

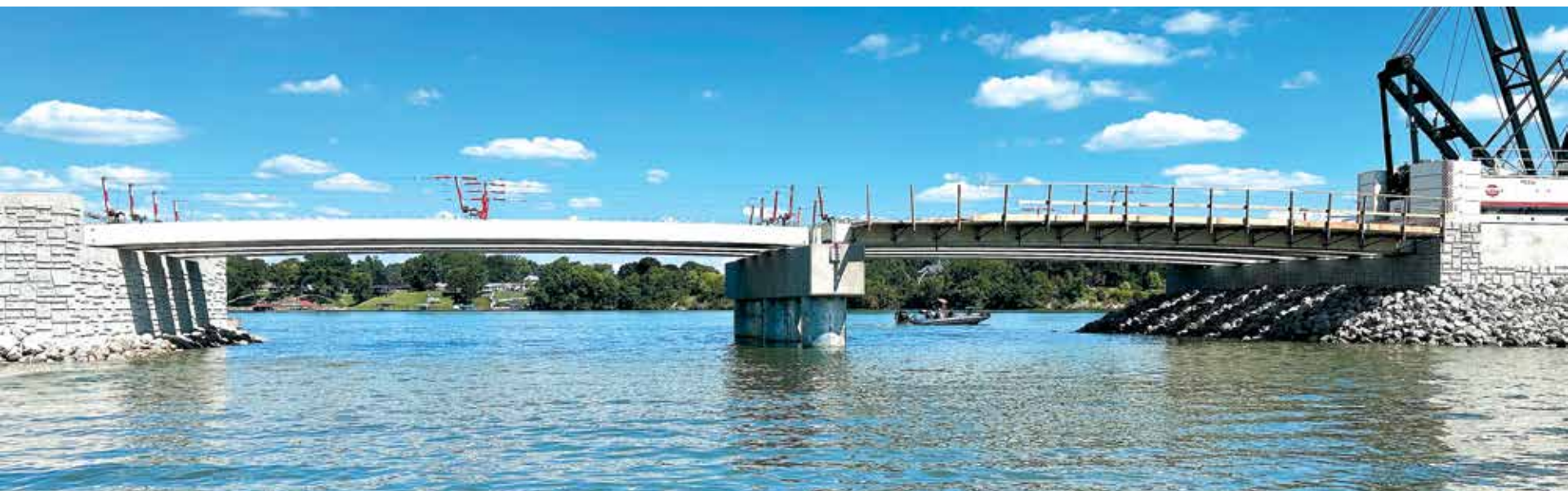


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Six north-south beams for the new Denton Road bridge were installed on Aug. 27. Each 50,000-pound beam is 61 feet long. A total of 12 beams will be installed. The final six were delivered on Aug. 28. Van Buren Township officials said the county plans to have the bridge done in 2025. It's been closed for 1,068 days, since Wayne County abruptly shut it down because it was unsafe to use.

Ten more charges each for two suspects in VBT June shootings

The two North Carolina men who were involved in a June shooting incident on Savage Road in Van Buren Township are now facing 10 more charges each than initially leveled.

Craig Nathaniel Croom, 24, of Clayton, NC, and Jaylen Malik Paschal, 21, of Greensboro, NC, were video-arraigned in custody on June 16 on identical charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer - 4th degree (felony) and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on June 12 in Van Buren Township.

The probable cause conference was set for June 25 and bond set at \$500,000 cash or surety each.

On June 25 they both were present by video from the Wayne County Jail. The probable cause conference for the co-defendants was adjourned until July 2.

Both defendants waived their preliminary exams and were bound over to circuit court

for July 9 arraignments on the information. Calendar conferences were set for July 11. A motion hearing is July 22 and a pretrial Aug. 8. That was reset for Sept. 19.

The defense attorney for Croom asked District Judge Teresa Patton for a reduction in bond because his client has no criminal history and is not a flight risk. Judge Patton denied the request based on the facts in the case but said he could request bond reduction at circuit court.

On Aug. 27, both defendants were present by zoom at district court from the Wayne County Jail for probable cause conferences on 10 additional charges in the June 12 incident. The charges were approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor on Aug. 6 and in-custody arraignment was Aug. 13.

New charges are two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do bodily harm less

than murder (strangulation), one count of carrying dangerous weapons with unlawful intent, and five felony firearm charges. Cash bond is \$500,000 each.

A preliminary exam was set for Sept. 3.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte had provided the summary of the incident that began with many 911 calls reporting shots fired. One neighbor told the *Independent* he counted eight shots.

On Thursday, June 12, at about 5:30 p.m. the Van Buren Township Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls reporting shots fired at a residence in the 41000 block of Savage Road. While officers were en-route, dispatchers were informed that two individuals had fled the scene in a U-Haul van and were armed with long guns.

"I cannot say enough about the professionalism, proficiency, and quick thinking of our dispatch staff during this incident," Deputy Chief Monte said. "While juggling multiple 911 calls, dispatching emergency medical services,

and coordinating police response, they also actively searched our Flock camera system for any sign of the U-Haul van.

"Their efforts paid off. They were able to guide officers to the area where the suspects had last been seen," he said. Responding officers located the U-Haul just as the suspects were attempting to enter another vehicle. A pursuit followed, eventually leading to the area of I-94 and US-23, where the suspects lost control and crashed. After a foot chase, both suspects were taken into custody and a weapon was recovered.

Back at the Savage Road residence, officers recovered multiple shell casings and took another individual into custody, along with another weapon.

Deputy Chief Monte said later, police received a call from Corewell Hospital in Wayne reporting that a subject had arrived at the emergency room with multiple gunshot wounds.

A few hours after that, police received another notification — this one in response

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Croom



Paschal



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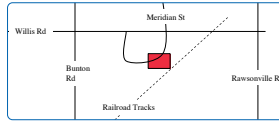
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter board receives audit of the financial report fiscal year end

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

At the regular Aug. 26 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board heard a long financial presentation of the audit financial report fiscal year end of March 31, 2025.

They heard that the report was rated the highest rating of unmodified opinion by their auditors.

Property tax revenue was up this year by 6.3% compared to last year. This was a taxable value increase not a millage increase.

Interest income this year was almost doubled from \$300,000 to nearly \$600,000.

Landfill revenues went down 5%.

Pulled building permits were down 14% from last year.

Added \$391,000 to the general fund, \$198,000 under budget.

Capital improvements were \$870,000 this year.

No new debt this year.

Water and sewer operation income was \$341,000 with cash flow of \$65,000, so a break even over last year.

Sumpter Township paid down \$580,000 in debt.

"Another great result for Sumpter on the audit," said trustee Matthew Oddy, "This is three years in a row we received the unmodified results."

The board heard from the podium Mary Herring praise board members for their fiscal responsibly about the audit she just heard.

She continued by saying that the board meetings that started with a prayer were "very good".

She then asked the board to have "an open mind, open ears, and an open heart every time a person comes to the podium. Don't be pre-judgmental about their concerns. You owe it to the constituents to hear their concerns and issues they might have, and to be kind and understanding and to be a good listener, she said.

"You owe it to them to be interested about their concerns they may have. Be kind and understanding; be good listeners.

"Walk away with more understanding in a kind and generous way. Don't pre-judge them as trouble makers. They are just asking for your help and consideration.

"Don't speak harshly behind their backs. They are not to be demeaned for their constructive criticism and don't dismiss them."

And then supervisor Tim Bowman dismissed her for going over three minutes.

Leroy Page wanted to know why there wasn't more discussion about the \$10,000



The tradition continues as the retired teachers gather at Victory Station Tuesday to wave at the buses on the first day of school.

Independent photo by Paul W. Henning

raises the board gave themselves. The board did not comment

They heard from Nicole VanAssche, of parks and rec. She thanked the board for its support and noted the time the board spent in the township at large was generous. Supervisor Bowman applauded.

Randall Miller stated "You are our representatives not our bosses." He complained about not being able to contact the board. He was disappointed in the board's response to the residents. Supervisor Bowman took this as a personal attack and dismissed him because he will not stand for criticism of the board.

Xeola Walker stated the three minutes limit for comment was not in the bylaws and she should be allowed to take as long as she wants to get her point across. She accused the board of "making it up as they went along." She said her taxes paid for part of the \$10,000 raises and she should have the right to say what she wanted at the podium.

In other business at the one hour,

30-minute meeting on Aug. 26, the board:

- Heard that the recycle center hours were expanded on Sept. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday;

- Heard treasurer Patterson inform the board that the finance report in the board's packet is incorrect and he brought paper copies of the correct report for the board;

- Approved hosting the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) on May 8, 2026. It will start at 9:30 in the Sumpter Township board room;

- Approved paying the North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain "estimated total assessment" of \$501,583.30. The amount was determined by assessing the property owned by the township that benefited from the drain cleanup;

- Approved the meet and greet for parks and recreation is changed to Oct. 24 under the pavilion at the fairgrounds, 7-10 p.m. The budget for this event is not to exceed \$1,500 paid out of P&R funds. The event will be called the October Jam Meet and

Greet

- Approved purchasing PSTRax inventory management program for the fire department for \$2,850 per year plus the initial one-time setup fee of \$750;

- Approved posting request for proposals for the Martinsville Pump Station repair; and

- Approved sending to the planning commission a request to review the solar ordinances.

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O P I N I O N S

Metal detectors at BHS: yes or no

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

Last week I wrote a column praising the Van Buren Public School board for the plan to update the security cameras throughout BHS. I sincerely meant this because in this day of shooters and such we need to be ever vigilant using whatever resources we can muster. I have since looked into reasons why we don't have metal detectors in BHS.

Let's start with the comment by our previous Superintendent, Mike Van Tassel. His answer is one that I feel didn't take the question seriously and he quipped "because they look ghetto." This is like saying that bike helmets "look stupid" so I am not going to wear one. An answer like that ignores the seriousness of the question.

So, I looked for an answer from the current administration and called Superintendent Pete Kudlak.

Mr. Kudlak says that metal detectors are rare in schools because the detectors they can afford are between 54% and 82% accurate. The most accurate detectors he has seen are in the prison system where they have the money to install the upper end of detectors. And you would have to have full-time armed guards to apprehend the violators. We have two Resource Officers to serve all the schools in the district. Also, having them tends to cultivate a false sense of security for the school and the community.

As I write this, another school shooting has taken place in Minneapolis at a Catholic school leaving two children dead. In the same report it was revealed that so far this year there have been so many incidents in the USA that it averages two per week. And these were outside shooters. Who knows what weapons we have in BHS at this very minute. HS

I'm not convinced. My opinion is that having metal detectors that are catching 54% to 84% of the guns, knives, and other weapons is at least something to combat the threat within.

Please if you agree, contact the Administration Building and tell them to protect our students.

Write a letter to the editor

Sign it and include your phone number.

THINGS I'M THINKING ABOUT

...By Paul W. Henning

Cupcakes

I bought a box of Hostess cupcakes last week and they look smaller than they had even a year ago. Is this an example of "shrinkflation"? I noticed the same thing with my toothpaste. Same size tube, less product.

Simba

We had to put our cat, Simba, to sleep last Tuesday. He was losing control of his bladder and the whole house became his litter box. As many of you know, losing an animal can be devastating.

Way back, when our neighbors at the time had an outdoor cat that had kittens. They followed their mother around the neighborhood.

One night, while crossing busy Huron River Drive, one of the kittens got hit by a car on the top of its head. The incident happened in front of our house.

My daughter was nearby and rushed to Simba's aid. She has always been one to rescue animals, especially kittens. She wrapped him in a towel and brought him into the house.

He was traumatized, to say the least. When we sat him down on the floor he could only walk in circles to the right. We put him in the bathtub with food and water to keep him from wandering.

The next day we took him to the vet. He gave us some ibuprofen for the swelling in his brain. The vet was not optimistic about Simba's life expectancy. He said he may be had two weeks. The cat lived eighteen years!

He was the best cat we ever owned. He was half blind due to his injury from the accident, but he could see well enough that it didn't impact his quality of life.

I often shared my lunch with him, and he loved Hershey's kisses. He would sit and sleep in the bathtub I assume because it was



his first safe place in our house.

Our family is heartbroken about losing him, but that's the contract you make when you decide to care for an animal. You will take care of them until the bitter end because you love them.

High Street

When I was a kid, I lived on High Street

on the lake. I remember taking my bike downtown Belleville on hot summer days.

The first stop was Haywards because they had a large periodical section and they used to stock the Warren magazines: Famous monsters of Filmland, Creepy, Erie, etc.

The next stop was Ben Franklin and I would stop to visit my neighbor Mr. Bosteder. I'd pick out something at the bulk candy counter and he would give me a sample. There were lots of toys to look at and they even stocked 45s and LPs,

Then there was a stop at Cloverdale's where you could get ice cream, milk shakes, and sports cards.

The next stop was Rexall pharmacy where they had comic books for sale. The staff let me look at them for free until I bought my choice. They also had a soda fountain counter where you could have Cokes with cherry or lemon added for five cents more. They had phosphates that were a sour drink that came in several flavors.

After that was Young's party store that sold boy's favorites like Slim Jim's and apple beer (non-alcoholic). But you had to go a piece down to get there.

Then the last stop was the Belleville Library where all the books were. I remember looking through the card catalog until I found something that interested me.

It was a kid's paradise.

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Letters

Sumpter Board goes above, beyond for twp.

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Randall Miller's recent letter as well as his behavior at the Sumpter Township Board Meeting on Aug. 26.

Mr. Miller, referring to our township board as "rascals" was not only disrespectful, but also unproductive. Resorting to name-calling does not further discussion or help our community grow—it only divides us.

You also criticized the board for receiving a raise, as though they are undeserving. Let me remind you of some facts. Every member of our board holds a full-time job outside of their township duties, yet they consistently go above and beyond for Sumpter Township. Their dedication has revitalized our Parks and Recreation Department and brought countless improvements to our community.

Here are just a few examples:

- Tim Bowman personally removed the old playground equipment at Graham Park -- work quoted at \$8,500 -- at no cost to the township. He even sacrificed a day's pay from his own job to make it happen.

- John Honey and Bart Patterson repaired the Parks and Rec building themselves, saving the township even more money. I have personally seen Bart wading knee-deep in water to clear a culvert at Banotai Park. John has also removed ant nests, sprayed for mosquitoes, and even arranged for a company to clear overgrown brush at Banotai Park. Instead of appreciating this, you complained that you should have been consulted -- yet you are a resident just like the rest of us, not an elected leader.

- Don LaPorte graciously provides tents for our events at no cost and continually gives his time, energy, and heart to serving Sumpter Township and its residents.

- Tim Rush is not only the liaison to Parks and Rec but also serves as our township representative at the Conference of Western Wayne, which brings together 18 communities. Working alongside Chief Luke, he was instrumental in securing certification for Sumpter Township as "Storm Ready" through the National Weather Service. Each spring, he also leads Skywarn Training to ensure our residents

are prepared. He is deeply dedicated to keeping our community safe.

- Matt Oddy shows up at every event. He personally helped stuff over a thousand Easter eggs, provided bottled water at events from his own pocket, and has supplied the pantry at the senior center with large quantities of food several times -- again, out of his own pocket. He consistently lends a hand wherever needed.

- Jim Frazier contributes creative ideas and is even sponsoring a major event this October.

And this is only a *fraction* of what these board members do. They give their time, energy, and often their own resources, while balancing work and family responsibilities. Without their dedication, Parks and Rec would be right back to where it once was -- stagnant and overlooked.

Meanwhile, Mr. Miller, you have chosen a different path. Instead of contributing, you have gone around the township spreading falsehoods to push your own agenda. At the town hall meeting, rather than offering constructive input, you personally attacked members of the board to the point where you had to be shut down. You rarely attend meetings or events, and when you do, it is only to complain.

What makes this township thrive is people coming together for the common good. At the last town hall meeting, the Auditor confirmed that our township is in great shape, that taxpayer money is being used wisely, and that this board has proven itself to be a responsible steward of public funds. What more could anyone reasonably ask for?

Mr. Miller, I urge you to redirect your energy. Instead of tearing down, lift up. Attend township meetings regularly, come to Parks and Rec gatherings, volunteer at events, and see firsthand the growth happening in our community. Use your voice to build, not break. We are working toward a safe, healthy, and happy community -- and there is a place for you in that effort, if you are willing to join us in good faith.

Respectfully,

Anita Honey

Secretary, Sumpter Twp. Parks and Rec

P.S. Mr. Miller, you've mentioned having trouble speaking with the board members. I personally invite you to join us on Sept. 13 at the Sumpter Fairgrounds, where all the board members, along with their families and friends, will be painting the inside and outside of the restrooms and pavilion in preparation for our next big event, October Jam, to be held on Oct. 24. This is a great opportunity to meet the board in a positive, hands-on way and see the dedication that goes into making our community events successful.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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The Belleville Community Chorus is starting its weekly rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 8 and is welcoming area residents to come and sing with them. Its first concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. See the ad in today's paper.

Sounds like the new play by the Van Buren Community Players should be lots of fun. "The Odd Couple" will start on Sept. 12 with performances that weekend and Sept. 19 through 21. For those of you who haven't attended for a while, I hear their new comfortable seats are worth the admission!

I assume the BHS alumni will be headed to the tailgate schedule prior to the football game on Friday, Sept. 12. Great food, fellowship with classmates and then watching our football team put a win under their belt sounds like a perfect Friday night.

The first in the Fall Classic Movie Series begins at the library on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. with The Four Marx Brothers' "Duck Soup." These free movies are brought to you by the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. See their ad in the

newspaper today. The library will also be holding an open house at the Sumpter Media Center on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. See its ad in the newspaper today.

Well, my lucky tee didn't help give our boys the win for their first football game of the season. Fortunately, it was non-conference, however it is still a loss. Clarkston took the win with a 31 vs. 7 score last Thursday but that won't stop BHS from rolling over Fordson HS on Friday, Sept. 5. It will be an away game but we're looking forward to Sept. 12 when there will be a home game.

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VBT discusses rezoning on Tyler Rd. with Schafer construction

By Paul W. Henning
Independent Editor

At the Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting on Aug. 27 there was a discussion over the proposed development of 44804 Tyler Rd.

Schafer Development of Farmington Hills was asking for a master plan amendment to split the current zoning to allow building of some rental housing.

Schafer presented a housing unit that was smaller and aimed at empty nesters and would be for rent. These units are not acceptable under the current zoning. The commissioners informed him that they were not interested in rental properties to be developed.

Schafer then floated a different design that is more like single family homes that would be sold, not rented. The commission was more interested in this style for planned residential development with the current zoning.

Schafer said he was going to revise his plans and bring them to the board at a later date.

In other business, the commission:

- Heard DTE present changes to the east side of their property at 8001 Haggerty Rd. A black ornamental fence running along the property will be erected. DTE will replace a portion of the six-foot chain link fence with an eight-foot chain link fence and add a new sliding gate on the north side of the property. The commission requested that a second sliding gate be erected after the first sliding gate to alleviate traffic congestion on Haggerty Road. The fire department requested a key switch for access should a fire break out. DTE agreed to the second gate and the key switch. The site plan was approved unanimously;

- Heard a request by North American Subaru, Inc. at 50255 Michigan Ave., to build a previously approved auxiliary storage building. The site plan was approved unanimously;

- Granted final site plan approval for the Sheetz project. The 6,139-square-foot building containing a gas station, convenience store, and restaurant is at the

southwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads. The west side of the property will be preserved for wildlife. The commission heard that the water pipe to the building needed to be changed from PVC to iron pipe as a precaution due to the miniscule contaminants found in the soil. The fire department wanted to make sure an E-stop button will be installed. An E-stop button stops the pumps should there be a fire.

Rep. Reggie Miller praises Senate passage of Sen. Camilleri's bill

On Aug. 27, the Michigan Senate passed Senate Bills 246 and 247 sponsored by Sen. Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, to raise landfill disposal fees, ban certain radioactive waste disposal, pause approvals for new facilities and halt expansions.

The package is the Senate version of state Rep. Reggie Miller's (D-Van Buren Township) House Bill 4393, which would similarly raise Michigan's landfill tipping fees to the levels of those in neighboring states, including a radioactive waste fee increase from \$5 to \$12.50 per ton.

Despite the successful passage of the Senate tipping fee bills, the Republican House Speaker has reportedly said that he does not anticipate them passing the House.

The Senate-approved legislation comes after a year-long fight led by Miller and the Van Buren Township community to halt radioactive waste from the New York Manhattan Project cleanup site to the Wayne Disposal site in the township. In response to the Senate approving the plan to raise landfill tipping fees, Miller issued the following statement:

"I am working alongside Sen. Darrin Camilleri and the Senate's work to move this critical legislation forward. Although Michigan's Third Circuit Court recently ruled to block shipments of FUSRAP radioactive waste to Wayne Disposal thanks to months of advocacy and protest by the community, this fight will not be over until Michigan's tipping fees protect every Michigander from the threat of hazardous waste.

"Michigan ranks among the top states in importing waste from outside its borders. I have fought alongside the greater Van Buren Township community since day one to make their voices heard loud and clear that Michiganders' backyards are nobody's dumping grounds, and I will continue the fight to ensure the public and environmental health of Michigan."

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Pete Pitzen, chairman

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Kelly Tucker completes Trine University degree

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One of the most celebrated American comedies and considered Neil Simon's most popular play, "The Odd Couple" is a take on the conflicts between two friends when they attempt to live together. The two mismatched roommates, Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, couldn't be more different.

Oscar is laid-back and disorganized while Felix is an uptight perfectionist. The two are forced to live together after Felix's wife kicks him out. Felix transforms Oscar's messy, unsanitary apartment into a sparkling clean and highly regulated space, driving Oscar crazy and exasperating their poker buddies with his obsessively neat behavior.

Director Thomas Mattison, along with a cast of eight will bring this classic comedy.

Mattison said, "It has been such a joy working with this talented group of actors. Each of them brings their own unique energy and creativity to Neil Simon's classic script, and together they have found a perfect balance of humor and heart. Audiences are in for a treat watching this ensemble bring 'The Odd Couple' to life with such sharp timing and genuine chemistry."

The cast of this show includes Eric Schongalla of Canton as Oscar Madison, Geoff Kopp of Van Buren Township as Felix Unger, Michael Knight of Taylor as Murray, Sara Long of Ann Arbor as Speed, Samuel Bingle of Belleville as Vinnie, Brian Trippel of Romulus as Roy, Courtney Gillis of Livonia as Gwendolyn Pigeon, and Bethany Wagner of Farmington Hills as Cecily Pigeon.

Performances are Sept. 12-14 and 19-21 at the Black Box Theater, inside the Van Buren Township Community Center, located at 46425 Tyler Rd. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m.,

and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets to the performances are \$15-\$20 each and can be purchased online by going to the new ticketing system www.vbtvbc.ludus.com or in person at the community center desk Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For ticket assistance by phone, call (734) 699-8921. If there are any remaining tickets, they will be available for purchase at the Community Center Desk one hour prior to show time.

The Black Box Theater now has new cushioned seats.

The Odd Couple is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French Inc.

For more information on this show and all upcoming shows, call (734) 796-7900, visit

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Shootings

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to a nationwide Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) alert — from Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio. A second subject had checked in there with multiple gunshot wounds.

After reviewing a significant amount of digital forensic evidence, and follow-up investigations conducted by VBT detectives and officers, it was determined that four armed individuals traveled from North Carolina to Van Buren Township with the intent to rob two people at the Savage Road residence. During the attempted robbery, one of the suspects and one of the intended victims were shot. A tremendous amount of marijuana and THC paraphernalia was recovered at the location, Monte said.

“We’re still working to confirm who actually owns the Savage Road home, as it appears nobody was living at the home,” he said at the time. “The investigation with this case is still active and on-going.” He said none of the individuals involved in this incident are residents of Van Buren Township.

On the day after the June 12 incident, Detroit media reported that a 54-year-old man was injured in the shooting. They also reported a 130-mile-per-hour chase on I-94 into Washtenaw County. When the fleeing driver tried to turn onto M-23 there was a crash. No one was injured and there

were two arrests in the tree line next to the freeway interchange.

Van Buren police were joined in the chase by police from Pittsfield Township, the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office and Ann Arbor, according to media reports.

Warrants were issued for two more suspects, Sebasjan Kelvon Love and Devon Darnell Sherrod, both 24 years old and both from Fayetteville, NC, on the same ten charges.



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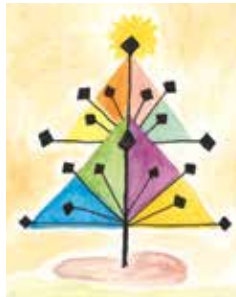


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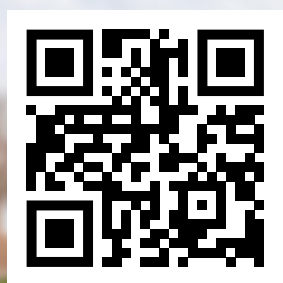
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Sumpter planners list requirements for salvage yard before any permits

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Aug. 14 Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting, resident Kay Harris, who lives south of a business on 2.06 acres of property that is operating as a salvage yard at 25891 Sumpter Rd., pointed out the business has been operating for just short of a year without an approved site plan.

The township planning consultant Joe Pezzotti of Carlisle Wortman Assoc. said the business is seeking special land use and a revised site plan is needed.

Pezzotti said wheel stops and a pedestrian path are needed, there should be no salvage outside of the building, a greenbelt or wall is needed on the south side of the property and no loud speakers should be used outside.

Trustee Matt Oddy, who is the township board liaison to the commission, reminded them that when there was a question about the business from the audience at a past meeting, the owner Sammi Nasser of Sammi Auto Sales said he wasn't responsible for what goes on there, although he is the applicant.

Pezzotti said he would look at the paperwork.

The commission voted to table approval of special land use and a proposed revised site plan and wait for the revised site plan to be presented. The next commission meeting is Sept. 11.

Harris said there were 45 days to the one-year anniversary of when the new owner bought the property.

Sumpter Properties, LLC bought the property on Sept. 27, 2024.

She said there is no septic tank and they are operating with shipping and receiving and do have parts outside.

She said they didn't do what they were supposed to in over a year.

Harris said she was hoping for the township to require a firewall, since the vehicles are placed right next to her property.

"A fire wall would give me a couple of minutes to get out," she said, referring to the fires that erupt from lithium batteries. "I'd rather have a firewall and not need it than not have one and I perish."

Oddy also pointed out the resolution of the property line to the south was not done as required and the setbacks are required. He said when it was split it was not done correctly and it was supposed to be solved.

"Mr. Chapman said he would make it

legal," Oddy said, referring to former property owner John Chapman. Oddy said he didn't know how to do that, but an attorney would know how.

Pezzotti also noted that a hard surface is required by the ordinance for this business. Also, they have no approval by the fire department for the operation. He said the hard surface could be waived.

In other business at the meeting, the commission:

- Voted unanimously to pass on to the township board the request for a tri-community planning commission subcommittee to work together with a few planning commissioners from the city of Belleville and Van Buren Township. Nicole VanAssche, who attended a recent tri-community planning commission meeting representing Sumpter, said they talked about grants that could be shared and other opportunities; and

- Tabled to the next meeting consideration of text amendments to the accessory building structures ordinance and a revised site plan for 50637 Bemis Road.

Court Watching

Noah Lee Nielsen

Noah Lee Nielsen, 23, previously of Belleville and now of Van Buren Township, was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 15 on charges of assault with intent to do great physical harm less than murder / strangulation in Van Buren Township on Aug. 13 and domestic violence-Romulus. While he was in custody, he also was arraigned on two misdemeanor bench warrants from 2021 in Van Buren Township, both with default judgments: failure to stop at a property damage accident (\$45) and violation of basic speed law accident (\$448). Remote pretrial was held Aug. 27 and fines added to his payment agreement.

The probable cause conference also was held Aug. 27 and preliminary exam set for Sept. 3. Personal bond is \$1,000. He is not to return to the protected address.

Javontae Derrick Jackson-Norman

Javontae Derrick Jackson-Norman of Romulus was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 15 on five bench warrants for charges dating back to 2018 in Van Buren Township and Romulus. His personal bond was set at \$10,000 and remote pretrials set for Sept. 18 on assault and battery and disorderly person and malicious destruction of property on Feb. 9, 2021 in Van Buren Township and pretrials set Sept. 4 for charges of larceny under \$200, malicious destruction of property and threats from 2018, 2023, and 2025 in Romulus. He is ordered to have a Wayne County GPS tether and to enter the Christian Guidance Center.

Cassandra Leigh Johnson

Cassandra Leigh Johnson, 28, of Toledo was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 15 on three bench warrants out of Van Buren Township: driving while license suspended

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and possession of narcotic paraphernalia on Nov. 19, 2024 and receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, fleeing and eluding police, resisting arrest at airport, and driving while license suspended on April 16, 2025.

Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and a probable cause conference held Aug. 27. Preliminary exam is Sept. 3.

Austin David Gutierrez

Austin David Gutierrez of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 15 on a charge of domestic violence-second offense on Aug. 12 in Van Buren Township. His pretrial was scheduled for Sept. 3. Personal bond is \$1,000 and he is to have no contact with the protected party. He was scheduled for a probation violation hearing on Aug. 26.

Kenneth Tyler Tucker

Kenneth Tyler Tucker, 28, of Sumpter Township, was video arraigned in custody on Aug. 20 on a charge of possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy on Aug. 18 in Van Buren Township. He was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Sept. 3 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 10. Personal bond is \$5,000.

Joseph Cory Johnson

Joseph Cory Johnson, 32, of Sumpter Township was arraigned on Aug. 20 on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less murder (strangulation) and domestic violence – third offense notice on Aug. 18 in Sumpter Township. A probable cause conference was set for Sept. 3 and a preliminary examination for Sept. 10. Bond was set at \$5,000/10%.

Mahmoud Fares Merheb

Mahmoud Fares Merheb, 19, of Ypsilanti

was set his probable cause conference on Aug. 20 on two counts of carrying a concealed weapon on Nov. 24, 2024 in Van Buren Township. The charges were entered on March 25. The case had been adjourned for plea negotiations and the possibility of HYTA because of his age.

Jonathon Lee Golden

Jonathon Lee Golden, 43, formerly of Van Buren Township and now of Detroit, was video-arraigned in custody on June 18 on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and felony firearm on June 14 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond is \$5,000. A probable cause conference was set for July 2 and he is to have no contact with the victim. At that time the case was adjourned until July 16. A preliminary exam was set for Aug. 20. He waived the exam and it was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

Courtney Joy Hardrick

Courtney Joy Hardrick, 36, of Romulus is charged with operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more – third offense and operating while intoxicated – third offense on March 28, 2025 in the city of Belleville. She was arraigned July 15 and her probable cause conference set for July 23, then July 30. Then it was set for Aug. 20. She retained an attorney and her probable cause conference was adjourned for discovery to Sept. 17.

Gerlad Kudakwashe Garaba

Gerlad Kudakwashe Garaba of Belleville is charged with domestic violence on July 27 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on July 29. Personal bond is \$1,000. A remote pretrial was set for Aug. 6 and then changed to Aug. 20. A jury trial has been set for Sept. 19.

Jon-Solomon Solomon Smith

Jon-Solomon Solomon Smith of Van Buren Township was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Aug. 16 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 19. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 27 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 3. Personal bond is \$5,000. There is to be no contact of any kind with the victim.

He also was video-arraigned in custody

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on charges of driving without a valid license on April 14, 2023 and on April 26, 2023. A show cause hearing is set for Sept. 4 on those charges. Personal bond is \$3,000 each.

Deandre Cortez Williams

Deandre Cortez Williams of Sumpter Township was arraigned Aug. 19 on charges of possession of firearms by a prohibited person, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, carrying a concealed weapon, two counts of felony firearms and operating a motor vehicle without security. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 27 and preliminary exam for Sept. 3. Bond is \$5,000/10%. The defendant was labeled a habitual offender – second offense notice.

Stephen Boyd Wiley

Stephen Boyd Wiley of Belleville was arraigned on Aug. 25 on charges of assault with a deadly weapon (felonious assault) and assault or assault and battery on Aug. 23 in Sumpter Township. He was assigned bond of \$5,000/10% and is to have no contact with the complaining parties and not return to the address of the incident. Probable cause conference was set for Sept. 3 and preliminary exam for Sept. 10.

Paul David Tansey

Paul Davis Tansey of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 26 on a charge of domestic violence on Aug. 25 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond is \$1,000. A pretrial is set for Sept. 10.

Jeremy Mark Watson

Jeremy Mark Watson of Sumpter Township is charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated-3rd offense on Jan. 28, 2024 in the city of Belleville. The charges were entered April 7, 2025 and a warrant was issued. His arraignment/probable cause conference was held July 9. His probable cause conference was held Aug. 6 and personal bond is \$5,000. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 27. He is to be screened for sobriety court. Another probable cause conference was set for Sept. 17.

Vincent Christopher Wegienka

Vincent Christopher Wegienka, 32, of Van Buren Township is charged with domestic violence and child abuse-fourth degree on July 20 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on July 23 on a bench warrant. Bond is \$2,000/10%. Remote pretrial was set for Aug. 6. A final pretrial was set for Aug. 27 and the victim

must be present. Sentencing is set for Oct. 6.

Cody Ray Roberts

Cody Ray Roberts of Westland is charged with assault to do great bodily harm less than murder, domestic violence, driving while license suspended, and malicious destruction of property on Aug. 13 in Sumpter Township. He was arraigned out-county on Aug. 16 and personal bond set at \$75,000. A probable cause conference was held Aug. 27 and a preliminary exam set for Sept. 3.

Jon-Solomon Solomon Smith

Jon-Solomon Solomon Smith of Sumpter Township is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Aug. 16 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 19 and personal bond is \$5,000. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 27 and a preliminary examination on Sept. 3. A notice of bond violation was put in the court file.

Devin Michael Vaught

Devin Michael Vaught of Van Buren Township is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Aug. 11 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned Aug. 14 and personal bond set at \$1,000. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 27 and again on Sept. 10 and a preliminary exam for Sept. 17.

Rodney Francis Pfeiffer

Rodney Francis Pfeiffer of Van Buren Township and previously of Sumpter Township was scheduled for his probable cause conference on July 16 on a charge of domestic violence-third offense notice in Sumpter Township on July 4. He was arraigned out-county on July 6 and personal bond was set at \$50,000. The preliminary exam was held Aug. 27 and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

Madison Ray Welzin

Madison Ray Welzin of Sumpter Township is charged with possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on Dec. 13, 2024 in Sumpter Township. A warrant was entered into LEIN on June 18. He was video-arraigned in custody on Aug. 29. Personal bond was set at \$1,000. His probable cause conference is Sept. 10 and preliminary exam is Sept. 17.

Roland Juno Yharbrough

Roland Juno Yharbrough of Romulus was video-arraigned in custody on Sept. 2 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, felonious assault, weapons, and

domestic violence on Aug. 29 in Van Buren Township.

Erick Xavier Rosado

Erick Xavier Rosado of Van Buren

Township was video-arraigned in custody on Sept. 2 on a charge of domestic violence on Aug. 30 in Van Buren Township.

Belleville DDA gets \$96,210 back from Victory Park grant

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Belleville Downtown Development Authority treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams told the DDA at its regular meeting on Aug. 20 that she was very happy to report they got a big check.

She distributed a report from city financial consultant Kelly Howey of Plante Moran explaining the \$96,210 deposit from the city's account into the DDA account.

She said the city got two checks from Wayne County and both checks were

deposited in the city's account and earmarked for the DDA. They were for the Victory Park grant for park upgrades, which was arranged by former city manager Dave Robinson.

The DDA also discussed at length, DDA director Steve Jones' report on replacing the water truck used to water plants throughout the district for seven days a week, six to six-and-a-half hours a day, for the five-month growing season.

He said the truck died over the weekend

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Belleville DDA

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but was able to be put back in use. He said they need to replace it.

At the July 16 meeting, Jones gave a recommendation to buy a replacement truck from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Walled Lake. The 2019 Ram 3500 Tradesman 4WD was \$32,650.

At that time he was directed to contact Atchinson Ford in Van Buren Township to get a price on a truck. He said he had looked on the Atchinson website but they didn't have a truck on the website that would work.

At the Aug. 20 meeting, he reported Atchinson had a new 4WD F250 truck available at \$57,420 and Craig Atchinson said he would cut the price to \$50,000.

A split of 50-50 or 60-40 with the city was suggested.

Mayor Ken Voigt suggested the DDA could buy it with a lease and designate it as a DDA-only vehicle.

Treasurer Richardson-Williams suggested having a conversation with the city about the truck.

Mike Gatteri said they are almost to the end of the watering season and couldn't they just stop watering if the truck isn't working?

Jones said they water to the end of September into November.

DDA vice chairman Chris Donley said the DDA usually gets hand-me-down vehicles to use.

Mayor Voigt said it's a conversation the city can have. He said the city has made significant cuts and saved money and is no longer without funds. He said this issue will be on the city's Sept. 2 agenda.

Mayor Voigt said the beautiful hanging double flower baskets in the city were

recently commented on by the America in Bloom team who said they were the best hanging baskets they've ever seen.

In other business at the 34-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Gatteri suggest a program be set up to encourage holiday decorations by businesses and earmark money for awards and money to help pay for the lights. He said Rochester lights are great. It was suggested a large cash prize would get the attention of businesses. Mayor Voigt asked that a proposal be put together and brought back to the DDA;

- Heard Kathleen Springer report her social media team serving the DDA goes into businesses to promote its projects. But, Chris Donley said, not to take offense, but he would like to see a DDA representative going into businesses to encourage them to take part in promotions and to participate in the contest. He said people tell him they don't check their emails;

- Heard mayor Voigt urge those present to go to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy public hearing from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Wayne County Community College to voice their concerns on the Wayne Disposal toxic landfill in Van Buren

Township. He said they want to make it a bigger mess than it already is. He later noted that Wayne Disposal has taken Judge Cox's recent decision on the issue to the Court of Appeals;

- Heard Donley say they want to make the landfill almost twice as high and, "It's going to be our landmark." He said when people drive down I-94 and decide where to get off and have lunch, they won't want to be near that landfill. "We need to all fight this," he said;

- Heard city councilwoman Julie Kissel report the DDA offices in city hall have been cleared to be ready for the move to the new city hall; and

- Heard Donley say he would like to see on the next agenda a mailing list of all the businesses in the DDA district and the first draft of a DDA newsletter. The next meeting is Sept. 17.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 15 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed

- Wednesday, Sept. 17 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.

- Monday, Sept. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 357 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 24:

0046 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
0712 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1112 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Cedar St.
1155 – animal complain, Borgman Ave.
1227 – larceny, Vernon St.
1305 – private property/property damage accident, Holly Ln.
1327 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1541 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
1602 – assist fire dept., Stonebridge Dr.
xxxx – welfare check, Pebblebrook Dr.
2014 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

1850 – assist citizen, Vernon St.
1901 – missing person, Senate St.
1907 – assist other dept., Marlowe Ave.
1911 – assist fire dept., Lake Crest Dr./S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Aug. 25:

0135 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0224 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
0344 – 911 welfare check, Tavistock Dr.
1001 – welfare check, N. Sadie Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1056 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1312 – domestic, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1340 – missing person, Marlowe Ave.
1410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1428 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1537 – mental subject, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Independence Ln.
1625 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1949 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
2022 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2037 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
2128 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2220 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 26:

0009 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0052 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0207 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
0229 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
0439 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0651 – welfare check, E. Adams
1124 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1140 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Michigan Ave.
1211 – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1239 – trespassing, Van Born Rd.
1433 – fraud, Florence Ln.
1532 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1657 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.
1532 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1657 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.
1840 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1753 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1925 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1913 – welfare check, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1924 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1948 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.
2134 – welfare check, Victoria St.
2219 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
2207 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2249 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2246 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pinewood Ln.

Wednesday, Aug. 27:

0125 – welfare check, Spruce Ln.
0352 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0420 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S Schooner Dr.
0709 – animal complaint, Nautica Dr.
1258 – welfare check, Arthur St.
1331 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1437 – court detail, Tyler Rd.
1528 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1557 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1621 – misc. complaint, Ironwood Dr.
1651 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog xxxx – assist citizen, Winchester St.
1823 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1907 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.

2012 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Ct.
2046 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
2103 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2143 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
2223 – juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 28:

xxxx – repossession, Andover Dr.
0255 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
0512 – assist citizen, Ecorse/I-275
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beacon Trl.
0739 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0749 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0815 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0917 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
0937 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
1155 – civil matter, Berkdale Dr.
1255 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ayres Ave.

1412 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Chinkapin Dr.

1432 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1453 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1512 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1536 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Tompkins St.

1542 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Tompkins St.

1549 – welfare check, Daisy Blvd.
1556 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1644 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1726 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1726 – suspicious perso/vehicle/circumstance, Barkley St.

2001 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2105 – welfare check, Victoria St.
2225 – parking complaint, Morton Taylor/Bristol
2326 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.

Friday, Aug. 29:

0109 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.
0338 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0829 – parking complaint, Tompkins St.
0836 – parking complaint, Milton Dr.
0924 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
0928 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0934 – juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.

1339 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
1617 – misc. complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1738 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also, on this log are 232 traffic stops, 19 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 24:

1226 – property damage accident, Charles St.
1516 – follow up by officer, Chinkapin
1736 – property check-Belleville, Owen St.
1801 – noise complaint, Rowland St.
1849 – assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd.
2211 – all misc complaints, N. Edgemont Ave & E. Huron River Drive

2219 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St

Monday, Aug. 25:

0151 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Bell Cove
0358 – assist other dept, S Biggs Ave
1224 – assist other dept, Anaheim
1803 – animal complaint, Main St.
1820 – trespassing, Main St.
1929 – disorderly, Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 26:

0151 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
0650 – property damage accident, South St. & Industrial Park Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 27:

0930 – assist fire dept, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1032 – property check-Belleville, W. Columbia Ave.
1210 – property check-Belleville, S. Edgemont Ave.
1620 – motorist assist, E. liberty St. & Main St.
1641 – neighbor troub, Carmell St.
1715 – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave.
1942 – mental subj, Main St.

2255 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St.

Thursday, Aug. 28:

1233 – domestic, Santa Clara St.
1634 – property check-Belleville, Owen St.
1719 – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave
0050 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0221 – suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1024 – alarm intrusion, Sumpter Rd.
1220 – assist fire dept, W. Columbia Ave.
1523 – assist fire dept, S. Industrial Park Dr.

There are 43 reports on this week's log, 17 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 17:

0000 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0509 – 911 hangup, Knollwood Dr.
0715 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd
0850 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis
0857 – death investigation, 18000 Martinsville
1331 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
1332 – ORV complaint, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1548 – 911 hangup, Wyoming St.
1605 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1611 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/California
1839 – fail t22o stop, Willis/Rawsonville
1844 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1919 – welfare check, Birch Ct.
1947 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
2216 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty
2240 – welfare check, Arizona St.
2251 – 911 hangup, Birch Ct.
2342 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

Monday, Aug. 18:

0115 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
0629 – alarm, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0703 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1008 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1115 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris
1237 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter Rd. / Willis Rd.

1359 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd
1508 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1517 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1544 – family trouble, Ohio St.
1709 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1720 – property damage accident, Carleton West Rd./Willow Rd.

1757 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – damage to property, Wyoming St.
1946 – personal injury accident, Elwell/Wear
2052 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay
2058 – family trouble, Wyoming St.
2106 – follow-up investigation, Wyoming
2237 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis
2254 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
2305 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

0455 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty
0953 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1027 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1542 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1742 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow
1742 – fire dept. assist, 8800 bl. Rawsonville
1820 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.

1830 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1956 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2043 – larceny report, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

0246 – assault, Mulberry Dr./Tamarack Dr.
1110 – larceny report, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1216 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. 1813 --Dunn Rd.
1314 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1550 --larceny report, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1706 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1935 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1950 – animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
2040 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2102 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2206 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2222 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 21:

0118 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
0230 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
0255 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0354 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
0853 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Wear
0859 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1045 – neighbor dispute, Timberlane Dr.
1220 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1342 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1355 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1447 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
1504 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1542 – family trouble, Rawsonville Rd.
1756 – traffic complaint/hazard, Magnolia
1949 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2039 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
2103 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2109 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.

Friday, Aug. 22:

0011 – motorist assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0013 – civil matter, Indiana St.
0618 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Clark
0639 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0751 – assist other agency, Clark Ln./Judd
0859 – follow-up investigation, Ohio St.
1010 – fraud complaint, Virginia
1019 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.
1445 – suspicious person, Florida St.
1532 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1759 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1826 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
1945 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

2030 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Karr
2201 – disorderly person, 25000 bl. Elwell
2331 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 23:

0158 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis
0218 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter
0236 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
0252 – traffic flee & elude, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

0301 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1238 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1620 – family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1631 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
1708 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1813 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

1843 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1911 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1927 – follow-up investigation, Nevada St.
1937 – juvenile matter, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2049 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow
2103 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2115 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2349 – assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week's log were 140 patrol checks, 44 traffic stops and 11 misc. details.

Sunday, Aug. 24:

0147 – suspicious circumstance, Idaho St.
1109 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1150 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Arkona
1318 – animal complaint, Wayside Dr.
1530 – 911 hangup, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1607 – breaking & entering report, Arizona St.
1614 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1817 – fire dept. assist, Willis/Sherwood
2105 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2110 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Clay
 2143 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, Aug. 25:
 0047 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
 0130 – assault, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
 0712 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 0738 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0937 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1248 – civil matter, California St.
 1428 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Prince Rd.
 1458 – welfare check, Colorado St.
 1504 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
 1654 – neighbor assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1830 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
 1850 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1916 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd
 2011 – felony assault, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 26:
 0538 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
 1042 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1232 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1313 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
 1439 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville
 1750 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1756 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1927 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 2135 – 911 hangup, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2149 – family trouble, Butternut Dr.
 2231 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
 2247 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2313 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2353 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 27:
 0108 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Judd
 0321 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
 0353 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1000 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1118 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1617 – traffic complaint/hazard, Wyoming St.
 1649 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Traskos
 1719 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1730 – alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2010 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 28:
 0018 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Bemis
 0606 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
 0915 – follow-up investigation, out of township
 0949 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1300 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1412 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1513 – mental health call, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1517 – larceny report, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1536 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty
 1719 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Judd
 1818 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
 2032 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 2343 – suspicious person, Birch Dr.

Friday, Aug. 29:
 0012 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
 0021 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0111 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
 0236 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
 0534 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Sumpter
 0535 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
 0727 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 0950 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
 0957 – civil matter, Washington St.
 1002 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Elwell Rd.
 1039 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
 1145 – family trouble, Oregon St.
 1153 – suspicious vehicle, 8800 bl. Rawsonville
 1345 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Willow Rd.
 1403 – found property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
 1553 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 30:
 None released yet for Aug. 30.

On this week's log there also were 100 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops and ten misc. details.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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."

• **Thursday, Sept. 11** – Classic Movie Series will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The movie will be the Marx Brothers in "Duck Soup". Brought to you by the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Friday, Sept. 12** – Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, offer a steak fry at 4 p.m. until gone. Live band Bonnie & the Working Girls at 7:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 12** – Eagle Riders Summer Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 4 p.m. until gone. Public welcome. \$20 per meal, includes massive baked potato, salad and dessert. Afterward is live music, free to members and \$5 for visitors.

• **Friday, Sept. 12; Saturday, Sept. 13; Sunday, Sept. 14** – "The Odd Couple" is being presented at the Black Box Theater at Van Buren Township Community Center by a local cast. Friday and Saturday is 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets in advance for \$15-\$20 at www.vbtvbc.ludus.com or at the community center desk or (734) 699-8921.

• **Friday, Sept. 12** – It's Trivia Night at the Romulus VFW, 7-9 p.m. You can have up to, but no more than six at a table for your team. You can bring snacks for your table. Prizes based on participation. It's general knowledge trivia. \$10 per person.

• **Saturday, Sept. 13** – Mental Health Fun Day, noon – 4 p.m., Romulus Downtown Historical Park. Yard games and art, live music, raffles, vendors, face painting, relaxation zones, comfort food.

• **Saturday, Sept. 13** – Take Flight at Sumpter Media Center open house at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the Belleville Area District Library for a fun filled day at the Sumpter Media Center. Plus Michigan Avian Experience with birds of prey at 1 to 2 p.m.

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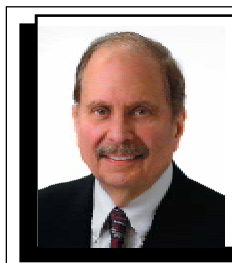
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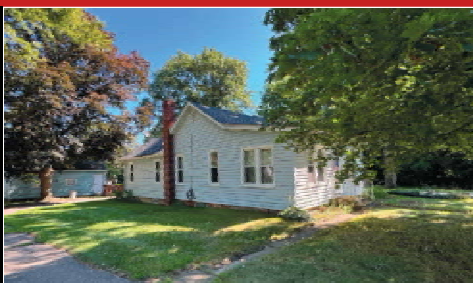
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