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VB T Planners Approve Temp Land Use for Food Truck, New Procedures

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

At its regular meeting July 8, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission approved temporary land use for the 734 Hibachi and More Food Truck, which proposed to operate Friday through Mondays from July 17 to Nov. 23 at 41001 E. Huron River Dr.

Planning and Zoning Specialist Brittney Williams gave a presentation that gave updates on concerns from the last commission meeting about trash, bathrooms, parking spaces, and grease disposal.

Williams says the fire department confirmed that the food truck was not in a fire lane and that there were adequate remaining parking spaces for the party store where the food truck is parked. She also says the gas station is refueled on Wednesday, so the food truck would not interfere with that process either.

Several community members spoke in favor of granting the land use to the food truck.

A commenter who identified herself as simply “Patty from Van Buren”

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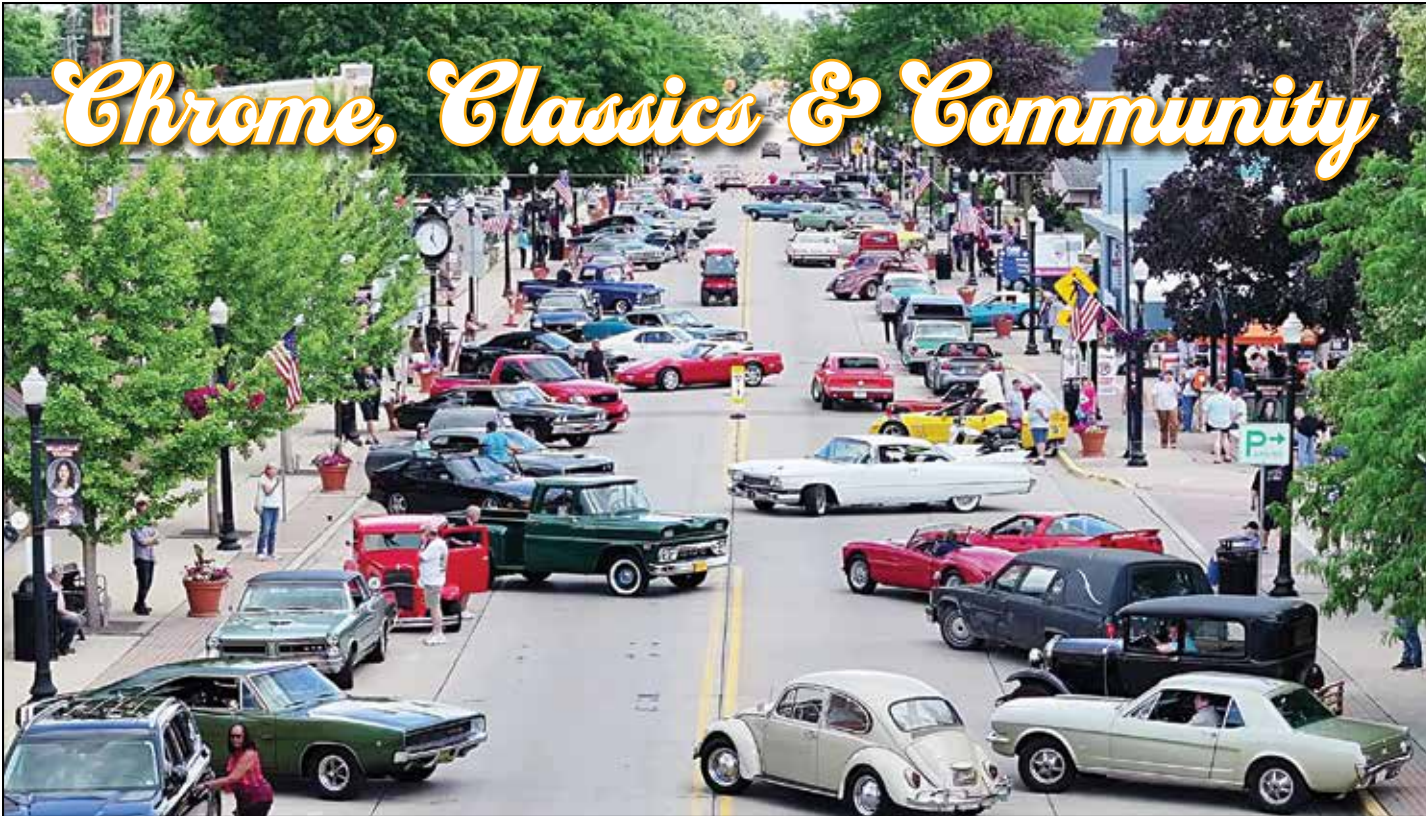


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Belleville’s Main Street transforms into an open-air showroom every Monday evening as car enthusiasts gather for the weekly Monday Night Car Show. The event runs from 5 to 8 p.m., with the Belleville Farmers Market welcoming shoppers from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street Place.

VB T Reports Growing Fund Balance, Clean Audit



Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Plante Moran on its 2025 financial audit at the regular meeting on July 7.

Stacy Reeves of Plante Moran reported that Van Buren Township had been issued an “unmodified or clean opinion,” the highest level of opinion they can offer.

General fund revenues increased 3.8% from \$27,536,000 in 2024 to \$28,591,000.

Some of the biggest increases were 8.9% in property taxes and 11.7% in other revenue, largely due to grant revenue.

Expenditures remained relatively consistent over the year, increasing from \$25,932,000 in 2024 to \$27,285,000 in 2025, with the largest changes related to an increase in public safety.

The general fund balance is up from \$7,892,000 to \$9,200,000, with \$6,772,000 unassigned, which covers 25% of the 2025 expenditures and meets the state’s requirements.

Water and sewer revenue is up about 2% and expenses are up about 5%, with the biggest increases due to water pur-

chases and sewer treatment.

“We are losing money in our water and sewer,” commented Supervisor Kevin McNamara, “but we made money for a few years before we got here and it’s not Van Buren’s position to be a banker for that money, we’re giving it back slowly but surely, and that’s why you see a consistent loss.”

Josh Yde of Plante Moran announced that Van Buren Township’s Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) are just under 45% funded, surpassing the 40% threshold where the state would re-

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Army Veteran Returns Home, Captures Belleville’s Beauty

Steven Hawkins, a Belleville High School class of 2004 graduate and 100% disabled retired Army veteran now lives in Statesboro, Ga. with his wife Marci. Hawkins says he makes it a point to come back home to Belleville every Fourth of July to spend time with family and friends. Before heading back south, he took a few photos around the bridge and of Belleville Lake that Hawkins says he thought captured the beauty of his hometown.

PHOTOS COURTESY | STEVEN HAWKINS



O P I N I O N S

From the Editor

Belleville Area Struggles with Storm and Power Outages

If you or your business struggled during the recent storms and power outages, you are not alone.



Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

Listening to a recent Van Buren planning commission meeting, we heard one story of a family losing all their food because their refrigerator being out of power for days in a row and needing a gift from a neighbor to keep food on the table until the next paycheck.

The worst outcome, though, was in Sumpter, where two young children were found dead of asphyxiation with a generator running in a garage after the storm (*see story on page 7*).

Let me know which parts of the Independent you absolutely want to keep and what you might like to see change.

We know other businesses and homes struggled, too, some without power for three or more days.

You might have noticed that the July 9 issue of our paper went out later than usual. We distributed it on Thursday, but it's almost always available on the Wednesday before our publication date. Not this time.

We had a power outage that lasted at least three days, possibly longer. Our advertising manager, Janet, thinks it went out on Friday night. It was out for sure as of Sunday and we were checking the DTE outage map multiple times a day while we worked from home on Monday and Tuesday. The power didn't come on in our building until after 7 p.m. on Tuesday night.

We really had to scramble on Wednesday to get the

pages to the printer, who was wondering what the heck was going on with us!

That was my first issue as the new managing editor of the Belleville Area Independent, so it's going to be quite the memory to look back on!

As I mentioned in my first ever "from the editor" column in the Independent last week, I am seeking community input on what we should be reporting on.

Never fear – we'll keep attending community meetings to report on local government and the school board, but I'd like to highlight new business, youth sports and achievements, nonprofits, and whatever else interests you. Let me know which parts of the Independent you absolutely want to keep and what you might like to see change.

Feel free to stop in the office for a chat, reach out to me by phone at 699-9020, or email me at baindependent@ameritech.net.

Thoughts on Becoming The First College Grad in the Family

Ania Felder

Hello local residents, I'm Ania Felder. Some of you might know it from reading it underneath the headlines of my past stories I have written for this Independent paper. Some of you may know it from my own local news platform, NewsWithNia Local Belleville Podcast.

Today, I am going to share my journey instead of everyone else's.

I am a 21-year-old journalism student who moved from the westside of Detroit around 2008-2009 when I was roughly around 3 or 4 years old and Belleville/Van Buren Township has been the only true home I have ever known since that transition. I spent years having backyard parties, participating every single summer in our Belleville Area District Library's summer reading program (these were early signs that I would go into journalism), attending both the Strawberry Festival (which I dearly miss) and Wayne County

Fair each summer before returning to school.

Over the past decade I have watched the city transform from a small town into a blossoming community full of new homes, businesses, and educational opportunities.

In 2023, I graduated with honors from Belleville High School. Fast forward three years later and I am becoming the first in my household and generation to earn an associates of arts degree from the Wayne County Community College District. To date, I've experienced writing for a local newspaper, starting a new social media platform, becoming a politician's first ever student research intern, as well as a first generation college graduate between the ages of 19-21.

Some people think I have "it all together" or that things come "naturally" to me.

But that couldn't be further from the truth. In reality I'm actually a late

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says she hoped that the commission would remove some red tape and treat small businesses at least as well as “billionaire corporation” that come before the board.

Nicole Pickerel, township resident and owner of Halfway to Halloween Expo, said she has an excellent relationship with the owner, Robert Kecskes who has sold food to more than 5,000 of her customers for four years.

Pickerel said he and his employees are conscientious.

“They’re always on time, and they always have their insurance on point, and they never leave the site messy. They’re pleasant to work with,” she said.

She also noted that when she asked business owners who hosted the food truck in their parking lot, they said they had an uptick in business from food truck customers.

Another commenter, Ashley from the Haggerty subdivision, said the level of red tape makes it harder for small, local businesses to survive.

She said that 734 Hibachi and More fed people during a power outage when other local businesses couldn’t, and said

she thought it was a small business worth supporting.

She said she felt the business was “navigating permit requirements, fees, and bureaucratic barriers that seem disproportionate to its size and impact.”

Sharry Budd liaison to the Board of Trustees said the commission has been trying to work with small businesses and said of 734 Hibachi and More that, “We don’t want to turn you folks away.”

The motion was carried unanimously.

The commission also continued a discussion from their previous meeting about changing rules and procedures, particularly around public comment. Commissioners discussed whether they would have a comment period at the beginning and end of the meeting only, or if there should continue to be public comment on each agenda item.

Commissioner Jackson Pahle questioned whether changing procedures would create a bad perception that the commission was looking to limit comment on a contentious data center proposal.

Under the new rules, commenters will have three minutes to comment, or, if someone is representing a larger group, they can have five minutes to comment. The changes bring the commenting length and opportunities more in line with how they’re done at board of trustee meetings and also to align more closely with state open meeting regulations.

Commissioner mentioned that people can submit comment by snail mail or email as well. The change in procedures was adopted unanimously.

In other planning news, the commission:

Heard complaints during general comment periods about sound quality of meetings streamed online.

Voted to postpone a decision on site plan approval for Planet Oil, 10645 Belleville Rd. because a representative from the business was not in attendance to answer questions from commission members.

Heard that there will be a joint planning commission meeting with the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 at Belleville City Hall, 330 Charles St.

Announced that the next meeting of the Van Buren Township planning commission will be 5:30 p.m. July 22.

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Police tried to resuscitate the children but were unsuccessful. Police didn’t say who was watching the children and didn’t release any further information.

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Obituaries

Jeffrey Dean Smith

JEFFREY DEAN SMITH
(Oct. 12, 1960 - July 10, 2026)

Jeffrey Dean Smith, age 65, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away early on July 10, 2026, at home in hospice care with his family by his side. He was born on October 12, 1960, in Wayne, MI, to Burl “Dean” and Jean (Gulick) Smith. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1978 and afterwards took courses at Schoolcraft College.

Jeff was a dedicated worker, spending his entire career at L&W Engineering, which later became Autokiniton, starting in 1977 sweeping floors, working his way up, and retiring as Director of Engineering after 46 years. During this time, outside of his work, he enjoyed listening to country music, tending to his backyard plants and flowers as well as reading and researching his family history.

In his younger years, he fished for walleye, hunted pheasants and turkey, and downhill skiing in the winter. Throughout his life, he was a Detroit Tigers baseball fan and would go to games with his family. In addition, with his son, he spent many years involved with Boy Scout Troop 793 as a leader and the Treasurer. Jeff liked to photograph his travels.

Most recently, he traveled to Italy, Ecuador, and Glacier National Park. In his retirement, Jeff took on the hobby of metal detecting and became a member of the Michigan Treasure Hunters Club out of Livonia, MI. As an avid coin collector, he loved to hunt for old coins and found many while metal-detecting, even traveling to do so with members of the club.

Jeff attended Mass with his family at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, MI prior to being confirmed as a member of the Catholic Church at St. John the Baptist in Ypsilanti, MI, in 2021.

His greatest battle was being a courageous cancer fighter for ten years. He gave it his all, pushing through many challenging treatments and fighting up until the very end. Jeff enjoyed sharing ice cream as it was his favorite nightly dessert. In the end, he continued to eat his beloved treat, in Boston Coolers and chocolate milkshakes. Most of all, Jeff loved his family and living near Belleville Lake. He will be dearly missed.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife of thirty years, Margie Smith of Van Buren Township,

his children, Zach Smith of Boston, MA, and Alexis (Lucas Carson) Smith of Van Buren Township, his siblings, Theresa Stacy of Wayne, MI, Nancy Smith of Ypsilanti, MI, and Phyllis (Mark) Springfield of Royal Oak, MI, as well as, many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Dean and Jean.

A memorial will take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, with visitation at 10:00 AM followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 411 Florence Street, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. A private burial will take place for family.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made towards the: Michigan Treasure Hunters, Jeffrey Smith Memorial Metal Detecting Hunt Fund, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151

John Raymond Dugas

JOHN RAYMOND DUGAS
(Aug. 31, 1943 - July 4, 2026)

John Raymond Dugas, age 82, of Sumpter, MI passed away at home in hospice care with his wife by his side. He was born on August 31, 1943, in Ann Arbor, MI to Francis and Mary (Mahoney) Dugas. After graduating from Lincoln High School, John worked at the Ford Plant in Ypsilanti then Sheldon Road Plant for 30 years before retiring. He was a very caring and kind man with a fun personality. John loved to be outdoors in nature or sitting on the front porch talking with neighbors or tinkering in his garage with an occasional trip to Las Vegas. He met and married his wife Kathryn, and they enjoyed 40 plus years of marriage. He was a kind soul that will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his wife, Kathryn (Kathy Toruta) Dugas of Sumpter Twp., MI, his siblings, Bonnie (Ed) Davis of Chicago, IL, Mary Ellen Wood of Ann Arbor, MI, sister-in-law Nancy Dugas of Ypsilanti, MI, his nephews, Mark and Michael Davis of IL., Matthew Wood of California, and Jeff Cheever of MI, his nieces, Kimberly from Colorado, Angie, Kristel, and Stacie all from MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Frank Dugas, sister Betty Ann Danielson and sister Patty Szabo.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts at this difficult time.

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Van Buren School Board Discusses Employee Retention

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

During the July 13 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board heard a presentation from Director of Human Resources John Leroy about employee retention.

Leroy's presentation showed that VBPS retention rates of around 88% are higher than the state average but still lower than the national average.

Leroy noted that the school's mentoring and supports for new teachers seems to be working, since the district is losing very few teachers in the first year of employment. However, years three and four are "volatile" because, if teachers struggle, they will not have their contracts renewed. Teachers don't want to have a nonrenewal on their record, so they will often resign if they think they won't be renewed.

Resignations account for about 63% of all teacher departures, as opposed to retirement or termination. Leroy says that percentage is difficult to deal with as a district because retirements are much more predictable than resignations.

The report also looked at retention rates for support staff like transportation and secretarial. The report recommended more continuing education for secretaries and a more thorough interviewing and hiring process for the transportation department, which has experienced high turnover for many years.

Leroy's report recommended a more robust exit interview process to find out what teachers resign, whether it's about pay or working conditions or simply a change in circumstances like a spouse moving out of state for a job.

Leroy also recommended the opposite

of exit interviews, what he called "stay" conversations. These are conversations with teachers who are planning to stick around for the next year, asking them what they enjoy about working for VBPS.

"Exit interviews are kind of an autopsy after the fact. Stay conversations mean me and administrators meeting with specifically first and second year teachers and saying, 'Why are you staying here? What do you like about your job?'"

"Getting that data in real time means it's still actionable," Leroy said, unlike an exit interview, where the chance for adapting to the feedback is already passed.

In other news, the school board:

- Looked at a Bond 2025 Dashboard update presented by Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Realpoint. The current

capital project funded by bonds will be the district's new operations building, which is in the design approval phase. Construction could start in the fourth quarter of 2026. No action was taken on the information-only item.

- Accepted the superintendent's mid-year report, with the superintendent's goals closely matching those of the district's five-year strategic plan.

- Approved purchasing 585 W. Columbia Ave. for not more than \$150,000. The property is one of six properties near the Belleville High School that the district has targeted for acquisition. Two properties have already been purchased, and this was the third such purchase. District staff say the land acquisitions will allow the district to expand its campus footprint and allow

for future expansions of programming.

- Accepted the resignation of two staff members and approved the hiring of a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) teacher.

- Went into a closed session to discuss the civil rights lawsuit Moorehead and Jenkins v. Van Buren Public Schools. No action was taken during the closed session, and the meeting ended at 9:33 p.m.

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bloomer.

Growing up as a teenager during COVID, many of Belleville High’s programs we see today were cut completely, so I couldn’t take a journalism course in high school.

Unfortunately this didn’t improve when I began attending WCCCD because there was no journalism program. I was told by one of my counselors that I was the “first” journalism student they ever had.

There’s a lot of pressure that comes with being the “first” at anything because while others have a cheat code to life, you are the one writing that cheat code for future generations to follow, and oftentimes people don’t understand your vision until you have made it your reality.

When I met Michigan state Sen. Sarah Anthony on a field trip recently, the piece of advice she gave my journalism peers and I about being the first at anything was to “always be overly prepared so you don’t have to get prepared.”

For the last three years that has become a biblical verse that I have lived by, because when I began my post-secondary journey I felt “stuck” in my situation. I couldn’t get any internships despite my drive and passion for journalism resulting from a lack of experience in the industry.

Some people think I have “it all together” or that things come “naturally” to me.

My counselors and National Association of Black Journalists colleagues helped me draw the conclusion that I needed to give myself everything I want out of my life instead of depending on others to do it for me.

This is why I reached out to the Independent and offered to write occasional stories, why I began NewsWithNia reaching out to many of you for interviews despite not being paid for it, and why I applied to intern for our state Rep. Reggie Miller.

Times are changing for my generation, especially during the uncertain future in an expanding digital age. So my advice to anyone my age, younger, or even older would be to find a way to give yourself the opportunities you want and learn how to do as many new hobbies with your current skill set as possible.

As we all witness jobs, opportunities, and even some forms of education becoming more scarce, you have to be the sun, moon, stars, and entire solar system in life. There will be many times where you may feel punished or rewarded for attempting to learn a new skill but you have to at least try.



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Judith (Judy)
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JUDITH (JUDY) ANNETTE DAPPRICH
(Dec. 11, 1941 - July 9, 2026)

Judith (Judy) Annette Dapprich, age 84, of Belleville Michigan passed away Thursday morning July 9, 2026 in her home next to her son Tim Dapprich, soon to be surrounded by her husband Gary Dapprich, daughter Becky Ralls, Son Tom Dapprich, daughter-n-law Tammy Dapprich and daughter-n-law Kathy Dapprich. After a long battle with many health complications and under the care of Hospice, Judy left this world for Heaven.

Judy enjoyed traveling, photography, birdwatching, watching Law and Order, hosting parties in her home and going out with friends. She was an avid sports fan, especially U of M Basketball and football. She would wear her U of M outfits on gamedays, including a 1941 U of M football helmet that Gary gave her on her birthday. She enjoyed watching all college basketball and football games especially women's basketball where she followed coach Pat Summitt's coaching career for years.

But beyond all these things more than anything else in her life she loved the Lord and being with her family. Judy spent a lifetime devoted to the welfare, care and happiness of her family and others. She was the greatest human example of unconditional love. Anyone who came into her presence knew they were loved and were made to feel like family.

Judy spent decades working in the pizza industry with her husband. Along side her husband, brother-n-law & partners, she worked tirelessly in the family owned Milano Pizza in Ypsilanti. They later went on to franchise 2 Dominos Pizza locations with their son Tim in Belleville and Southgate. She had a successful catering business for a few years as she loved

to cook and serve others. In her earlier days she sold CopperCraft. Judy also became a clergy where she was blessed to marry several of her loved ones. She attended Roosevelt HS (EMU campus) in Ypsilanti where she later returned to school at the age of 30 to earn and receive her high school diploma from Ypsilanti Public Schools in 1971.

Judy is survived by her husband Gary Dapprich, Daughter Becky (Dapprich) Ralls, Son Tom (Kathy) Dapprich, Son Tim (Tammy) Dapprich, brother Fred (Karen) Perry, brother Gary (Sandy) Perry, brother-n-law Rick Dapprich, and sister-n-law Cheryl (Bill) Schroeder. Judy had 10 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 10 nieces and nephews and many more that claimed her as Grandma Judy. Each and everyone is left with beautiful memories and a piece of our lives that will never be replaced.

Family is inviting all who loved her and love her family to a Celebration of Judy's Life Open House on August 8, 2026 from 1pm-6pm at her home where she graciously hosted so many events and parties. 153 Potter Dr. Belleville Michigan.



James "Jim"
Harry Fitch

JAMES "JIM" HARRY FITCH
(July 15, 1940-July 1, 2026)

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of James "Jim" Harry Fitch of Dundee, MI on July 1, 2026 at the age of 85, after a courageous battle with Dementia. He lived a life full of love for his family and friends.

Jim was born on July 15, 1940 to the late Glen and Eleanor Fitch. He attended Hillsdale High

School where he met the love of his life, Carol. They married in 1959 and spent almost 65 years beside each other navigating life's ups and downs.

Jim followed in his mother's footsteps, choosing a career in education. He graduated from Hillsdale College and obtained his first teaching job in 1963 in Bridgman, MI. After a year, he secured a 6th grade teaching position in Van Buren Public Schools (Belleville) Haggerty Elementary School where he remained for 41 years, retiring in 2005. During those 41 years he taught 5th grade as well and eventually settled in 3rd grade. His ability to make learning fun and meaningful left a lasting impact on the hundreds of students he taught. He furthered his education by obtaining both a Master's and Specialist's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. In addition to teaching in the classroom, James immersed himself in providing extra curriculum activities for his students: basketball, track and field, and softball. He was instrumental in launching and coaching the Equestrian Team at Belleville High School. He also coached the high school gymnastics team for several years. One of his greatest loves was announcing the Belleville High School football games. His grandchildren enjoyed assisting him on Friday nights, getting to sit in the press box. Other hobbies he enjoyed were boating and waterskiing.

Jim also spent precious hours serving his community. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church acting as a liturgist, usher, youth group leader and played in the hand bell choir. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Belleville Fire Department

and also served on city council. When he wasn't busy teaching and serving he could be found riding his bicycle around town.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his three daughters: Pamela Childers (Steve) of West

Chester, Ohio; Holly Cosgro of Whitmore Lake; and Cynthia DeRousie (Tom) of Belleville; brothers: Robert Fitch of Traverse City and David Fitch of Frankfort. He is also survived by seven grandchildren who were his pride and joy: Emily, Kayla, Audrey, Hannah, Meghan, Michael and Rachel; 20 great grandchildren as well as numerous relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his loving wife (Carol); son (Darrin); grandson (Matthew); sons-in-law (Matt & Michael); and numerous friends.

Jim will be remembered for his kindness, compassion and unconditional love for his family. His laughter, wisdom and generosity were gifts to everyone who knew him.

A memorial service to honor Jim will be held at the Belleville First United Methodist Church on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:00pm, with visitation from 5:00-6:00. Dinner will be provided immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

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Through every challenge, Phil never lost the sweetest part of himself.

He has always been the kitten who wants nothing more than to curl up in someone's arms, purr contentedly, and soak up all the love he can get. After spending months growing and recovering in foster care, Phil has blossomed into a healthy, handsome tabby with a gentle personality and a heart full of affection.

Phil does have one permanent reminder of his difficult start—a cloudy eye caused by his early infections. It doesn't require any special care, doesn't affect his quality of life, and certainly doesn't slow him down. If anything, it only adds to the character of this resilient little survivor.

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quire a corrective action plan. "It took us nine years to get here," commented McNamara, "we're finally off the state books and we're in very good shape compared to a lot of communities."

In other business, the board:

Approved a four-year renewal of the Great Lakes Water Authority contract with no changes to the contract rates or volume limits in 2027, with subsequent reviews occurring annually;

Approved the purchase of a 2026 Caterpillar Model 308 excavator to replace a 1990 580 Case backhoe in the amount of \$148,015.99;

Awarded the CDBG Haggerty Subdivision Sidewalk Ramp project, which includes the removal of curbs and sidewalks at designated intersections and construc-

"We are losing money in our water and sewer ..."

Supervisor Kevin McNamara

tion of ADA accessible ramps, to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions in the amount of \$345,718 to be reimbursed by Wayne County to the Township;

Approved Fishbeck Engineering to perform professional services for Hydraulic Analysis and Control Valve Commissioning in the amount of \$103,900, which will center on the overnight filling of the Tyler Road Water Tower to ensure it is working correctly to allow the tower to reduce peak hourly demands typically occurring in the morning;

Approved a budget amendment of \$50,000.00 from the general fund for the Van Buren Township Home Rehabilitation Program to assist families and seniors facing financial hardship with repairs that will allow them to stay in their home and will be provided as a 0% interest deferred loan secured by a recorded lien on the property with repayment not due until the home is sold;

Approved a walk-on resolution to pur-

chase a parcel of land at 585 W. Columbia Avenue pre-auction from Wayne County for \$142,800 and subsequently sell it to Van Buren Township schools in the same amount, with the contingency that the Supervisor and Clerk may not sign until there is an MOU in place;

Heard Sam Cusano, representing RWE and the battery storage project on Rawsonville and Bemis roads, announce that they are out in the community still speaking to residents and making sure they have answers to their questions;

Heard comments from resident Ashley Shukait regarding sewer back-up at a home in the Haggerty subdivision that both plumbers and insurance companies state is the township's responsibility, to which McNamara responded "if we are causing that, we are absolutely going to fix it," and that they will be "going back out to triple and quadruple check that it is not us."

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Belleville Senior's Entrepreneurial Spirit Earns Top Scholarship

For more than a decade, Vibe Credit Union has awarded the Thrive Scholarship to 10 outstanding high school seniors. This year, Belleville's own Dayton Jenkins was one of the elite few selected to receive the \$5,000 award.

Jenkins came to Belleville four years ago from Muskegon, Michigan. Faced with the challenge of entering a much larger school in a new city, Dayton chose to dive in headfirst and participated in the morning announcements, Link Crew peer mentoring, Career Tech, the Student Leadership Team, and the inaugural season of the Lady Tigers Flag Football team. She also held the office of Student Council Vice President, taking the stage at graduation to deliver a commencement speech.

Despite her already-packed schedule, Jenkins found time to bake treats for the high school football team and volunteered her services at the Orange and Black Community Game, soon realizing that her passion in the kitchen could become a business. She launched The Dessert Bar, starting out small with friends and family, and then branching out to the public on Instagram.

Balancing a high school schedule, extra-curricular activities, and running a business is certainly a challenge, and Jenkins admits that it was difficult at times and there were some late nights spent baking that did cost her the next morning, but looking back she says it "was all good and I had a great time!"

Jenkins plans to continue her culinary path by attending the University of Maryland in College Park this fall to study Food Science and Business. She chose food science to master recipe development and study how each component of a recipe reacts to create the final product. Afterward, she hopes to attend pastry school with the goal of opening a storefront bakery.

To fund her collegiate goals, Jenkins was motivated to seek out every award



available. As a member of Vibe Credit Union, she naturally applied for their scholarship. She recalls being "so excited" and having "jumped for joy" when she found out she would be receiving it, noting her tremendous gratitude to Vibe for offering the opportunity.

Recognizing the rising costs of higher education, Vibe Credit Union increased its scholarship from \$2,000 to \$5,000 this year. Vibe representative Stephanie Leahy expressed that Vibe believes strongly in investing in the young people in their communities, stating "we want to reduce those financial barriers that can really hold them back."

The impact on scholarship recipients and the community can be felt years later, as Leahy remarked that past awardees often call to express their deep appreciation and share how much they valued that early investment in their future.

When asked what stood out about Jenkins, Leahy said that "Dayton embodies exactly what we hope to recognize through the Vibe Scholarship Program." Leahy cited that what really impressed them was that not only had Jenkins started a business, but that she is using that business to build community and bring people together, noting that Jenkins found a way to combine her passion with service

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to others, "which is in such beautiful alignment with what Vibe Credit Union believes in."

Jenkins credits her move to Belleville for making it possible for her to start The Dessert Bar, saying that if she would have stayed in her old hometown, she wouldn't have opened this business as "there wasn't much room to spread my wings there." She also gained inspiration from other young people whom she saw running their own small businesses in the area, showing that a supportive local economy can spark a chain reaction.

When asked what dessert she believes encapsulates the spirit of Belleville, she decided on an Oreo Cheesecake Cake because it is "fun and whimsical." While she is excited to begin her next chapter in Maryland, she said she will miss the "Midwest feel" of the area, the local vernacular like "pop," and Detroit-style pizza.

To current and future students, especially those that may be transitioning to a new school and social environment, Jenkins offers the following words: "Don't be afraid to join that club or start that sport or just be yourself because you're going to find your crew and even if you don't, it'll just be good that you were there for yourself."

The Vibe Credit Union Thrive Scholarship is open and awarded annually to high school seniors planning to attend college, university, or technical school with a 3.0 GPA in good standing. Information is available at www.vibecreditunion.com/scholarships

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Supporting Public Safety in Sumpter Township

Hello Sumpter Township residents,
This is Eric Luke, your Public Safety Director and Chief of Police. I want to share some general information about your police department and provide specific details about the police millage proposal on the upcoming August 4 ballot.
The Sumpter Township Police

Department serves approximately 12,500 residents (*estimate based on the significant population increase over the past few years). It is staffed by 18 police officers who provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our calls for service have increased considerably over the past five years, from 10,699 in 2021 to 20,663 last year. Despite increasing demands, our dispatch-to-arrival response times have remained consistent, averaging just over 8 minutes over that same period.
The Sumpter Township Police Department has operated under the same two police millages, totaling three mills,

since 2011. Those millages expired in 2025, and the remaining funding will support police operations only through the end of this year.
15 years - One request
It's been 15 years since Sumpter Township last asked for a police millage increase. During that time, the Sumpter Township Police Department has continued serving our community, responding to emergencies, protecting neighborhoods, and adapting to rising costs without asking taxpayers for additional support.
We've worked tirelessly to do more each year with the resources voters approved. We aim to continue providing the level of service residents have come to expect and deserve.
15 years of responsible stewardship.

The cost of operating a police department has continued to rise. Vehicles, equipment, technology, training, fuel, insurance, personnel, and everyday operating expenses all cost significantly more today than they did when the current millages were approved.
The proposal before voters would replace the two expired police millages with a single five-mill levy for four years for police protection, operations, and maintenance. This proposal would provide stable funding for the next four years, enabling the Police Department to continue providing dependable service to the community.
When approved by voters, the proposal is estimated to generate approximately \$2,428,884 during the first year. Those funds are restricted by law to police protection, police operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township Police Department.
The ballot question is as follows:
POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE LANGUAGE
Shall Sumpter Township impose an increase of up to 5 mills (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the

Michigan constitution and levy it for 4 years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, which 5 mills increase will raise an estimated \$2,428,884 in the first year the millage is levied.
[] Yes
[] No
Many residents want to know what this proposal means for them financially. The average taxable value of a home in Sumpter Township is approximately \$125,000. Today, the average homeowner contributes approximately \$375 per year toward police services through the existing three-mill levy. Under the proposed five-mill levy, that amount would be approximately \$625 per year, an increase of approximately \$250 annually.
The expired police millages generated about \$1.4 million last year. The Police Department's annual operating budget is approximately \$3.4 million. That resulted in those millages funding only about 41 percent of police operations. The remaining funding came from the Township's General Fund, primarily through landfill royalty revenues. If approved, the proposed millage would increase the share of police funding coming directly from the police millage to approximately 71 percent of the department's operating budget.
Responsible funding. Responsible policing.
Thank you for taking the time to learn more about your police department and the upcoming police millage proposal. Please review the ballot language, learn the facts, ask questions, and participate in the election.
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- Monday, July 20 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday, July 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
■ Wednesday, July 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
■ Monday, July 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building
■ Tuesday, July 28 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
■ Monday, Aug. 3 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 4 – Van Buren Township meeting cancelled due to election.
■ Monday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building
■ Tuesday, Aug. 11 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
■ Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
■ Thursday, Aug. 13 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 17 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting
■ Tuesday, Aug. 18 –Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
■ Monday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building
■ Tuesday, Aug. 25 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
■ Wednesday, Aug. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting
■ Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
n Thursday, Sept. 10 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

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Obituaries



Freda Roman

FREDA ROMAN
(November 11, 1946 - July 5, 2026)

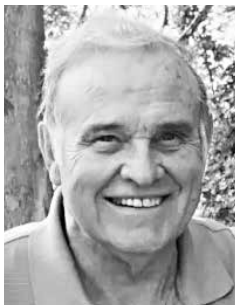
Freda Drucille Roman, age 79, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Trinity Health Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born November 11, 1946, in Pike County, Kentucky, daughter of Jonah Theus & Gracie Lee (Addington) Newsom. She graduated from Belleville High School class of 1964. She was a medical secretary for several years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti, MI. She loved being involved with her children’s school activities. She had her own cleaning business for a while and owned and operated party stores with her husband in Ohio as well. She was very active and volunteered often in Sumpter Township. She helped host their 200th anniversary and was Secretary of Sumpter Twp. She loved helping people and would often help at the Sumpter Senior Center, especially with annual tax preparation. Freda enjoyed flower gardening, shopping at yard sales, and collecting

rocks. She was a hard worker with a big heart and will be missed.

Mrs. Roman is survived by her husband of 59 years, Ronald J. Roman, daughter Michele Lea Roman of Flat Rock, MI, son Rodney James Roman of Inkster, MI, 5 grandchildren: Nicholas (Amy) Grabiec, Breanna Phelps, Sierra (Mathieu) Roman-Maslak, Tara (Anthony) Banda, and Eric (Meghan) Howard, great-grandchildren: Aniyah, Olivia, Jonah, Kinleigh, Mathias, Rhyett, Cade, Colt, Lacey, and Alora is on-the-way. Freda is also survived by four siblings: Reeda Dalton of Belleville, MI, Eula Ward and Algar Newsom, both of Ohio, and Otto Newsom of Kentucky, two brothers-in-law Roger (Debra) Roman and Gary Roman, two sisters-in-law Debby Johnson and Marisa Roman; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Jonah and Gracie Newsom, a brother Delano Newsom, also three sisters: Mildred Hall, Faye Heflin, and Seamawn Cisco.

Visitation will be 2-8 PM Sunday and 11 AM until 1 PM with a 1:00 PM Funeral Monday, July 13, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Pastor Darryl Newsom will officiate. Interment will follow Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church.



James C. Southward

JAMES C. SOUTHWARD
(March 12, 1941 - July 6, 2026)

James Coleman Southward passed away at his home in Belleville, Michigan, on July 6, 2026, at the age of 85.

James was born on March 12, 1941, in Tishomingo, MS, to James and Amye (Taylor) Southward. James spent the first thirteen years of his life in Mississippi, where he thrived on fishing with his grandparents, adventuring and working with family, and loving his favorite toast with sliced tomato and cheese. He had

many good stories of living in the South, loving Southern food, and learning early about devoting one’s self to hard work to help his family.

Beginning life in Michigan at the age of 14 brought new hobbies, “moon pies,” which he loved, and a newfound devotion to church life. James’s service to God began during these years as youth groups fostered leadership skills, opportunities to discover talents for music, and being involved in church ministries.

James graduated from Belleville High School in 1958 and continued his love of baseball and basketball while starting a career as “the singing butcher” of the

A & P food stores’ meat department for many years. Not only was James known for being friendly and having a way with people, but he was one of the few at that time who dared to refuse to work Sundays as that was “the Lord’s day.”

James married his first wife, Rosalie (Bird) Doolittle in 1961, and they had three daughters: Melody Jill (Hackett), Elizabeth Nikas, and Kirsten Lee (Bartholomew). The family compiled memories of harmonizing in the car for hours on annual trips back to Mississippi, and devoting many years of service in many local churches from teaching, music leadership, and Pastoral ministries.

James worked as a successful insurance salesman for Preferred Risk Life Insurance Co for at least three years, earning a trip to Spain with Rosalie.

As with many churchgoing families, life was not perfect, and the struggles ended in divorce from Rosalie in 1982 after 21 years of marriage.

James met his second wife, Marilyn (Peterson), whom he had known for many years through church, at the funeral of a mutual friend. Both of them had a similar and connected past, and their love story began in 1984 when they got married.

James and Marilyn continued to live in the Belleville home, but also enjoyed several wonderful trips to Marilyn’s home up North near Rogers City. They spent many years enjoying canoeing or finding antique treasures, walks with beloved dogs, chopping wood, working on the house, and relaxing while watching sports or TV ministries.

James and Marilyn served together in church ministries, both musically and pastorally, for many years. They would have celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in July 2026. James was very devoted in caring for Marilyn throughout their marriage.

Notable highlights in their life together included many trips with their small camper, and enjoying a dream trip to the Holy land years ago.

James could be seen for numerous years walking around town, but mostly riding his bicycle everywhere, many times logging more than 35 miles. His daughter fondly recalls watching her 83-year-old dad ride his bicycle away from Sam’s Place in Belleville on his way back home after they shared a last breakfast together on one of her visits back to Michigan.

James spent many a walk in prayer, and he would be the first to encourage any troubled soul to believe in Jesus’s love, forgiveness, grace and mercy. His 85 years were a testimony to God’s patience and transformative redemption.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved sister Shirley (Hudge), and stepdaughter Robin Browder (Mike), step son-in-law Keith Nichols, and step daughter-in-law Doreen Peterson.

James is survived by his wife Marilyn Southward; his daughters Melody Jill Hackett (Jeff), Elizabeth Nikas, and Kirsten Lee Bartholomew (Brad); his four grandchildren—Lauren Kettler (Ashley), Melissa Hackett, Philip Hackett (Kristie), and James Thomas Hackett; three great grandchildren – Mason, Cadence, and Jeremy Kettler; his beloved baby sister Nita Gilpin of Poplarville, MS, and his dear niece Amanda Gilpin of Arkansas; his niece Theresa Ann of Michigan (deceased sister Shirley’s daughter).

James is also survived by a large family of step children and their spouses: William Peterson (Evelyn), Julie Nichols (Keith), Daniel (Kathy), Paul (Donna), John (Doreen), Lisa Taylor (Mike), and Aaron Peterson (Jessica). From Marilyn’s children, there are sixty grandkids, several great-grands, and a few great- great-grandchildren in this beautiful family.

Only a burial service will be held at the gravesite at 2 pm on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at the Bismarck Township Cemetery, County Highway 638, Hawks, MI, 49743. All arrangements for burial are through coordination with the Beck Funeral Home, 229 North First Street, Rogers City, MI and the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to James’ church: Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis Road, Belleville, MI, 48111. We know this would be meaningful to James to support a local ministry which he enjoyed and supported.

James C. Southward will be remembered for his charismatic personality, kind heart, empathetic ear, and uplifting encouragement to know Jesus. No doubt, Heaven’s choir has acquired an enthusiastic, positive – minded new member.

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Well, it is also the Thunder Over Michigan weekend at Willow Run Airport.

The Flight Museum has gone over and above to bring you a great show in the air and lots to do on the ground. Hope you got your tickets and are excited to see all the action.

If you find yourself looking to get your car washed this week. Look no further than Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist

Church at 7180 S. Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti. This donation-based car wash will be held on Saturday, July 18 from 10am-2pm for local resident Jacob Kennedy. Jacob has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and funds raised will go directly to supporting the purchase of an all-terrain track (wheel) chair.

Things to do in Belleville Area

■ Thursday, July 16 – Belleville Newspaper Foundation fundraiser to keep the local newspaper publishing is 6-8 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club. Tickets are \$50 each and available through Independent advertising director Janet Millard, (734) 699-9020.

■ Thursday, July 16 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Runnin' on the Blues Band."

■ Thursday, July 16 – Historical Women of the Belleville Area presentation of the Belleville Area Museum, 6-7 p.m. Free pizza at 5:30 p.m.

■ Friday, July 17; Saturday, July 18; and Sunday, July 19 – Thunder over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. thunderovermichigan.org

■ Saturday, July 18 – Museum Coffee Hours, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Belleville Area Museum.

■ Monday, July 20 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m.; Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville; Lunch and Learn at the Van Buren Township Senior Center, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

■ Thursday, July 23 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Rock 22."

■ Monday, July 27 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Thursday, July 30 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m.. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Magic Bus."

■ Monday, Aug. 3 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Thursday, Aug. 6 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Stay Tuned."

■ Monday, Aug. 10 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Thursday, Aug. 13 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "The Kreellers."

■ Saturday, Aug. 15 – Join in for an

Antique Tractor Poker Run to earn money for local chapter of Future Farmers of America and suicide awareness. Starts at Gotz Farm, 657 Labo Rd., Carleton, goes to JMI Dundee, 607 Main St., Dundee; then Maybee Farmers Co-op Holly, 7751 Blue Bush Rd., Maybee, to the Traskos farm at 44077 Willis Rd., Sumpter Township and then back to the Gotz Farm. Live music, food vendors, raffle prizes. Tractors need to run 13 mph. For information call (517) 403-5355 or email trolleyman@tc3net.com. Also, see: www.semichiganpokerrun.com.

■ Monday, Aug. 17 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Thursday, Aug. 20 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains,

it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "DTour Band." Also, Taste of Belleville night.

■ Monday, Aug. 24 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

• Monday, Aug. 31 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Friday, Sept. 11 – 110 Stories with the Van Buren Community Players, 7:30 p.m., at the VBT Black Box Theater.

■ Saturday, Sept. 12, Sunday, Sept. 13, Friday, Sept. 18, Saturday, Sept. 19, and Sunday, Sept. 20 – The Sweet

Delilah Swim Club with the Van Buren Community Players, 7:30 p.m. evening performance, 2 p.m. matinee, at the VBT Black Box Theater.

■ Monday, Sept. 14 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Monday, Sept. 21 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Monday, Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Monday, Oct. 5 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Monday, Oct. 12 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

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

■ Monday, Oct. 26 – Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville, 5-8 p.m.



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Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5565f9b93ad9f70800b26d32>

After you create your free Building Connected account and join the project, all bids and questions must be submitted electronically at: <https://www.buildingconnected.com/>

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on July 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. via a Microsoft Teams Meeting online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/225171932362671?Cp=kbckX-ql8mvsp5BzTOR> and/or call in +1 734-887-6326 Conference ID: 790 462 109#

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Documents will be available for viewing on **July 14, 2026**. Any questions, contact Kevin Bywalec, Granger Construction Project Manager at: kbywalec@grangerconstruction.com

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 4, 2026

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the STATE PRIMARY ELECTION will be held:

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2026
POLL HOURS: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM - EST
LOCATION(S): BELLEVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
330 Charles St.
Belleville, MI 48111

The polling place location is handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk’s Office prior to Election Day.

The August State Primary Election will be conducted for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following:

Governor	United State Senator
Representative in Congress, 6th District	State Senator, 4 th District
Representative in State Legislature, 31st District	Wayne County Executive
Delegate to the County Convention	

The following proposals will also be included:

Wayne County Public Transportation Millage

Full text of what will appear on the ballot can be found at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index> or in the City Clerk’s Office.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the City Clerk’s Office, 330 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadlines for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot are as follows:

Ballot sent via mail – Application must be received by 4 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026
Ballot provided in person – Application must be received by 4 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2026

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Obituaries



**Daniel Jacob
Stephen
Morris**

DANIEL JACOB STEPHEN MORRIS (December 12, 1990 - July 12, 2026)

Daniel Jacob Stephen Morris, age 35, of Belleville, MI, died Sunday, July 12, 2026. He was born December 12, 1990, in Ypsilanti, MI, Dan loved music. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 2009, where he enjoyed playing in the concert band, symphony band, jazz band and marching band. He worked for AT&T and DTE, and most recently the railroad as an

electronic technician and EcoLab. He loved computers and gaming. He loved spending time with family, especially his son.

Danny is survived by his parents Paul & Taleah LaFramboise, grandparents: Pete LaFramboise, Gail “Nanny” Taft and Nadeen Morris, his 4-year-old son Arthur Ira Morris, his companion of 10 years Jessica Trout, and 13-year-old stepdaughter Addie Clifford. Also, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers Marcy LaFramboise and Carol Allen-Bohlender (Bill), grandfathers Leslie “Lee” Morris and David Taft.

Visitation will be 4-8 pm Sunday, July 19 and 11am-1pm with a 1:00 pm funeral Monday, July 20, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

Thank you for keeping Danny and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

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Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
■ Monday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
■ Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
■ Monday, Sept. 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
■ Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
■ Monday, Sept. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
■ Monday, Oct. 5 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
■ Thursday, Oct. 8 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
■ Monday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
■ Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
■ Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
■ 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
■ Monday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

Commons
■ Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 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.
■ Monday, Nov. 16 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
■ Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
■ Monday, Nov. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
■ Tuesday, Nov. 24 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
■ Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
■ Monday, Dec. 7 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 5:

0032 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, High St
0332 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, High St
1308 Fire Department Assist, Main St
1346 Welfare Check, High St
1513 Property Damage Accident, N
Liberty St
2050 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Carmell St
2149 Welfare Check, Potter Dr

Monday, July 6:

0348 Fire Department Assist, Belle Villa
Blvd
0902 Fire Department Assist, W Columbia
Ave
0928 Sexual Assault, Charles St
1143 911 Welfare Check, W Columbia Ave
1402 Neighbor Trouble, W Columbia Ave
1543 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Church St
2124 Fire Department Assist, San Carlos
St

Tuesday, July 7:

0822 Threat, W Columbia Ave
1213 Fraud, E Wabash Ave
1505 Fire Department Assist, N Liberty St
1604 Fire Department Assist, W Columbia
Ave
2239 Fire Department Assist, Loza Ln

Wednesday, July 8:

Property checks, traffic stops, and misc.
only.

Thursday, July 9:

0424 Property Damage Accident, N
Liberty St / 2nd St
1156 Animal Complaint, E Huron River
Dr
1209 Noise Complaint, S Edgemont Ave
1500 Fire Department Assist, W Columbia
Ave
1510 Alarm, E Huron River Dr
2314 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Charles St

Friday, July 10:

0602 Fire Department Assist, Menlo Park
Dr
1040 Fire Department Assist, N Liberty St
1831 Welfare Check, Charles St

Saturday, July 11:

0556 Fire Department Assist, N Liberty St
0840 Civil Matter, Charles St
0911 Fire Department Assist, Light Tower
Ct
1222 Fire Department Assist, Owen St
1320 Fire Department Assist, Victorian Ct
1357 Parking Complaint, Main St
1639 Fire Department Assist, W Columbia
Ave
1812 Fire Department Assist, Santa Clara
St

1919 Fire Department Assist, W Columbia
Ave
1935 Threat, High St

These logs represent all calls except traffic
stops, property checks, and misc. details.

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Thursday, July 2:

0227 Vagrant, Belleville Rd
0242 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville Rd
0329 Warrant Arrest, Rawsonville Rd/S
Grove St
0334 Noise Complaint, Lighthouse Dr
0348 Welfare Check, E I94/Haggerty Rd
0823 Unauthorized Driving Away of
Automobile, Ecorse Rd
0957 Alarm, Rawsonville Rd
1011 Welfare Check, Daniel Dr
1029 911 Welfare Check, Montague Ave
1045 Assist Other Agency, S I275/Ecorse
1218 Narcotics Crime, McKinley St
1220 Fire Dept. Assist, Richard Run Dr
1257 Fire Dept. Assist, Belleville Rd
1333 Traffic Offense, E I94/Belleville
1444 Suicidal Person, S I94 Service Dr
1501 Domestic, E Adams
1529 Mental Subject, Holly Ln
(time not recorded) Private Property
Impound, Belleville Rd
1541 Ordinance Violation, Sheldon Rd
1555 Domestic, Richard Run Dr
1605 Animal Complaint, N I94 Service
Drive
1629 Motorist Assist, Belleville Rd/S I94
Service Dr
1648 Leaving the Scene Property Damage
Accident, Belleville Rd
1715 Shooting, Rawsonville Rd
1802 Domestic, Denton Rd
1832 Alarm, McBride Ave
1835 Missing Person, Quirk Rd
1840 Alarm, Van Born
1849 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1907 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1915 Personal Injury Accident, S I94
Service Drive
1929 Follow Up Investigation,
Rawsonville Rd
1930 Follow Up Investigation, Quirk Rd
2051 Trespassing, Parkwood
2117 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Haggerty Rd
2157 Missing Person, Rawsonville Rd/S
Grove St
2209 Disorderly, Belleville Rd
2213 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville Rd
2224 Leaving the Scene Property Damage
Accident, S I94 Service Dr
2232 Parking Complaint, Belleville
2237 Domestic, Oak Ln
2242 911 Welfare Check, S Ponderosa Trl
2250 Domestic, Fret Rd

Friday, July 3:
0053 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Lacy Dr
0120 Threat, Denton Rd

0250 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Jackson St
0648 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Mission Pointe
0822 911 Welfare Check, Maple Dr
(time not recorded) Repossession, Hanover
Dr
0923 Family Trouble, Cross St
(time not recorded) Repossession, Sylvia Dr
1050 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1058 Family Trouble, E Adams
1115 Domestic, Parkwood Dr
1156 Domestic, N I94 Service Dr
1242 Motorist Assist, Morton Taylor Rd
1417 Property Damage Accident,
Rawsonville Rd/S Grove St
(time not recorded) Personal Injury
Accident, Rawsonville Rd/S Grove St
1437 Assist Other Agency, N I275/Ecorse
1441 Vehicle Lockout, S I94 Service Dr
1507 Road Hazard, Colonial Rd/Stamford
Rd
1529 Alarm, Samuel Barton Dr
1532 Animal Complaint, Spencer Ave
1538 Road Hazard, Michigan Ave/Denton
Rd
1539 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Rayna Ct
1539 Road Hazard, Ecorse Rd/Edwards Rd
1550 Domestic, Denton Rd
1612 Abandoned Auto, Anna Dr
1732 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1822 Property Damage Accident,
Belleville
1839 Alarm, W Huron River Dr
1854 Missing Person, Quirk Rd
1854 Vehicle Lockout, Maude Ct
1935 Alarm, Ecorse Rd
1951 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville Rd
2006 Civil Matter, Rawsonville
2016 Welfare Check, N I94 Service Drive
2029 Alarm, Alva Dr
2030 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Savage Rd
2049 Property Damage Accident,
Belleville Rd/Westlake Cir
2112 Alarm, Belleville Rd
2114 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville Rd/Ecorse Rd
2134 Welfare Check, S Bellridge Dr
2151 Property Damage Accident, Haggerty
Rd/Van Born
2208 Leaving the Scene Property Damage
Accident, N I94 Service Dr
2229 Welfare Check, S Bellridge Dr
(time not recorded) Alarm, Belleville Rd
2234 Vehicle Lockout, Amanda Dr

Saturday, July 4:

0018 Assist Other Agency, Jackson St
0109 Road Hazard, Belleville Rd/Van
Born Rd
0136 Assault & Battery, N I94 Service Dr
0407 Alarm, Ecorse Rd
0416 Fire Dept. Assist, N Timberview Dr
0449 Parking Complaint, Parkwood Dr
0817 Alarm, N Cumberland Dr
1110 Parking Complaint, Kent Dr/Kent Ln
1111 Road Hazard, Rawsonville Rd/
Textile Rd
1215 Trespassing, Lake Villa Dr
1256 Fire Dept. Assist, N I94 Service Dr

1619 Alarm, Belle Pointe Dr
1627 Alarm, Sheldon Rd
1629 Fire Dept. Assist, E I94/Belleville
1638 Welfare Check, S I94 Service Dr/
Haggerty Rd
1652 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, W Huron River Dr
1659 Alarm, Belle Pointe Dr
1711 Animal Complaint, Belleville Rd
1715 Welfare Check, W Huron River Dr
1829 Vehicle Lockout, Ironwood Dr
1855 Shooting, E Huron River Dr
1857 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville
1936 Harassment Complaint, Doree Ave
2033 Welfare Check, N I94 Service Drive
2053 Animal Complaint, Oak Ln
2116 Property Damage Accident, Hannan
Rd/Huron River Dr
2129 Parking Complaint, Harmony Ln
2142 Larceny, Beckley Rd
2146 Harassment Complaint, Capitol Dr
2228 Fire Dept. Assist, Belleville Rd
2238 Animal Complaint, Liberty Ln/
Freedom Way
2257 Property Damage Accident, E Huron
River Dr/Haggerty Rd
2337 Motorist Assist, N I94 Service Dr/
Morton Taylor Rd

Sunday, July 5:

0004 Property Damage Accident,
Independence Ln/Haggerty Rd
0053 Fireworks, Harmony Ln/Fisher Rd
0100 Noise Complaint, S Cumberland Dr
0101 Fireworks, W Huron River Dr/Hoeft
Rd
0156 Personal Injury Accident, N I94
Service Dr/W Archwood Dr
0352 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Outer Dr
(time not recorded) 911 Welfare Check,
Country Ln
0454 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
0706 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Bradley Dr
0727 Assist Other Agency, N I275/E I94
0913 Motorist Assist, Haggerty Rd/E
Huron River Dr
1035 Welfare Check, S Ponderosa Trl
1117 Disorderly, Rawsonville Rd
1201 Animal Complaint, Colony Ln/
Patriot Ln
1215 Welfare Check, S I94 Service Dr
1231 Vehicle Lockout, S I94 Service Dr
1236 Disorderly, Belleville Rd
1334 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Harmony Ln
1420 Runaway, Quirk Rd
1638 Welfare Check, Kirkridge Park Dr
1847 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1905 Trespassing, S Ponderosa Trl
2037 Missing Person, Buchanan St
2051 911 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd/
Tyler Rd
2132 Assist Other Agency, E I94/Belleville
2142 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Bemis Rd
(time not recorded) Fireworks, Martinsville
Rd/E Huron River Dr
2214 Shooting, Vernon St
2301 Domestic, S I94 Service Dr

0036 Civil Matter, Belleville Rd
0040 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, N I94 Service Dr/Oak Ln
0044 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Wheeler St
0048 Retail Fraud, Ecorse Rd
0107 Family Trouble, N Timberview Dr
0131 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Sumpter Rd/Hull Rd
0213 911 Welfare Check, Lighthouse Dr
0722 Mental Subject, Maple Dr
0736 Personal Injury Accident, Van Born
Rd/Sheldon Rd
0819 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Juniper Dr
0835 Fire Dept. Assist, Hull Road
0905 Ordinance Violation, Ecorse Rd
1117 Ordinance Violation, Clayton Rd
1133 Welfare Check, Quirk Rd
(time not recorded) Fraud, Locust Dr
1227 Abandoned Auto, N I94 Service Dr
1237 Welfare Check, Country Ln
1244 Trespassing, Country Ln
(time not recorded) Private Property
Impound, Sadie Ln
1253 Ordinance Violation, Tyler Rd
1313 Fire Dept. Assist, E Huron River Dr

1354 Welfare Check, Walden Blvd
1424 Fraud, Bog Rd
1449 Bank Detail, Belleville Bank
1456 Alarm, E Huron River Dr
1514 Domestic, N Timberview Dr
1545 911 Welfare Check, W Huron River Dr
1632 Ordinance Violation, Bradley Dr
1841 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Oak Ln
1944 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Bak Rd
2019 Domestic, Rawsonville Rd
(time not recorded) Family Trouble, N
Timberview Dr
2125 Harassment Complaint, Sylvia Dr
2134 Civil Matter, Rolan Meadows Dr
2145 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Belleville Rd
2154 Animal Complaint, Redwood Dr
2202 Family Trouble, E Adams
2219 Juvenile Complaint, Victoria St
2220 Fireworks, Borgman Ave
(time not recorded) Private Property
Impound, Denton Rd
2242 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Freedom Way

0024 Retail Fraud, Belleville
0141 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Watersedge
0352 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Denton Rd
0605 Assault & Battery, Belleville Rd
0636 Private Property Damage Accident,
Oak Ln
(time not recorded) Alarm, Alba Ct
0858 Ordinance Violation, Ecorse Rd
0921 Fraud, Stamford Rd
0931 911 Welfare Check, Parkwood Dr
0941 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1030 Missing Person, Country Walk Blvd
1103 Fraud, Fairbanks St
1111 Ordinance Violation, Belleville Rd
1144 Civil Matter, Freedom Way
1203 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1241 Follow Up Investigation, St Joe
1251 Vehicle Lockout, Landmark
(time not recorded) Private Property
Impound, Lake Point Blvd
1335 Fraud, S I94 Service Dr
1338 Bank Detail, Belleville Bank
1349 Animal Complaint, Ecorse Rd
1400 Ordinance Violation, Andover Dr
1406 Family Trouble, Sonrisa St
1426 Disorderly, Belleville
1522 Personal Injury Accident, N I275/
Ecorse
1607 Harassment Complaint, Locust Dr
1609 Neighbor Dispute, Sylvia Dr
1626 Family Trouble, Belle Pointe Dr
1627 Citizen Assist, Willow Way
1634 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, W Adams

1705 Malicious Destruction, Landmark
1808 Disorderly, Belleville Rd
1828 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
1854 911 Welfare Check, W Huron River Dr
1943 Fire Dept. Assist, Michigan Service Dr/Cemetery Rd
2053 Welfare Check, Wildbrook Dr
2121 Civil Matter, N Ponderosa Trl
2121 Parking Complaint, Belleville
2148 Fire Dept. Assist, Tyler Rd
(time not recorded) Missing Person, W Huron River Dr
2237 Background Investigation, Tyler Rd
2304 Personal Injury Accident, N I275/Ecorse

These logs represent all calls except traffic stops, property checks, and misc. details.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

0302 Welfare Check, Washington St
0315 Welfare Check, Harris Rd
0316 Prisoner Check, Huron Twp PD
0917 Welfare Check, Judd Rd
0925 Fire Department Assist, Arkona Rd
1623 911 Hangup, Rustic Ln
1758 Suspicious Circumstance, Willow Rd
1905 Family Trouble, Rustic Ln
1933 Suspicious Circumstance, Edgewood Dr
2022 911 Hangup, Executive Dr
2159 Prisoner Check, Huron Twp PD
2240 Noise Complaint, Montana St

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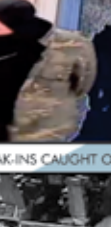
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