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Those who walked the Belleville Bridge on Aug. 21 paused for a picture before heading on to the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park. This was the city's 29th-annual Bridge Walk. It was begun by the late Dennis Fassett when he was mayor. He said his 90-year-old mother walked the Mackinac Bridge each year and he wanted to have a Belleville Bridge Walk for local residents.

Paul W. Henning new editor of the *Belleville-Area Independent*

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor Emeritus

Paul W. Henning, 64, of Van Buren

Township is the new editor in chief of the *Belleville-Area Independent*.

Henning started the job on Aug. 22.

Rosemary K. Otzman, 88, who had been editor since the newspaper started more than 30

years ago, will assist until he gets into the routine of the position.



Paul W. Henning

The *Independent* is in the process of obtaining possible non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service so it can accept non-taxable donations in the future to ensure it continues to serve the community. More information will be released as available.

Henning earned his bachelor of science in communications and public relations from Eastern Michigan University. He also took two years of classes in journalism at Michigan State University.

He served as communications specialist at the Van Buren Public Schools from 2003 to 2011 and then communications specialist at

Blue Cross/Blue Shield from 2012-13.

Henning was executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce from December 2014 to June 2019. He was a writer for Pyramid/ASF in 2020.

He also worked at Amazon, Fed-Ex, and continuously as a marketing and communications consultant.

Henning was trustee and twice vice-president of the Van Buren Public Schools Foundation, trustee at the Belleville Area District Library, member of the Belleville Area Boys and Girls Club board, and member of the Van Buren Public Schools PTO Council and the Parent Involvement

Committee.

Henning was born in Detroit and graduated from Belleville High School in 1979. His parents were the late Gwendolyn and Rev. Walter Henning, former pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Van Buren Township.

He is married to Cynthia, a fourth-grade teacher at Edgemont Elementary School. They are the parents of Derek, Daniel, Joshua, and Samantha. As of December, they will have a total of five grandchildren.

Henning likes to watch good movies and especially likes horror movies and the Italian-produced *giallo* murder mysteries.

School board spends \$206,000 on new security cameras

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

At Monday's Van Buren Public School Board of Education meeting the board unanimously approved a \$206,000 internal security camera upgrade for Belleville High School.

The current cameras are 14 years old and officials said the upgrade is needed. Some of the equipment is not functional anymore and the new cameras will capture a better picture quality than the current ones.

The parking lot camera replacement was the

first phase of the project followed by this the second phase. Installing the 200 new cameras will be paid for by grant money/sinking fund.

The work will be done during school hours with the minimum of overtime hours to save

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Labor Day Holiday, ALL DISPLAY ADS must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, 8/29/2025. The office will be closed Monday, 9/1/2025.



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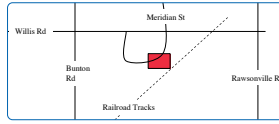
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School Board

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money. The plan is to exchange the cameras one by one keeping security intact as the 30-90-day project moves forward.

Some of the cameras will even be upgraded from a single-lens to a multiple-lens providing increased coverage. Capricorn is the company that will do the work. They are the company that upgraded the parking lot cameras.

In other items of the agenda the board:

- Approved the many amendments to the school policy that had their first reading at the previous board meeting;

- Heard that the district is eligible for the reduced/free lunch program because the student body is over 50% eligible;

- The district is ten employees short of a full staff of paraprofessionals. The starting pay for a paraprofessional is \$17.10 per hour;

- Resigning staff are as follows: Susan Hough, McBride, two-years of service; Amanda Wright, Tyler, four-years of service; Karen Morelli, BHS, one-year of service; Jeff Moore, Admin., 18 years of service; Jack Loria, Edgemont, 18 years of service; Ruth McTere, terminated; Jessica Schwartz-Olma, 16-years of service;

- Recommended for hire are Jodi Weak, Edgemont; Angela Harris-Schultheis, BHS; Ariana Seward, BHS; Donna Kudisiak, Edgemont; Helena Solano, BHS; Melissa Barger, BHS; Nikiana Sell, BHS; Mark Tooley, McBride; Jillian Leaym, Tyler; Jenny Linne, ECC; Melanie Snyder, BHS; Rebecca Johnson, and Sean Jenvey, Transportation.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Extends Public Comment Period on Proposed Hazardous Waste Management Facility Operating License for Wayne Disposal, Inc.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), is extending the public comment period on the proposed hazardous waste management facility operating license (license) for Wayne Disposal, Inc., located at 49350 North Interstate-94 Service Drive, Belleville, Michigan. To allow the public additional time to review the draft license and submit comments, the comment period has been extended to October 31, 2025.

The previously announced public meeting will still be held on September 18, 2025. EGLE and United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), staff will be available during the open house period from 5-6 p.m. for informal discussion. A presentation on the draft license will begin at 6 p.m. and EGLE and U.S. EPA staff will answer questions from the public. The formal hearing will begin at 7 p.m. for the public to make comments on the draft license.

Location:

Wayne County Community College District, Ted Scott Campus
9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, Michigan

To attend the online hearing register at <https://bit.ly/MMD09182025>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Pre-registration is not required to attend, just click the link above at the start of the event (6 p.m.). If you do not have internet access and would like to join by phone, please use the following phone number: 636-651-3142 and use conference code 374288.

Comments may be given at any time before the end of the comment period at 5 p.m. **October 31, 2025.** To provide comment:

- Attend the public hearing on **September 18, 2025** (in person or virtually)
- Email: EGLE-MMD-HWS@Michigan.gov
- Mail written comments to:
EGLE, Materials Management Division
Attn: Christine Matlock
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King family retires, Villa, Gidley families are new Pancake Kings

There are two new Pancake Kings in town! Beginning Sept. 1, the Villa and Gidley families will proudly take over the long-standing and beloved King Pancake business.

Leading the way will be Sam Villa and Kevin Gidley -- stepping into the roles as the new Kings in Town.

For more than 57 years, Jeff and Dawn King have built a legacy of flapjacks, fun, and community spirit. From countless school visits to Lake Fest celebrations and local fundraisers, the Kings have been flipping pancakes and serving smiles across the community. Their dedication has not only fed hungry crowds but also

created unforgettable traditions.

As Jeff and Dawn King look forward to their well-deserved retirement, the community thanks them for their many years of service and for making an effort to be here for all your events.

The good news? King Pancake will still do golf outings, school celebrations, birthday parties, "Princess and Pancakes" mornings, or community festivals. Everyone loves pancakes -- and Sam and Kevin are ready to keep the griddles hot.

For more information, call (734) 699-6610.

Kelly Villa

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, Aug. 29** – Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, offer a baked chicken leg quarter dinner from 5 p.m. until gone. \$12 each.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 3** – Michigan Flight Museum's Historic Presentation Night presents "Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served" at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Steve Mrozek. He is former assistant curator at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. He now is executive director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum and a retired Army paratrooper. \$10 per person for non-members. Museum members: free with registration. Museum is at 47884 D Street at Willow Run Airport.

- **Friday, Sept. 5** – 65th reunion of the Belleville High School class of 1960 at

noon at the BYC. No need to register. Just come and order lunch with your classmates. Information: Call Carol Posegay Sturtz, (734) 697-2316.

- **Friday, Sept. 5** – Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, offer dinner from 5 p.m. until gone. Music Bingo at 7:30 p.m. followed by Karaoke and dancing.

- **Saturday, Sept. 6** – The Men's Club of First United Methodist Church of Belleville is holding a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 417 Charles St., to benefit the Community Food Closet. Information: (734) 697-9288

- **Sunday, Sept. 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."

OPINIONS

Editorial:

New security cameras to be installed at BHS

A proposal was passed at the most recent Van Buren Public Schools Board meeting to update the security cameras throughout Belleville High School. This update was a desperately needed maintenance item and is the second phase after the upgrade of the parking lot cameras was finished.

The building is 14 years old and the cameras are as old as the building. There have been advances in surveillance equipment since the current system was installed. Some of the cameras are no longer functional as well. Gone are the days that dummy cameras were installed just for show and did not actually record anything as was the case in the old BHS.

The new cameras that are being installed are state-of-the-art and will provide a clearer image and increased coverage. They are being replaced on a one-on-one basis meaning there are not going to increase the number of cameras. They are designed to hook right into the current system and are functional immediately.

Some of the cameras will be upgraded from a single-lens to a multi-lens which will allow for cameras to see more than they did before.

A functional security system is a must in this day of school shooters and vandals. The new security cameras will deter threats from outsiders, staff and students.

We should thank the board for making sure our students, staff and visitors are safe in BHS.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

This is probably my last column in this paper. I've written "Extra Things I Know" in two papers over a very long time. I started in the *Richmond* (MI) *Review* in the late 1970s and wrote the column for around nine years and then I continued the column, restarting in 1995 for the *Belleville-Area Independent* and continued more than 30 years.

I'm stepping away because there is a new editor on board. He is Paul W. Henning from Van Buren Township. He says he'll write a column once he has been here long enough to have something to say.

He is the author of this week's editorial because he has something to say about that.

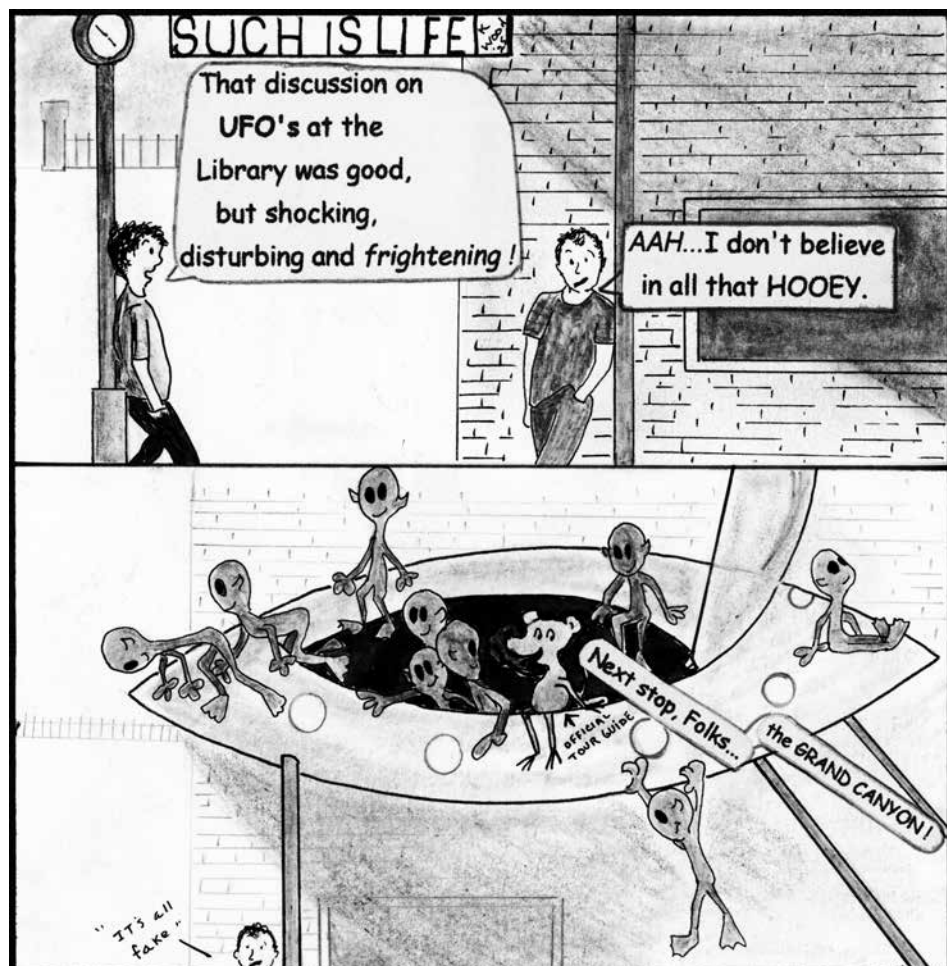
I am trying to retire and once I can show Paul the ropes, I will go home and stay there.

It's been a wonderful experience to bring local news to local readers so they will know what's going on in their own communities. We've stuck with the 48111 area at the *Independent*, with occasional veer-offs into nearby communities with its stories.

I started writing for newspapers more than 70 years ago. I'm going to take a rest.

Belleville mayor Ken Voigt announced at last week's Belleville DDA meeting that Wayne Disposal has taken Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox's preliminary injunction against radioactive waste disposal at the toxic landfill to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The anti-radioactive-waste activists and politicians had celebrated Judge Cox's decision as if it had ended everything. We're sure the communities' attorneys were not surprised at a move to the Court of Appeals.



Nothing is over with the hazardous waste issue in Van Buren Township. What's new is you have until Oct. 31 to give comments to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy regarding renewal of the toxic landfill license and approval of expansion upward. EGLE recently extended the deadline for comments from Sept. 29 until Oct. 31.

The focus now is on the Sept. 18 public hearing that is required be held on the issue. It's from 5-9 p.m. at Wayne County Community College. The demonstrators plan to be out in force.

Wayne County Roads surprised a lot of people last Thursday morning when it shut down a lane of Savage Road at two in the morning to start milling and then paving the eastbound lane. There was a lot of grinding and backup beeping of trucks that got people's heads off their pillows.

One Belleville businessman who lives on Savage Road got up as usual to go to work and when he turned west toward the city to get there, as usual, he was stopped by a county worker who told him he had to go east. He was not happy. The county worker was not happy that he didn't want to go east. But, the road was blocked so the businessman finally had to go to Haggerty to E. Huron River Drive before he could head to Belleville.

His main complaint was that nobody told the residents what was happening. Earlier,

the county put out cones along Savage from Haggerty to the railroad tracks in Belleville and then milled and paved three or four turn lanes along Savage.

That was a clue about what was happening, but just a clue. Then the 2 a.m. grinding and beeping started on Aug. 21.

This is near Savage Elementary School, but the first day of school isn't until Sept. 2, so everything should be all done by then.

The businessman said at least the county could have provided information to the township for a Nixel alert but there was no Nixel alert. Maybe the township wasn't informed, either.

It's finally been announced that 18-year-old University of Michigan freshman Bryce Underwood will start off the season as quarterback at U of M at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ann Arbor against New Mexico.

Underwood left Belleville High School last December as a senior and entered the U of M early with his QB goal. His BHS fans are delighted.

There are no reports in the daily press about what he is studying at U of M. There are lots of reports about how he is spending all the money his football sponsors are giving him.



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Letters

Call to action on Wayne Disposal license renewal

To the editor:

Michigan Against Atomic Waste is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Michigan residents from the environmental and health impacts caused by the import, treatment, and storage of radioactive and hazardous waste. Since its founding, our organization has grown to more than 1,100 members, reflecting the deep concern shared by communities across our state.

Michigan Against Atomic Waste is committed to safeguarding public health by advocating for strong safety standards in hazardous and radioactive waste management. Michigan holds a unique responsibility -- as the steward of 21% of the planet's fresh surface water -- to ensure policies protect our waterways, our environment, and our citizens. We are not only raising awareness; we are actively seeking solutions and pushing for meaningful change to protect the health of future generations.

You can learn more by visiting our website: michiganagainstatomictwaste.org or our joining our Facebook Group: Michigan Against Atomic Waste.

Background

- Wayne Disposal Inc. began accepting TENORM (Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material) from the oil and gas industry in 2006 and TENORM waste from the Manhattan Project (via FUSRAP - Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program) in September 2017.

- What is the difference?

- TENORM from oil and gas does NOT contain uranium-238 or thorium-230
- TENORM from Manhattan Project DOES contain uranium-238 or thorium-230.

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- Recent court filings (*Belleville and surrounding communities vs. Wayne Disposal, Case No. 24-013420-CH*) confirm that Michigan state law does NOT set any standards for uranium or thorium.

Radiological Concerns

Wayne Disposal's annual radiological monitoring reports (obtained by Freedom of Information Act) -- submitted annually to Michigan EGLE -- have documented elevated levels of lead-210 every year since the 2019 report.

- Is produced exclusively as part of the Uranium-238 decay chain (half-life: 4.468 billion years).

- Is not a primordial isotope; it does not exist in significant amounts from Earth's formation.

- Is classified as a human carcinogen due to its radiological properties.

On behalf of Michigan Against Atomic Waste, I urge the following actions:

1. Pause the operating license renewal for Wayne Disposal Inc. until EGLE, EPA, and USACE conduct a full investigation into elevated lead-210 levels and implement mitigation measures.

2. Require real-time, independent air and groundwater monitoring around hazardous waste landfills, with transparent public reporting, to protect residents -- especially vulnerable populations near schools, daycare centers, and eldercare facilities.

3. Pass new state legislation establishing common sense bipartisan protective standards for radioactive waste, including uranium and thorium, to safeguard Michigan citizens and our freshwater resources.

Michigan's environmental and public health protections must meet the scale of the risk.

Our communities, our Great Lakes and future generations -- deserve nothing less.

Call to Action regarding WDI Expansion Operating License Renewal:

- Attend the EGLE meeting (public hearing) on Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus and SPREAD THE WORD!

- Submit public comments and questions regarding WDI expansion before 10/31/2025 (extended from 9/29/2025).

- By email: EGLE-MMD-HWS@Michigan.gov

- By U.S. mail: Christine Matlock, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, MI 48909-7741

To learn more, please see the facility webpage: Michigan.gov/USEcologyWDI.

For questions about the facility, application, and/or review process, please contact Christine Matlock at (517) 290-4612 or MatlockC2@Michigan.gov.

Jeneen Rippey
Van Buren Township
Michigan Against Atomic Waste

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



Well, the fun is over – school starts next Tuesday. Enjoy your Labor Day holiday and let's see what excitement you can look forward to this month.

There are many times we don't know who has scheduled events at the Wayne County Fairgrounds but for those of you who like Halloween/Horror/Oddities, the Wicked Bizzare MI will be there on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The entry is free but parking is \$5. They will have vendors, crafters, food trucks, entertainment, characters and more. Guess it is time to get your bizzare on!

The Belleville Farmers Market and Classic Car Show will still be on every Monday this month, except Labor Day. Third Thursday in the Ville from 5 to 8 p.m. will have food trucks, music and lots of pop up crafters along Main Street.

BHS Football starts on Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. with the Amazon Prep Kickoff Classic. Our boys in orange and black will go against Clarkston High School at Wayne State University. Their first conference game will be away on Friday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. against Fordson High School. Time for me to get out my lucky BHS tee. When you see me in it you know it is time to cheer on our local boys to another state championship!

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

BACA invites everyone to join in citywide yard sale at Victory Park

You don't have to live in the city of Belleville to participate in the citywide yard sale on Sept. 6 and 7.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts invites the public to join in the citywide sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 6 and 7 by setting up their sales at Victory Park at Five Points.

Reg Ion, chairman of the BACA yard sale which is a fund raiser for the group, said members of the public who want to take part in the sale should just show up and pay \$20 for each day. There is no pre-registration, he said.

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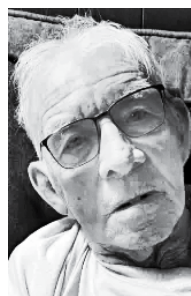
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Obituaries



Ray Junior Wright

RAY WRIGHT

October 28, 1931 – August 21, 2025

Ray Junior Wright, age 93, lifelong resident of Willis, MI, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2025, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on October 28, 1931, in Ypsilanti Township, MI, son of Ray Clifford & Minnie Augusta (Richter) Wright. Ray loved to sing from a young age. He was a member of a Boys Octet in high school and won a singing championship. He graduated from Lincoln High School, class of 1950, and was the last living member of his class. Ray retired from Amerman Lumber in Belleville, MI, after many loyal years of driving. He also enjoyed working at Pinter's Flowerland for several years as well. Ray loved tractors and learned to work on them from an early age. Ford tractors were his favorite. He enjoyed being outdoors and deer hunting. Most of all he loved his time with his family, and especially singing to and with them. Ray is survived by his daughter Pamela Prain of Willis, MI; son James (Brandie) Wright of Jackson, MI; granddaughter Stephanie (Jeremy) Prain of Willis, MI; grandson Samuel (Angela) Wright of Van Buren Township, MI; four great-grandchildren: Cameron, Jillian, Connor, and Blake; also, several extended family members and a few friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his cherished wife Dorothy Faye (Combs) Wright, son Ray J. Wright, Jr., also five siblings.

Visitation was Saturday, August 23, 2025, with a 1:00 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Pastor Danny Combs officiated. Interment followed in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

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David Patrick Druyor

DAVID PATRICK DRUYOR

March 11, 1969 – August 21, 2025

David Patrick Druyor was born at Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Michigan on March 11, 1969. He was one of four children born to the union of Robert E. Druyor and Lysbeth M. (Conroy) Druyor. He was a 1987 graduate of Romulus High School.

Following high school, Dave moved to Georgia, taking a position at a steel plant. He married Dena Bostick, and the couple was blessed with a daughter: Brittany Nicole. They soon returned home to Romulus, and he took a position with the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. At the DPW he earned the respect of fellow employees and the nickname "Peanut". He was a Crew Leader in the Roads Department for many years, just recently completing his 37th year with the city. He was a proud member of the Teamsters.

After his relationship with Dena ended, Dave married the former Merrie Engel and was then blessed with two more children: David and Lauren. He later married Doreen Savage. For the past thirteen years he had shared his life with Jeanette Burkhart.

Being the son of a veteran, Dave was extremely patriotic. He couldn't be prouder of his son David, daughter Lauren, and son-in-law Brighton who all served in the military, as well. To give back, Dave became a member of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 78.

Dave loved sports and was an avid fan of the hometown teams, Detroit Tigers and Red Wings. For many years he enjoyed hunting, loved camping being a favorite pastime from when the kids were young, and looked forward to his annual two-week trip to the same place with Jen. Many fishing excursions can be recalled when Dave baited the hooks with hot dogs.

David Patrick "Dave" "Peanut" Druyor, age 56, of Romulus passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at his home. His passing was preceded by his parents; a brother Robert Edward Druyor II, a brother-in-law John Gilbert, and his beloved feline companion Oreo, whom Dave lovingly slept in bed with and gave up his recliner to when watching television.

To cherish his memory, he leaves three children: Brittany Nicole Hawkins of Peru, Indiana, David (Kasey) Druyor of Romulus, and Lauren (Brighton) Huels of Acworth, Georgia; four grandchildren Edda, Samuel, Olivia, and Ezra; and two sisters Marilyn (Mike) Birmingham and Sylvia Gilbert; a sister-in-law Teresa Druyor; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Gathering took place on Monday and Tuesday, August 25-26, at Merkle Funeral Service, Romulus; (formerly Crane Funeral Home); 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 (734) 941-9200. A Celebration of His Life was held at noon on Tuesday, with Pastor Seth MacDonald of Hillcrest Bible Church, in Wayne, Michigan, presiding. Burial took place at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

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Leona "Lee" Smith

LEONA 'LEE' SMITH

June 11, 1930 – August 22, 2025

Leona "Lee" Smith, age 95, passed away on Friday, August 22, 2025 in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. The daughter of Leonard and Julianna (Sietz) Hudge, she was born June 11, 1930, in Belleville, MI. On June 23, 1951, she married Bert Smith of Willis, MI and together they raised three daughters, Luanne Schonfeld, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 61; Susan (Larry) Nutson of Chicago, IL; and Carol (Wally) Cross of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Lee also leaves seven dearly loved grandchildren: Matt (Meagan) Schonfeld and Katie (Craig) DeVoto both of Ann Arbor, MI; Natalie (Josh) Barney, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Laura (Jake) Williams, Beverly, MA; Stefan (Megan) Cross, Plymouth, MI; Kyle Cross, Rochester, MI; and Sam Cross, Royal Oak, MI. She also leaves eight precious great-grandchildren: Lucas Schonfeld, Emma and Adam DeVoto, Jane, William and Jack Barney and Charlotte and Jackson Cross as well as two special sisters-in-law, Mary Anne Hudge of Ann Arbor, MI and Flo Lorey of Oldsmar, FL and much-loved Goddaughter, Nancy (Hudge) Bailey of Ann Arbor, MI.

In 2016, Lee lost her beloved husband with whom she shared close to 65 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by three younger brothers, Ed, Bill and Tom Hudge. One brother survives, Jim (Carol) Hudge of Locanto, FL.

Prior to their move to Tecumseh, MI in 1979, Lee and Bert resided in Belleville, MI where they were active members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Belleville Kiwanis Club.

Lee's life centered not only around her husband and family but on journalism. From the age of 16, she wrote for the *Ypsilanti Press*, the *Senior Voice* in Sebewaing and the *Belleville*

Enterprise and *Romulus Roman*, where she was Suburban Living Editor and wrote a column under the kickers *All Around the Town with Lee* and *Potpourri*. She was also a charter member of the Michigan Women's Press Club. The move to Tecumseh ended her ties with those papers. With "columns still kicking around in her head," she then approached Jim Lincoln, publisher of the *Tecumseh Herald* and she was hired on the spot, her column becoming part of the newspaper for 38 years. Her work for the *Herald* was recognized at the state level in 2000, when she took first place in the MPA Better Newspaper contest. She had no formal education in journalism. Writing was a God-given talent.

Avid golfers at the time, Lee and Bert joined Tecumseh Country Club and were members for 35 years. Their love of golfing took them coast-to-coast in the USA and Nova Scotia often with groups of friends from Belleville and Tecumseh. They never traveled without their golf clubs and a good book; both being avid readers.

Lee also made many friends through her affiliation with the Saline chapter of the Red Hat Society. In 2016, Lee moved to Story Point, Ann Arbor, where she established *To the Point*, a quarterly newspaper which she edited, wrote and did the layout.

In 2022, Lee was moved to Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Assisted Living where she lived until her passing. We wish to thank the staff there who made her final years comfortable.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the future with the support of Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline, MI. Please visit www.rbhfsaline.com to view updated information about the service date and time, for directions, or to leave a memory you have of Lee. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Donations can be made by visiting www.stjude.org/donate

LAURA LYNN-KINGSLEY DELSH

August 25, 1955 – August 16, 2025

Age 69, of Ypsilanti. Survived by her husband of 29 years Ronald Delsh of Ypsilanti and her beloved dog Dora who was always by her side. A cremation has been planned for Laura. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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To the editor:

If you read last week's *Independent* you saw that those rascals in Sumpter township just gave themselves another raise. Well, not all of them voted for it, but the majority did, including a couple of rookies who have barely gotten their feet wet. They've been there for less than a year. One of them is a qualified gossip and the other one, you need a "skip tracer" to track him down just for the privilege of talking to him.

One of the old-timers on the board, Timothy Rush, voted for it, of course. You see, back in December of 2021 the newly elected supervisor was rarely seen, and thus needed some help. Mr. Rush, being a benevolent sort of fellow, jumped in to help out for a couple of months ... if he got paid extra, that is. So most of the members of the board agreed to give him over \$8,000 a year on top of his current salary, just for those couple of months, you understand. Well, those "couple of months" came and went, and he's still collecting that extra pay almost four years later.

Meanwhile, things are still getting done in Sumpter Township. The women (and it is mostly women) are there every work day at township hall doing their jobs: assembling the paperwork and helping out the public. And if you happen to be there on one of those rare occasions when a trustee does show up, I would suggest you run out and buy a lottery ticket, for that surely is a lucky day.

The bottom line is that I believe most of the residents of Sumpter township would have preferred not to have read about a raise in last week's *Independent*, but a refund.

(In fairness, I must state that of the seven trustees, three of them voted against the rate of pay: Bart Patterson, Don LaPorte, and Matthew Oddy. Let's see if they find a way to divert their \$10,000 to the benefit of the township's residents.)

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More Letters

We can't wait to drive on paved Judd Road

To the editor:

We moved to Sumpter Township in

August of 1968. We bought a home on a dirt road.

I just read about the Sumpter trustees giving themselves a \$10,000 raise. Now if we took these current \$10,000 in raises, plus their other recent raise (2012?) we'd have \$140,000 toward the paving of Judd Road.

We just can't wait; we just can't wait.

We've waited 57 years and it's almost here. We just can't wait to drive on a paved Judd Road.

Two Concerned Citizens
Sumpter Township
Name withheld

Men's Club garage sale to benefit Food Closet

To the editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., the Men's Club will be hosting a garage sale.

We have furniture, clothes, household

goods, sporting goods, and more. Proceeds will go to the Emergency Food Closet.

Pay what you think is fair, or what you can afford. For more information to donate goods for the sale, or to make a donation to the Food Closet, please call the church office at (734) 697-9288, or bring items to the church the morning of the sale.

From Jan. 1 through Aug. 9, 1,830 bags of food and refrigerator items have been distributed. 266 families have been served. July has been our busiest month with 288 bags and frig. items passed out. On Aug. 5 and 6, 92 bags and frig. items were passed out in six hours! This was the busiest week of 2025.

Thank you for helping those in need.

Marilyn Wood – Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

VBT: Repair sidewalks on south side of Tyler

To the editor:

I think the township is doing some great things along Tyler Road with all the new sidewalks being installed. Last year the board mandated that all the residents of the Haggerty subdivision repair or replace their sidewalks that failed to meet requirements.

My question is when will the township step up and repair/replace their sidewalk along the south side of Tyler Road between Jackson and Van Buren? All of the children attending Tyler Elementary School from the Haggerty subdivision use this sidewalk. I personally mow 90% of the grass from the back fences of my neighbors' property to the side of Tyler Road to ensure the kids have a safe walking path.

The sidewalk owned by the township is so broken up and either has sunken down or risen up. I literally have to mow the grass that is overtaking the walkway.

When will the township step up and take action on this sidewalk? At least come out and see all the damaged walkway.

Nice work on all the north side sidewalks, but it would be nice to finish what the board started in the Haggerty subdivision.

Dennis Stewart
Van Buren Township



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 411 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 17:
0020 – hospice death, Denton Rd.
0156 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0223 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0702 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
0823 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0840 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0927 – follow up by officer, Ecorse Rd.
1100 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1115 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1232 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
1306 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
1326 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1342 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1349 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1353 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1425 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1727 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1823 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln
1830 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
2200 – welfare check, Van Buren Ln.
2238 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2248 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2336 – welfare check, Vernon St.

Monday, Aug. 18:
xxxx – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0646 – unauthorized driving away of an auto, Denton Rd.
0736 – traffic offense, Country Walk Blvd./Savage
0856 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0921 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1117 – civil matter, Van Born Rd.
1216 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1243 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
1316 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1346 – civil matter, Jackson St.
1418 – welfare check, Coolidge St.
1432 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1504 – welfare check, Assembly St.
1503 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1716 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1832 – intrusion alarm, Stanley Rd.
1839 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1855 – assist citizen. S. I-94 Service Dr.
2008 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
2032 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2200 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
2306 – assist other dept., Rose Blvd.
2326 – welfare check, Van Born/S. Lilley

Tuesday, Aug. 19:
0010 – domestic, Aspen
0014 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service
0103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0331 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0437 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0727 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0922 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1020 – welfare check, Andover Dr.
0953 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0957 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1054 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1407 – assist fire dept., Ecorse
1421 – mental subject, Rawsonville Rd.
1621 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1633 – shooting, W. Huron River Dr.
1813 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
1839 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1934 – disorderly, S. Timberview Dr.
2022 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
2052 – threat, S. Timberview Dr.

2204 – mental subject, Bog Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ventura Dr.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./N. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – repossession, Paloma Dr.
Wednesday, Aug. 20:
0309 – assist other dept., Dewitt Rd.
0406 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0434 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0449 – hospice death, Borgman Ave.
0640 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0717 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0727 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0755 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0815 – civil matter, E. Schooner Dr.
1240 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
1358 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1356 – suicidal person, Chinkapin Dr.
1400 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1511 – larceny, Wheeler St.
1615 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1658 – parking complaint, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1714 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
1729 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cambridge Ct.
1804 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Riggs Rd.
1927 – family trouble, Quirk Rd.
2352 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 21:
0007 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.
0713 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.
0755 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0847 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
0921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Timberview Ct.
1038 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Timberview Dr.
1208 – traffic offense, Riggs Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1250 – property damage accident, Carmell
1358 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.

1410 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1428 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1512 – juvenile complaint, Parkside Dr.
1603 – welfare check, Western St.
1614 – fraud, Stamford Rd.
1627 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1724 – road hazard, Michigan Ave.
1730 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
1744 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1839 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1855 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1943 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2008 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2058 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2130 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.
2149 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
2153 – noise complaint, Cedarhurst Dr. / N. Timberview Dr.
2228 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2334 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Aug. 22:
0029 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, America
xxxx – repossession, Chandler Dr.
0229 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0233 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0439 – road hazard, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0702 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0720 – larceny from auto, S. Belleridge Dr.
0831 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quik Rd./Ayres Ave.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Christina Ln.
1045 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1106 – civil matter, Robbe Rd.
1122 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1128 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1411 – parking complaint, McBride Ave./Van Buren St.
1416 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1437 – animal complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1453 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1518 – fraud, Lauren Ct.
1602 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. /

Belleville Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Fret Rd.
1710 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
1814 – welfare check, Coolidge St.
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1956 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
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2230 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 23:
0029 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0056 – disorderly, Stamford Rd.
0118 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0124 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0127 – property check, Quirk Rd.
0140 – assist other dept., Meadows Ct.
0143 – noise compliant, Oak Ln.
0254 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
0656 – domestic, Michigan Ave.
0703 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0826 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1422 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1535 – weapons violation, Tyler Rd.
1618 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1627 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1623 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1933 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1933 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.

2100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
2114 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd.
2141 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
2151 – juvenile compliant, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2241 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2331 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
Xxxx – repossession, Prairiegrass Ct.
Also, on this log are 222 traffic stops, 18 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 4 ordinance violations on the log.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 17:
0910 – alarm intrusion, S. Biggs Ave
1231 – property damage accident, Charles St.
1317 – assist other dept, Church St.

Monday, Aug. 18:
0852 – property check – Lifepointe Church
1008 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.

1632 – property damage accident, Fifth/Main
1651 – motorist assist, Belleville/Denton Rd
2112 – threat, N. Edgemont

Tuesday, Aug. 19:
0733 – unauthorized driving away of automobile, N. Liberty St.
1048 – person/veh/circumstance, Main St.
1107 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd
xxxx – repossession, Henry St.
1246 – person/veh/circumstance, Victorian Ln

Wednesday, Aug. 20:
0042 – assist other dept, Harbor Point Dr.
xxxx – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave
1455 – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave
2019 – animal complaint, Estrata Dr.
Thursday, Aug. 21:
0845 – person/veh/circumstance, Henery St.
1027 – larceny suspicious, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1033 – person/veh/circumstance, Carmel St.
1137 – property damage accident suspicious, Carmel St.
1146 – person/veh/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
2245 – alarm intrusion, E. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Aug. 22:
0121 – alarm intrusion, W. Columbia Ave.
1042 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
1452 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
1259 – civil matter suspicious, Potter Dr.
Saturday, Aug. 23
0830 – assist fire dept, Breakwater Ct.
0947 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1028 – alarm intrusion, N. Aberdeen Ct

1054 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.
1110 – animal complaint, Carmel St.
1244 – suicidal person, Huron River Dr./Columbia Ave.
1259 – civil matter suspicious, Potter Dr.
1537 – person/veh/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
1632 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
There are 70 reports on this week’s log, 34 of which are traffic stops.

More Letters

Thanks for making Belleville Taste a success

To the editor:

Just a quick note to say thanks to the sponsors, participants, volunteers and attendees who made our 2025 Taste of Belleville a continued success. There were 15 booths with food that were busy from start to finish. The three who collected the most tickets were: Baan Phad Thai Restaurant, The Butcher Shop, and Rachel Lynn’s Catering.

Helping make the evening more special, the following local businesses donated door prizes: A&W Restaurant, Angel Food Catering, Benito’s Pizza. Confections Factory, Garden Fantasy on Main, Hungry Howie’s Pizza, Jet’s Pizza, Kona Ice, Miami Tan, Mz. Krista’s Tarot, Springer’s Carpet Care, Sweeter Days Bakery, TKM Enterprises, Van Buren Public Schools, and Wing Fellas Belleville.

Our congratulations to Rachael Christian who won the 50/50 and also the Best Decorated Trophy for Rachel Lynn’s Catering.

The Belleville Central Business now turns its attention to Booville but until October please continue to enjoy the Belleville Farmers Market and Egan’s Classic Car Show on Mondays.

Bill Wolters, president
Belleville Central Business Community

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET REVIEW MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2025

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, and all Department Directors moving in and out to present. Each director presented their 2025 amended and 2026 budgets.
PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
BOARD COMMENT: The Board complimented the Directors on their successes and how well they are leading their Departments.
ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m. Motion Carried.
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: August 28, 2025

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Photo courtesy Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept. On Aug. 20 the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Blue Porch Restaurant to the business community with a well-attended ribbon cutting. Blue Porch is the evening restaurant occupying the former Twisted Rooster Restaurant building in front of Meijer.



Photo courtesy Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept. As part of the Aug. 21 activities in downtown Belleville, the Belleville Rotary Club held its annual Rubber Ducky Race to earn funds for local projects. Dawn Pluff won \$1,000 for her first-place duck. Jim Graham won \$250 for second place and Connie Maas won \$100 for third place. The Rotary thanks all who participated.

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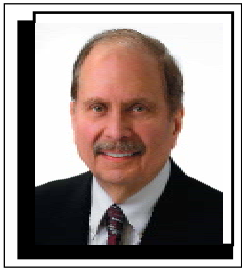
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