5,000.

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

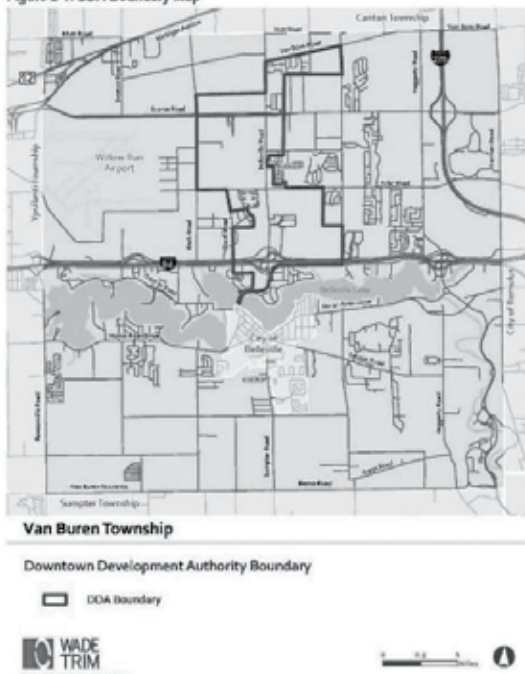
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP Downtown Development Authority Development and TIF Plan Amendment

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Van Buren Township will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Township Hall 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The hearing is to consider adoption of a proposed Third Amendment to the Development and TIF Plan for the DDA of Van Buren Township.

Purpose of Amendment: to add projects, revise cost estimates, include updated maps and updated tax capture revenue spreadsheets.

Figure 2-1: DDA Boundary Map



District Boundaries: The Van Buren Township DDA Development Area generally includes the east and west sides of Belleville Road and the north and south sides of portions of 1-94, Tyler Road, Ecorse Road and Van Born Road. The approximate boundaries are Van Born Road to the north, Morton Taylor Road to the east, the City of Belleville to the south and Beck Road to the west.

The Development Area Citizens Council has reviewed the proposed amendment and provided recommendations, which will be considered at the hearing.

The proposed Amendment is available at:

- 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111
- 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111
- www.vanburendda.com

All interested persons may attend or submit written comments to Clerk Leon Wright at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or lwright@vbtmi.gov

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 267 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 26:
0010 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0013 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0027 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0221 – 911 welfare check, Van Born Rd./Belleville
0231 – 911 welfare check, Wildbrook Dr.
0303 – welfare check, N. Cumberland Dr.
0406 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1124 – mental subject, Oak Ln.
1143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1302 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1435 – property check, Tyler Rd.
1519 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1721 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1757 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
1841 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Lindsey Dr.
1900 – family trouble, Van Buren St.
1903 – neighbor trouble, Renton Rd.
1942 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1942 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1953 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1953 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2024 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
2147 – disorderly, McBride Ave.
2154 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2236 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
Monday, Oct. 27:
0003 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0112 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0118 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0215 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0236 – assist fire dept., Van Buren St.
0302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0345 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0640 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0634 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
0902 – domestic, Sawgrass Ct.
0925 – property damage accident, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1047 – intrusion alarm, Jeremy Rd.
1052 – fraud, Robson Rd.
1240 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
1411 – larceny, Milton Dr.
1515 – assault & battery, Hamilton St.
1612 – sexual assault, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, N. I-94 Service
1716 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1839 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2001 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2143 – mental subject, Sumpter Rd.
2232 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2323 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
2340 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 28:
0004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
0015 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0039 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd.
0527 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Dellor St.
0833 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1220 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1252 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1355 – ordinance violation – all 7400 MICR codes, Stamford Rd.
1408 – welfare check, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1413 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
1450 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1455 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1707 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1832 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1908 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1917 – welfare check, W. I-94/N. Haggerty I-94 ramp W.
2132 – suicidal person, N. Bellridge Dr.
2327 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 29:
0118 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
0200 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0526 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0904 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
1040 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Woodbury Dr.
1040 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
1041 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1044 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1123 – dumping complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1221 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Riggs Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1349 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1414 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
1507 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1644 – intrusion alarm, Stonebridge Dr.
1645 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Textile
1657 – assist fire dept., Sylvia Dr.
1843 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lancaster Dr./Tyler Rd.
1906 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
2020 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
2032 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, rest area
2211 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green Ln.
Thursday, Oct. 30:
0045 – family trouble, W. Archwood Dr.
0203 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.
1300 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1403 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1433 – assist other dept., rest area
1438 – misc. complaint, Beacon Trl./W. Huron River Dr.
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1713 – disorderly, Village Green Ln.
1852 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1925 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1938 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1942 – family trouble, Arthur St.
2025 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
2008 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
2146 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
Friday, Oct. 31:
0010 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0040 – assist other dept., rest area
0842 – welfare check, Tallgrass Ct.
0914 – parking complaint, Milton Dr.
1116 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1205 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1233 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1248 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1311 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1351 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winding Pond Dr.
1417 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1832 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.
1820 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1908 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1912 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1941 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2000 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1942 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Red Oak Dr.
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
2132 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2209 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Saturday, Nov. 1:
0034 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0244 – abandoned auto, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0329 – suicidal person, Martinsville Rd.
0736 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
0857 – 911 welfare check, Borgman Ave.
0925 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1006 – harassment call, McBride
1004 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.

1036 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1123 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1123 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1133 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1211 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.
1222 – assist fire dept., Senate St.
1256 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1303 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – traffic offense, Riggs Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1333 – 911 welfare check, Ryznar Dr.
1455 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1518 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd. / N. Ponderosa Trl.
1553 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
1622 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1624 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1645 – 911 welfare check, Michigan Ave./Winchester St.
1653 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1946 – juvenile complaint, Lancaster Dr.
2026 – parking complaint, Bradley Dr.
2109 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
2207 – disorderly, Gilmore St.
Also, on this log are 99 traffic stops, ten of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 26:
1522 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1905 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Monday, Oct. 27:
0936 – lost property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
1048 – private property impound, South St.
1410 – private property/property damage accident, South St.
1715 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1827 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, Oct. 28:
0820 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1011 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
Wednesday, Oct. 29:
0920 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Henry St.
1347 – domestic, Main St.
1450 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1505 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
xxxx – assist other dept., N. Liberty
1620 – threat, Main St.
1652 – civil matter, Carmell St.
Thursday, Oct. 30:
1042 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1210 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2018 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
Friday, Oct. 31:
0829 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter
0847 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
0851 – follow up by officer, Loza Ln.
0912 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1113 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1137 – weapons violation, Main St.
1305 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1802 – assist citizen, Main St./Fifth St.
1904 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
Saturday, Nov. 1:
0007 – fight, Main St.
0059 – motorist assist, High St./Roys St.
0515 – assist citizen, Main St.
0508 – intrusion alarm, High St.
1249 – property damage accident, Main St./Third
xxxx – misc. complaint, Second St./Church St.
1619 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
1626 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1717 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1915 – private property impound, Belle Villa
There are 79 reports on this week’s log, 38 of which are traffic stops.

“You have to be odd to be number one.”
— Dr. Seuss

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 26:
0058 – assault, Knollwood Dr.
0417 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0916 – citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.
1015 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1228 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
1413 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1427 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1440 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1702 – civil matter, Alaska St.
1901 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1916 – harassment complaint, Colorado
1935 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1941 – suspicious vehicle, Judd Rd./Karr Rd.
Monday, Oct. 27:
0535 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd./Willis Rd.
0549 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Arkona
0903 – property damage accident, Willow/Haggerty
1148 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
1355 – follow-up investigation, Sherwood/Willis
1435 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1523 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1554 – suspicious person, Ohio St.
1708 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1743 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2142 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 28:
0131 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
0204 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Martinsville Rd. / Judd Rd.
0307 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
0528 – family trouble, Texas St.
1139 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.
1144 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1625 – welfare check, Utah St.
1631 – felony warrant arrest, out of township
2031 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
2212 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
2258 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 29:
0133 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0726 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1025 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1357 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1419 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1457 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1512 – suspicious person, California/Willis
1620 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1730 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1743 – 911 hangup, Wyoming St.
1753 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1902 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
2020 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2217 – citizen assist, Washington St.
Thursday, Oct. 30:
0004 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
0152 – 911 hangup, Delaware St.
0942 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1013 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1118 – assist other agency, out of township
1149 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Rustic Ln.
1240 – assist other agency, Knollwood Dr.
1252 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1600 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1915 – suspicious person, Nevada St.
2213 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
2359 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Friday, Oct. 31:
0009 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0747 – larceny complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1137 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1431 – larceny complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1518 – suspicious circumstance, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1633 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1635 – assault, Rawsonville/Willis
1643 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1806 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1946 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
2018 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2107 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
2114 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
2133 – suspicious vehicle, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
2308 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 1:

0607 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.
0839 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville
1107 – 911 hangup, Knollwood Dr.
1123 – welfare check, Arizona St.
1136 – family trouble, Alaska St.
1633 – citizen assist, Edgewood Dr.
1744 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.

1748 – family trouble, Arizona St.
1811 – family trouble, Washington St.
1929 – family trouble, Wyoming St.
2239 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2316 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2327 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2331 – noise complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2352 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log were 224 patrol checks, 113 traffic stops and 17 misc. details.

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Nov. 11 – Alyssa Johnson, Joey Johnson, Nevaeh Robinson

Nov. 12 – Michelle Littleton
Nov. 14 – Christina Christman
Nov. 15 – Barb Rider
Nov. 16 – Pete LaFramboise

Do you or does someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish it as soon as possible.

Anniversary

Nov. 3 - Tina and Ron Pyzik, 31 years

2025 City of Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows application

Begins Monday, Nov. 3, thru Friday, Nov. 29, 2025

Applications to receive assistance for the 2025 Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution program will begin 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 3.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk (46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township).

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only. (Sumpter Township has its own Goodfellows program.)

You may: Pick up a form, fill it out and apply immediately at the police department or take home a form to fill out and return it at the police department front desk.

You must apply in person at the police department with proof of residency (driver's license, state ID or current utility bill showing name and address).

Call-in, mail-in or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Applications for assistance will close Saturday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m.

For more information or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 260-4150 weekdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thank you,
Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville/Van Buren Twp. Goodfellows

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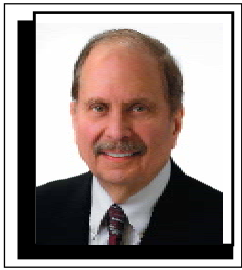
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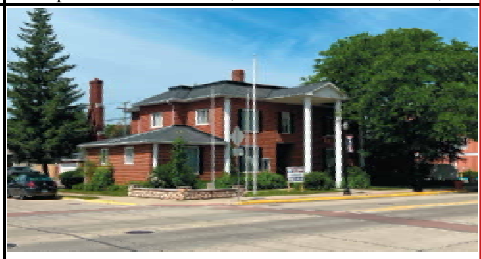
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