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Atchinson Ford, 9800 Belleville Rd., hosted a Community Food Drive from Nov. 28 through Dec. 22. The Emergency Food Closet at Belleville First United Church at 417 Charles St. was the recipient of the food. Deliveries were made Dec. 6, 13, and 20 by pick-up truck. Everyone who made a donation received an entry for a drawing with a \$1,000 prize. Food Closet coordinator Marilyn Wood, left, gave Craig Atchinson, Riley Mickel and Trevor Holly a tour of the Emergency Food Closet and displayed some of the food received that goes into the weekly bags on Dec. 20. Atchinson, owner of Atchinson Ford, presented a check for \$5,000 to Wood to help replenish the shelves of the food closet.



Craig Atchinson presented a \$1,000 cash prize to Laura Nichols on Dec. 23 for being the winner in the Atchinson Community Food Drive.

## Report on 2022:

## Community supports Food Closet to feed the hungry in tri-community

By Marilyn Wood

Coordinator, Emergency Food Closet

The Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles St. has been feeding the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships and the City of Belleville since 1983. It is staffed by 25 volunteers.

In 2022, the Emergency Food Closet distributed 2,144 bags of food. In addition,

each client also received a choice of meat, lunch meat, dairy product, a loaf of bread, a four-roll pack of toilet paper, and a personal-choice item. 179 families were served this year. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, each client also received a \$10 Meijer Food Only gift card to purchase additional food. Clients with families of five or more received double.

At the Emergency Food Closet everyone

receives food on his or her first visit. A referral is required to continue to receive food. Referrals can be made through the Salvation Army, a school (social worker), a church pastor, a physician, or a government agency. Once a referral is received, the client can receive food weekly for a year. There is also a "Little Free Food Pantry" located on Church Street for those in need of food when the Emergency Food Closet is closed.

All of this has been made possible through the generosity of community individuals, churches, businesses, and service groups in the community. The Emergency Food Closet's biggest

fundraiser is the Meijer Simply Give Campaigns at the local Meijer store at 9701 Belleville Rd. The 2022 Winter and Fall campaigns raised \$35,170. \$20,000 of this was donated by Meijer on their Double Match Days. In addition, almost \$25,000 was donated from community individuals, churches, Craig and Medina Atchinson and their Atchinson Ford employees with their generous donations, along with the pop/can fundraising efforts by Steve Dolot, and community groups – Western Wayne County Quilting Guild, a local Bunco Club, an Arthritis class, Bayloff Stamped Products (15 turkeys donated

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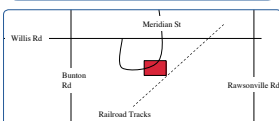
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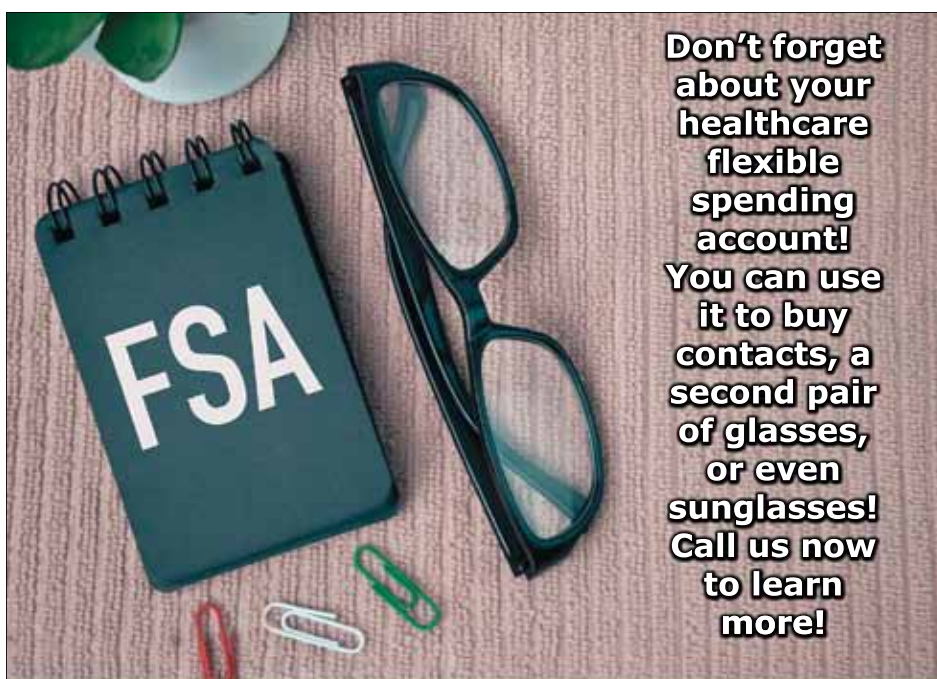
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## Belleville City Council interviewed four for one council vacancy

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At a special meeting on Dec. 12, the Belleville City Council interviewed four candidates for one position that was vacant on the council because of a resignation.

But, by the time it got to the regular meeting on Dec. 19 when the council person was to be voted on, there was another resignation looming, so they chose two new council members for the two vacancies: Jeremiah Beebe and Tom Fielder.

The vacancies occurred when Councilwoman Amy Henry resigned because she was moving to Van Buren Township and later when Councilman Steve Jones accepted the position of city Project Manager offered by City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson.

Beebe and Fielder will serve until the council's next election, which is in November. The terms they are filling expire in December 2025, which means whoever runs for those seats in November will run for two-year seats.

Because of the way the terms are set up, the whole council will be running for reelection in November.

The mayor's position, now held by Kerreen Conley, will be filled, along with council positions now held by Ken Voigt and Kelly Bates. All are four-year positions.

The mayor's position is paid \$1,500 a year and the council members are \$1,000 each a year.

### Jeremiah Beebe

During the open interview on Dec. 12, Jeremiah Beebe, 363 Church St., said he had been a resident for more than 20 years. He said a couple of years back he became more and more involved in the parade and other events. He was best known to the council as the person who did all the background for



Jeremiah Beebe

a new golf cart ordinance and presented his proposal in great detail. It was later adopted.

When asked about his volunteer work, he said he was a founding member of Vista Maria in Plymouth that took kids and got them to help in a store. He also worked with the UPS Foundation and got a \$50,000 grant. He worked with his church and built a basketball league, a computer center for women, and helped with robotics in the Belleville schools.

He said that Lake Fest and Winter Fest in Belleville are good but can be improved. And, three people do 80% of the work, he said.

Beebe said he has never served in public

office before.

### Thomas Fielder

Thomas Fielder, former mayor and councilman, 206 South St., said he has lived in Belleville for 76 years. He attended the University of Michigan in the 1960s and has a bachelor of arts degree in history. He worked at Belleville High School for 30 years.



He said he served Thomas Fielder nine years as mayor, two years on the Downtown Development Authority, the city council for a few years and the planning commission. He has been on the Parks and Recreation Committee since 1994 when the city started planning Victoria Commons.

Why is he coming back? He said at the last election nobody chose to run and, "I didn't want that to happen again." [Actually, there were two seats open and one candidate who filed, Jones. Henry filed as a write-in candidate.]

He said something he would like to accomplish is to find a place for a new city hall. He also would like to see a closer relationship with neighboring communities and a sharing of services.

Fielder said the city came within a few steps of sharing a fire department in the past. But, not the police department, because he said people like to know the officers and their names in this community.

He said he would support a special millage and, "I would like to see progress on everything."

Fielder listed his volunteer activities as Growth Works board, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network Substance Use Disorders board, Belleville Central Business Community board, president of Historical Society (though they haven't met in three years), DDA liaison with the school, and more. Fielder also serves as a baseball-softball official.

### Julie Kissel

Also interviewing for a council seat was Julie Kissel of 375 Charles St. who has lived in Belleville for three years and before that in Sumpter Township for 18 years. She said she has been a teacher at Washtenaw Community College for 19 years. She originally is from the Saginaw area and attended Eastern Michigan University.

She said they are renovating their house on Church Street. She said she volunteered at the Elwell Elementary PTO before the building was demolished. She said she loves the community.

Kissel said she works in a consensus-building environment and has served as

a union president for the last three years while still teaching.

She said she planned to read everything to get acclimated to the council position. She said she is an English teacher by training and she finds a to-do list very important to keep on track. She said she wants to learn everything.

Kissel said she planned to put in much time and be present at meetings.

She said she would support a special millage if, after study, she thought it was the right thing to do.

"I want to give to the community in which I live, support the arts, understand how best to serve," she said.

When asked about her volunteer work, she said she spent six years at the Elwell PTO and was a popcorn mom every Friday. Her husband and she coached soccer. She said now she serves on the union without pay and is a member of the fire auxiliary.

She has never served in public office before.

### Randy Priest

Randy Priest of 311 E. Huron River Dr. said he has lived in Belleville for 23 years and had taught algebra for 42 years as a public-school teacher. He ran a home improvement business and volunteered.

He is a member of the planning commission and Senior Transportation Committee, and just passed recertification for the Board of Review. His hobby is ceramicist. He reads all the newspapers to be aware.

"I am pretty darn happy here and I want to help in any way I can," he said.

It was noted Priest had volunteered to be an ordinance officer to help the city control the blight, but his offer was not accepted.

Priest has been an ongoing advocate for safe sidewalks to provide public access to the city. He said with the Iron Belle Trail coming through the city there are holes in the sidewalk, which doesn't allow safety and access. He said a tight budget was cited as a reason that sidewalks couldn't be replaced.

He said he would support special millages but, "Not willy-nilly," with public hearings and public surveys needed first.

When asked about his volunteer work, Priest said as the father of three boys, he was a Boy Scout leader, baseball coach, participated in music programs and has been very active in his church as a trustee or on the board, and he has worked with the homeless.

### New Project Manager Steve Jones

Steve Jones, 371 Church St., was elected council member in the 2021 election and served for a year. He has resigned from the council to take the new Project Manager position at the city of Belleville

to assist City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson.

On his candidate information form in 2021, Jones, now 50, said he has lived in the city for (now) 16 years and was employed by the Van Buren Public Schools as a Custodial Supervisor and Facilities Use Coordinator. He is a graduate of the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts and ran unsuccessfully for council in 2008.



Steve Jones

He was appointed to the planning commission in 2008 and served as the president for many years, resigning after he was elected to the council last year.

Jones serves on the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and is currently chairman of the chamber board.

### Court Watching:

## Counterfeit charge in VBT dropped for one co-defendant

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Shannon Marie Gilbert of Westland and Brandon Henry Davis-Devine, 38, of Detroit, co-defendants, were arraigned by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on Dec. 15. Probable cause conferences for the two were set for Dec. 28. Bond for each was \$15,000/10%.

Gilbert was charged with uttering and publishing – possession of counterfeit bank bill -- on Dec. 12 in Van Buren Township.

Davis-Devine is charged with uttering and publishing (possession of counterfeit notes with intent), uttering and publishing (possession of counterfeit state, bank, municipal bill), and one count of possession of counterfeiting tools.

On Dec. 28, Shannon Gilbert, who was in the Wayne County Jail, got a plea deal through her defense attorney Duane Johnson and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Rima Yahfoufi, which was accepted by Judge Lisa Martin. Gilbert pled guilty to a new misdemeanor charge of possession of narcotics paraphernalia, which will bring a sentence of probation, and the felony charge was dropped. She will be scheduled for a future sentencing date and released from jail on a \$15,000 personal bond. She is not to return to 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr. (Super 8 by Wyndham).

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Local residents seek answers to burning questions

Our readers often bring questions to us. Sometimes we can answer them and sometimes not. Here are some of the questions they bring that we cannot answer.

- Is the city of Belleville going to get streetlights with some power in the future? When the current energy-efficient lights were installed years ago, even the police complained about how dim they were. People from nearby communities say Belleville is dark at night. It is.

- What's going to happen to that beautiful, newly planted tree on East Huron River Drive that is right in the path of the Iron Belle Trail? The cement for the trail has stopped at the tree. What now?

- Are they going to put a covered bridge at the Denton Road site to make it more interesting? Who's going to pay for that amenity? Wayne County has said it will not pay for amenities. Also, are there going to be balls on that new bridge, like there are on the Belleville Road bridge and throughout Belleville and Van Buren?

- Questions we get weekly: When are they going to build on the corner of Third and Main? That restaurant was approved a long time ago. Third and Charles? Residents miss that former pizza parlor and were looking forward to a proposed donut shop. At the site of the former Lakeview Tavern?

These are mysteries for a new year to solve. Happy New Year.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At the Bugles Across America ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Sunday, some people were talking about the Denton Road bridge and how long it's going to take to get it open again.

A military veteran who lives on the cemetery side of the bridge, said when he leaves home for the ceremony, he drives Denton Road to the South I-94 Service Drive to Belleville Road into Belleville to get to the ceremony – and then back that way again. He used to have a short hop over the bridge.

He said there are many people who are of advanced years who live in his neighborhood near Hillside Cemetery and when they need medical help they often need it in a hurry. He said they have estimated it will take ten minutes longer for an emergency crew to reach them with the bridge down.

A retired registered nurse who was in on Sunday's conversation said that delay could mean someone could die.

A boater said if they try to cut off access under the bridge to watercraft, it won't work and boats will continue on through. They don't want the lake cut in half.

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A man told me he has been unable to find a copy of "Promise Kept," the biography of Jim Richendollar written by Jerry LaVaute. The man said he has tried everywhere it had been advertised in town and it's sold out. He said his wife wants a copy.

We've been told a second printing is under way. If you have a book, you can get it signed between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Belleville Area District Library. Maybe you could put your

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



name on a list for a book in case the second printing isn't ready yet.

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A reader who lives just over the Van Buren Township border in Canton came in to ask me about the story we published saying RACER wants to close all the water wells in the area of the GM property it is remediating north of Willow Run Airport.

He said he has had a water well on his farm for many years and has it checked every two years. He was told his well would be good for about eight more years because that's when the Gelman dioxane plume would work its way to these parts from Ann Arbor and contaminate the local wells. He plans to contact Municipal Services Director Ron Akers at Van Buren Township to get more information on RACER and the wells. He lives close to the Harold Smith farm that was sold to Subaru, that was mentioned in the news report, and said he used to work there and at other nearby farms when he was a young man.

The story we published also said no water wells are known in that area, but he has a well.

Our reader also said he recently received a letter from Canton Township telling him that during certain nighttime hours, if he needs police he should call the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. He said the letter also reported the police department has hired some social workers.

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We received a quick note from Jim Wiggington of Van Buren Township alerting us that he was on a plane to Chile to begin the 777 World Record Expedition and would be out of touch for a week. He is among those sky divers working to make a record in the Guinness Book of World Records for skydiving in seven continents within seven days to raise \$7 million. The whole project is to raise money for Folds of Honor scholarships. The body's well-being under extreme conditions is also being studied.

Wiggington already holds at least seven Guinness records.


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We've been informed that the BHS Robotics team is due to get its information on Saturday for this year's competition. That's when students and adults helping them learn what the robots have to do to compete, so they can start building them and training with them.

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A reader in Belleville said she got a dozen-and-a-half donuts for the police at Christmas time and called the Belleville Police to come over and get them. An officer she knew came right over and picked them up, she said.

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## Letters

### Second opinion on Denton Road bridge

To the editor:

Can anyone remember the unbelievable situation in New Boston? The dilemma they endured was not unlike Van Buren Township's. They closed that bridge for what seemed like an eternity. Now we have a front-row seat of a bridge which has been shut down for years if not decades. You can almost hear the geese and seagulls laughing.

Fishbeck Engineers said it would take \$4.3 million and three years of which two years of engineering would be followed by construction. Mr. McNamara did you laugh when their proposal was presented? Consequently, residents on the other side of the bridge should be on alarm. Namely, if there is a health or fire emergency response needed.

Maybe the township should have sought out the possibility of a second opinion. Think about the protected cost of \$4.3 million. With cost overruns and inflation, the cost will probably be more like \$20-50 million.

Consequently, I feel as though a solution to the Denton Road bridge could be as simple as bringing in the Army Corps of Engineers to remove the bridge, then dredge the bottom twice the length of the bridge. Just think, BYC members could sail their yachts over the whole lake. They could beautify the new area with trees and flowers. Does this have any merit to a ballot proposal?

P.S. I'm going out to purchase a yacht. (Maybe)

Rodger King  
Van Buren Township

### Registration open for 2023 Spring VBALL

To the editor:

As the holidays come to a close Spring will be approaching quicker than we know and with the arrival of spring comes another season of Little League Baseball and Softball with the Van Buren Area Little League.

This past spring was another successful season thanks to all the players, parents, coaches, volunteers and sponsors. The

Van Buren Area Little League was able to purchase a new zero-turn mower to help maintain the fields through generous bottle and can donations and a generous donation from the Ryan Fitzpatrick Foundation.

The league also chartered two Little League tournament teams last spring: An 8-10 U team and a 10-12 U team with both of them having great success on the diamond. Both teams making it to the semifinals. All the players and coaches practiced and worked extremely hard this past tournament season and we are super-excited to see these teams go at it again this season.

Registration for the 2023 Spring season is now open online and will close on March 4, 2023, so don't wait. Register your player(s) today at [www.vanburenarealittleleague.org](http://www.vanburenarealittleleague.org).

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Thank you and we are looking forward to another great season of Little League Baseball and Softball.

Thank you.  
Marc Littleton, president  
Van Buren Area Little League

### Book signing set Jan. 7 for 'Promise Kept'

To the editor:

The book signing for the Jim Richendollar biography, "Promise Kept," is planned for Saturday, Jan. 7, from noon until 4 p.m., at the Belleville Area District Library. Thanks to the support of the community, the first printing sold out in about two weeks.

The second printing of the book is in process. We have our fingers crossed for Jan. 7.

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions, please call me on (734) 740-0062.

Jerry LaVaute



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Phyllis Madeliene Roullier, age 98, of Van Buren Township, December 24, 2022. Beloved wife to the late Donald Roullier, Sr. Loving mother of Donald (Claudia) Roullier, Jr. and Jacqueline Roullier. Dearest grandmother of Donald Roullier III, Renee, Michael (Catalina), Patrick, and great-grandmother to Danielle, Samantha, Katherine, Ila, Alex, Michael, Jr., and Tattiana. She was preceded in death by her sisters Peggy Gentle, Catherine Sohockie, Patricia Bardy, and Maxine Wheeler. She was an original Riveter at Willow Run Bomber Plant during WWII. Also, a professional Chorus Line Dancer during the Big Band Era. Phyllis was a music enthusiast who played the Flute and the Organ. She was also a member of the Choir at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Rosie the Riveter Association Willow Run Chapter. Visitation is Friday, January 6, 2022 from 2-8 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Service is Saturday, January 6, 2022 at 11 a.m. at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201.

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• **Saturday, Jan. 7** – Book signing at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 4 p.m. for the James Richendollar biography "Promise Kept," written by Jerry LaVaute.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 10** – "Introduction to Computers" is set for 10 a.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. This introductory class is designed for the absolute beginner. We start by teaching you how to turn the computer on. Learn about desktop and laptop computer set-ups, basic functions, and get lots of practice using the keyboard and mouse. Registration required.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 18** – All Belleville High School Wrestling alumni are invited to a wrestling home meet and senior night at 5 p.m. at Belleville High School. "It would be wonderful to see the alumni wrestlers there," said a news alert from BHS.

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## Obituaries



James Philo Piper

### JAMES PHILO PIPER

(February 25, 1945 - December 27, 2022)

James Philo Piper, age 77, a resident of Van Buren Township, died peacefully at his home on December 27, 2022. He was born on February 25, 1945, to Charles Owen Piper and Anna Lois (Johnson) Piper in Detroit, MI. He went on to work for Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville where he retired after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Myrtle Lodge #89, Past Master 2000 and 2010. He was currently serving as Secretary before his passing. Jim served with distinction as Excellent High Priest of Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and Eminent Commander No. 13, Knights Templar. In recognition of his service to the York Rite, Jim was received into Michigan Priory No. 22, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. James was also a retired Sergeant of the Belleville Police Department Reserves which he enjoyed immensely. He loved to fish and hunt and taught many gun classes. Jim enjoyed talking to people and always made friends wherever he went, especially while volunteering his time in the community he loved.

James is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Laurie Piper of Van Buren Township, MI; his children, Dana (Sharon) Piper of Southfield, MI, Jo Piper of Westland, MI, Thomas (Patty) Leigh, of Romulus, MI, Jennifer (Steve) Heffler of Brighton, MI, Neil (Marisa) Merritt of San Diego, CA, Jill (Matt) Wykes of Belleville, MI, and Jonathon (Andrea) Roark of New Boston, MI; his sister, Stephanie Czapiewski of Woodhaven, MI; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, cousins, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation for James was held Friday, December 30, 2022, from 1 until 8 p.m. with the ritual ceremonies of the York Rite and the Masons beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI.

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Stanley Louis  
Wisniewski

### STANLEY LOUIS WISNIEWSKI

(June 20, 1937 - December 29, 2022)

Stanley Louis Wisniewski, age 85, resident of Canton, passed away on December 29, 2022. A man of deep faith, Stanley died as he had lived secure in his Christian faith and comforted by the presence of his beloved family. He was born on June 20, 1937, in Hamtramck, MI, to Frank Stanley Wisniewski and Mary Bertha (Glinski) Wisniewski. Throughout his life Stanley celebrated his Polish heritage. He was a member of the Polish National Alliance and embraced the opportunity to share the traditions of his ancestors, especially the dancing! Stanley's legacy includes passing on a deep appreciation for his Polish heritage to his children and grandchildren who carry on many of the traditions they learned from him.

While appreciative of his Polish heritage, Stanley was a loyal American, proudly serving in the U.S. Army as a clerk. After military service Stanley attended trade school and then worked at Ford Motor Company as a supervisor for over 30 years. Stanley was an avid lover of automobiles. He enjoyed building them, working on them, but most importantly driving them! His favorite being the Mercury Comet. His family took great pride in showing Stanley each car upgrade or purchase.

Stanley married the love of his life, Susan, on a snowy February day in 1960. They were happily married for over 62 years. Their marriage was an example of mutual-support, respect, and living with loving kindness. Spending time with their family was Stanley's greatest joy in life.

Stanley and Susan were faithful members of two parishes, Resurrection and also Our Lady of Good Council. Stanley's easy smile and calm demeanor made him a welcome addition to the services at these parishes where he served as an usher.

Stanley had a good life, but it was not without its challenges. He handled tribulations with grace, never even complaining about the cancer that caused him so much pain and suffering at the end of his life.

Stanley is survived by his wife, Susan Wisniewski of Canton, MI; his children, Lynne (Bruce) Phillips of Ypsilanti, MI, Mary (Raymond) Woods of Suttons Bay, MI, Frank (Jennifer) Wisniewski of Canton, MI, Matthew (Amy) Wisniewski of Belleville, MI; his sister, Virginia Miller of Ann Arbor, MI; his grandchildren, Jeffrey (Molly) Phillips, Megan (Taylor) Phillips, Veronica (Aaron) Wurm, Marisa (Parker) Woods, Clyde Woods, Anya Woods, Abby Wisniewski, Lexie Wisniewski, Lucas Wisniewski, and Kennedy Wisniewski; and one great-grandchild, McKenna Phillips; as well as many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Agnes Cook.

A visitation is planned for Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. with an Honor Guard Service at 6 p.m. and Rosary at 7 p.m. with Father Peretto of Resurrection Church in Canton. A Funeral Mass will take place on Friday January 6, 2023, at Resurrection Church in Canton at 11 a.m. with visitation 45 minutes before Mass.

Donations to the Colon Cancer Awareness foundation in memory of Stanley would be appreciated.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Jan. 9 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education organizational meeting, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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# Obituaries



Kimberly Jo Moore

## KIMBERLY JO MOORE

(June 6, 1963 - December 29, 2022)

Kimberly Jo Moore, age 59, of Willis, MI, passed away on December 29, 2022, at St. Joe's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born on June 6, 1963, in Grosse Pointe, MI, to Richard James Bricks and Georgetta (Squires) Bricks. She graduated from Belleville High School and then became a homemaker who proudly raised two daughters. She loved being a mother and spending time with her family. She loved books and horror movies and passed this down to her daughters.

Kimberly is survived by her husband, Rod Moore of Willis, MI; her two daughters, Erin Moore of Adrian, MI, and Kaitlin Moore of Ypsilanti, MI; also, many extended family members, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents

To honor her wishes dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

A gathering will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2023 with a 7 p.m. Memorial Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Food Closet

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at Thanksgiving), the sale of Ken Voigt's Goat T-shirts, and the Belleville Fire Auxiliary.

In addition, food drives were held by Atchinson Ford, Ivy Rehab, Milton's Pharmacy, local cub, boy and girl scout troops, and the Goodfellows. The largest food drive was held by the Belleville postal employees on May 14 from their nationwide "Stamp-Out Hunger" campaign. 9,546 pounds of food were delivered to the church on that day with many hands involved with sorting, date checking, and shelving.

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**Belleville Planning Commission meets first time since March 10**

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

All the members -- but one -- of the Belleville Planning Commission met Dec. 8 for the first meeting that has been held since March 10.

Commissioner Tom Fielder was absent and there also are two vacancies on the nine-member commission.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said he wanted to explain what his plans are for the planning commission. He said an ordinance review committee was set up in March, but there were no meetings.

He said the deputy administrator was supposed to work on the ordinance with the attorney and Giffels & Webster planners, but he didn't.

City Manager Robinson said he will be hiring a project manager the end of December, which should start work the first week of January. He is working on the contract now and doesn't want to make any announcements until everything is settled.

He said the building clerk, Michelle Bellingham, will keep track of the agenda, the minutes, and other information and will keep the commission on track and schedule the meetings.

He said once he was made city manager he had to learn everything about the city and he started with getting the council

information. He worked his way through that and now is ready to work with the planning commission.

Robinson said the planning commission needs to go through the ordinances and find out which ones need to be changed. He checked with Clear Zone and another firm and found Clear Zone would be the less-expensive choice for changing the ordinances digitally.

Commission chairman Michael Hawkins explained they couldn't meet as a committee and talked about sections they had removed and couldn't find them. He said they didn't meet because of unforeseen circumstances.

"I overestimated his abilities and that's why he's not here," Robinson said of the former deputy administrator.

Robinson said he would like to see quarterly planning commission meetings, or more if developers need to get approvals. He wants to grow the city with beneficial finances and make common-sense changes to the ordinance.

He said he wants to know why the ordinance was that way in the first place and he wants the commissioners to help him learn.

He said he was sorry the commission didn't meet, but if they didn't have a plan to review he asked why inconvenience people for a meeting. But, he said, they have to keep engaged and have at least quarterly meetings. He said any of them can reach out to him or Building Official Rick Rutherford with their concerns.

He said there's a fine line. The planning commission makes the plans and the building official makes sure it gets into effect. He said Rutherford quotes code numbers out of his head and, "He impresses me."

"I apologize for not having frequent meetings and bringing updates to you," Robinson said.

He talked to them about the \$176,000 coming from the county to upgrade Victory Station with a smaller building for park bathrooms. He said interior bathrooms will have porcelain fixtures.

He said if a wedding shower is held in Victory Station, he doesn't want grandma to go into a rustic bathroom with stainless steel commodes.

"I'm trying to figure out how to build a new city hall," he said, noting the city property is outstanding and will bring a lot of money. He said the city will figure out

what it wants to see there. He said the north end of the city is developing and now they need work on the south end.

"Other projects are in the wings and your job is very, very important," he told the commission. "As we grow, we have to make sure we are doing the right things for the community. The way it's been going is not the way it will continue."

Under citizen comments on non-agenda items, the *Independent* asked about the rules about sidewalks downtown, since several businesses have items well into the sidewalk areas, with one blocking the sidewalk completely. Business people along Main Street had brought it to the *Independent's* attention.

Rutherford said four feet of sidewalk at a minimum must not be impeded.

Commissioner Becky Hasen said there are curb cuts still in place in the curb in front of that business and it's never been removed. She said this is not her first time asking about it.

Commissioner Mike Renaud said there has been no parking there because of the curb cut.

Robinson said they would look into that. He said if the igloo were part of the special events for Winterfest it should have been on the special event application. He said he will talk with that business.

The commission then discussed possible changes needed to the zoning ordinance and then agreed to take the 155 pages of the current ordinance in either digital or printed format and go over it to see what needs to be changed.

Each member of the commission is asked to go over all 155 pages and bring their comments back to the next meeting on Jan. 12. The comments then will be given to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee, made up of Building Official Rutherford, Chairman Hawkins, Commissioner Hasen, and Commissioner Randy Priest, who will make the final recommendations to the commission.

Then, the ordinance will be updated.

Robinson said it is important that people who go online to see the city ordinance see the most updated and accurate version.

Hawkins said in July 2013 the commission fixed a lot of things when they adopted the ordinance, but then a lot of other things became problems.

"We can change the ordinances to make them more accommodating to builders," he

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The Wild Game Dinner is back at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the fairgrounds dining hall. The cost is \$40 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., appetizers at 6 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be gun raffles, balloon raffles, and 50/50. See their ad in today's paper and call Debbie Schalte at (734) 697-7002.

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# Belleville Plan

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said.

Rutherford said at the March meeting when they discussed 500 E. Huron River Dr. they found the ordinance had no definition for *veterinarian*. He said Giffels and Webster planners can work on that.

"We can dive into the problems that can be changed page by page," since Giffels and Webster would charge by the page. "We want to change what needs changing in the most efficient manner possible."

He said when Giffels and Webster is here, they'll want them to tweak the part for

the marijuana ordinance. He said the city manager is working with an attorney on the medical marijuana ordinance that was approved by voters in November. He said the words "facility" vs. "dispensary" need to be worked out.

Rutherford said they need to get everyone brainstorming.

"The last thing we want is for someone to go online and pull up an out-of-date ordinance. It has to be as complete and current as possible," he said.

During the comments, Commissioner John Juriga said the museum belongs to Van Buren Township and they joined two buildings together without showing the city a plan. He said the building is in the city.

Rutherford said he did inspections for the city of Belleville on that construction.

Juriga said the unit on the roof is not covered. Juriga is a member of the district library board and the city made the library cover its units on the roof.

Rutherford said he would look into that.

## Court watching

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Defense attorney Johnson said Gilbert has a six-year-old son and she missed Christmas with him because she was in jail. The child's birthday is coming up in January, Gilbert said.

Her co-defendant Brandon Davis-Devine was also present via zoom from the Wayne County Jail on Dec. 28. His defense attorney Somers Brush said she needed digital discovery and so the probable cause conference was adjourned for one week until Jan. 4. After she gets the discovery, she will be asking for a preliminary exam,

Brush told Judge Martin.

Davis-Devine also has been ordered not to return to the Super 8 on the South I-94 Service Drive if he is released.

### Geroy Robert-Jermaine Diggs

Geroy Robert-Jermaine Diggs, 31, of Ypsilanti was arraigned on a bench warrant on April 25 while in custody on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon on April 8 in Van Buren Township.

Judge Martin set his bond at \$5,000 personal and scheduled his probable cause conference for May 4. On May 4, Judge Oakley adjourned the probable cause conference until May 18 because digital discovery was needed. On May 18, the probable cause conference was adjourned until June 1 for more discovery.

On June 1, the preliminary exam was set for June 15. Surveillance video was still coming from Prosecutor Bryn Bailey. On June 15 attorney Lauren Anderson still didn't have the video, so she sent an order for discovery to Judge Martin to sign. She said if they still don't comply, she will make a motion to dismiss.

Judge Martin adjourned the case one more time to June 22. She noted that morning's session was the fourth probable cause conference set in the case.

Prosecutor Jane Gillis said the surveillance video is from a company and they have been unable to get it and it's potential "Brady Evidence." Anderson said on the video she has seen Diggs was severely beaten up.

On June 22, Diggs was scheduled for a live preliminary exam on July 6. On July 6 the charges were dismissed on a motion from the defense because there was no witness present.

### Terrance Artese Brown, Jr.

Terrance Artese Brown, Jr., 29, of Ypsilanti is co-defendant of Geroy Diggs in the April 8 incident in Van Buren Township. He also is charged with assault with intent to commit murder, assault with intent to commit great bodily harmless than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon. On May 4, Judge Oakley also adjourned his probable cause conference until May 18 because his attorney Brian Brown just received discovery and needed time to review it. On May 18 his probable cause conference was adjourned until June 1 to keep it in line with

his codefendant.

On June 1, his preliminary exam was set for June 15 with his co-defendant. His attorney Brian Brown said he, too, would like to have the surveillance tape. Defendant Brown's case was also adjourned until June 22.

On June 22, Brown's live preliminary exam was also set for July 6. On July 6 the charges were dismissed on a motion by the defense because there was no witness present.

### Franklin Jacob Goode

Franklin Jacob Goode, 21, of Clinton, MI, had a probable cause conference on April 27 on charges of fleeing a police officer and operating while intoxicated on April 17 in the City of Belleville. Bond had been set at \$10,000/10%. The probable cause conference was adjourned to May 18 and then adjourned to June 8.

He also had a pretrial on a charge of escaping lawful custody on April 17 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$20,000/10%. That also was adjourned to June 8.

The June 8 date in both cases was then adjourned to July 6 and then adjourned until Aug. 10 on a request of the defense attorney. A live exam was then set for Oct. 12 on the Belleville charges. The escape from Van Buren Township was reduced to a misdemeanor and also set for that date. On Oct. 12 all the charges were set for a pre-sentence interview on Oct. 20. Sentencing was set for Dec. 6.

On Dec. 6, sentencing included fines, 12 months of probation, 48 hours of community service, substance-abuse treatment, shall not possess alcohol or mood-altering substances with monthly tests.

### Alexander Marc Gorgon

Alexander Marc Gorgon of Wixom and formerly of Westland had his probable cause conference May 4 on a felony charge of uttering and publishing on Dec. 18, 2020 in Sumpter Township. His defense attorney Emily New said he wished to waive his exam and so Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on May 18. A calendar conference was set for June 7 and then reset by the court to July 12 and then to Aug. 16. A final conference was set for Oct. 3.

On Oct. 3, his final conference was continued to Oct. 20 and then to Nov. 17 and then to Jan. 27, 2023.

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 166 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Dec. 25:

0357 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Van Born Rd.  
0740 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0917 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0918 – property check, Stonebridge Dr.  
0948 – vehicle lock out, Parkwood Dr.  
1005 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1103 – intrusion alarm, Peninsular Dr.  
1107 – threat, Richard Run Dr.  
1213 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1416 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1442 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1615 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1647 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1836 – civil matter, Fret Rd.  
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park  
2049 – threat, Robson Rd.  
2129 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2143 – mental subject, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2152 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2221 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.  
2227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2231 – intrusion alarm, Greenwood Ct.

### Monday, Dec. 26:

0022 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
0027 – family trouble, Sadie Ln.  
0304 – family trouble, Sadie Ln.  
0411 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0513 – domestic, Beckley Rd.  
0708 – assist fire dept., S. Woodbury Dr.  
0717 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.  
0859 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.  
0917 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.  
1116 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1122 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1152 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.  
1222 – fraud, Andover Dr.  
1232 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ladonna Ln.  
1307 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.  
1327 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1454 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.  
1536 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.  
1749 – welfare check, Lake Point Blvd.  
1810 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.  
1857 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.  
1906 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ladonna Ln.  
2047 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sunset Ln. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2246 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2355 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

### Tuesday, Dec. 27:

0158 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
0736 – misc. complaint, Wildbrook Dr.  
0748 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0954 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Anna Dr.  
1004 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1030 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
1031 – unattended death, Mida Dr.  
1045 – larceny, Lenmoore Ave.  
1237 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.  
1257 – private property/property damage accident, Maple Dr.  
1302 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.  
1647 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1715 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.  
1835 – domestic, Van Born Rd.  
1849 – missing person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1923 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.  
2345 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Wednesday, Dec. 28:

0030 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.  
0111 – traffic offense, Van Born Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0240 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0737 – malicious destruction of property, N.

Ponderosa Trl.

0758 – larceny from auto, Mott  
0810 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
0939 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.  
1013 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.  
1047 – property damage accident, Bog Rd.  
1153 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1235 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
1250 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.  
1433 – fraud, W. Archwood Dr.  
1456 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1521 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1643 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1701 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1813 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1840 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1903 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1936 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.  
2039 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2318 – civil matter, Denton Rd.

### Thursday, Dec. 29:

1110 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1152 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1420 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1637 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1702 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
1710 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
1726 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1910 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2024 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
2036 – assist fire dept., Ash Dr.  
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Archwood Apts.  
2324 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe  
2341 – noise complaint, Borgman Ave.

### Friday, Dec. 30:

0041 – noise complaint, Victoria St.  
0219 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0514 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.  
0800 – larceny, Mantauk Ct.  
1104 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Milton  
1149 – vehicle lockout, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1156 – animal complaint, Sylvia Dr.  
1250 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren Estates  
1320 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.  
1412 – welfare check, Redwood Dr.  
1418 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

1427 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1437 – misc. complaint, E. Adams  
1521 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1545 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.  
1553 – neighbor trouble, Winchester St.  
1851 – family trouble, Savage Rd.  
1903 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1913 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2013 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.  
2334 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Saturday, Dec. 31:

0411 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green  
0719 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0905 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.  
1107 – vehicle lockout, Milton Dr.  
1242 – welfare check, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1354 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1448 – vehicle lock out, Milton Dr.  
1735 – vehicle lock out, Ecorse Rd.  
1758 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
1927 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1927 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.  
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.  
2138 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.  
2202 – personal injury accident, Southport Apts.  
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green  
2337 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.

Also on this week's log are 11 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

“Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising.”

*Mark Twain*

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Dec. 25:

1637 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2053 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
2326 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

### Monday, Dec. 26:

0844 – property damage accident, South St./E. Columbia Ave.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 27:**  
0018 – parking complaint, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.  
0456 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
0631 – assist citizen, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.  
0633 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.  
1249 – vehicle lockout, High St.  
1358 – fraud, Main St.  
1624 – harassment call, Carmell St.

### Wednesday, Dec. 28:

1658 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.  
1941 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1951 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Belleville Rd.  
2007 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.  
2027 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2044 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2050 – traffic stop, South St.  
2100 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Hull  
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.  
2313 – assist citizen, San Carlos St.

### Thursday, Dec. 29:

0541 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
1239 – malicious destruction of property, Anaheim  
1516 – welfare check, Loza Ln.  
1539 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1922 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
1942 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
1951 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Liberty St.  
2000 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2013 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
2023 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fourth St.  
2032 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2048 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.  
2112 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2136 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
2153 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Belleville Rd.  
2217 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
2233 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.

### Friday, Dec. 30:

0055 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
0108 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.  
0221 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
0229 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
0424 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0447 – suicidal person, High St.  
0536 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
0554 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0754 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0828 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1120 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
1302 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.  
1316 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1323 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
1502 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
1557 – traffic stop, Third St./Charles St.  
1602 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
1612 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1621 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1926 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
2057 – road hazard, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia

### Saturday, Dec. 31:

0011 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.  
0215 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
0251 – traffic stop, South St./W. Wabash Ave.  
1059 – disorderly, Henry St.  
1658 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2123 – traffic stop, South St.  
2306 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
2334 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

There were 41 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Dec. 25:

0005 – suspicious circumstance, Tulip Dr.  
0016 – noise complaint, Delaware St.  
1009 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1223 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.  
1455 – assault, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1857 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2050 – neighbor dispute, Brookview Dr.  
2154 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2206 – assault, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2322 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sumpter

### Monday, Dec. 26:

0032 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0654 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1120 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1210 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1305 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1310 – 911 hang up, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.  
1536 – mental health call, Iowa St.  
1902 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2022 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2038 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2042 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2231 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis

### Tuesday, Dec. 27:

0909 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.  
1204 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1340 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1347 – harassment complaint, Montana St.  
2215 – property damage accident, Arkona/Elwell  
2217 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2328 – alarm, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

### Wednesday, Dec. 28:

0058 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
0933 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1128 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Willis  
1143 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1403 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood  
1522 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
1621 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2046 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2145 – flee & elude police, Rawsonville/Willow  
2305 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.

### Thursday, Dec. 29:

0105 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
0711 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0907 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
0940 – assault, Birch Ct.  
1023 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1457 – assist other agency, Oregon St.  
1524 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.  
1714 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1724 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1734 – civil matter, Arizona St.

1817 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1903 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
2037 – recovered stolen vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter  
2204 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
2226 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.  
2245 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
2246 – 911 hang up, Delaware St.

### Friday, Dec. 30:

1206 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1707 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1754 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

### Saturday, Dec. 31:

0044 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis  
0145 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
0831 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
1107 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
1318 – alarm, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.  
1458 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1609 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1626 – property damage accident, Idaho St.  
1646 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Elwell  
1704 – breaking & entering report, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1725 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1757 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis  
1802 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
2328 – shots fired, Knollwood Dr.

Also on this week's log are 154 patrol checks, 58 traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

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**Court Watching:**

**Former VBT resident arrested for stealing two cars on Christmas Day**

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Deandre Antuan McDay, 32, of Detroit and formerly of Van Buren Township, was arraigned by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on Dec. 28 for allegedly stealing two cars on Christmas Day in Van Buren Township.

There are two cases and each one carries bond of \$20,000/10%. He was arraigned

via video from the Van Buren Township Police Department lockup and now is in the Wayne County Jail. He is not to be released without a GPS tether and must have no contact with the victims.

His probable cause conferences on both cases are set for Jan. 11. There also are charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and receiving and concealing stolen property worth more than \$200.

McDay's previous address was 49251 S. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township, The Waverly on the Lake.

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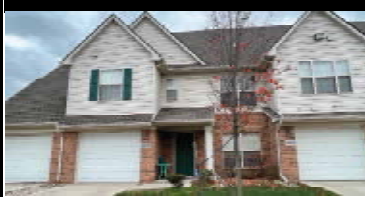
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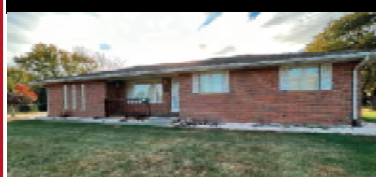
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