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Photo courtesy of Anthony Tedaldi

The two casts of “The Importance of Being Earnest” pose for a picture at the Belleville High School Auditorium where the play is being produced this weekend.

## BHS to present ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ this weekend

By Andrea VanDenBergh

Tiger Drama, the drama club at Belleville High School, will be presenting Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest” on Nov. 18, 19 and 20 in the Belleville High School Auditorium.

Play director and Drama Club leader Jessica Carlin said, “Tiger Drama is a program striving to help students thrive and have fun while gaining real-world skills. Our goal is to make an entirely student-run program where they have their hands in all the processes from set design and building to costumes and directing elements. We create a space to have fun, act and build lasting friendships. Our students do things they never thought they could do and beam

with pride with every new endeavor.”

Tiger Drama presented “Rumours” by Neil Simon and “Seussical the Musical” last year.

The program has grown in popularity so much that this year’s play actually features two separate casts. The first cast will perform the Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. shows and the second cast will perform the Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. shows.

“I was a little worried there would be competition between the two casts,” said senior Aaron Rizzo, who plays Jack Worthing in the first cast. “But now I am excited to see the different takes on the characters and am happy that more people

can be in the drama program.”

Carlin states that this year’s play, “The Importance of Being Earnest,” is taught in some of the BHS ELA classrooms and has become a student favorite among those who have read it. “The story’s twists and turns keep them reacting and they love Oscar Wilde’s ability to poke fun at the upper-class British society of the time,” said Carlin.

Senior David Grivas, who plays Jack Worthing in the second cast, said, “I think the audience will appreciate the humor of

the play. When they understand it, Earnest is good at not making the audience feel dumb.”

Tickets are \$10 at the door and can be paid for with cash or credit. Light concessions will be available.

Mark your calendars for Tiger Drama’s winter “Random Acts of Theater: A Night of Student-Directed Scenes” on Jan. 20 and 21 and the spring musical, “High School Musical,” which will be performed on April 28 and 29.

## Belleville High School head football coach suspended until 2024 season

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

Belleville High School’s head football coach Jermain Crowell has been suspended by the Michigan High School Athletic

Association for the rest of this season, all of next season, and will not be able to coach until the 2024 season.

On Monday, Van Buren Public Schools

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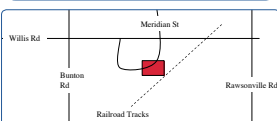
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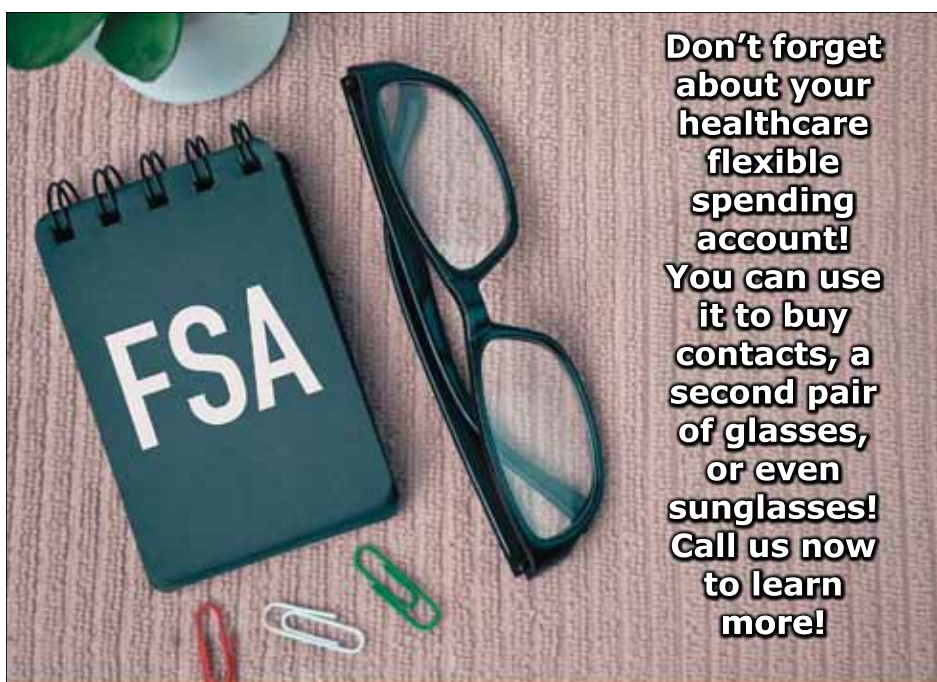
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## FBI investigates complaint by VBT resident, arrests suspect

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Wendy Halsted Beard of Franklin, MI, was arraigned in U.S. District Court in Detroit on Oct. 14 on two arrest warrants, one for wire fraud and one for mail fraud – and a Van Buren Township resident is one of the alleged victims.

Her preliminary examination was set for Nov. 4 and then was adjourned until Dec. 9 so the retained attorney she plans to hire will have time to review the evidence. She is free on \$10,000 unsecured bond.

### Coach

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Superintendent Pete Kudlak said the district is appealing the decision, but the district probably will not get a decision on that until after this season is over.

He said the school has no MHSSA sanctions based on the coach's suspension.

Supt. Kudlak said Crowell's suspension was based on the charge in *The Detroit Free Press* that he gave rides to Belleville to a Detroit student, now a senior, Jameel Croft, Jr., just before his freshman year. This would be a violation of MHSAA rules concerning recruitment.

Croft recently signed two statements saying that didn't happen, Kudlak said.

Crowell denies all the allegations. He had been suspended by the school and the MHSSA during the investigation and has been unable to coach the team on the field for the past few games.

Kudlak said Crowell has been cheering the team from the stands as it tries for a second state championship.

Belleville High School is a school-of-choice school and has attracted several athletes who do not live in the Van Buren district.

In response to an *Independent* Freedom of Information Act request, the district said it had 65 members on its varsity football team in the 2021-22 school year and 60 in the present school year. The district denied the FOIA request to state how many of those were school of choice students who live in other districts, saying the district does not compile such information and such a record does not exist.

Kudlak said the district does not keep records on how many school of choice students it has and only looks into that on a case-by-case basis, when necessary.

He stated that Crowell bought a home in Van Buren Township and has been living there for the past two years. Kudlak said Crowell does not have any school of choice students living with him, contrary to some reports. Van Buren Township records show Crowell lives in Country Walk subdivision.

During the FBI's investigation, over 100 rare photographs with a combined estimated value of about \$1.6 million have been identified as being consigned to Beard and not returned or sold to victims without being delivered.

Bank records and other business records indicate there are likely to be more victims who have yet to be interviewed.

According to the criminal complaint filed by FBI Special Agent Julia MacBeth, there is probable cause to believe that Beard has executed a scheme to defraud by receiving valuable fine art photography prints on consignment, selling the artwork without the owner's knowledge and keeping the proceeds of the sale for personal gain.

In addition, Beard has sold artwork to victims and after receiving payment never delivered the artwork to the purchaser. There is also probable cause to believe that interstate wire transactions and interstate mail services were used to execute the scheme to defraud.

She operated a gallery out of a storefront in Birmingham until 2020 when the gallery was closed and relocated to her Franklin, MI residence.

One of the five top victims is Van Buren Township resident J. Ross Baughman who was interviewed by two FBI agents after he made a formal complaint about how Beard has possession of 20 of his rare photographs

### Belleville rushes past Detroit CC, 33-10, advances to State Semis

By Robert Mytych  
*Belleville-Area Independent*

Three fumbles, one interception, a little light snowfall, and limited passing for Belleville's Bryce Underwood, still wasn't going to be enough to stop the Belleville Tiger football team as members called upon their running game and defeated Detroit Catholic Central, 33-10, on Nov. 12, played at Belleville High School.

The victory clinched the Regional Championship title for BHS and set the stage for a State Division 1 match-up against Detroit Cass Tech (9-3) this Friday at 7 p.m. at Novi High School.

The winner advances to State Finals over Thanksgiving weekend at Ford Field.

It was the first game without a TD pass for Underwood, considered one of the best QB's in the country, as the freshman unleashed the ground attack as the Tigers ran for five touchdowns, two each from Jeremiah Beasley and Colbey Reed, and one from Jalen Johnson.

This Friday's game will be televised live on Bally Sports Detroit.

by Ansel Adams and other famous photographers that he had consigned to her for sale for a lump sum of \$40,000 in February 2020. The consignment was for one year and paid a 10% commission.

Beard said she had planned to take the photographs to a sale she was hosting in a Florida gallery.

Baughman, 69, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and college professor, lost his life's work and art collection from the water used to fight a fire at The Waverly, the former Harbour Club apartments, on May 24, 2021.

Eighteen months after the consignment agreement ended, he said he has yet to get any money from the sale of the photos or to have them returned to him.

Baughman said he had great respect for Beard's late father, Thomas Halsted, and so had no problem in dealing with Halsted's daughter. Halstead established a gallery in Birmingham in 1969 and, according to the victims, was well-respected. He died in 2018.

According to the criminal complaint, one of Baughman's 20 photographs was "Human Pin Cushion, Maryland, 1961" by Diane Arbus, which Beard valued at \$8,500. This photo had originally been purchased by Baughman from Beard's father in 1972.

After about six months, Beard became evasive about the photographs, according to the complaint, and Baughman contacted the gallery in Florida. He was provided contact information for Beard's assistant, "Katy Welsh," who he later learned does not exist.

Numerous victims told the FBI that Beard had told them she was going to take their artworks to her gallery in Florida to sell. The FBI investigated and found that Beard had rented space at Palm Beach Art in Lake Worth, FL in January 2021 for seven months. After the lease term had ended Beard left an inventory of 62 photographs and management of the showroom attempted to contact Beard to ask her to pick up her artwork.

An inventory list of 62 photographs was provided by the showroom to the FBI, which contained artwork belonging to identified victims, which was not returned to them after the period of consignment had ended. One of these photographs belonged to Baughman, "Human Pin Cushion."

The criminal complaint described four other victims, including an 89-year-old man with Alzheimer's who, among other things, had his signed Ansel Adams photo returned with the signature gone; an 82-year-old who gave Beard \$900,000 in fine-art photography to sell; a 70-year-old victim who placed a signed Ansel Adams

book and three photographs with Beard and got the book back and a bad check for one photo for \$4,000; and a 72-year-old victim who paid \$73,000 for an Ansel Adams photograph and never got the photograph.

Different victims told the FBI of Beard's excuse for not returning their photographs was that she had been in a months-long coma and/or had a double-lung transplant. The dates were two different times within one year, according to two victims.

One coma report came on Sept. 1, 2022, and just two weeks prior, on Aug. 18, 2022, she was observed by the FBI, while on physical surveillance, to leave her residence and drive to a Detroit parking structure owned by the same company in which Beard's bank account records show incoming payroll deposits since about January 2022. Beard did not appear to be physically impaired, the FBI report said.

Baughman said when he was unable to get his photographs back from Beard, he went to the Belleville Police Department and they told him he needed to file with the Van Buren Township police, since he lived in the township. After being interviewed by Van Buren Township detectives, he said they recommended he file his complaint in Birmingham because that police department has more resources.

He said he and his sister, Mary Ann Bitner, drove to Birmingham to file the complaint and police said they received multiple complaints on Beard and it is being turned over to the FBI.

A joint investigation was conducted by the FBI Detroit Metropolitan Identity Theft and Financial Crimes Task Force and the Birmingham Police Department, with the assistance of the FBI Art Theft Unit, that showed Beard was executing a scheme to defraud beginning at least in 2017.

The criminal complaint noted that Beard's victims are typically elderly individuals.

### Court Watching:

### Ibrahim pleads guilty to running red light, killing man at Ecorse

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The pretrial for Abdifatah Abdikarim Ibrahim of Lavon, TX, was set for Nov. 2 before 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green. He was charged with a moving violation causing death on Sept. 30 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$1,000 personal bond. He was present for his Oct. 12 remote pretrial and the pretrial was set for Nov. 2.

On Nov. 2, his attorney Randall Upshaw

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Election season over, holiday season coming up

At last, the nonstop political ads on television and the piles of political mail that came every delivery day are over.

The voters can breathe a sigh of relief. The candidates that were elected are happy and those who lost are sad. There are questions on the voting process and people are coming up with ways to make it better.

But this is the time to look forward to Thanksgiving next week. Christmas is not many days after that. It looks like Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter offices all will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Winter Fest is being planned with lots of fun activities for all ages. Wish the parade on Dec. 3 would be called the Christmas parade since that's what it is. Santa will be hauled in by the Belleville Fire truck this year.

But Santa has no Christmas tree to light once he gets here because the traditional one at the museum has been cut down and the one at the entry to the city, put in with the dreams of Ruth Bleeker, has also been removed.

And, the annual festival of holiday trees at the museum won't be put on since the museum is closed and a new museum plan is under way. The Central Business Community is considering a way to put trees up outside and get them decorated. We'll hear more on that, but time is flying so it better be fast. But don't forget the reason for the season.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Oct. 26, Amazon opened its new building of more than 180,000 square feet in Canton Township along Michigan Avenue between Beck and Denton roads. Its first batch of packages left early in the morning. Typically, the trucks are dispatched between 10 a.m. and noon.

The center is on a formerly empty lot near the Van Buren Township border. This is Amazon's 11<sup>th</sup> delivery station to open in Michigan, including Romulus and Livonia.

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A Van Buren Township resident called us on Thursday to "vent." She had just called the township hall about something that was important to her and found the township hall was closed. Since they now have every Friday off and work only four days, they took Thursday, Nov. 10, off for their Veterans Day Nov. 11 holiday. Worked only three days that week. She was steaming.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he couldn't defend that. He said when the union was negotiating for a four-day work week it had to give up some of its former holidays and, "Did you ever try to take anything from a union?" When he said the four-day week was going to be abandoned, the union canceled some of the holidays. That one, Veterans Day, was not canceled and so it worked out the way it did last week.

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Forty veterans were present for Keystone Academy's Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 11, the first veterans' assembly since COVID. This is one of the school's favorite assemblies of the year. Pictures of veterans are brought in by students and posted in the hallways, as well.

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The first electric vehicle charging stations have been installed in the city of Belleville. The two EV units have four chargers with paved, marked parking for vehicles. It's at Scott Jones' headquarters at the corner of High Street and West Huron River Drive at the former Stoney Creek Motorsports building that he has been renovating into his lakeside headquarters for his Belleville Main LLC business. The chargers, we're told, are for visitors to his business.

I remember when John Juriga, who is on the Belleville Area District Library Board asked board members to consider having EV chargers put into the far end of the parking lot next to the library for the public to use. That hasn't happened.

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We received word that just in time for Christmas shopping, the biography of former Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent James Richendollar, "Promise Kept," is available for purchase for \$20 at Garden Fantasy on Main, Belleville Hardware, and the Belleville Area District Library. You can also order it through Keith Johnston of Johnston Enterprises in Romulus, but you'll have to pay extra for the shipping cost. Send him a request for the book at [keith@johnstonlitho.com](mailto:keith@johnstonlitho.com) and he'll give you an estimate for shipping. The eBook is available on Amazon.

There are several ways to order the book so if you can't come to downtown Belleville,

send an email to James Richendollar at [dutdoc88@aol.com](mailto:dutdoc88@aol.com) and he can send you the two pages of options.

"Promise Kept" covers Richendollar's life from his birth in 1940 to his retirement in 2000. It's said to be the story of his youth and his transformation into a leader of Belleville's education community. Proceeds of the book will go to the Richendollar Scholarship Fund.

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At Monday's school board meeting, board members were saying how great it was that the football game would be on Friday night and the big craft and vendor sale at BHS was on Saturday, so the events don't interfere with each other and they can go to both. Besides that, the school play is on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, so they won't have any problem getting to that, either.

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Also at Monday's meeting, board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick, who works with the Benches for Belleville project, said they will be loading 1,850 pounds of plastic caps on Wednesday at 5 p.m. and she would love to have some help. It's too late for our readers to help with that, but she said on Saturday they will be unloading eight completed benches and two tables. Maybe our readers can help with that.



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## Letters

### Exercise for Advent?

To the editor:

As Advent approaches, I'd like to offer an invitation to an exercise class that may, in addition to being a great workout, also help you focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. a small group has been gathering at Belleville First United Methodist Church to exercise together with a focus on our creator. The class is mainly cardio drumming (think yoga ball on a large plastic tub and drumsticks) with a small amount of dance and strength training. We exercise to praise music.

This particular class, "Drumming with Dee" is the first part of a new ministry at the church called WiHn (pronounced "win") which stands for "workouts in His name". These classes are open to the community and complimentary equipment is available on a first-come basis. You do not need to be a church member to attend. All are welcome. There is no charge for this class although donations are accepted and are designated to various causes, usually switching every few months. We will be collecting for the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation during Advent.

Let's focus on our creator as we look towards Advent. It's easy to get bogged down with the anxiety of all we have to do before the holidays. Come join us, drum away your stress and redirect your thoughts to the true meaning of Christmas. Also, it will be fun!

I can be reached through our church office at (734) 697-9288 for more information or to confirm class times in case of changes.

Dee Groeneweg, instructor  
WiHn (workouts in His name)  
Belleville

### Victory Park was named for our boys in WWI

To the editor:

Most Belleville residents are aware that our beautiful lakeside community is full of hidden treasures. This summer, upon making our normal gardening rounds, we stumbled across another interesting piece of our history.

After removing a large, overgrown bush from a bed at the east end of Victory Park, we uncovered a rock with a mysterious 1919 on it.

Shortly thereafter, my mom was going through some of her belongings and found a gold-covered pamphlet from 1955 titled, "Golden Anniversary Belleville Michigan." Inside it, a brief mention is made to "the triangular piece of ground at Five Points."

It states, "The Park & Playground Association was organized by a group of ladies backed by the businessman,

community and later the village council... Funds were donated by the businessman and community in general and the triangular piece of ground at five points was purchased from Mrs. Kate Clark.

"The park was dedicated in honor of our boys who went to World War I and was named "Victory Park." Mrs. Alban was the first and last president and original promoter of the project and (the) association was dissolved in March 1928."

All of these years of enjoying this beautiful park as a child, and now with children of my own, and never once did I question the name. As a fourth-generation Belleville resident, I thought this was an interesting little tidbit about my community and in honor of Veterans Day, we wanted to share this with all of you.

We want to thank our Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. We are extremely grateful for you, our country, and our freedom. May God bless you all.

The Pioneer Girls

### Michelle Rodriguez retires from post office

To the editor:

We would like to recognize Michelle Rodriguez for her many, many years of service to the community with the United States Postal Service! Congratulations on your retirement Michelle! You kept moving through rain, sleet, and snow for many years ensuring your patrons received their original mail.

We, your cardio drummers, are looking forward to your expanding second job! You started cardio drumming over five years ago to stay moving. You have served your community delivering mail, now it's time for cardio drumming! You service many communities already with classes to keep clients moving and helping gain strength with mental health, muscles, lowering blood pressure, above all losing pounds. Cardio drumming is helpful to all ages, 4-year-old Natalie to 94-year-old Ann Hogan. The best thing about cardio drumming is you can sit in a chair and move your arms or you can stand and do jumping jacks for more effect.

We look forward to more day and evening classes throughout the Sumpter, Saline, and more communities. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the community.

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Yard Waste Collection in Van Buren Township ends the week of Nov. 21. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper on what is accepted, how to bag, and where to leave the stuff. Call (734) 699-8926.

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Belleville High School will host over 60 crafters and vendors this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 2022 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show. Impasto Italian Inspired Wraps and C & C Seven Star BBQ will be among the food truck line-up. The BBQ menu can be found in their ad in today's paper.

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The Belleville Tigers football team improved to 12-0 this season with a 33-10 victory over Detroit Catholic Central last Saturday, Nov. 12, at BHS. Belleville will face Cass Tech (8-3) at Novi High School (neutral site) this Friday night, 7 p.m. The Division 1 state semifinal game will be televised by Bally Sports Detroit. Tickets are \$10 and available at [gofan.co/app/vents/749381?schoolId=MI10044](https://gofan.co/app/vents/749381?schoolId=MI10044). The

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## Obituaries



Claude H. Enzenauer

### CLAUDE H. ENZENAUER

(January 20, 1943 – November 11, 2022)  
 Claude H. Enzenauer, 79, resident of Hudson, formerly of Belleville, passed away November 11, 2022 in Petoskey. He was born January 20, 1943 in Detroit to Charles L. Enzenauer and Angeline (LaCelle) Enzenauer. Claude graduated from Belleville High School in 1961. Claude was a dedicated employee of Ford Motor Company and a member of UAW 898 retirees. He was an avid hunter and fisherman in his younger years although he still loved to fish. He was affectionately known as C.D. to many of his friends. He loved going to the casinos and spending time with his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his children, John (Mary) Enzenauer of Carp Lake, Kathleen Enzenauer Merritt of Holly, David (Wendy) Enzenauer of Las Vegas, NV, Karen Enzenauer Soper of Trenton; 5 grandchildren Heiner (Sina) of Hungen, Germany, Tyler Merritt of Rosharon, Texas, Ashley (Justin) Minkowski of Mt. Morris, Matthew Soper and Nathan Soper both of Belleville; 4 great-grandchildren, Anamae Enzenauer, Avery, Cooper and Caleb Minkowski. Also survived by his sister Bettyann Scott and brother Richard Enzenauer. Many nieces and nephews and cousins also survive. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert Enzenauer, Albert Enzenauer, Cynthia Enzenauer (his children's mother), and longtime companion Judith Schuster. The family would like to thank friends and family for all of the prayers and support during Claude's illness. A day of remembrance will take place in early summer 2023. The Enzenauer Family

### GAILE E. RANKIN

(March 21, 1944 – October 16, 2022)  
 Gail Elizabeth Rankin (Elliott), age 78, of St. George, Georgia, passed away October 16, 2022 after a brief illness. She was the daughter of Wesley and Agnes Elliott of Belleville, MI, and graduated from Belleville High School Class of 1962. Gail is survived by two siblings, Charlotte Donaldson of Saline and JoAnn Wint of Belleville; three children, Shawn Rankin of Georgia, Jackie Rankin Krajniak of Milan, and Erick of Arizona; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Janet Anthony, and her husband Daniel Rankin. Cremation rites have been accorded.

### SANDRA LEE CLINKSCALES

(March 2, 1943 – November 12, 2022)  
 Age 79, of Willis. Survived by husband Ronald Clinkscases; children Sheri Ann Frye, Rhonda Barton, Shari Kociuba, Tammy Wehrenbery; five brothers and sisters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Private burial in Southfield. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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### CYO Athletic Director, Coach resigns at St. A.

To the editor:

Thank you to all who have made the many years I have served as Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletic Director and coach here at St. Anthony.

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Brian will be in charge starting with the 2023-2024 season. I will be here for assistance (if needed).

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P.J., Van Buren Township

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# VBT planners table action on Brookwood housing development

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Nov. 9, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission tabled consideration of Brookwood senior housing development until the three absent commissioners could be present to share the information and participate in the decision.

The commission met with a bare quorum with Commissioners Medina Atchinson, Jeff Jahr, and Calli Barr absent and excused.

Chris Garner on behalf of owner SB-Invest L.P. wants to construct an independent, multi-family, residential senior housing development with 132 single-story dwelling units with a combined gross floor area of about 154,110 square feet.

The 44.4 acre site is on the north side of Tyler Road near Morton Taylor Road. It is zoned RM-Multiple Dwelling Residential District and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. Garner was also seeking Preliminary Site Plan approval.

At the public hearing on Nov. 9, Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power explained that the development would be west of Hickory Woods and there would be 25.9 disturbed acres of the 44.4 total. There would be 132 units and a clubhouse with two, four, and six-plex buildings.

Each unit has a two-car garage. There are 284 parking spaces and 264 of them are garage spaces.

All access would be from Tyler Road by a wide boulevard. The north end of the parcel would be a preserved wetland.

First speaker at the public hearing was Eric Moore who said his property on Bradley backs up to this "bowling alley," referring to the deep, narrow parcel. He said the residents in his subdivision paid premium prices for backing up to the woods. He wanted to know about the trees.

Moore said the project is good for this community, especially for aging people like himself.

Carolyn Rushing lives on Ironwood and also backs up to this property. "We were told nothing would be built behind us

because of wetlands," she said, also asking about the stand of trees. "We got a letter from the state about the wetlands possibly being changed," she said.

Ray Kolb, who said he lived next door to Moore on Bradley, asked if the developers could trade off the wetlands. "There's a lot of wildlife out there," he said.

A woman who said she was a Hickory Woods resident also asked about the tree line. She voiced concern about the traffic on Tyler Road, which she said was heavy.

"I've lived her for over 15 years," she said. "Morton Taylor was supposed to be paved...The new senior complex will add traffic... The new EV plan up on Ecorse will bring more traffic."

She said Kevin McNamara when he was running for supervisor said he would make sure a traffic light would be placed there. She wondered if that statement was just for the campaign.

That ended the 23-minute public hearing. After the commission tabled the Special Land Use requested, Director Power said the items brought up will take more review.

The Preliminary Site Plan item on the agenda did get a lot of discussion before it, too, was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

Director Power said the Brookwood developers had been coordinating their plans with other adjoining homeowners' association and there are still some things to be addressed. He said the zoning is RM, the site plan submittal was complete, and a traffic-impact study was done by Wade Trim and it found "no further improvements are needed now."

He said there will be one boulevard entry with 20 street parkings and the rest for the homes. It will include a series of retention basins and a pump station at Tyler that is part of the sanitary system and will pump sewage under Tyler to the sewer.

Power said it does have side-entry garages and shared driveways.

Chairman Kelley said he doesn't want the full reports now, since the three commissioners aren't here.

Vidya Krishnan, planner, said there is a regulated wetlands at the north end and

EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) was not interested in them cutting through to Morton Taylor. There was no option but to go in and out by Tyler Road.

Krishnan said Van Buren Township has tried to work with Wayne County for a light at Morton Taylor and Tyler, but right now the county is not interested in a traffic light there.

"It has always been the township's intention. Hopefully in the future the county's count will go up and they will consider it," she said.

Krishnan said the township has worked with the applicants for a long time and the applicants have put forth their best efforts to solve problems.

The township's consulting engineer Paul Kammer said the county goes by numbers on traffic lights to determine whether an intersection "warrants" a light. As more development comes in and traffic figures go up it could change, he said.

"It's not the township's ultimate decision," Kammer said.

Chris Garner said the developers have five senior communities in its program. The one in Taylor is under construction, Fenton Township is breaking ground, Superior and Ash townships are under the approval process. He said they have been working for one and a half years in getting the Van Buren Township approval.

Luke Bonner, a real estate consultant with Bonner Advisory Group in Ann Arbor, told the commission the property is challenged. He said when they are seeking sites, they look for a real good community, close to airports and freeways. He said they reached

out to neighboring HOAs and there were no less than six meetings with them.

He pointed out the shaded areas on the site map that showed the wetlands. He said EGLE had a hearing and looked at the wetlands for six to seven months. They determined it is a high-quality, wooded wetlands and EGLE wants the developer to put the land in a conservation easement.

To the Hickory Woods residents, he said the property behind them will never be touched and developers have no interest in disturbing trees along the property line.

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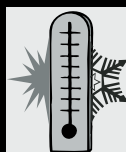
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## School signs agreement with VBT for one more school resource officer

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education a memo of understanding was approved with Van Buren Township to provide another school resource officer to the school district.

The agreement is in effect from Jan. 10, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2025.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Josh Monte, a graduate of Belleville High School, was present to explain the project. He said the new school resource officer will work with the Belleville Police Department's resource officer Sgt. Kris Faull and with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

The school district will pay for 75% of the officer's pay, which over the three years



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Savage Elementary School Color Guard started Monday's Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meeting. From left are John Mermaridis, Calhen Koweck, Aiden Allred, and Jourdyn Lovelace. Savage Principal Lisa Preuss said Matt Barr of the NJROTC at Belleville High School helped the color guard practice for this event.

of the agreement amounts to \$220,731.26. The township will pay remaining wages and fringes that amount to \$138,977.50 over the three years.

The officer will mainly work at the high school but will service all the other schools as well. The lengthy agreement covers all the details of the officer's work. The officer will spend 75% of his or her time with the schools but is an employee of the township.

At the end of the agenda, School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained the new way the district is regarding safety since working with the Secure Education Consultancy

(SEC) which is made up of ex-police.

They are looking to set up common alert language in all of the schools and they are looking to have more specificity for roles assigned at the schools for emergency situations.

He pointed out school building areas that need to be made more safe and other structural and equipment changes the district is looking at. He said Dan Wright, who was recently appointed to a district safety position, will come to school board meetings to report on his work and explain how they are changing the way they do safety.

Sgt. Rick Houk of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department was present to explain what his department is doing in its county, where the troubled West Willow area is in the Van Buren School District. Students from this area are the ones who brought guns to school last spring.

He said officers are in that neighborhood, where there has been violent crime, and also have a presence on social media where the youth are now using codes. He said youth break into cars and homes to steal guns and then sell them. He said they are creating dossiers on certain individuals and citing landlords who continually rent properties to troubled people.

"We are only one piece of the puzzle," he

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# School Board

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said, adding the police build the case and then turn it over to the prosecutor who files the charges and then it goes to court.

“We can only do so much,” Sgt. Houk said, adding the problem is not always taken care of. He said a new law says individuals now have to be 18 to be adults and those who are 17 have one more year in the youth home or are back to their parents’ custody.

“We arrest for larceny from a vehicle and they are sent home by the court,” he said.

He said the Sheriff’s Department has a tip line and when people call in tips, they can request the police not drive up in their driveways and instead call them back on the phone.

Sgt. Houk said he has two children in the Van Buren school district.

In other business in the two-hour meeting on Nov. 14, the board:

- Approved the audit of the 2021-22 school year as presented by Taylor Morgan with the top, “unmodified opinion.” It was noted that the student population in the district, which determines how much state funds are earned, is about the same this school year as last year which just was audited;

- Heard building presentations from Savage and Edgemont Schools;

- Approved the retirement of teacher Jerome Roberson of Owen Intermediate School after 23 years of service as of Oct. 26; and the resignations of teachers Tracey Ostuji of Owen as of Oct. 21 after less than a year of service, Bradley Pipok of Tyler as of Nov. 14 after five years of service, and Kristy Hickson of Rawsonville/Edgemont as of Nov. 22 after 12 years of service;

- Approved the employment of Inthira Borowicz at Owen Intermediate as a reading interventionist as of Nov. 29;

- Approved the retirements of non-instructional staff members Theresa Johnson of Savage after 23 years of service as of Dec. 23; Paula Brown of Early Childhood Center after 16 years of service as of Jan. 9; and the resignation of William Sheridan from BHS as of Nov. 30 after less than a year of service;

- Approved the employment of Shelly McEwen in the Food Service department as of Nov. 7;

- Heard two women, who both live in West Willow subdivision, urge the board to keep parents informed on guns being brought to



Sgt. Rick Houk

school. She said she has a nephew at the school who didn’t know about the gun. Board President Amy Pearce said they did alert all the parents in the high school on those situations and one woman said all the families in the district should have gotten a letter. She said last week there was an incident on a bus to McBride where her niece and another girl were sexually harassed and the bus cameras should have caught it. The second woman said she is a substitute teacher and has not been informed what to do if an emergency arises while she is on the job; and

- Held a closed-door session at 6 p.m., before the regular meeting, to consider a request for reinstatement of a disciplined student. After the session, in an open meeting the board granted unconditional reinstatement to Student 19-20-007 for the 2022-23 school year.



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## Commissioner Haidous honored

Photo courtesy of Kevin McNamara  
On Friday, politicians from all over Wayne County gathered for the unveiling of the new name on the front of the city of Wayne's community center to honor Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, the city's former mayor. They renamed the community center from Hype Athletics in the City of Wayne to the Abdul "AL" Haidous Community Center. Three days earlier, Haidous was reelected to his commissioner's position.

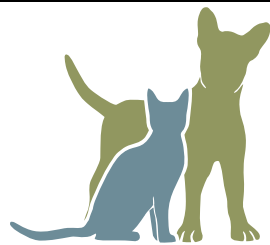
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### Shout out to residents of Columbia Court

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# VBT Plan

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He said this development is for 55-and-older residents who are active seniors. The buildings will be of brick and stone. Most are four-unit buildings.

"The township wanted different looks, so we turned garages sideways and backward," Bonner said. He said there will be 11.8 acres of preserved wetlands and 10.5 acres of general open space, including ponds and grass. There will be 264 trees.

He said during the planning they went from 190 units to 132 and when they couldn't access Morton Taylor, they widened the boulevard for two-way traffic. They will be sprinkling the units and they have a letter from EGLE on the wetlands.

He said Power came up with a request that week to separate shared driveways and they have enough room to separate the driveways and put something there, like a gravel-based separation.

Treasurer Sharry Budd was concerned about seniors having to back out into the streets and she asked who would own the pump station in the future.

Bonner said municipalities like to own public utilities. He said they would

contribute in perpetuity to the township for care of the pump station.

Budd also was concerned about people not stopping at the four-way stop at Morton Taylor and Tyler roads.

Bonner said there will be no school buses to Brookwood since it is for seniors and people work with different time schedules now. He said he likes four-way stops.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, said wetlands can change and maybe they will be dried out with the retention ponds and other drainage for the development.

Veronica, the Wade Trim representative, said, "We will discharge to the wetlands at the allowable rate ... That's why we needed a permit." She said there will be a seasonal stream to make sure it doesn't dry up.

When Moore asked about ponds, Veronica said the Hickory Wood pond is a retention pond and the Brookwood pond overflows over riprap to the wetlands.

Rushing asked when the traffic study was done. Veronica said the traffic study was completed in September. She would look into whether the assisted living facility to the south of Tyler was taken into account. Kammer said the original traffic numbers were taken in the fall of 2021.

Commissioner Grant noted that the wetlands along Morton Taylor were not connected to the special wetlands to be preserved and if they dried out could they be moved and homes built there. Bonner said that was possible.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved recommending special land use to the township board for Cobblestone Creek Villas revision. They also approved the preliminary plan review with all four deviations from the original Planned Residential Development;

- Heard Power say there has been a big flush of development in the township. He said they have one more regular meeting of the commission this year in December.

He said he would send emails asking about which committees each commissioner would like to serve on. Kelley said committees would cut down on time spent at the commission meetings; and

- Heard Budd ask for Power to find the address of Brookwood's Taylor development so commissioners can go look at it.

## Belleville Area District Library at end of construction expenses

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

O'Neal Construction presented its final construction project bill to the Belleville Area District Library at the library board's November building committee meeting.

At the regular board meeting on Nov. 8, the board approved amendments to the current Capital Project and Debt Service budgets, noting most of the \$14 million in construction is done.

There is \$247,950 construction work in progress and the remaining funds of \$543,900 were transferred out of the Capital Projects Fund Budget to the Debt Service Fund. The Capital Projects fund balance now is zero for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The annual audit of the 2021-22 fiscal year ending June 30 will be on the agenda of the Dec. 13 regular meeting and is expected to show a favorable variance in the \$2 million approved budget.

"We budgeted conservatively, for the worst-case scenario," said board chairperson Sharon Peters. "It's better than finding ourselves in the hole."

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she will miss the monthly meetings with O'Neal, "but they will always remain a phone call away to assist us in any building issues or future needs.

"We have some small remaining items to address but will be closing out the project portion of our budget during the coming months," she said.

Suchy said one of the HVAC units was not functioning, resulting in a warmer-than-normal second floor. She said ThermalNetics, the HVAC controls company, came out and fixed it.

Joy Cichewicz, chairperson of the building committee, said they met a week ago with O'Neal and John Juriga noted that he, as a committee member, had spent

258 hours from the beginning of the new library project. Juriga had spent more because he comes into the library almost daily to check on details. Juriga agreed to continue to monitor the library.

Besides Cichewicz and Juriga, the building committee consists of Mary Jane Dawson and Suchy, with Peters usually in attendance as well. Instead of dominating committee reports in meetings, as it had over the past few years, in the future the building committee will be able to give brief reports like the other committees.

Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire thanked the building committee for their years and years of work.

Cichewicz said the library had a guaranteed construction price from O'Neal and will be getting \$80,000 back.

She said the library gave its final payout to O'Neal. They will be available in the future by the hour.

Chairperson Peters said O'Neal was a good group to work with and they will still be available to help deal with little switches and things.

Cichewicz said they put a groove in the entryway to the meeting room to drain so it is not slippery in the winter. She said that decision took lots of discussions before it was done.

She also noted that there is still a sidewalk issue on Roys Street because the Baptist church's font is draining there and they are concerned it is not draining properly. City DPW Director Rick Rutherford is looking into the problem so the sidewalk can be poured there.

In other business at the Nov. 8 meeting, the board:

- Heard Linda Priest announce she, as chairperson of the personnel committee, is working on the evaluation forms for board members to fill out for Suchy's evaluation in December.

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Nov. 17** – The Belleville Area District Library will show the movie “Lust for Life” at 6 p.m. The movie on Van Gogh is in preparation for the Nov. 19 trip the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is sponsoring to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view the Van Gogh exhibit.
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Nov. 18, 19, 20** – Belleville High School Tiger Drama presents “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde at the BHS Auditorium. On Friday the show is at 7 p.m., on Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 19** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will travel by bus from Van Buren Township Hall to view the works of Van Gogh at the Detroit Institute of Arts.
- **Saturday, Nov. 19** – Belleville High School will host its 2022 Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. More than 50 crafters and vendors attending.
- **Monday, Nov. 21** – Tree of Remembrance Service for anyone in the community that is missing a loved one. Starts at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments and fellowship at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. At 7 p.m., everyone will move outside to remember their

loved ones, speak their names, and place ornaments on the tree in their memory. Information: (734) 697-5090.

• **Thursday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 4** – Winter Fest events include skating rink downtown, lighted parade on Saturday, food, music, Santa and possible fireworks.

• **Sunday, Dec. 4** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope ceremony begins at 7 p.m. at the Angel of Hope statue in Hillside Cemetery. For those who have experienced the death of any of children. Hear the child’s name spoken and place a flower provided to keep or leave at the statue. Information: Brown Family Center, (734) 697-5090.

• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs its holiday concert at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults at the door, \$6 for seniors, students, children; \$30 per family.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

• **Sunday, April 16** – Ypsilanti Symphony

Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

## Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, Nov. 21** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 22** – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 28** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 30** – Drainage Board meeting at 1 p.m. at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd. for a Determination of Necessity for the maintenance and improvement of the North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain in Monroe, Wayne, and Washtenaw counties.
- **Monday, Dec. 5** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 6** – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- **Wednesday, Dec. 7** – Van Buren Township’s Downtown Development Authority will hold an informational meeting as required by law at 3 p.m. at the DDA office at 10151 Belleville Rd. People also may attend by zoom. Contact [www.vanburendda.com](http://www.vanburendda.com) for information on how to attend by zoom or call (734) 699-8941.

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Seventy-five veterans’ banners were put up by volunteers in downtown Belleville late Friday afternoon and early Saturday. The banner above honors Stephen J. Kuchta, Jr. and hangs in front of the *Belleville-Area Independent* offices on Main Street. Kuchta was one of the founders of the *Independent* when it organized in 1994. Belleville Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt who was in charge of the banners, explained that all but 10 on South Street were put up late on Veterans’ Day although he had planned to have them up sooner, well before Veterans’ Day. He explained that when they originally arrived every one was 6” too long and would not fit the light pole brackets. They also had extra printing at the top and bottom. Voigt said he called the company the banners had been ordered from and was told they would be reprinted immediately and Belleville would get the new ones by Nov. 9 at the latest. They didn’t arrive until Nov. 11 and were put up immediately after they came off the FedEx truck in late afternoon. It got dark, so they finished the South Street banners on Nov. 12. He said he was very disappointed in the timing, and apologized to everyone. Besides Voigt, who handed banners up to those on ladders, the volunteers installing the banners were Chris Donley, Robert Kenyon, Roman Kenyon, Dennis Brooks, Eric Brooks, Jim Patton, Roy Scyndlar, Goef Bush and Lori Day.

**Nov. 8 election returns:**

**Belleville Charter Amendment, School Sinking Fund pass**

Two local proposals were passed by voters in the Nov. 8 General Election.

The city of Belleville's Charter Amendment concerning medical marijuana, that took six pages out of the charter that were put in during the previous election, passed with 912 yes and 698 no votes.

The Van Buren Public Schools Sinking Fund proposal passed with 9,793 yes votes and 9,207 no votes.

All three state proposals were also passed

by voters.

In Sumpter, Republican Bart Patterson, with 2,321 votes, beat Democrat Sheena Barnes, with 1,731 votes.

The incumbents were reelected on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. Amy Pearce got 8,383 votes, Darlene Loyer Gerick got 6,865 votes, and Calvin Hawkins got 5,697 votes. Unsuccessful candidates were Andrew Frazier with 5,451 votes and Terrance Goff with 4,594 votes.

The Belleville Area District Library Board had four openings and four candidates. Three were incumbents. Winners were Sharon Peters, 7,931; newcomer Daniel Fleming, 7,461; Linda Priest, 7,241; and Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips, 7,241.

Thirty-fourth District Court Judge Brian

A. Oakley was unopposed and got 19,630 votes (97.14%).

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidou, a Democrat, retained his seat with 26,029 votes (59.02%) over Corey Blue, a Republican, with 17,893 votes (40.57%).

State House, District 31, winner was Democrat Reggie Miller with 12,775 votes (61.71%) over Republican Dale Biniecki with 7,864 (37.98%).

State Senate, 4<sup>th</sup> District, winner was Democrat Darrin Camilleri with 64,393 votes (55.20%) over Republican Houston James, with 51,963 votes (44.55%).

Democrat Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was reelected, to serve in the Sixth District, with 241,763 votes (65.89%), over Republican Whitney Williams, with 125,168 votes (34.11%).

Van Buren Township had a 54.67% turnout. There were 13,677 ballots cast of the 25,019 registered voters.

In Sumpter Township there was a 49.79% turnout. Of the 8,530 registered voters, 4,247 cast ballots.

In the city of Belleville turnout was 49.70%. There were 1,705 ballots cast out of the 3,430 registered voters.

**VBT Trustee Reggie Miller wins 2-year seat in State Legislature**

Democrat Reggie Miller, a trustee on the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees for 10 years, has won a 2-year seat in the Michigan House of Representatives to represent the new 31<sup>st</sup> district.

"I'm honored to have received the support of the 31st district," Reggie Miller said. "Thank you to everyone who



has helped me get to this place over the last 25+ years. I can't wait to get to Lansing to continue to advocate for the communities across my district and Michigan."

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it is yet to be determined who the board will replace Miller with for the final two years of her trustee term. He said he's sure it will be someone who has volunteered on behalf of the township over the years.

**Genysis Credit Union closes location in downtown Belleville**

As of 5 p.m., Nov. 30, the credit union branch location of Genysis Credit Union at the corner of Main and Second streets in downtown Belleville will close permanently.

The current staff for this branch at 186 Main St. will move to the branch at 10444 Belleville Rd. in Van Buren Township, according to the Oct. 14 letter sent to credit union members.

"Our decision to close this location is based on low membership utilization of this branch, as we have seen a large number of members transition their business and transactions to the Genisys branch located at 10444 Belleville Rd. which is just 1.7 miles from the Main Street branch," according to the letter.

Those with questions may contact Genysis at (248) 322-9800, ext. 5.

**City of Belleville Public Notice**

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, October 17, 2022 - 7:30 pm  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

**3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**A. Presentations**

- a) None
- B. Council Follow Up List
- 1) No comments.
- C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- 1) Brad Traskos
  - a) Mr. Traskos requested to alter the route for next year's tractor parade, as utilizing Haggerty was not very safe.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Item C, regarding the purchase of a new fire truck.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, October 3, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. None.

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

A. None.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

A) Special Event Application – Veteran's Day Ceremony

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial on High St. on Friday, November 11, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

B) Special Event Application – Winter Fest

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approving Winter Fest, taking place from December 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, throughout the downtown area.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye

Mayor Conley Aye

**Motion Carried.**

C) Discussion – Purchase of Fire Truck  
**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the purchase of a fire truck from R & R, in the amount of \$650,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-063** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

-- Stated that the city has received one application for the board member vacancy on the DDA, and four applications for the vacancy on City Council.

-- Further stated that he has not yet received any application(s) for the Project Administrator position.  
-- Is excited for Winter Fest.

**11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Council Member Bates
- Appreciates the efforts made by Mr. Traskos to organize the tractor parade that took place during Harvest Fest.

-- Reminded everyone that Halloween Downtown will be taking place on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Council Member Jones

-- Thanked Mr. Traskos for organizing the tractor parade.

-- Noted that Belleville High School's football team won their last game, and will advance to the playoffs if they also win their next game.

**12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Noted that the art show was this past weekend, and there were many talented artists who had pieces on display.

- Reminded everyone of the following upcoming events in the city:

- The Witches' Ball will take place at Egan's Pub on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Halloween Downtown will take place along Main St. on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**13. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Rosemary Oztzman

- Inquired as to whether or not there would be an awards ceremony for the scarecrow contest.

- Diana Strikis

- Noted that the new Booville sign looks great.

**14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

- None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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**City of Belleville Public Notice**

**POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 at 10 am,** at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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1999 Ford, Crown Victoria, VIN: 2FAFP71W4XX108687**

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6 MAIN STREET  
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**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,  
CITY CLERK**



# Court watching

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asked for a Cobbs plea consideration and Judge Green gave Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bryn Bailey a week to discuss the plea with her office and adjourned the pretrial until Nov. 9. Judge Green noted that Bailey had not had exposure to this kind of thing before.

Two members of the victim's family were present via zoom to observe the proceedings.

On Nov. 9, he pled guilty as charged to running a red light or multiple red lights on westbound Ecorse Road killing Mitchell Ronnie Lee on Sept. 30. Judge Green sent Ibrahim to the probation department for a report and said a sentencing date will be set.

At the sentencing, the three family members of the victim, who were present by zoom on Nov. 9, will be able to write a letter or speak their feelings.

"I've done four or five of these cases and they are terrible," said Judge Green, noting both families are forever affected.

She said she prefers a lot of community service with youth as a sentence. Judge Green said it's important for the defendant to tell his story in driving school, to tell the students to be very, very careful because if you miss a stop sign you could kill a motorcyclist.

"If I put him in jail, it's not the most successful way to deal with this," Judge Green said.

At first the sentencing was to be by zoom, but Judge Green changed her mind. "I'll do this as live sentencing. I owe it to you and your family." The date is yet to be announced

**Arion Joseph Ely-Dawson**

Arion Joseph Ely-Dawson, 18, of

Westland, had his probable cause conference adjourned from Oct. 12 to Oct. 19 because his defense attorney William Noakes did not have discovery.

Ely-Dawson was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and failure to stop at a personal injury accident on Oct. 3 in Van Buren Township. His bond was set at \$25,000/10% and he is to have no contact with the victim and wear a GPS tether if released.

On Oct. 12, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bryn Bailey told Judge Green that the victim told her that the defendant's mother and another relative are having contact with her through her girlfriend. They are laughing and offering to pay for the damages. The victim allegedly was run over by the defendant.

Judge Green told attorney Noakes to tell his family to stop. She said the defendant is in the Wayne County Jail and isn't doing it. She told Noakes to talk to his client and he said he would.

On Oct. 19, the case was adjourned one week to Oct. 26 because the attorney wasn't present. Ely-Dawson said he had no contact with his attorney because the mail went to his father.

On Oct. 26, the defendant waived his preliminary exam and he was bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 9 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Dec. 22.

**Dekenta Reshard Parchman**

Dekenta Reshard Parchman, 30, of Westland, was scheduled to be arraigned by Judge Oakley on Oct. 6 on two bench warrants on charges of driving while license suspended and interfering with police at 5:20 a.m. Oct. 10, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

The Wayne County Jail called into the court stating the defendant is in the hospital.

Parchman had been bound over to circuit court on Sept. 19 on charges he tortured a woman in Parkwood apartments in Van Buren Township. The arraignment on the information was set for Oct. 4, but was reset by circuit court to Nov. 18.

He was scheduled for a trial in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on Oct. 20 on a misdemeanor charge out of Romulus, but he was in the hospital, so a pretrial was set for Nov. 3 via zoom. That was held and the case dismissed by the complaining party.

**Jeremy Abraham Napier**

Jeremy Abraham Napier, 48, of Romulus was due for his probable cause conference on March 23 on charges of larceny from a motor vehicle, forgery of license documents/plates, identity theft, and drove while license suspended on March 8 in Van Buren Township. The probable cause conference was adjourned until April 20. On April 20, Judge Martin set his live exam for June 1.

On June 1, Prosecutor Jane Gillis made an offer that if he pled no contest to one count of unlawful use of license plate and no contest to driving while license suspended, the other charges would be dismissed. He pled no contest and testified that he used a plate he was not authorized to use and drove while license suspended.

Then he apologized. His defense attorney Brendon Debolski said his client is 49 years old, was living in Romulus, and engaged to be married when his fiancé had sores and he drove her to the hospital and she was not yet home from rehabilitation.

Debolski said Napier put the license on the car to take her to the hospital, which was not a good decision. He should have called 911. He has four kids, two in college, and is a longtime Ford Motor Co. employee. Napier told Judge Martin that he is a tool and die worker, having worked his way up from the production line, and this is very embarrassing. He said he builds Ford Broncos at the Wayne Assembly Plant.

Judge Martin assigned \$890 in fines and costs. She noted his felony has been reduced

to a misdemeanor.

**Fancy Lynn Letts**

Fancy Lynn Letts, 29, of Van Buren Township held her arraignment/probable cause conference on March 30 before Judge Oakley on a charge of possession of methamphetamine / Ecstasy on July 22 in the City of Belleville. Her probable cause conference was set for April 13. She is free on \$2,500 personal bond with a stipulation she must use no mood-alerting substances.

On April 13, her probable cause conference was adjourned to May 4. Her attorney Greg Rohl said she just had a baby and in another case she is getting sentenced to rehab.

On May 4 her probable cause conference was adjourned until May 18 because her attorney said there was the possibility of a resolution of the charge.

On May 18, Judge Green set a zoom preliminary exam for June 22 and on that date the exam was waived. She was bound over to circuit court for a July 7 arraignment on the information. At that time she pled guilty to the charge and sentencing was set for Aug. 9.

She was sentenced to 18 months of probation and fees totaling \$1,198.

**John Clifford-Warren Thompson**

John Clifford-Warren Thompson, 46, of Romulus was due before Judge Oakley on March 30 for his arraignment and probable cause conference on charges of driving while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd on Aug. 4, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

The defendant did not show up for March 30 court date and had no contact with his defense attorney. A probable cause conference was set for April 20.

On April 20, he waived his preliminary exam and Judge Martin bound him over to circuit court for a May 4 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for June 1 and final conference for July 20 continued to Aug. 4 and then to Sept. 23. That was reset to Sept. 30.

On Sept. 30 he failed to appear and so a bench warrant for his arrest was signed.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FRENCH LANDING PARK PHASE II  
KAYAK LAUNCH**

The Charter Township of Van Buren will receive sealed bids for construction of the French Landing Park Phase II Kayak Launch at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Denton Room at Township Hall.

The project site is located West of Haggerty Road and South of I-94 at 12090 Haggerty Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111.

Bid documents will be available online on MITN (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com>) and also the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at [erenaud@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:erenaud@vanburen-mi.org).

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# REWARD

**For Documents/Emails or information**, that will help attorneys suing **VISTEON** Corporation on behalf of Van Buren Twp, MI, which sold bonds to help Visteon Corp. build its corporate headquarters in the Township. As part of its bankruptcy, Visteon agreed to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds. Now they refuse to pay. Who or what committee decided Visteon would not pay Van Buren Twp. as promised? Documents from 2008 to present are especially wanted.

Information and/or documents showing Visteon originally intended to keep its promise to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds; or other information related to Visteon's treatment of Van Buren Twp. is needed.

Mail documents to Attorney J. Douglas Peters PLLC at 418 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111 or Call Mr. Peters at 734-725-9056.



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 313 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Nov. 6:

0050 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.  
0132 – suspicious person/vehicle, rest area  
0150 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0236 – suspicious person/vehicle, boat launch  
0333 – road hazard, Van Born/Haggerty  
0703 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
0905 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.  
0932 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.  
1023 – threat, Outer Dr.  
1059 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1108 – civil matter, Gilmore St.  
1154 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1155 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.  
1218 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.  
1258 – neighbor trouble, Turnberry Ct.  
1404 – domestic, Zachary St.  
1606 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River  
1635 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.  
1732 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1900 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
2256 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.

### Monday, Nov. 7:

0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0139 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0231 – welfare check, E. Michigan  
0657 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Blvd.  
0739 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0819 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.  
0951 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr. / Wildbrook Dr.  
1146 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.  
1205 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ayres  
1231 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1347 – intrusion alarm, Hoeft Rd.  
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lindsey Dr.  
1529 – larceny, Townsend Park  
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
1727 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1843 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.  
1938 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2015 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
2133 – assist fire dept., rest area

### Tuesday, Nov. 8:

0659 – animal complaint, Bemis/Rawsonville  
0914 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River/Elwell  
1059 – lost property/child, Elwell Rd.  
1127 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.  
1226 – animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.  
1303 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1344 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1354 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.  
1400 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1404 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.  
1407 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1424 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.  
1446 – misc. complaint, Robson Rd.  
1454 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1513 – trespassing, Denton Rd.  
1530 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1641 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1650 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1738 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1803 – missing person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1820 – assist fire dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.  
2112 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
2121 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
2243 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2246 – assist fire dept., W. Walden Dr.

### Wednesday, Nov. 9:

0109 – misc. complaint, Coleman A. Young  
0601 – assist fire dept., W. Archwood Dr.  
0759 – lost property/child, Cross St.  
0849 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.  
1003 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1128 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.  
1135 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.  
1213 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1406 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1440 – welfare check, Edwards Rd.

1510 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1535 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
1551 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.  
1704 – missing person, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1738 – personal injury accident, Hannan/Van Born  
1756 – trespassing, Westlake Cir.  
1844 – neighbor trouble, Rogers Ave.  
1934 – threat, Rogers Ave.  
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.  
2231 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.  
2342 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake

### Thursday, Nov. 10:

0020 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.  
0430 – welfare check, Cross St.  
0549 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.  
0631 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0736 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0753 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0756 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0947 – animal complaint, Beckley Rd.  
1040 – intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr.  
1045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.  
1045 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1049 – mental subject, Savage Rd.

1054 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1114 – assist other dept., Walden Blvd.  
1143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.  
1147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1215 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1321 – fraud, Southport Apartments  
1322 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.  
1401 – welfare check, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.

1534 – court detail, S. Wayne Rd.  
1536 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1557 – larceny from auto, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1609 – assist fire dept., E. I-94 Haggerty ramp / Haggerty Rd.

1647 – welfare check, Outer Dr.  
1755 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Ecorse  
1852 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1856 – shooting, E. Huron River Dr.  
1921 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1943 – disorderly, Milton Rd  
2002 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2014 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty  
2042 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.  
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride

### Friday, Nov. 11:

0010 – family trouble, Lancaster Dr.  
0051 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
0341 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.  
0407 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0705 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0929 – harassment call, Rose Blvd.  
1012 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse  
1027 – fraud, Quirk Rd.  
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.  
1303 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1336 – welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.  
1430 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1524 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1603 – dumping complaint, Michigan Ave.  
1627 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
1710 – assist other dept., Robson Rd.  
1719 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.  
1737 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1742 – intrusion alarm, Dorchester Dr.  
1753 – assist other dept., Hardwood Dr.  
1951 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.

2017 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2037 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.  
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arlene Ln.  
2141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.  
2225 – road hazard, W. I-94 Belleville ramp / Belleville Rd.

2226 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
**Saturday, Nov. 12:**  
0038 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
0553 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0736 – noise complaint, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.  
0929 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1206 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.  
1218 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Huron River Dr.

1309 – vehicle lock out, Van Buren St.  
1309 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
1526 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1642 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1720 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.  
1809 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
1827 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.  
1851 – threat, Jackson St.  
1919 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.  
2111 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.  
2130 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2150 – overdose, McKinley St.  
2211 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.  
2211 – suicidal person, Oak Blvd.  
2217 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 121 traffic stops with 37 of them being on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Nov. 6:

0112 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.  
0130 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.  
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
1520 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charles St.  
1943 – trespassing, Loza Ln.  
2144 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
2205 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2242 – welfare check, Loza Ln.

### Monday, Nov. 7:

0038 – parking complaint, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.

0110 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Owen St.  
0919 – private property impound, Main St./Fifth  
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
1309 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1408 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.  
2218 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.

### Tuesday, Nov. 8:

0133 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.  
0207 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon  
0613 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.

1125 – juvenile complaint, Loza Ln.  
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.  
1549 – intrusion alarm, Edison Ave.  
1836 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
1902 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
1952 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
2100 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
2108 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.  
2110 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.  
2205 – civil matter, San Carlos St.

### Wednesday, Nov. 9:

0316 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0946 -- ordinance violation, Main St.  
1315 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1333 – animal complaint, Victorian Ct.  
1654 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.  
1815 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Savage Rd.  
2155 – assist other dept., Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.

### Thursday, Nov. 10:

0603 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.  
1733 – juvenile complaint, Third St./Main St.  
1536 – missing person, Owen St.

### Friday, Nov. 11:

0014 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1208 – property damage accident, South St.  
1427 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.  
2002 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.  
2008 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2015 – traffic stop, S. Biggs Ave./Greylock St.  
2048 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.  
2148 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.  
2203 – traffic stop, Madelon  
2226 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

There were 22 traffic stops on this week's log.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Nov. 6:

0154 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0124 – traffic complaint/road, Arkona/Carleton West Rd.  
0333 – suspicious vehicle, Bohn Rd./Dunn Rd.  
0512 – civil dispute, Birch Dr.  
0750 – traffic complaint/vehicle off, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

0904 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Westcott  
1103 – traffic complaint/road, Wear Rd./Bohn Rd.  
1226 – assault, Stonecrest  
1236 – traffic complaint/road, Clark Rd./Wear Rd.  
1317 – assault, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
1538 – flee & elude, Willow Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1552 – follow-up investigation, Clark Rd./Ash Rd.  
1657 – fire dept. assist, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.  
1728 – ORV complaint, Executive Dr./Elwell Rd.  
2059 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.

### Monday, Nov. 7:

0747 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1037 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1136 – traffic complaint/road, Haggerty Rd./Judd  
1145 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1300 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1715 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1806 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
1826 – non-fatal shooting, Knollwood  
1904 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Tuesday, Nov. 8:

0302 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
0546 – traffic complaint/road, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
0833 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.  
1002 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct.  
1231 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
1327 – welfare check, Utah Ct.  
1433 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1450 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1740 – civil dispute, Knollwood  
1800 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1813 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1912 – follow-up investigation, Country Club Blvd.  
1941 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
2040 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
2203 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2214 – civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.  
2303 – suspicious vehicle, Hampshire Dr.  
2327 – civil dispute, Magnolia Dr.

### Wednesday, Nov. 9:

0007 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0529 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0748 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.  
1059 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1447 – assist other agency, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.  
1500 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1527 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1603 – malicious destruction of property, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.

1610 – retail fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
1614 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1819 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood  
1902 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2149 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Haggerty  
2220 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2222 – warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
2251 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs

### Thursday, Nov. 10:

0034 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.  
0808 – larceny, Oakville Waltz Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
0811 – larceny, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.

0927 – property damage accident, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0935 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter  
1307 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1445 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1505 – welfare check, Idaho St.  
1840 – shots fired, Judd Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
2000 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2024 – assist motorist, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.  
2150 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2238 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.

### Friday, Nov. 11:

0051 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
0622 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0756 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.

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On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans Post #xx presented a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in honor of all veterans. Pastor Bob White, at right, gave a short speech in honor of veterans and a prayer. Goef Bush and Lori Day sang the National Anthem and two wreaths were laid. Veterans shot a 21-gun salute and VFW member Rick Dawson played "Taps." High Street was closed for the event.



Retired Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor brought his daughter Laura O'Rourke and granddaughter Adeline, 2, to Friday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park. He said he wanted to start teaching his granddaughter about veterans. Chief Taylor noted she was the only child at the ceremony.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1053 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.  
1216 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1231 – suspicious vehicle, Brookview Dr.  
1347 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.  
1350 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1714 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.  
1926 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2018 – harassment complaint, Mulberry  
2102 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Oakville Waltz Rd.  
**Saturday, Nov. 12:**  
1142 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1456 – suspicious person, Creekside Dr.  
1711 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1740 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
2102 – 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2159 – juvenile complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 181 patrol checks, 62 traffic stops and nine misc. details.



Nov. 15 – Jessica Brasington

Nov. 18 – Beth Kingsley, Richard Estermyer

Nov. 19 – Matthew Barr, Joyce Brasington

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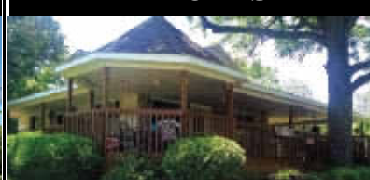
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