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Court Watching:

VBT charges dismissed against BYC

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Angela Mannarino, prosecuting attorney for Van Buren Township, on July 15, told 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin that the township has come to a resolution with the Belleville Yacht Club on a criminal misdemeanor charge of violation of technical requirement.

At the remote pretrial, the BYC's retained attorney Leanna Belcher said the two sides agreed the charges will be dismissed and everything finalized by Nov. 15, or another stop-work order could be put on the property.

Judge Martin said the dismissal is pending final approval by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) and Van Buren Township by Nov. 15 or the ticket may be reissued.

Scott Jones, resident agent of the BYC, a private men's club, was virtually present

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On Aug. 31 during the Belleville High School open house, a small group gathered at the entry to the school property to protest the recent mask mandate for the schools. School Supt. Pete Kudlak had allowed the group to stand on school property to get them away from busy W. Columbia Avenue. Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson was present with a group of reserve officers standing by in case they were needed. The peaceful protest was the idea of BHS student Kayla Flange and she was accompanied by her father and mother, Joseph and Kelley Flange, along with Stacey Updyke and her daughter Mia. Another woman joined them, but her name is not available. The group stayed there about two hours. A counter-demonstration, across the school driveway from the first group, was in place about a half hour. It was made up of BHS student Rachel Riley and her mother, who were in favor of the masks. Joseph Flange said the protestors plan another demonstration at the Wayne County Health Department at 8 a.m. Sept. 13 and at the Van Buren Public Schools school board meeting at 7 p.m. the same day.

Van Buren Township Board approves 2020 annual financial audit

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At the beginning of its July 20 zoom meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Plante Moran on its 2020 financial audit.

"This was a clean audit," said Michelle Lewis of Plante Moran at the end of the presentation.

David Helisek, also of Plante Moran, reported VBT got the highest level of audit, an "unmodified opinion."

The general fund revenue climbed from \$17,192,000 in 2019 to \$18,100,000,

Helisek said, explaining \$690,000 was from federal funds and property taxes brought in 3.8% more at \$7.6 million. The state shared revenue remained at \$2.9 million.

There was a decrease in landfill royalties of \$646,000 due to less tipping fees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expenditures were down, from \$17,175,000 in 2019 to \$17,071,000 in 2020 due to COVID.

The general fund balance went from \$7.5 million in 2019 to \$8.5 million in 2020, with \$6.978 million of that unassigned. He

said the fund balance is 40% of the general fund.

The water and sewer fund showed tap-ins were down and operational expenses went down.

Helisek said the police department was outstanding in getting information to the auditors online, instead of in person, which is "an unusual heavier lift." He also complimented the treasurer's and clerk's offices.

He said the township is moving in the right direction as far as legacy costs and retiree health care. He said pensions were 72.57% funded on Dec. 31, 2019 and when the summary comes out for 2020 VBT's percentage probably will be around 80%.

VBT's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability funding went from 11.28% in 2017 to just under 30% in 2020, aiming for 40%, Helisek said.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara pointed out there was a \$9 million increase in one year for the fund balance.

"How many times does it change in one year by \$9 million?" he asked. "How many times have you seen that?" he asked Helisek.

"First time in quite some time," he said.

McNamara referred to the analysis statement on page five of the report: "During the year the net position (the portion of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations) increased by approximately \$9.5 million for the governmental activities from 2019."

Also, "Regarding the township's total net position, business-type activities comprise \$75.6 million, and governmental activities comprise approximately \$14.5 million."

In another part of the audit, Helisek

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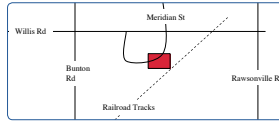
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Court watching

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representing the yacht club. At the April 15 remote pretrial, when Jones said he was representing the BYC without an attorney, Judge Brian Oakley told Jones that corporate defendants need an attorney.

At that court session, Jones asked to speak with an MIDC (Michigan Indigent Defense Commission) attorney and went into a zoom breakout room with Belcher, the court attorney. Subsequently, she was hired as a retained attorney in the case.

After they returned from the break-out room, Belcher advised the judge that the BYC has submitted paperwork to the state and she will forward that paperwork to Mannarino.

The BYC, at 831 E. Huron River Dr., was arraigned Feb. 4 on a criminal misdemeanor charge of violation of technical requirement.

This has to do with new docks that were being installed 75 feet out into Belleville Lake on Oct. 6 in violation of Van Buren Township ordinances and other building setback violations. A stop-work order was put on the docks, a violation written, and a complaint filed with Michigan EGLE, who

also had not given a permit for the project.

Marjorie Venera Toins

On June 23, Judge Green adjourned the probable cause conference of Marjorie Venera Toins, 57, of Flint to June 30 because defense attorney Nancy Richards of the Neighborhood Defender Service just got the file and needed time to read the evidence.

On June 30, Richards said her client wished to waive her preliminary exam. At the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on July 14, a calendar conference was set for July 23. On that date a pretrial was set for Aug. 20. On Aug. 20 the case was dismissed.

Toins had been charged with cashing checks for \$500 or more with insufficient funds on Nov. 16 and Nov. 18, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Sergio Luis Bellew

Scott Allen Hall

The probable cause conference of Sergio Luis Bellew, 26, of River Rouge, was adjourned from June 23 to July 7 in an effort to get his case in line with his codefendant, Scott Allen Hall, who had just been picked up on an outstanding warrant and incarcerated.

They are charged with robbing the

Belleville Chase bank on April 16. Bellew also is charged with robbing a bank in Redford Township on April 15. Hall, 34, of Port Huron is accused of driving the getaway cars in both robberies.

Bellew was present before Judge Green on June 23 from the Wayne County Jail. His preliminary exam in 17th District Court in Redford Township had been set for June 29 and then reset for Aug. 17. Hall's preliminary exam is at the same time.

Bellew and Hall were before Judge Martin on July 7, both from the Wayne County Jail and a live preliminary exam on the bank robbery charges was set for noon on Sept. 29.

Kevin Laverne Rowley

The live preliminary exam for Kevin Laverne Rowley, Jr., 24, of Wayne was adjourned from its June 23 scheduled date to Sept. 8 because the Belleville police officer in charge, Cpl. Kristin Faull, was not available due to training.

Rowley is charged with unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle and receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle on June 1 when he drove off in a Belleville police car. He is free on personal bond and has been ordered to take his prescribed medication and nothing else and

stay with his father in Wayne.

Nacole Lynn Booth

Nacole Lynn Booth, 46, of Sumpter Township, is charged with assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on June 4 in Sumpter Township.

She is free on \$10,000 personal bond. On June 30, her defense attorney Daniel Randazzo said he needs discovery, so Judge Martin adjourned the probable cause conference to July 14. On July 14, Booth waived her preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 28, which was then reset for Aug. 12. A final conference now is set for Oct. 12.

Julius Robert Chatman

A preliminary exam was held before Judge Martin on July 19 for Julius Robert Chatman, 35, of Detroit. He was then bound over for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Aug. 2. A calendar conference was set for Aug. 17 and the final conference is Oct. 26. Chatman is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Jan. 21 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$10,000 personal bond and is ordered not to return to an address in Parkwood.

VBT

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warned the township about cyberattacks. He said he had nothing to report, "but cyberattacks are relentless."

McNamara said township budget sessions are coming up and he is going to propose a budget line item of \$100,000 to hire a firm to help with cybersecurity and IT.

McNamara also said recently, before he left for vacation, he called Helisek and asked him if it wasn't time for VBT to be re-rated by Standard and Poors. He listed the improvements since the last rating and, "I think we're in a good position for moving the rating up."

In other business at the two-hour-and-44-minute meeting on July 20, the board:

- Was introduced to the team selected to design and build the new community center. Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud introduced Robert Stempien of Plante Moran Cresa and Jordan Sirhan of Frank Rewald and Sons. She said there were eight bids for construction manager and the committee selected Frank Rewald. At the next meeting the board will be asked to approve this selection and allocate \$19,740 for pre-construction services in 2021 for work during the design phase and then 2.5% of the cost of the work. When the bids come in, a guaranteed price of work will be determined, she said. Sirhan will be the project manager and he said his company has been in business for

over 100 years and built the Dodge estates in Bloomfield Hills. The company has experience with building gyms and black box theaters and has worked with the Detroit Athletic Club, the Neighborhood Club in Grosse Pointe, and is building a practice facility for the Piston G League;

- Heard Renaud give the schedule for construction of the community center. With the approval of the construction manager in two weeks, they will come back at the beginning of November with the design for approval. Then they will get construction documents and bidding will be from the end of February to the end of March. Bids will be let in April 2022 and they can break ground. Construction will conclude in April 2023;

- Approved on a 6-1 vote the \$165,000 bid of Davenport Construction for the Belleville Area Museum's Connector Project. Director Renaud said there were two bids opened July 1 and the low bid of \$95,000 from Steve's General Contracting did not capture the whole project. Davenport's bid of \$182,050 was negotiated down to \$165,000. Trustee Reggie Miller cast the only no vote, saying the original cost had been estimated at \$100,000, then the estimate was not over \$150,000. "Now it's bid on at \$180,000 and then negotiated down to \$160,000," she said. "That's exorbitant. Too much money." There is \$25,000 in grant funding, but \$150,000 is required from fund balance, she said. Clerk Leon Wright said he had questioned also why the bid was so high

and was told architectural work is required and Davenport has an architect on its staff. Director of Public Services Matthew Best said this is the first time they got a bid from a builder on the design presented by Museum Director Katie Dallos. It's a drawing from 2019. Since then there's been COVID, a run on products, and higher cost. McNamara said it came in at \$200,000 and that's why they took out the skylight;

- Discussed the museum and whether the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township could be asked to help with the cost of the project. McNamara said the township has one footprint in the City of Belleville and with the library and plaza, it will be in the center of festivals and he wants it to look good. Trustee Frazier asked if the township could incorporate Belleville into it and McNamara said, under law, the City of Belleville could take over VBT, but the township cannot take over the city. "It's our building and we can do what we want," he said. "Call it the VBT museum," Frazier said. "We're paying the biggest share." McNamara said it's going to happen in the future. Treasurer Sharpy Budd said the general consensus is that the museum is VBT's, but they've got a little way to go;

- Approved the DTE Community Lighting Contract for Van Buren Park in the amount of \$34,000. Director Renaud said the existing lights along the entry to the park are in poor condition, with some of them broken. The township contacted DTE and they developed a lighting design, with bases, new LED lights, demolition,

and disposal and DTE will install the new poles and be responsible for maintenance. It will cost the township \$2,000 a year for operation. Director Renaud said they are talking about a Master Plan for Van Buren Park so they can get grants. She said for now they are just working with the existing lights and this project is expected to be done within 90 days. Director Best said the last light in the line of poles was knocked over when a truck tried a turn-around;

- Approved a not-to-exceed \$25,000 contract with Fishbeck engineers for a Water & Sewer Emergency Response Plan. Water & Sewer Director James Taylor said the EPA issued an order for a study to be done by Dec. 31;

- Approved adoption of the Michigan Township Association Principles of Governance, the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services, and Amendment No. 1 to the 2019-20 Intergovernmental Governmental Agreement with Wayne County Parks, increasing the grant amount from \$31,845 to \$64,277 for French Landing Park improvements; and

- Heard Steven Dark say, via zoom, that something has to be done about the abandoned bank next to Trilogy Apartments before it draws gangs. Best said they will look into that and see what they can do. Earlier Dark commented that he loved that the Van Buren Park lights were being replaced and he hoped they would put more lights on into the park.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Local event to mark 9/11, heroes

On Saturday the community will mark the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on America that killed about 3,000.

The somber morning of remembrances and prayers is the project envisioned by John Delaney, who organized a simple 9/11 memorial in 2018 that was based at Grace Lake Corporate Center and could be seen by those passing by on I-275.

In 2019 there was a ceremony at the Lunch Box restaurant in Belleville.

Last year was the year of the COVID and so no memorial was put on, but John looked forward to the 20th anniversary and dreamed up ways to make it significant.

Delaney is one of the officers of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, which mainly pays off the bonds it financed for Visteon Village. Visteon sold the complex to Sovereign Partners and now it is Grace Lake. The tax capture to pay off the bonds now is less than anticipated and so the township is lending the LDFA funds to help.

The LDFA is encouraging more development at Grace Lake to bring in more tax capture and wants the community to become familiar with the area. The group applauds Delaney's 9/11 project, but has no money to help.

Delaney's 9/11 memorial is from his heart and he has been putting a lot of effort into making it work. It will honor first responders from 14 departments, have tables for recruitments to first-responder jobs and education, and much more. We are grateful to Delaney for helping our community mourn 9/11.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

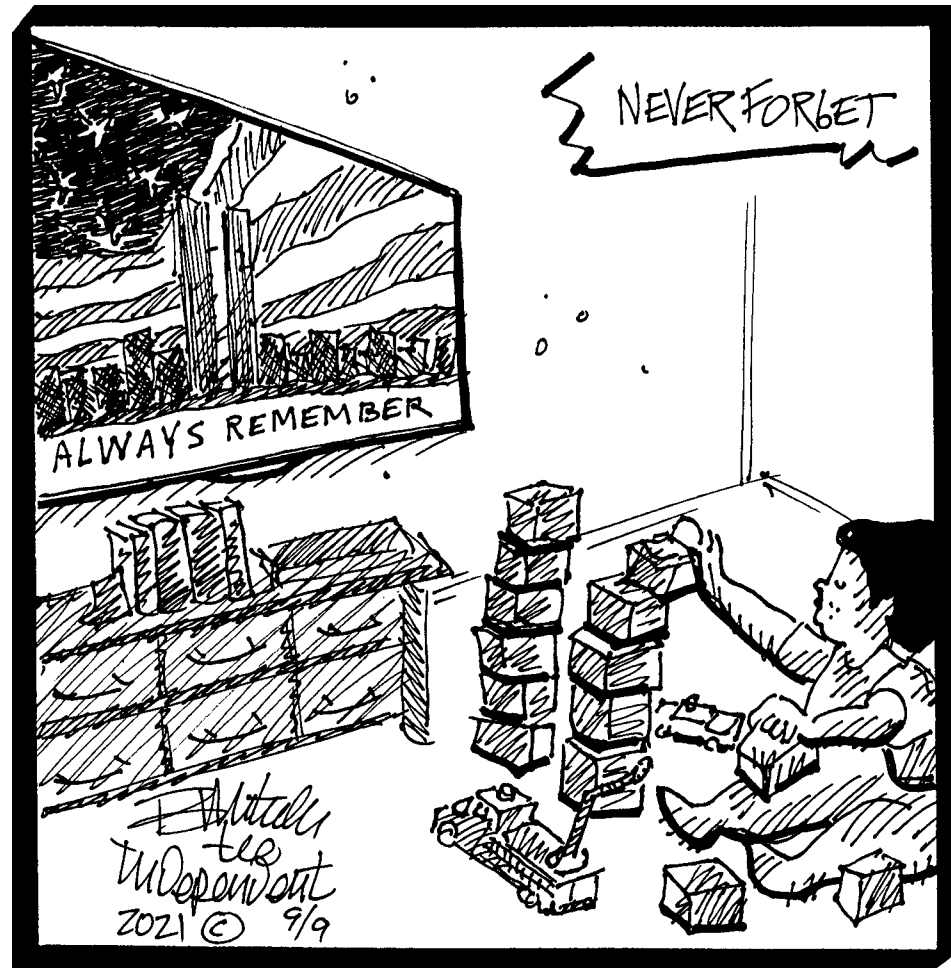
A reader brought in a picture on his phone to show me. It was a big, healthy hornets' nest on his garage door on Harris Road in Sumpter Township. He said recently he and his wife noticed the nest on the door to the garage that they rarely use. They've watched it grow and grow, he said. He said he would like to get rid of them, but his wife doesn't want to hurt them. He thinks when cold weather comes they won't be in the nest any more.

Dave Sauers of Van Buren Township called to inform everyone that Santa called him and there is no COVID in his shop at the North Pole and he and Mrs. Claus have their shots and so do all the elves. He said they are all busy making toys for Christmas.

Dave has been Santa's local helper for almost 40 years.

Before "Bugles Across America" started on Sunday, I walked along the shore of Belleville Lake to find the goats that had been cleaning up the overgrown park shoreline. Their temporary electric fence was a considerable distance down the street from the Veterans Memorial, so I had quite a hike. Their fenced-in area was around the corner, past the stop sign, and heading toward Brain Street. And, they were hard at work.

VFW member John Blackstone said he was in the area of the Pentagon that was hit during the 9/11 attack just a few days before it happened. And, the Air National Guard officer he had traveled with to get there was on the first plane allowed to take



off after the planes had all been grounded after the attack.

When he thinks about 9/11 he has a lot more to see in his memory than many of us. The special reports on 9/11 that are running all this week on various TV stations are bringing lots of previously unreported information of valor and pain.

On Labor Day, channel 2 news had a report on a herd of five goats who had escaped from a yard they had been hired to trim in Southfield. A woman said she had rented the goats and they got out through a faulty wooden fence. Southfield Police had been tracking them for more than a week and then on Monday a man reported some goats were eating his grape vines.

Southfield police said they had been trained to catch dogs, cats, bats, squirrels and other creatures, but didn't know how to round up the goats. They called the Macomb County Animal Control who were able to catch the goats at once and get them back to their home, on a farm near Milan.

Hmm. The Belleville goats are from Milan, too.

Last week someone pasted a yellow note on our newspaper box in front of our office building, along with part of a letter seeking funds.

The note read: "Please help these children and families. They are in dire need. No one

on this earth should suffer like they are suffering. May God move your heart to help. Smile, God loves you."

The accompanying letter seeking funds was signed by Sister Helen, SMI, Mission Director, and she told of children who were starving and needing medicine in Africa. She is affiliated with Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Nyeri (www.msomi.org).

We had to take all the paper pasted on our box off because our readers were unable to see the contents of the paper box and were coming in and asking us where the new paper was.

Joseph Flange said his daughter's protest against the mask mandate was made easier by the professional attitudes of Belleville's Police Chief Dave Robinson, who stood by with reserve officers to help if there was a problem, and School Supt. Pete Kudlak who allowed the protestors to be on school property, rather than next to the busy street in front of Belleville High School.

When I complimented Chief Robinson on how professional the response from police had been, he replied, "This is not my first rodeo." Chief Robinson retired from the Dearborn Police Department and as I think back there have been many protests in Dearborn that were much larger and louder than this one.





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DTE steps up tree-trimming in Michigan

To our customers:

The most severe weather patterns we have ever seen in Michigan hit us this summer and impacted the level of power reliability we provide to many of you. We know this is not acceptable, so DTE has taken action to attack a major source of storm damage in order to improve reliability for our customers.

We are increasing our investment in tree-trimming efforts with a \$70 million tree-trim surge over the next 12 months that will help combat weather-related power outages. This investment is on top of the \$190 million we currently spend on tree-trimming every year. This plan will not affect your bills. The investment will be used to secure more crews – nearly 300 more tree trimmers over our current plan – and equipment to remove trees and trim branches away from power lines.

As we look at our data from this past nine weeks, we can see that trees are responsible for nearly all the time many of you have spent without power during the extreme-weather events of this summer. Our electric service area experienced five tornadoes and eight storms with tropical force wind gusts of 39 to 74 miles per hour. High winds and extreme moisture in the ground uprooted trees, which pulled down wires and poles, causing extensive damage to our equipment. For example, DTE crews replaced 450 broken poles as a result of the Aug. 11 catastrophic storm that caused more than 500,000 of you to lose power.

We know that trimming trees has the biggest impact on your power reliability because in areas where tree trimming is complete, communities have experienced, on average, 60% fewer outages.

Just over a week ago, I committed to you that DTE will do better and this is one way that we will. This plan is in addition to our current tree-trim program, which means we'll be able to get to more of you, faster.

The new plan commits us to:

- Accelerating tree-trimming work for the communities hardest hit by recent storms;
- Providing additional funds to our ongoing tree-trimming program, resulting in an additional 3,500 line-miles of trees trimmed. We have already trimmed 20,000 miles more aggressively, which is almost one time around the world; and
- Increasing our tree-trim workforce by 30%.

We understand the beauty and environmental benefit that trees bring to your homes and businesses. Our arborists and tree-trim teams will work with you when there are trees on your property that impact power lines to ensure we not only improve reliability but also keep as much of the tree's integrity in place as possible. ... As part of our commitment to the environment and in partnership with ReLeaf and the State of Michigan, over the

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Sept. 10, Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12** – Buster Foundation annual yard sale at 41720 Savage Road, corner of Lenmoore, in Van Buren Township. Times are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. To earn funds to rescue pit bull and bully breed dogs.

• **Saturday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 12** – Belleville citywide yard sales.

• **Saturday, Sept. 11** – Van Buren Township is hosting a 20th-anniversary commemorative event to honor all the victims of the 9/11 attacks. They also are honoring local first responders at the event held at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Dr. It starts at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. with a prayer vigil, bell ringing, and a moment of silence at 9:37 a.m., when the first plane struck the Pentagon 20 years ago. Open to the public.

• **Saturday, Sept. 11** – Gospel Fest at the Sumpter Community Center pavilion, 23501 Sumpter Rd., 1-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Monday, Sept. 13** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 14** – "State of the Community" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a gourmet luncheon at Angel Food Catering at 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr., sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Top governmental representatives of the city of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships will speak. Open to the public at \$35 per seat, with reservations for whole tables at reduced rates. (734) 697-7151; info@bellevilleareachamber.org

• **Saturday, Sept. 18** – Vendor Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center's pavilion, 23501 Sumpter Rd., rain or shine. Information: 461-9373.

• **Saturday, Sept. 18** – Classic Car Show at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The fundraiser for the church will feature a DJ and lunch available: hotdogs, chips, and drink, \$5; sloppy joes, chips, and drink, \$5; assortment of homemade pies, \$3 per slice.

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Belleville Area Museum reopens with exhibits, October events

The Belleville Area Museum at 405 Main St. in Belleville, reopened at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and are subject to change in December due to the holidays.

"We're so excited to open our doors once again," said Museum Director Katie Dallos. "We have missed you all and can't wait to see everyone back at the museum and at our fall events."

Current displays include a Women's Suffrage and Vintage Department Store Room. It includes a 19th Amendment flag along with hats and costumes to try on.

"Stop by and keep your eyes open for the salad hat," said Director Dallos. "You'll know it when you see it."

Admission into the museum is free, but donations are welcome. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. People can sign up for events by stopping by the museum or by calling (734) 697-1944.

The fall events include:

- Booville Bonfire Kickoff - Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m.;
- Harvest Fest - Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.;
- Sloop Cemetery tour - Saturday, Oct. 16, from 3 - 5 p.m., \$15 per person;
- Kids' Halloween Party - Sunday, Oct. 24, from 3 - 5 p.m.;
- Downtown Trick or Treat - Friday, Oct. 29, from 5 - 7 p.m.;
- Museum Holiday Decorating - Nov. 1-19, by appointment only;
- Belle Noelle Bonfire - Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 5 - 7 p.m.; and
- Santa Picture and Ornament Workshop - Saturday, Dec. 11 and 18 from noon - 4 p.m., \$2 per child.

"The BAM has been a meeting place for our community to come together for events while exploring the history of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Township," said VBT Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud. "We're looking forward to continuing that tradition and opening our doors once again."

For more information, volunteer opportunities, or event sponsorship details visit vanburen-mi.org/bam.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Sept. 9 - Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 13 - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 - Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. (Informational Meeting per PA 57). Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Frances Jane Hardesty

FRANCES JANE HARDESTY
(June 5, 1938 – August 16, 2021)

Frances Jane Hardesty, age 83, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021, at Regency at Canton, Canton, MI. She was born June 5, 1938, in Wayne County, MI, daughter of Theron Goodspeed & Mina Alene (Harrington) Wellwood. Fran enjoyed attending Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI. She enjoyed arts & crafts, especially at the senior center with friends. Maryann from the Sumpter Senior Center was instrumental in helping Fran with transportation; and was a dear friend. Fran was a wizard with numbers and dates. She loved animals and enjoyed feeding the birds outside her window. Fran loved to call family and friends on the phone and chat. Most of all, she loved Bob Barker and never missed an episode of The Price is Right. She was even able to meet Bob and received his autograph. Ms. Hardesty is survived by three children: Mary (Jerry) Hibbitts of Orlando, FL, Mina (Michael) Freitas of Corona Del Mar, CA, and Mark (Phil) Hardesty of Orlando, FL; granddaughter Sarah Hibbitts; sisters Hazel Bevard, Joyce Mears, and Phyllis Maruhn; brothers Theron Jr., Douglas, Earl and Clyde "Jerry" Wellwood; grand pups: Katie, Lily and Daisy, Mars and Pepper; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a sister Tonita "Toni" Bramer. According to her wishes, dignified cremation has taken place. The family will hold a celebration at her home at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to help defray expenses at <https://gofund.me/adbc01f0> and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Burial expenses, and more, provided for family of Blake Smith

A GoFundMe page was put out last week asking the public to help bury Blake Smith of Ypsilanti, the 11-year-old boy who died after being hit by a truck on Michigan Avenue at Denton Road in Van Buren Township on Aug. 31.

The boy's uncle, William Stone of Canton Township, set up the page to help his sister bury her son. He set a goal of \$10,000 and as of the morning of Sept. 6, almost \$18,000 had been donated.

One person donated \$600. There were comments on the web site about this accident being in the Denton neighborhood area and how residents could hear all the police vehicles, the ambulance, and other activities.

According to report, Blake was being driven to school by his mother and six-year-old sister at about 6:20 a.m. She was in the Michigan Avenue turnaround when her car died and they all got out of the vehicle. A driver using the turnaround didn't see them because there were no lights. He reported crashed into the mother and daughter and the mother was knocked unconscious.

That's when it appeared Blake ran for help across Michigan Avenue, where he was struck by a pickup truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The mother had injuries on her face and the little sister has broken ribs and bruises all over.

Both drivers involved stopped, according to reports.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 climb to 77

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew to 77 as of Monday, Sept. 6, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count. It has been at 76 since July 25.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,770 on Monday, Sept. 6, up from

3,739 on Monday, Aug. 30.

On Monday, Sept. 6, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,533 positive cases, 42 deaths; City of Belleville, 531 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 724 positive cases, 14 deaths.

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VBT hosts Halloween costume drive, giveaway

Van Buren Township's Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Halloween Costume Drive & Give-Away for children and teenagers, ages 0-18.

"We're extremely excited to be offering free costumes to area children. We're asking that everyone goes home and pulls out a few gently used costumes from their Halloween bins or better yet buy a few new costumes to donate to our event," said Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglein.

The Drive will be accepting new and gently used Halloween Costumes from Sept. 20 through Oct. 15. Costumes

can be dropped off at the Parks and Rec Department anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to construction please enter via the Senior Center or main entrance doors.

"We're expecting a great turnout for our Halloween Costume Give-Away," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "If you can help in any way please donate your gently used or new costumes to this event."

The Halloween Costume Give-Away will take place Oct. 18-22 from 4-6 p.m., each day. This event is free and open to the public. Please enter via the Senior Center Dining Hall doors, near the Parks & Rec entrance.

"Although our Recreation Department is closed due to construction of the new Community Center, we've been brainstorming new and exciting ways to bring our community together," said Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud. "I'm really excited to see what costumes we get, so we can give them away to area children."



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 Sept. 13 – Char Ralls
 Sept. 14 – Tom Mitchell
 Sept. 16 – Thomas Millard, Speed Gant
 Sept. 18 – David Sala
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 Sept. 22 – Jim Posegay, Luke White
 Sept. 24 – Gina Vanhouten
 Sept. 25 – Hugh McArthur

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Wayne County issues mandate for masking for everyone in the schools

Wayne County health officials on Friday, Aug. 27, issued an order mandating local school districts to require students and school staff to wear a face mask while in school and during school-sponsored indoor events, regardless of vaccination status.

The order takes effect immediately and applies to visitors at public, private and parochial educational settings, including daycare centers, throughout Wayne County.

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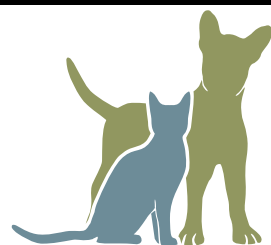
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Belleville City Councilman Ken Voigt, who is also a graphic artist, designed the "goat" T-shirt. He is donating all the proceeds from the shirt sale to the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. The shirts are available at Egan's Pub at 396 Main St. The shirts are \$20 each. John Juriga, a member of the Belleville Area District Library Board, is modeling his "goat" shirt.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Sept. 9:** Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Livonia Stevenson HS, 5 p.m.; JV Volleyball vs Livonia Stevenson HS, 5 p.m.; JV Football vs Livonia Churchill HS, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs Livonia Stevenson HS, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 14:** Boys Varsity Tennis vs Dearborn HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs John Glenn HS, 5:30 p.m.

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BHS Class of 1980 40th-year class reunion finally set for Oct. 16

The Belleville High School reunion for the class of 1980 is finally happening on Oct. 16, 2021.

The 40th reunion had to be rescheduled twice due to COVID restrictions and precautions.

"It was disappointing to have to reschedule the first time last September, but it was even more heartbreaking to have to move it a second time," said Cindy Thomas, one of the organizers of the event along with Sandy Washburn, Tonya (Ralls) Porzondek, Alisa Walls, and Susan Carlson. "We're excited to finally be moving forward. It's going to be a fun event."

The reunion is open to the classes of 1978-82, and they hope teachers and administrators will attend as it will be more fun to include all the people they went to high school with.

It will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC). Mingling starts at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by music and more fun with old friends.

Get tickets at the website: bellevilletigers1980.myevent.com and see old school photos, or email Bellevillereunion1980@gmail.com and join the Facebook group, "BHS Class of 80 Hosting 1978-82: Where Did 40 Years Go? Come Find Out!"

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The classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show" is the featured outdoor movie on Friday, Sept. 17, 8 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The event is free, however items related to the movie can be purchased at the event, such as bird seed, toast, newspaper, and squirt-gun packages. A cash bar for 21 and over will also be available. No outside items can be brought in. Costumes are encouraged. There will also be a 50-50 drawing for a "Rocky Horror Picture Show"-themed queen-sized

quilt.

The Belleville High School Tiger football team won its second game of the season last Thursday, a 49-0 victory over Dearborn in its home opener. The Tigers are currently ranked No. 2 in the state rankings (Super 10-Detroit Free Press) and will travel to Livonia Churchill this Friday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

The annual weekend Hawkfest that I've been to many times over the years at Lake Erie Metropark in Flat Rock has been downsized to individual attractions this month. September is Raptor Month here in Southeast Michigan where hundreds of thousands of birds of prey (hawks, eagles, and owls) make their trek southward, through the downriver flyway each year. These birds are counted by expert watchers as they come across the lake and the information is recorded to study population and migratory patterns. To celebrate, the Marshland Museum at Lake Erie Metropark will conduct live Bird of Prey programs the weekend of Sept. 18-19 featuring Michigan Raptor Biologist Joe Rogers on Saturday and Fancie Krawcke

of Michigan Avian Experience on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 per person and showtimes are available at the Metropark website at www.metroparks.com. Question-and-answer sessions will follow the performances. Be sure to check out the rest of the events scheduled for September and October.

The Belleville Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to a pair of ribbon-cutting events next week, starting with the opening of Health Markets at 51 Fifth St. in the City of Belleville on Monday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. It is located next to Village Barber. On Friday, Sept. 17, Van Buren Nutrition will cut its ribbon at 8:30 a.m. at its location near Planet Fitness on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Congratulations and welcome to the neighborhood.

The Chamber also officially announced details for Winterfest 2021 (Saturday, Dec. 2) titled "A Christmas Past, Present, and Future." The ice rink is slated to return, too, along with fireworks, a toboggan run, and Christmas Market. Applications for the 5:15 p.m. parade have started and event sponsorships are available at the chamber website at www.bellevilleareachamber.org. The early parade time will allow for an earlier fireworks show. Although the entire week-end festivities have yet to be approved by the Belleville City Council, planning for it is well under way.

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Sumpter finds new DPW Director, negotiates contract

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John Danci of Romulus has been selected as the new director of the Sumpter Township Department of Public Works. At its Aug. 24 zoom meeting, the township board of trustees unanimously approved negotiations to begin on his contract.

Supervisor Tim Bowman was absent from the meeting and the meeting was chaired by Trustee Matthew Oddy.

Township administrator Michelle Cole said the township posted for the position and there were "not a ton of applicants." She said DPW directors are in short supply, not only around Michigan, but throughout the nation.

She said they are lucky to find Danci, who

has six years of experience in public works and is state certified. The Human Resources Committee would like to start contract negotiations with him, she said.

Trustee Oddy said that evening's action would be to approve negotiations and the contract would come back to the board for approval.

Danci has worked for the City of Romulus since September 2015, currently as a water/sewer crew leader (as needed) and water/sewer crew operator since October 2019. He was a sign technician from July to October 2016 and water crew laborer September 2015 to October 2019.

Before that he worked for Arbor Valley Tree Services in Ann Arbor, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Ann Arbor Pioneer High School as head freshman/junior varsity baseball coach.

He earned a bachelor of science in Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology, & Motor Control from the University of

Michigan in December 2009. He also was a licensed realtor and now carries S1 and F5 Water Operator licenses from Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy).

Trustee Don LaPorte suggested as they negotiate that they put incentives into the job, so as he grows he earns more money. Trustee Peggy Morgan suggested having a year's evaluation before going for a long-term contract.

Oddy said this would be an at-will contract.

Township attorney Rob Young said that at-will contracts are at the pleasure of the board and severance packages have been removed. Any changes would be at the pleasure of the board, he said. Young said Danci is S-1 certified, which is the top certification in the state.

Cole said there would be on-the-job training required. She said he has a step above the Step 2 required from the state.

Morgan said Danci has a nice resume with lots of education.

In other business at the Aug. 24 meeting, the board:

- Approved the township recycling center program and volunteer schedule for September 2021 to August 2022;

- Approved changing ordinance section 16-30 for Parks and Recreation to allow kayaks and canoes at Banotai/Sherwood Pond, as approved at the Aug. 10 board meeting, pending Young's review of the insurance involved. Young said the changed ordinance will be published;

- Approved the Human Resource Committee's recommendation to hire one seasonal temporary DPW worker from September through November 2021. Trustee Morgan suggested advertising the job in the *Independent* so they will get more candidates for the position. She said this could be in addition to advertising in the on-line *Eagle*, which the township uses as its newspaper of record. Clerk Hurst said they would advertise but not hire before bringing it back to the board; and

- Heard Administrator Cole report that the Human Resource Committee, which she chairs, will consider changes to the job description for the township finance director, to replace her, and will bring it back to the board before posting.

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Sunday, Aug. 29:

0813 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lancaster Dr.
0925 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1025 – 911 welfare check, Marlowe Ave.
1029 – fraud, Sonrisa St.
1158 – animal complaint, E. Main St.
1233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1238 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1245 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1350 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1422 – malicious destruction of property, Sheldon
1500 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1526 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1537 – fraud, E. Archwood Dr.
1555 – misc. complaint, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
1607 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1711 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1716 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Prairiegrass Ct.

1740 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1801 – assist other dept., W. I-94/rest area
1833 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Savage
1840 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
2040 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2129 – lake complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2147 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
2229 – property damage accident, Alden Ave.
2233 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Aug. 30:

0707 – found property/child, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
0713 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
0838 – abandoned auto, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0958 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.
1010 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1059 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1129 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
1203 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Renton/Riggs
1242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kent Ln.
1337 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1340 – parking complaint, Stamford Rd. / N. Cumberland Dr.
1446 – traffic offense, Jackson Ln.
1446 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1503 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1509 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.
1555 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1719 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./I-275
1731 – larceny, Union St.
1759 – fraud, Alden Ave.

1841 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1851 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
2053 – road hazard, Huron River Dr./Hannan Rd.
2054 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 31:

0621 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave.
0647 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
0717 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
1202 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1228 – mental subject, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir
1406 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1503 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.
1526 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1702 – malicious destruction of property, Charles
1706 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1729 – animal complaint, Borgman Rd.
1758 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1803 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2114 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
2123 – noise complaint, Winchester St.
2147 – juvenile complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 1:

0558 – malicious destruction of property, Rose Blvd.
0601 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

0702 – malicious destruction of property, Rose Blvd.
0709 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0914 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0948 – property damage accident, Yost/Belleville
1044 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1122 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave
1125 – found property/child, Old Denton Rd.
1141 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1149 – fraud, Van Buren St.
1230 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1300 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1355 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Lohr
1409 – assist citizen, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1517 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1542 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1617 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1639 – animal complaint, Old Michigan Rd.
1656 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1704 – property damage accident, Lohr/Martz
1857 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1938 – traffic offense, Hull Rd.
2106 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2208 – suspicious person/vehicle, Freedom Way

Thursday, Sept. 2:

0148 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0349 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
0711 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1024 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1038 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park
1109 – court detail, Monroe Ct.
1112 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1155 – assist other dept., State St.
1206 – 911 welfare check, State St.
1236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Stephanie Dr.
1349 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
1545 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1606 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1648 – assist other dept., & I-94
1934 – missing person, Maple Dr.
1940 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2032 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2033 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 3:

0615 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
0757 – animal complaint, Ecorse/Belleville
0900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0922 – assist other dept., Haggerty/E. Huron River
0930 – repossession, Meadows Ln.
0937 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0939 – neighbor trouble, Frederick
0942 – ordinance violation, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1022 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
1030 – harassment call, E. Huron River Dr.
1053 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
1055 – abandoned auto, Spencer St./Sumpter Rd.
1059 – 911 welfare check, Hardwood Dr.
1304 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1310 – ordinance violation, Archwood Apartments
1326 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1409 – 911 welfare check, Pine Dr.
1437 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1449 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1638 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1706 – threat, Jackson St.
1716 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1736 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1736 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1805 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1817 – juvenile complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd./I-94 N. Service Dr.

1821 – hospice death, Martz Rd.
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1959 – assist other dept., rest area
2017 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2056 – breaking & entering, Lake Point Blvd.
2224 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
2257 – misc. complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2308 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
2323 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
2347 – neighbor trouble, Lake Pointe Pass

Saturday, Sept. 4:

0015 – shooting, Bog Rd.
1020 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

1221 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1257 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1330 – malicious destruction of property, Monterey
1347 – mental subject, Rawsonville Rd.
1356 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1420 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1509 – parking complaint, Colonial Rd.
1510 – trespassing, N. Cumberland Dr.
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2129 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2137 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 57 traffic stop, with 11 of them on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 29:

0321 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
0459 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1157 – found property/child, Main St.
1220 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1224 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1245 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1604 – traffic stop, Belle Plaza
1614 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1630 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter Rd./South St.
1722 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1808 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1858 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2001 – vehicle lockout, Roland St.

Monday, Aug. 30:

0840 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1124 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1125 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1132 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1254 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1411 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1537 – motorist assist, N. Liberty St./Main St.
2138 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2205 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Aug. 31:

0147 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church
0834 – misc. complaint, Denton Rd.
1135 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.
1945 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
2240 – traffic stop, South St.
2258 – threat, E. Thornhill Ct.
2349 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 1:

0217 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
0641 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
0922 – animal complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1041 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1543 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
2058 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
2229 – traffic stop, High St.
2249 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2333 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2347 -- traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

Thursday, Sept. 2:

2012 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2027 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2035 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
2308 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

Friday, Sept. 3:

0322 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0352 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0839 – assist fire dept., Main St.
0856 – fraud, S. Liberty St.
1440 – fraud, Main St.
1537 – disorderly, Carmell St.
1829 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1910 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1928 – juvenile complaint, Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 4:

0152 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
0203 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.

0302 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1233 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1252 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1646 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1748 – fight, Belle Villa Blvd.
1957 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2134 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St
2142 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
There are 22 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 29:

0056 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0210 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0559 – civil matter, Redwood St.
0909 – family trouble, Virginia St.
0952 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1330 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1556 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1923 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
Monday, Aug. 30:
0209 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
0721 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0836 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.

1105 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1214 – suspicious person, Redwood St.
1223 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1322 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1325 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1423 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1427 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1505 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1539 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1736 – warrant arrest, out of township
1818 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
1839 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Elwell
1924 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd./Judd

Tuesday, Aug. 31:

0659 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0901 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
0949 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1039 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1233 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1535 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1607 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1749 – flee & elude police, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1930 – warrant arrest, Willow Rd./Rawsonville
1947 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2027 – juvenile complaint, Creekside Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 1:

0021 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0851 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1159 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow
1359 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1749 – civil matter, Virginia St.
1858 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 2:

0203 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1021 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1156 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1444 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1453 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1708 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1712 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

1817 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1937 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2207 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2219 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2250 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2349 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, Sept. 3:

0746 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0934 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Elwell
1037 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1124 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1427 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1454 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1517 – family trouble, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1533 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1558 – fire dept. assist, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1603 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1746 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd
1921 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1929 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2031 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2347 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 4:

0017 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0210 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0233 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1213 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1229 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1247 – personal injury accident, 24000 bl. Elwell
1334 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1339 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

1622 – traffic complaint/hazard, 19000 bl. Karr
2052 – suspicious vehicle, Clark Rd./Savage Rd.
2140 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2219 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2309 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2331 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.

Also on this week's log are 62 patrol checks, 31 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

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The memorial will include prayer vigils and bell ringing to honor of the victims of the 9/11 attacks along with first responders and COVID heroes.

Father John Kiselica of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville and Pastor Dave Bielec of Southport Community Church will be presenters.

The memorial opens at 9 a.m. and will mark:

- 9:37 a.m., Flight 77 strikes the Pentagon;
- 9:59 a.m., South Tower collapses;
- 10:03 a.m., Flight 93 downed in Pennsylvania; and

- 10:20 a.m., North Tower collapses.

Members of 14 local mutual aid teams are schedule to be honored.

A car show will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$15. A trophy award ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m. There will be dash plaques for the first 150 entries.

Grace Lake Corporate Center is located east of I-275 between Tyler and Ecorse roads, with entries from both roads, along with an entry on Hannan Road.

Court Watching:

Evan William Yoskovich

Evan William Yoskovich, 24, of Van Buren Township, pled guilty on Sept. 1 to one count of marine safety rule violation, the 100' rule, at 6:19 p.m. Aug. 29, 2020 on Belleville Lake. He said he was in a busy part of the lake and a boat cut him off and he was too close to the shore and a DNR officer was there. He was fined \$300.

Christian Latrail Thomas

Christian Latrail Thomas, 27, of Belleville, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Sept. 1, but all charges were dismissed without prejudice by Judge Oakley on a motion by the defense. He had been charged with fleeing police in a vehicle, reckless driving, and failure to stop after a collision on Sept. 10, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

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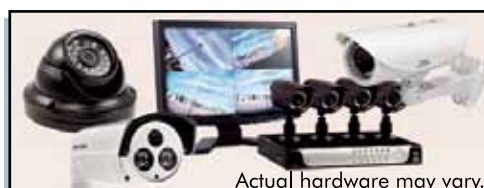


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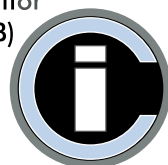


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