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Belleville DDA goes into 47-min. closed session to consider three properties

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The city of Belleville Downtown Development Authority held a 47-minute closed-door session during its regular meeting on Oct. 18 and then voted unanimously to move forward with hiring an appraiser to appraise the three parcels discussed in the closed session.

The closed session was called per MCL 15.268(d) "to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained."

Paul Armstrong, a Realtor from NextHome Evolution of Belleville, was present for most of the closed session.

During its Oct. 18 meeting, the DDA spent a long time discussing the idea of installing small sheds in the downtown area as "pop-up shops."

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones explained that this is being done around the state and the shops are up all summer and are used during the week or just on Fridays and Saturdays. He said they usually are rented out on a regular basis.

He said renters are able to leave their wares overnight.

Jones said this is to encourage businesses to operate downtown. He said the Farmers Market and car show do very well on one day and these pop-up shops will add new businesses to the brick and mortar stores and give people more places to shop.

"I wanted to start a conversation with the board as a possible option," said Jones who had included pictures of four different kinds of wooden sheds.

He said someone could be working out of their house most of the time and this would



Photo courtesy of Van Buren Township Communications Department
 Saturday's Candy Loop at Van Buren Township's Quirk Park drew 1,422 people to gather their Halloween candy.

give a place for a season that wouldn't cost as much as a storefront. That business might eventually move into a storefront.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said that before City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson left he talked about a company that could ping cell phones to see who comes into the community. She said she will look into the minutes for that information.

Jones said pop-up shops are coming for Winter Fest and maybe they could have 4 or 6 or 10. He suggested they be put at Fourth Street Place and Horizon Park, so

people could stop and shop.

City Manager Jason Smith, who had introduced himself to the DDA, said they could be put in the DORA district so people could sip wine and walk around the shops.

DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams asked who would rent out the shops and take care of them. Jones said the CBC already does many things and the Chamber of Commerce could work in maybe a partnership.

"This looks like a shed," Richardson-Williams said, referring to one of the pictures Jones had provided in the meeting packet.

"Downtown Detroit has glass houses," Jones noted, saying the models with doors on the side look like mini shops.

City Manager Smith said Muskegon has pop-up shops larger than a shed, about 300-400 square feet.

Jones said he had been advised to keep them to 10' x 15' or 20'. He said maybe the DDA could make its own structures and not permanently place them and store them in the winter.

DDA vice-chairperson Kelly McWilliams said she liked the idea of a glass structure.

Valerie Kelley-Bonner asked where they

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Running unopposed for Belleville City Council on Nov. 7



Kenneth Voigt, mayor



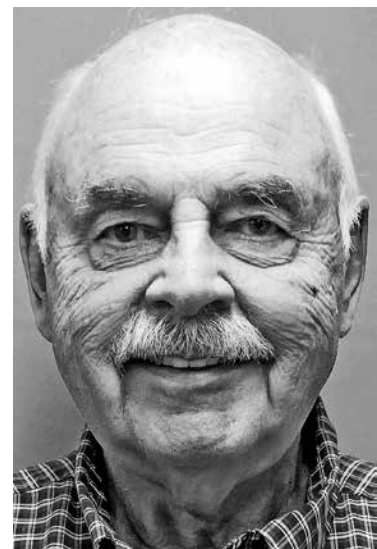
Jeremiah Beebe, council



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Kelly Bates, council



Randy Priest, council

VBT holds special meeting to hire firm to put up museum displays

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

High-bidder Niche Design of Saginaw was awarded the \$224,000 contract for the Belleville Area Museum Exhibit Project by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees' at a special meeting Oct. 10.

The other bidder was Spaces to Experiences of Midland with a bid of \$212,000.

Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud said the bids were

opened Oct. 5 and both firms were vetted by the township's museum consultant, Good Design Group of Midland. Renaud said the team recommended Niche Design.

"We're on an aggressive timeline, which is why we're here tonight," Renaud said. Her memo to the board said the project will get started immediately upon approval and they hope to have most of the work completed by the scheduled opening in December.

At the meeting she said the museum

reopens for the holiday tree exhibit in December and then the exhibits will be put into place at the end of December and beginning of January.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said there will be an exhibit about the lake, but during the time the museum is open for the tree exhibit they will only have a sign up that says "Lake" where that exhibit will go.

"The Historical Commission or whatever forms up will work with this," McNamara said of the displays.

In other business at the 23-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Jackson Pahle and Medina Atchinson to the planning commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2026; and

- Viewed a new State of the Township video created by Communications Specialist Michael Japowicz and first shown at the State of the Community event put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 5.

Sumpter Twp. board approves early-voting plan under protest

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the state constitution's new early-voting plan at its Oct. 10 regular meeting, but most of the votes were under protest.

Trustee Tim Rush said he finds the plan "completely offensive" and it will take \$6,000 for manpower to comply as well as an unknown additional figure for equipment cost.

He said when voters passed Proposition 2 in 2022, which put this into the state constitution, they didn't know what they were voting for. He said he voted against it. "I will be voting yes on this under protest," he said of that evening's approval.

Trustee Matthew Oddy agreed with Rush, saying there is no money being provided for compliance and this will be a problem for 735 townships in the state. He agreed people didn't realize what this proposal would bring.

Clerk Esther Hurst said the new voting procedure allows for nine days of voting with a separate staff and more equipment. Voters will mark their ballots and put them

into the machines, but the totals won't be tallied until election day.

"It's a headache, but it's election law," she said.

She also said the township now will have to put postage on the return envelope and the cost of postage is going up. She said this is a big problem for clerks.

Treasurer Bart Patterson agreed that people didn't know what they were voting for when they passed that proposal.

Trustee Don LaPorte said he agreed with resident Mary Ban's proposal to go back to voting on one day, using paper ballots.

Attorney Rob Young said the people of Michigan passed it and it is now a Constitutional Amendment.

Clerk Hurst said it doesn't take effect until next year, but there are three elections.

Hurst said they will hire election workers at \$12 an hour for eight hours those extra days.

In other business at the one-hour-and-15-minute workshop/regular meeting, the board:

- Approved purchase of nine sets of police department body armor for \$10,200 to be

paid from forfeiture funds. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said this is part of a normal replacement scheduled every five years to comply with the life of the items;

- Approved sending Sergeants George Salajan and Bart Devos to the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff & Command at a total cost of \$7,000. Funds will be dispersed from the 302 training account from the state. Director Luke said this is required in the department for every new sergeant. Trustee Oddy asked if they can be required to remain at the department after training and Luke said when they get to this rank, the chances they'll leave is slim;

- Voted to receive and file reports, after a motion by Supervisor Tim Bowman and second by Rush. No public reports were given by the supervisor, attorney, police / ordinance, building, or fire officials;

- Heard Trustee LaPorte read a proclamation on Fire Safety Week, noting many fires start in the kitchen and a family evacuation plan is important. He later announced a fire department open house on Oct. 14;

- Heard a lengthy report from Township Manager Anthony Burdick concerning: options for the ongoing recycling problem, the Dec. 14 Holiday Meal for staff in the community center, putting up the larger warning signs at Sherwood Pond, an animal control project, and how to get back community events and activities;

- Heard resident Mary Ban ask about why the county is just mowing parts of roadsides. She also said that when voters vote more than one day and "vote and vote and vote," that's what brings voter fraud. She also asked about more information on the Belleville Area Museum, which has stopped having committee meetings; and

- Heard resident Mary Herring, with her mouth close to the microphone, say she quit coming to meetings because she couldn't hear what the board members were saying and it was like they were just talking to each other. She addressed Oddy, saying she loved him, but he mumbles and does not speak up. When she watches the meetings on video she cannot hear. She asked if they had microphones and if so, "Use the damn things."

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Heading into our holiday season

As our friends head south as Snow Birds, the rest of us hunker down for the season of cold and snow and great holidays. Halloween is over and our time change is looming. It's time to get out the heavier coats and prepare for the City Election, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Many people are hungry and now that the Forgotten Harvest food giveaway in Van Buren Township has ended, families are depending on the community food closet at the Methodist Church and other local food banks. Public support is vital.

The Goodfellows' volunteers in Sumpter Township and in City of Belleville/Van Buren Township – two separate groups – are getting ready to make sure no child is without a Christmas, also depending on public support.

The Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows were put out of their regular location after Van Buren sold its old fire hall on Ecorse Road. For this year, the Goodfellows will be located at Haggerty School and work around the senior citizens' pickle ball use of the gymnasium. Next year, when the seniors have been moved back to the new Community Center, the Goodfellows may be able to use a location at Fire Station #1.

The lighted parade, fireworks, and other events of Winter Fest bring lots of fun, but after Christmas, the cold, dark days of winter close in. Then we turn our eyes to spring and green and flowering plants. The seasons spin and there is constant change. The cold part begins now.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday we received a report that all of the blue siding on Hampton Manor has been removed. We expect the metal roof to go up soon.

Hampton Manor is the facility for seniors and memory patients that has been under construction at the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads in Van Buren Township. It announced its first residents were to be admitted on Nov. 1.

"Not so fast," said the township and the VBT planning commission put its foot down. No certificate of occupancy until the developer follows what he promised to do when he received the final site plan. That did not include blue siding and a shingle roof.

The agenda item for Hampton Manor was removed from last Wednesday's planning commission meeting because the township said the developers hadn't provided the information required for that meeting.

We also got a report on Saturday that the new drive-up window at the Meijer pharmacy on Belleville Road is very difficult to access. It involves two tight turns and is difficult to get close enough to the window with a regular-sized vehicle. Our reader said he had to open his car door and reach because there was a car behind him and no room to straighten up. He said maybe one of those really small cars could handle it OK.

He also said there is no overhang, so he was glad it wasn't raining. He is still a customer of the Meijer pharmacy, but he'll walk in from now on for service.

The tall Mobil sign at Haggerty Road and the I-94 North Service Drive has finally been taken down. The Mobil station is being completely rebuilt, but the Van Buren



Township ordinance required that sign so high on a pole for so many years must be taken down first. That's the sign that alerted drivers on the freeway that there was gas at this exit. No more.

Scott Bolthouse, who owned and operated the Huron Hub, sent a farewell to readers on Oct. 15 as he closed the news website that provided Huron Township residents and others with news of what's going on in the township. We checked it out from time to time and found him doing a fine job for the community. His reports will be greatly missed. Every community needs local news. He published a picture of himself looking out over the water at Crosswinds Marsh, which, by the way, is in Sumpter Township. We wish him well on his new endeavor, whatever it is.

Invitations have gone out to people in the community for the celebration of the election of the Belleville City Council on Nov. 7, the day of the election. The party starts before the election is over, but that's OK because no one is running against the five candidates who will fill five vacant seats. No one has filed as a write-in, either.

They are all sure to win. If you'd like to drop by and give them congratulations, the shindig is from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 7 at Gloria Jean Café & Bakery, 519 Main St., in the new shopping center next to the bridge.

Depending upon who shows up, there could be a quorum of the sitting council,

but as long as they don't discuss council business leading to a future decision, it should be legal enough.

The final day of the Belleville Farmers Market was on Monday, a cold and bleak day. There were just six vendors. The market probably won't be scheduled this late into October next year.

The trick or treat on Main Street was scheduled for Tuesday night, which is past our deadline. We'll report on it next week. The weather forecasters expected some snowflakes on the Halloween trick or treaters.

It's OK to call me at home on the phone number listed in the staff box on this page. After about six weeks of no service and promises to fix it all from AT&T, we were scammed by another service pretending to represent AT&T. We are now back in service at our old number. Sorry if you tried to call me and got some message that I forgot to set up my mailbox.

Five Points was all tied up with what was reported as a rollover accident in front of the police station on Monday afternoon. A truck got t-boned and there were no transports to the hospital, according to police.



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Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows donations

To the editor:

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Pam Fleming, Coordinator

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Sumpter Goodfellows need help for Christmas

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Why I won't vote for Joe Biden

To the editor:

A lot of people won't vote for Joe Biden because of his age. I won't vote for him because of his policies.

Mickey Widener

Van Buren Township

Reminder: Veterans Day is Saturday, Nov. 11

To the editor and Belleville Residents:

A reminder: Saturday, Nov 11, 2023 is Veterans Day. It is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on Nov. 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as Veterans.

Originally called "Armistice Day," Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919.

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle, or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. ... That's not quite true.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American Veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* Veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. Many companies offer free meals to Veterans: Google "veterans day free meals" for info on free or discounted meals for all Veterans with proper I.D.

Nov. 11 of each year is the day that we ensure ALL veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

Show your respect and pride for our veterans who live on your street by displaying a flag in front of your home. Thanks to a generous donation from Manns Lumber, and labor from Contract Welding, I will have a supply of FREE refurbished flags in front of my home (48 S. Biggs, Belleville). Take one and join all my neighbors with a display any American city would be proud of. (Drop off any torn, faded, flags for proper disposal in box on the porch.)

As an added note, you can further honor our Veterans by attending the following event:

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Pete Pitzen, Chairman Flag Program

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BHS football to seek district title in home game against Saline

The Belleville High School Varsity Boys' football team will play Saline High School at 1 p.m. Saturday at the BHS field to decide the KLAA district title.

On Friday, BHS beat Ann Arbor Huron, 48-7, on the BHS field to earn the league title.

More Letters

Bethany Bible Church Hymn Sing is on line

To the editor:

I'd like to share with you an evening I experienced that is truly an answer to prayer! Recently, while praying, I asked our Bethany Bible Church Pastor Seth Westmoreland if there was a way to go on-line with our church's Wednesday night hymn sings.

God heard my prayer – and - Pastor Seth acted! Praise God! On Thursday, Oct. 25, my son Ken and I watched on-line and sang along with many other hymn-lovers seated in church.

With many fond memories and tears of joy, we sang these selected and requested hymns. Mrs. Vesta Losen played the piano, along with guitar, drum and an audience volunteer bass singer - Lou.

We sang: "Victory In Jesus," "Saved Saved," "To God Be the Glory," "In the Garden," "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," "I Belong To Jesus," "He Leadeth Me," "Rock Of Ages," "When We All Get To Heaven," "I'll Fly Away," "Amazing Grace," "Power in the Blood," "Love Lifted Me," and more.

Our Wednesday night Hymn Sing continued with requested favorite hymns and concluded with prayer for all. Whether hymn lovers are seated in church or viewing on-line, the next BBC "Hymn Sing" will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Bethany Bible Church welcomes all.

God Bless America!

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Still waiting for help on illegal unkept wire fence

To the editor:

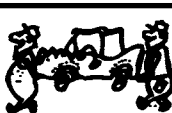
This is an open letter to Mayor Conley, City Council (present and past two), Mr. Rutherford, City Manager (past two) and to present manager for enforcing ordinances, owners and manager of Columbia Court, and owner(s) of [an address on] W. Wabash, Mr. Beebe and all citizens of Belleville.

It has been over three months since my "letter to the editor" re: illegally unkept wire fence and no response from Mayor, City Council, Mr. Rutherford, the illegal "change" in ordinance by City Council and Mr. Robinson (whom I incorrectly referred to as "Mr. Robertson"), nothing from Columbia Court or those [in the address on] W. Wabash], and nothing from Mr. Beebe.

I am wondering why there has been silence? Your continued ignoring is shameful. Why not responding – for some of you three years now? I, too, call for there to be transparency, honesty, taking full responsibility of being representatives of the city and each individual citizen. Not

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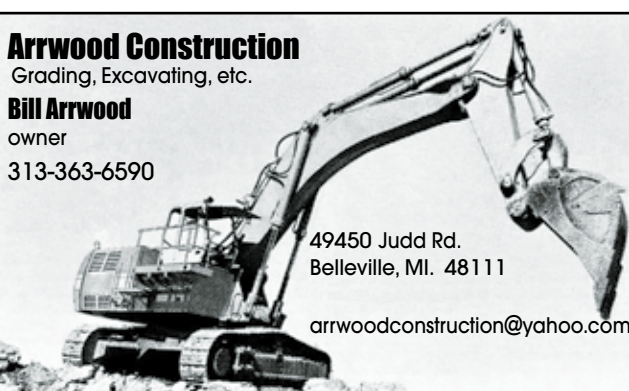
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Obituaries



Thomas "Skip" Franklin
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THOMAS FRANKLIN BROUGHTON

Thomas "Skip" Franklin Broughton, age 75, of Chelsea, MI, passed away peacefully at home on October 29, 2023 from myelofibrosis. Tom was born in Detroit, MI, to Frank and Audrey Broughton and had a childhood filled with many outdoor adventures, developing a passion for hunting and fishing in Northern Michigan. After graduating from Belleville High School, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Vietnam War. While home on leave, Tom's sister Kathy introduced him to his lifelong love, Roberta, and they were married on June 18, 1971 in Germany. Some of Tom's most cherished memories were from their honeymoon as they traveled throughout Europe. After returning to Michigan, Tom settled in Chelsea, where he began Broughton Construction, taking great pride in helping families build and remodel quality homes throughout the area.

Tom and Roberta raised three daughters in the Chelsea home that Tom lovingly rebuilt. Tom was a true outdoorsman and loved to spend time hunting, taking any (and all) measures necessary to chase down the perfect buck each year. When not hunting, Tom could be found spending time with family and friends, cracking jokes to try to make someone laugh. Tom enjoyed breaking bread with family and friends and loved Roberta's lasagna and banana cream pie, his mom's breakfast, Ryan's mac and cheese, Jim's macaroni salad, and so many others. Every week Tom could loyally be found at the Chelsea Farmer's Market, gathering ingredients for the next dish he was going to concoct.

Tom is survived by his dear wife of 52 years, Roberta; his peanut gallery daughters, Melanie (Alan) Steinhauer of Warren, Stephanie (Ryan Ely) Broughton of Belleville, and Alicia (Gary) Norman of Fort Wayne, IN; his loved grandchildren, Anna, Madeline and Meredith Steinhauer, and Grady Norman; and his mother, Audrey Broughton.

Tom is also survived by his siblings, Linda Broughton of Cape Coral, FL, Kathy DeCormier of Norton Shores, James (Peggy) Broughton of Whittemore, Deborah Broughton of Flushing, and Sharon Broughton of Belleville, along with many close nieces and nephews. Tom is preceded in death by his father, Frank Broughton, and his nephew, Steve Broughton.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 1-2 p.m. at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea, with a service at 2 p.m. A Celebration of Life at the Chelsea Depot will follow the service. The family is encouraging those that knew Tom to bring a memory or photo to share.

The family would like to thank the team at Hematology and Infusion at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital for providing the most excellent care and support.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family is requesting that you please take time to share a good meal and laughter with your family and friends, as Tom loved to do.

Tom will always hold a place in our hearts.



Eunice Beryl Kause

EUNICE BERYL KAUSE

(March 28, 1937 – October 22, 2023)

Eunice Beryl Kause, age 86, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2023, at her home. She was born March 28, 1937, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Ronald and Iva Mitton. She graduated from Romulus High School, class of 1955. Eunice attended the University of Michigan and studied Art and Design. She and her husband, Jim, built their home in Belleville in 1967. She was a long-time member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church, where she was the secretary for over 20 years, and loved to use her art skills by making beautiful altar flower arrangements. She had a love of golf and was the supervisor of her golf league for many years. She enjoyed teaching her family about gardening and was a member of the Belleville Garden Club. She was a loyal U of M fan, but especially loved watching her children and grandchildren's sporting events. More than anything, Eunice enjoyed spending time with family and friends at her northern Michigan cottage. She was a devoted mom and grandmother and she will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Eunice is survived by her two sons, James (Kristine) Kause of Chicago, Illinois, and John (Kathryn) Kause of Bloomfield Hills, MI and daughter Jane (Mark) Cook of Milan, MI and six grandchildren: Lauren, Andrew (Alyssa), Carolyn, John, Isabelle, and Connor. She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings, and husband of 58 years, James Arnold Kause, who passed on May 23, 2018.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, MI, with Pastor Greg Buchner officiating. The family will welcome friends at 10 AM followed by an 11 AM service and luncheon. Arrangements are by David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

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LAURA JOAN 'BO' CANNON

(August 28, 1956 – October 23, 2023)

Age 67 of Westland. Survived by son Stephan, 4 grandchildren, brother John, twin sisters Rrena and DeDe, half-brother Cliff. Visitation is Nov. 2 and 3 and service is Nov. 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

Obituaries



Marie Barnett

MARIE BARNETT

(November 21, 1934 – October 28, 2023)

Marie Barnett, age 88, born and raised in Belleville, MI, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at home in hospice care surrounded by family. She was born on November 21, 1934, to Anthony and Elnora (Houck) Sobolewski in Wayne, Michigan.

After attending high school, she worked in the automotive industry as a press operator. Marie was a very fashionable woman who made a salon trip for her hair and nails every week for decades; even the week she was under hospice care. You can see she was very sassy and strong-willed. Marie loved to shop and was a purse and shoe fanatic. She also enjoyed many other hobbies such as watching Nascar, horse racing, football, playing on her tablet, and dancing. Marie was a very independent woman and a fighter, all throughout her life and while in hospice care. Most of all she was fun and full of life and lived each day with passion and purpose.

Marie is survived by her children, Donald (Wanda) Akans of Sears, MI, Tamera (Michael) Daugherty of Romulus, MI, Tracy (Stephanie) Barnett of Romulus, MI, (Rick) Remelius of Taylor, MI, Carol (David) Hoeft of MN, Peggy (Dicki) Baumann of MN and Brad (Wendy) Barnett of MN; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred Barnett in 2001, her daughters, Vicki Remelius and Ruth Flatten, and her sister, Janice Demski

A visitation for Marie was planned for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, and a funeral service will be held the following day on Thursday, November 2, 2023, with an hour visitation prior to an 11 a.m. service, with Pastor Doug Valentine as officiant. Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude in Marie's memory and would be appreciated.

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Pet Loss Support Group meets 1st, 3rd Mondays at Brown Family Center

The Pet Loss Support Group meets from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Brown Family Center. This community group that meets in person is free to attend.

The public is welcome to come and receive the support needed when you lose your beloved pet. The next meeting is Nov. 6.

For information, call Jacqueline Dalzell (734) 697-4500. There are no meetings in December. Meetings will resume Jan. 15, after the holidays.



Phillip Ray Hall

PHILLIP RAY HALL

(August 28, 1964 – October 25, 2023)

Phillip Ray Hall, 59 of Belleville, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2023, in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born on August 28, 1964, in Pikeville, KY to Maurice Ray and Helen (Adams) Hall.

Phillip graduated from Huron High School in 1983. After high school, he worked in several different industries and eventually formed his own custom painting business that served the majority of our surrounding communities. He became a friend and familiar face to many.

In 1994 he met and later married the love of his life Bethany. Together they created a beautiful life full of love and laughter. When faced with hardships they navigated them together and reminded each other of the vows they took that ultimately stayed ever true between them. Phillip and Bethany, who were always known as selfless and giving, took on the responsibility of raising his nephew and two nieces after the untimely death of his younger sister, Karen Hall, in 2002. This earned him the title of "Dad", and his family was always his priority.

In 2006 he had a health scare which resulted in a change of perspective on his life. Even on days when he woke up to face the roughest moments, he still got up and put one foot in front of the other. Later that same year he received a second chance at life and underwent a total heart transplant at The University of Michigan Hospital. The years following were tough and mostly uphill, but he always reached the summit triumphantly.

It was perfect for Phil to receive the transplant at the University of Michigan, he was their number one sports fan always cheering loud enough for the neighbors to hear. He was an extrovert who loved everyone and to know him was to have a friend in him. His acts of love and affection to his family and friends showed a deep connection and sense of caring that was unmatched. He loved many things, but high on the list were Kidd Rock, anything University of KY, March Madness, and helping others -- no matter what. It's no surprise his kindness made an impact on so many people's lives, he will never be forgotten and lives on in our hearts.

As Phil would always demonstrate: feel more, trust more, and most importantly love more. Phillip is survived by wife Bethany (Adams) Hall, nephew "son" Brett Hall, niece "daughter" Crystal (Steve) Liparoto, niece "daughter" Darian Faith Hall, sister Lisa (John) Abbott, sister Michelle (Eric) Hall, and an abundance of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, cousins, extended family, and many very special friends.

He is preceded in death by brother Beau Sullivan, sister Karen Hall, mother Helen Hall, father Maurice Ray Hall, nephew Joseph Abbott, sister Brenda Williams, and nephew Justin Williams. Visitation for Phillip will be Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a 1 p.m. Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 East Huron River Dr. in Belleville, MI, (734) 697-4500. Deacon Suresh Joshua will officiate. The family will be holding a Celebration of Life at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) located at 831 East Huron River Dr. from 2-6 p.m., all are welcome.

Memorial donations received will go directly towards outstanding medical bills and funeral costs.



Maris Piziks



MARIS (MOE) PIZIKS

(March 10, 1935 – June 27, 2023)

Maris Piziks, age 88, of Belleville, MI, previously of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 under Angela Hospice Care in Livonia, MI, with his step-daughter Joyce by his side.

Maris was born in Talsi, Latvia, on March 10, 1935 to Vilma and Alfreds Piziks. His family immigrated to the United States on August 9, 1952 arriving in New York under a sponsorship. His family later moved to Saginaw, MI. Maris became a United States citizen and served our country in the United States Army. He then went on to work at General Motors as an electrician and retired from that position.

Maris was very musically inclined. He could play many different instruments. He loved playing and listening to many different types of music, ballroom dancing, playing chess, traveling, taking long walks and spending time with his loving wife Mary Jane.

Maris was survived by his wife of 31 years Mary Jane Hagerman-Piziks; two sisters, Vija Pittenger and Arijia Rohrig; step-daughter Joyce Hagerman; two step-sons, Jeffrey Hagerman and John (Debi) Hagerman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Indulis and Waldis Piziks. A private memorial will be held at a later date honoring Maris's life.



Mary Jane Hagerman-Piziks

MARY JANE HAGERMAN-PIZIKS

(December 8, 1932 – October 18, 2023)

Mary Jane Hagerman-Piziks, age 90, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 under hospice care at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne, MI, with her daughter Joyce by her side.

She was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, on December 8, 1932 to William and Lois (Bumgardner) Brown. Mary Jane loved spending time with her family and friends, ballroom dancing, casino trips, traveling by car, thrift shopping, being outdoors, and going on long walks with her husband, Maris.

Mary Jane is survived by one daughter, Joyce Hagerman of Belleville, MI; two sons, Jeffrey Hagerman of Janesville, WI, John (Debi) Hagerman of Belleville, MI; four grandchildren, James H. Hagerman III, Joseph Hagerman, Nicole (Hagerman) Hodgkins, Desirea (Hagerman) McCarty; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 36 years James H. Hagerman, Sr. (1986), three sons, baby Jay Hagerman (at birth), James H. Hagerman, Jr. and Jerry Hagerman; three granddaughters, Jennifer (Hagerman) Gentz, Julie Hagerman, and Jazmine

Rose-Hagerman; and her second husband of 31 years, Maris Piziks (2023).

A private memorial will be held at a later date, honoring Mary Jane's life.



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On Sunday, the blue siding that used to be on the Hampton Manor building had been removed as work proceeds to satisfy the Van Buren Township final site plan restrictions. The assisted living/memory care facility is at the southwest corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads and had been scheduled to welcome its first residents on Nov. 1.

Hampton Manor changes removed from VBT commission agenda

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The requested changes for the site plan for the almost complete Hampton Manor construction in Van Buren Township were removed from the agenda before the regular meeting of the planning commission on Oct. 25.

Hampton Manor, a senior housing development with 56 units for assisted living and 24 memory care units on 7.11 acres, is at the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads.

Near the end of the meeting, commission chairman Brian Cullin explained that Hampton Manor has requested changes, but has not provided everything requested for the Oct. 25 meeting.

"We put that off," said chairman Cullin. "I directed Mr. Power that we don't want to go piecemeal on this, so we don't delay construction."

Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power said the site plan approved is the current active site plan.

He referred to the final site plan approval in August 2021 that required a metal roof and no blue siding, among other things.

Director Power said no certificate of occupancy has been issued.

The *Independent* asked if that meant the residents who reportedly were scheduled to move in on Nov. 1 could not move in? Director Power said that is correct.

The *Independent* asked if the residents would be safe inside while work goes on on the exterior of the building to comply with requirements and was told it would be safe inside, but be unsafe for people going in and out as work proceeds, since the requirement for a metal roof remains.

No certificate of occupancy will be issued, he said, under the current circumstances.

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Taking part in Saturday's Van Buren Township Candy Loop were, from left, Leon Wright, Sharry Budd, Tammy Dohring, Jennifer Zaenglein, Jason Locke, Elizabeth Renaud, Aida and Kevin McNamara, and Jon Cochenour.

VBTCandy Loop brought 1,422 attendees

To the editor:

On behalf of the Van Buren Recreation Department, I would like to thank the following local businesses, organizations, and individuals for coming out to help us present our annual Candy Loop event. They not only gave their time (and candy) to make a great event, but they also put up with the fickleness of our Michigan weather to join us on our rain-out date in order to pass out candy to our 1,422 attendees!

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Our parks and rec staff would like to send an extra special thank you to our volunteers! What would we do without your help? If you see Amanda Villa or Matt Dohring around town, please thank them for volunteering! They truly made our day!

With much appreciation,
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instead of the residents handing out candy, the Fire Department walked around to each table during dinner handing out sweet treats. Lt. Richard Landskroener, Captain Aaron Wyputa, fire fighter Garrett Kissel, probationary fire fighter Landskroener, Jackie Zweng, and Logan Kuclo also stayed for a bonfire with S'mores and more. On Sunday, Belleville Fire Dept. also participated in the annual trunk or treat at the Belleville Yacht Club. Chief Brian Loranger and Captain Zehel took one of the fire engines for kids to look through while also getting a piece of candy from a firefighter.

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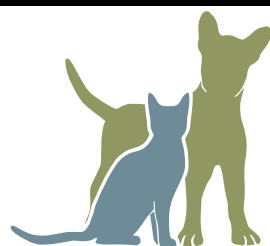
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Sexton, 53, of Belleville charged with Oakland County bank robbery

Shannon Donald Sexton, 53, of Belleville, who is on parole from a 2014 federal bank robbery conviction, is being held on a \$1 million bond after he was charged Oct. 23 with robbing an Independence Township credit union. He was charged with one count of bank robbery in connection with the Oct. 19 robbery of the Vibe Credit Union branch office in the 6580 block of



Sexton

Corrections:

VBT board set water, sewer increase for 2024

On the front page of last week's *Independent*, we reported that Van Buren Township's water and sewer rate increases were for 2024-27. Actually, the increase the board approved was for 2024 only. Board members vote each year on water and sewer rates.

The consultant recommended that rate through 2027, but rates are approved annually.

"We do a yearly rate study, so the projections are subject to change, if necessary," said Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman.

We apologize for the misinformation.

Burdick not in Korean War

At the Oct. 24 Sumpter Township Board of Trustees workshop session, Township Manager Anthony Burdick said he is not old enough to have served in the Korean War, as reported, but his father served in Korea. In the Oct. 12 *Independent* on page eight, we reported Anthony Burdick was a Korean War veteran. We apologize for the error.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Dixie Highway.

The Oakland County Sheriff's department said Sexton was arrested less than 24 hours after the robbery occurred.

Sexton has a lengthy criminal history, which includes multiple convictions for breaking and entering in Michigan and Ohio, according to reports. His parole on the federal bank robbery conviction was to end in 2025.

Police say Sexton also had convictions in state court from bank robberies in Roseville and St. Clair Shores, where he was sentenced to 30-40 years in prison on those convictions before getting discharged on April 16, 2023.

Sexton was reported to have entered the branch, handed the teller a note that announced the robbery, and instructed the teller to empty the cash drawer.

Witnesses said Sexton was wearing a neon yellow/green hoodie, blue face mask, and dark sunglasses before quickly leaving the credit union and running north towards the Speedway gas station with an undisclosed amount of money.

Detectives said they were able to identify Sexton's vehicle, which was connected to a rental agency, and detectives tracked it to a location in Pontiac where he was arrested Oct. 20 afternoon during a traffic stop.

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Sumpter Twp. board removes cemetery ordinance from agenda

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A proposed new cemetery ordinance to replace the 60-year-old ordinance was removed from the agenda by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Oct. 24 after several questions arose on the new details.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, who chaired both the workshop and regular meetings in the absence of Supervisor Tim Bowman, said he thinks the fees should be taken out of the ordinance and approved by resolution, so they don't have to change the ordinance

when fees are updated.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick said the new ordinance was written by Cemetery Committee members Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis and Finance Director Scott Holtz.

Township attorney Rob Young said the ordinance actually came from the Michigan Township Association and he thought they needed a discussion so board members can understand the changes.

Deputy Clerk Armatis said she and Holtz went to classes that were very intense and the ordinance was reviewed by the MTA

attorney to make sure it was in compliance with current law.

She said, for instance, they learned that the law allows for "green burial" where you can put a body in the ground without a vault or casket. "That's the law now," she said.

Trustee Oddy said the new ordinance says plot owners can't sell the plot to anyone else and they have to sell it back to the township. He said the clerk decides how many plots a family can buy and he thinks that gives the clerk too much power.

Clerk Esther Hurst took offense and Oddy said a clerk elected in the future could decide to sell more plots to a family in the clerk's church and fewer to a family not in that church.

Manager Burdette asked board members to send him questions they have and he will give them to the committee. He also invited them to the Cemetery Committee meeting to discuss their questions.

He said the matter of a sexton for the Martinsville Cemetery needs to be addressed. He said the township could go out for bids for sexton services. He said many surrounding communities use their DPW for this. He said Michigan Memorial takes care of its own services and contracts that service out to others.

In other business at the one-hour-and-34-minute workshop/regular meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of John Honey to the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 9, 2026;
- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Randy Lynch to the cemetery committee;
- Approved the purchase of eight new police in-car computers from CLEMIS for \$25,178 to replace the computers who are five years old;
- Approved the holiday closure of Sumpter Township from Dec. 25, 2023 through Jan. 1, 2024, with employees using two days of paid time off;

• Heard Trustee Tim Rush report that the chili cookoff that the Parks and Recreation Committee was planning was called off for a lack of volunteers. He said they tried really hard to get the Turkey Shoot in place for this fall, but they would have to charge too much for rounds;

• Heard Daniel Venet, vice president of municipal sales for Priority Waste, explain each of their trash pickup trucks has six cameras and they can see each pickup as it happens. The images are saved for a week and can be saved forever if there is a reason. The manager of the drivers can be summoned immediately for any problem, he said. Priority Waste recently replaced Republic Waste for trash pickup;

• Heard a Hennessey Engineer report plans have been sent to EGLE for the water main replacement at Rawsonville Road. It is 5' within the easement and will be 6' deeper than the current finish depth of 5'. It will go from an open cut near the catch basin and then will be directionally drilled 500' feet. Two hydrants will be added and the total replaced pipe is 846'. The original pipe in the wrong place will be abandoned;

• Heard Burdette report on seeking services from Realtors to sell some township properties, completing a study for township fees, setting a list at the next meeting of proposed uses for ARPA funds since the list is due to the state on Dec. 7, and options for recycling; and

• Heard Oddy report that the planning commission will meet on Nov. 9. The 6 p.m. meeting includes a public hearing on a proposed large solar farm ordinance amendment.

Along with Supervisor Tim Bowman, Trustee Peggy Morgan was also absent and excused from the Oct. 24 meeting.

Holiday Book Fest set for Saturday, Sunday at Belleville Area library

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will present its Holiday Book Fest sale of used books and other media this Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5 at the library at 167 Fourth St.

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For more information or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 260-4150 weekdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville/Van Buren Twp. Goodfellows

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Van Buren Township planners approve Cobblestone Creek amended site plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After almost an hour of discussion during its regular meeting on Oct. 25, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously approved granting site plan amendments of elevations for new houses in the unfinished Cobblestone Creek Woodlands development.

The development is located on the east side of Hoeft Road, east of the Cobblestone Ridge development, south of West Huron River Drive.

Applicant David Straub requested the amendment to include revised single-family architectural models and elevations into the approved project plans.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said there are 69 remaining unbuilt houses in Cobblestone Creek, which has combined attached and detached condos.

This request for the "Brooklyn" model would require an amendment to the Planned Residential Development that was originally approved in 2005, Power said.

The long discussion was mainly on how to make sure 30% of the homes would be

side entry as required by the PRD.

Straub said the 32 side entry lots of the 69 left would be a hardship because the side entries have significant cost and consumers are not willing to pay that premium.

He said the subdivision has been under construction for two decades.

"There's a price ceiling for communities out there," he said. When asked why side entries cost more, he said there must be embellishments in front of the home, additional windows, additional loads, and additional concrete.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, said it would mostly be the concrete and additional windows.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the PRD contract is already written and, if the 30% is to be changed, it would need to be changed by the commission's recommendation to the board of trustees.

Jahr asked Power or Straub to collect information on how many side-entry garages there already are in the development.

Commission chairman Brian Cullin said he concurred with Commissioner Jahr and he would like to see an elevation for side-entry garages. Straub had provided four elevations of the new "Brooklyn" model, but none of them were side-entry.

Jahr said there are side-entry garage models that had been approved with the PRD.

"We could end up that the last 40 houses need to be side-entry garages," Jahr said. He said he would like the builders to present a plan on how they are going to meet the 30% required.

Commissioner Jackson Pahle asked when they want to start building and was told December. He asked how long it would take to change the PRD and was told a public hearing is involved and it would take a while.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson pointed out this is a new owner.

Power said it is all one project, broken into phases.

"I don't want to slow down your building the houses," Jahr said, adding the commission sees a plan that doesn't address the 30%. He said he would like them to come back with a plan for abiding with the

plan or apply for a change. He proposed this could happen at the next meeting, Nov. 18.

Chairman Cullin asked Straub if he could provide the information in two weeks and he replied, "I think so."

Joseph Boji, owner of the property, M/I Homes of Michigan, LLC, stood to address the situation.

"This is an addition to our plans," he began. "This is just an addition. We don't want to delay. There is no risk."

"We want to get ready with the models so we can start selling," he said.

Power asked them to map out the locations of their lots for the commission and they said they could.

"Other models could be built in the PRD," Jahr said and Boji said there are at

least eight elevations approved. He said it depends on what the customer wants on the lot the customer wants.

Commissioner Grant asked how many building permits they were seeking now and Straub replied the models and 3-4 others.

Boji said they could map where the buildings could go.

Jahr made the motion to approve the elevation amendments with conditions and Commissioner Peter Creal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In other information at the meeting, it was noted that the tower sign at the Mobil station has finally been brought down so the builder can move forward with rebuilding the station at the corner of Haggerty Road and the North I-94 Service Drive.

Court Watching

Damarius Dontaye Tubbs

Damarius Dontaye Tubbs, 31, of Ypsilanti, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Oct. 25 at 34th District Court and he waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 8 arraignment on the information.

He is charged with delivery/manufacture of narcotic or cocaine more than 50 grams on Aug. 31 in Van Buren Township.

Bond is \$10,000/10%.

Jeremy Douglas Branham

Jeremy Douglas Branham, 41, of Sumpter Township, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Oct. 25 on charges of assault with intent to do great physical harm less than murder/strangulation and domestic violence-third offense notice on July 13 in Sumpter Township.

The examination was held and Judge Lisa Martin dismissed the charges. Case closed.

Jason Aaron Criss

Jason Aaron Criss, 21, of Inkster and previously of Van Buren Township, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Oct. 25 on charges of breaking and entering a building with intent, assault and battery, and malicious destruction of a building (\$200-\$1,000) on Feb. 25 in Van Buren Township.

He waived his exam and Judge Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 8. Bond is \$5,000 personal.

Armeka Devonta-Marquis Thomas

Armeka Devonta-Marquis Thomas, 30, of Ypsilanti was facing 16 counts involving weapons for his preliminary examination on Oct. 25.

He is charged with possession of narcotics or cocaine (25 to 49 grams), three counts of possession of weapon by a felon, three counts of possession of ammunition by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, seven felony firearm charges, and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on July 19 in Van Buren Township.

Surety bond of \$50,000 was posted.

He waived his exam and Judge Martin bound him over to circuit court for a Nov. 1 arraignment on the information. He currently is incarcerated in another area on other charges.

Alicia Marie Kozub

Alicia Marie Kozub, 37, of Sumpter Township, was set for her preliminary examination on Oct. 25, but instead she was referred for an evaluation for competency and criminal responsibility.

She is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to create bodily harm less than murder, felonious assault, and aggravated domestic violence on Aug. 30 in Sumpter Township.

Cash bond set was \$100,000.

Her case was scheduled for review on Dec. 6.

Latisha Cherrine Martindale

Latisha Cherrine Martindale, 35, of Sumpter Township was video-arraigned while in custody of Sumpter police in the Huron Township lockup on Oct. 30 on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on Oct. 27 in Sumpter Township.

Judge Green scheduled an in-person probable cause conference for Nov. 8 and set personal bond at \$10,000.

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Belleville DDA

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would put them. She said the Fourth Street Place is used for other things.

DDA secretary Denise Baker asked if they needed electricity and, if so, that would determine where they could be placed.

Jones said in the summer the daylight hours are longer and they wouldn't need electricity, but there is electricity at the trees in Fourth Street Place.

"I love the idea of pop-up shops," said McWilliams, adding she doesn't know where to put them. "We can make whatever we want."

Jones said he was trying to get the vision out there and start the conversation.

Mayor Kerreen Conley asked where they would be placed and would they just be to add to an event? Also, where would they be stored?

She cautioned them to think about the people who pay taxes downtown. She said incubators make sense.

"I can't envision where they would be as big as they are," Mayor Conley said. "Logistics have to be ironed out."

Chairperson McGovern said she had heard great ideas and she, too, likes glass.

"They couldn't stay in front of the library on a permanent basis," Richardson-Williams said, referring to Fourth Street Place. "A gazebo in park would be better."

John Winter said from the audience that Northville has shut down streets. He said they could put 12 in Fourth Street Place, which would be easy to do, and they could store them at the DPW yard. He said they would have to shut Fourth Street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said from the audience that Trenton had them for its Lobster Fest. He said they put up permanent kiosks, 4 or 6, and it looked interesting. He said there are similar things in Nashville and it's a good way to incubate businesses.

He said the glass structures are nice. Voigt referred to Boxy Park in Orlando where they have containers that each houses a food truck. He said customers scan the Q code and order what they want and then wait to pick it up.

McGovern said in Idaho they have similar

things and a lot of people are doing it.

"We'll keep this on our follow-up list," McGovern said.

In other business at the one-hour-and 26-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard several DDA members say they have been contacted by people in the community who say they are against the pay-to-park idea for the Liberty Street parking lot. Speaking against the idea were McWilliams, Richardson-Williams, and Baker. Mayor Conley said the city council is not in favor of the idea. Chairperson McGovern, who had brought the idea forward at a past meeting, said it would only be during events and there is nothing to vote on now. This is just conversation, she said;

- Approved accounts payables for September and October, removing the item for an appraiser since they hadn't made the decision to hire him before the vote was taken;

- Heard Jones report the Witch's Ball is scheduled at Egan's Pub and the Fourth Street Square; and

- Heard Winter say that the crosswalk in front of Egan's has a button that isn't facing the crosswalk and it should be fixed. He said people are going to be hit because they just step out into the street and sometimes drivers don't stop. He asked the DDA to get ahold of the company that installed the button and get them to just switch it around. McGovern asked Jones to look into the cost.

Absent from the meeting were DDA members Ivan Ankwatsa and Jennifer Winter.

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Sec. Benson testifies in support of bills on financial disclosure

On Oct. 25, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson testified before the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee in support of SB 613, 614, 615, and 616, legislation that would expand and require financial disclosure for elected officials and candidates in Michigan.

"Michigan voters spoke loud and clear in 2022 when citizens from both parties voted overwhelmingly to demand more transparency and disclosure of the influence of money in Lansing," said Benson in her testimony.

"I am here today because for far too long our state has been among the worst states in the nation when it comes to government transparency and ethics laws."

Noting the constitutional mandate that certain disclosure requirements to be enacted this calendar year, Benson emphasized she sees the bills as "the first step in a long overdue effort" to reform our

state's ethics and financial disclosure laws.

"These bills are the first of many reforms we need to enact before the end of the year, but I hope and expect they will not be the last thing we do," Benson said.

She specifically spoke about the importance of expanded disclosure requirements and enforcement mechanisms, reiterating her past statements that "Proposal 1 should be a floor, not a ceiling, to enacting meaningful ethics and transparency reforms in our state."

Benson thanked the bipartisan group of Senators Singh, Moss, McBroom, and Huizenga for proposing the bills. "My office stands ready to support this critical work and collaborate with legislators as we enact the will of Michigan voters," she said.

"Trust, but verify."
– Ronald Reagan

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Save The Date: Van Buren Township DDA Presents Light Up The Park!

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Harris Park, 10101 Belleville Rd.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 at 10AM**, 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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BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY KRISTY DOE
BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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More Letters

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just selective citizens: as Mayor Conley specified [a resident on Clarence Street] being more important than for others who may have written to the Mayor and City Council (I for two years in a row). I do wonder why this was so cruelly made public by announcing help be given to [the resident] by the Mayor and City Council within so little time after my letter was printed in the *Independent*.

I am trying to understand your cruelty, pettiness, the ignoring of citizens, malice, spite. I have decided to follow the suggestions from the State of MI Atty. General's Office and am making this more "public" since there was no response from the paper or citizens as to illegal actions taken.

This is being sent to channels 2, 4, 7 here in Metro-Detroit, along with my writings over the years. I have yet to follow their recommendation of seeking out legal representation. None of you need hide nor ignore to be doing what you know is right, honest, fair and legal. Why the cruelty?

I think the Mayor, Mr. Fielder not seeking office do not care, even with Mr. Fielder having had openly stated that "many/a lot of laws have been broken regarding ordinances." We are to just let this go as normal? As seeking office (not elected to previously), Mr. Beebe, was I wrong about you illegally driving a bigger than acceptable golf cart down W. Columbia? If I am, SAY SO! If I am not wrong, what did you say to the very young boy sitting next to you after he acknowledged my yelling out about your illegal actions? Did you lie to him? Did you admit to knowingly breaking the law (you so proudly wrote with Mr. Robinson)? And, why parked in the garage of your neighbor, Mr. Jones?

I had hoped there would be respect given. Will it be given? What will be done by anyone there in City Hall? Mr. Rutherford, are you going to have our property lines staked out since you declared that we living here suffered from not knowing anything of property lines?

None of you are to go into private meetings for any reason. This is ALL to be cleared up publicly. I call for everything to be answered at the next public city council meeting. If ignored, I call on the editor of this paper to immediately seek answers at that meeting ... for all citizens to speak up and not let this city be controlled as it was by just one person who ignored and changed ordinances for friends and that such not happen soon as seems to be with the only way the new city manager was hired and having to "train his replacement." How shameful and embarrassing.

Answers and respect must be given. I

am not, as nor any of citizen of Belleville, is to be so ignored and treated with such disdain, malice, spite, hate.

Joseph Haynes
Belleville

Editor's Note: We have removed the names and addresses of those other than city officials.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 2** – Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., seating begins at 5 p.m. Cost is \$14, which includes pork or kielbasa, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, squash, beverage and your choice of homemade pumpkin or apple pie. Carry out available. (734) 753-9048

• **Thursday, Nov. 2** – Blood Drive at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 from 1 to 7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Nov. 2** – Quartermania, a fund raiser for the Belleville Community Chorus, begins at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Raffle baskets, door prizes, food and beverages available.

• **Friday, Nov. 3** – Baked Potatoes (white and limited number of sweet) and toppings of your choice, salad and dessert for \$10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. All proceeds benefit the auxiliary. Everyone welcome.

• **Saturday, Nov. 4** – Punkin' Roll Out from 10 a.m. to noon at the sled hill at Van Buren Park. Bring your leftover Halloween pumpkins and roll them down the hill in the family fun event. The first 100 attendees get free, hot donuts.

• **Saturday, Nov. 4** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Cedar Creek at 8 p.m., \$10. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

• **Saturday, Nov. 4 and Sunday, Nov. 5** – Holiday Used-Book Sale at the Belleville Area District Library. On Saturday at 11 a.m. a members-only preview begins, with the public welcome from noon to 3 p.m. On Sunday, hours are 1-4 p.m. Information at: www.belleville.lib.mi.us

• **Sunday, Nov. 5** – St. Anthony Men's Club invites all to its Breakfast to Benefit Homeless Veterans from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fr. Foltz Building behind St. Anthony Church. Adults, 18 and up, \$10; children, 6-17, \$5; and children 5 and under are free. For information, call Len Szveda at (734) 699-3519. Donations accepted at the door.

• **Sunday, Nov. 5** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 8** – Drive-Through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. \$14 for carry-outs. Cash or check only please. 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Menu: Four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole-slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie. Call ahead for faster service, (734) 654-9020.

• **Thursday, Nov. 9** – Classic movie, "Footlight Parade," at the Belleville Area District Library, 6:30 p.m. Last in the series sponsored by the Friends of the BADL and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Van Buren Township Mandatory Meter Change-Out Program

Van Buren Township is implementing a mandatory water meter replacement program. This upgraded meter installation is crucial as it will enable us to obtain precise readings remotely, notify you of potential leaks, and ensure accurate billing for your water usage. This service call will take less than one hour to complete. Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

You can schedule an appointment by calling the VBT contractor PMI at **866-965-0657**.

This is a Free program. **ALL** meters must be updated. The deadline to schedule is **November 10, 2023**. If you have any questions, please call the VBT Water Department at **734-699-8925**.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Flag Placement for Veteran's Day 2023
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th**



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

We will begin placing flags on Saturday, November 4th at 8:30 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Should you wish to volunteer, contact the City Clerk. If you would like to work in a specific section, the Clerk's office must be contacted, or that section may not be guaranteed.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
(734) 697-9323 ext. 7010
clerk@belleville.mi.us



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 287 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 22:

0152 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0239 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0254 – malicious destruction of property, Daniel
0412 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0444 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0814 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0842 – road hazard, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
0915 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0930 – noise complaint, Filmore St.
0959 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1038 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.
1041 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1055 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1203 – malicious destruction of property, Daniel
1241 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1250 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1314 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Robson Rd.
1335 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1448 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1448 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln.
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1557 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1616 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1739 – retail fraud, Michigan Ave.
1926 – animal complaint, Gilmore St.
1843 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck/Tyler
2114 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2155 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2207 – repossession, E. Huron River Dr.
2207 – repossession, E. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Oct. 23:

0410 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0716 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0812 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
0955 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1048 – parking complaint, Lindsey Dr./Amanda
1111 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1315 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1333 – harassment call, Van Buren St.
1428 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1458 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1526 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
1534 – harassment call, Wildrye Ct.
1813 – civil matter, Van Buren St.
1813 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1747 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1912 – animal complaint, Beck/Tyler
1936 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1938 – civil matter, Fret Rd.
2052 – trespassing, Bog Rd.
2145 – lost property/child, Anna Dr.
2153 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2153 – repossession, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 24:

0308 – assist other dept., rest area
0726 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0851 – hospice death, Sadie Ln.
1002 – fraud, Assembly St.
1058 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1224 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1244 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1331 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1349 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1444 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1526 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Bluff Dr.
1547 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1826 – civil matter, Anna Dr.
1844 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1846 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1939 – welfare check, W. Adams
2132 – intrusion alarm, Belleville rd.
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 25:

0023 – assist fire dept., E. Archwood Dr.

0118 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0946 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0946 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0930 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1011 – assist other dept., Country Walk Blvd.
1047 – prisoner transport, Wash. Co. Jail
1230 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildflower
1251 – civil matter, N. Sunset Ln.
1238 – fraud, Beck Rd.
1304 – dumping complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1422 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1441 – misc. complaint, Owen
1510 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1553 – overdose, Ayres Ave.
1553 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1608 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1644 – assist other dept., Wexford
1703 – assist other dept., Main St.
1703 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1855 – breaking & entering, McKinley St.
1852 – threat, Winchester St.
1857 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1922 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – vehicle lockout, Huron River Dr.
2043 – person/vehicle/circumstance, Meadows Cir.
2149 – family trouble, Monroe Ct.
2302 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2354 – warrant arrest, Ford
2354 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 26:

0034 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daniel Dr.
0037 – assist other dept., Belmont Dr.
0112 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0127 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
0649 – suicidal person, Pine Dr.
0839 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove St.
0944 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
1041 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1111 – assist fire dept., Belle Pointe Dr.
1153 – warrant arrest, Dix/Goddard
1356 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1433 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1437 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1517 – civil matter, N. Sunset Ln.
1544 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1655 – PPO violation, Elwell Rd.
1701 – vehicle lockout, Lake Villa Dr.
1705 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1724 – abandoned auto, Ruthan Dr./Marina Dr.
1712 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1812 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Old Rawsonville Rd.
1946 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2358 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

Friday, Oct. 27:

0001 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0034 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
0208 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0455 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0949 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
0949 – property damage e accident, Sumpter Rd. / Owen St.
1030 – welfare check, Farm Rd.
1134 – behavioral health run, Walden Blvd.
1147 – suicidal person, Rose Blvd.
1218 – assist fire dept., DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
1327 – intrusion alarm, Lenmoore Ave.
1318 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1340 – fraud, Jackson St.
1414 – property damage accident, Beck Rd.
1506 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1635 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1637 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.

1836 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
2005 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2104 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2155 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2218 – welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
2305 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 28:
0009 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0041 – repossession, Meadows Cir.
0124 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
0135 – property damage accident, rest area
0158 – domestic, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0458 – intrusion alarm, Colonial Rd.
0636 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0857 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0930 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1005 – mental subject, Lighthouse Dr.
1143 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1315 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1554 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
1603 – lost property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1617 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1832 – parking complaint, Van Buren St.
1823 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1822 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Martz
1856 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1916 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1926 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1930 – trespassing, Dellor St.
1957 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.
2013 – neighbor trouble, Wildflower Ct.
2003 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
2315 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
2347 – property damage accident, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E. & E. I-94

Also, on this week's log there are 105 traffic stops, 21 of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 22:

0119 – traffic stop, South St.
1017 – civil matter, Henry St.
1049 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
1127 – civil matter, Charles Ct.
2125 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
2142 – animal complaint, Edison Ave./High St.
2230 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2308 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Oct. 23:

0540 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Loza Ln.
1628 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave./E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 24:

0734 – property damage accident, W. Thornhill Ct.
1130 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd.
1312 – parking complaint, Main St.
2219 – noise complaint, S. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Oct. 25:

0111 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
0756 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
0806 – traffic stop, Third St./Main St.
0838 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr./Light Tower Dr.
0942 – abandoned auto, J&T
1054 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
1457 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1643 – warrant arrest, Wexford Ave.
1704 – indecent exposure/all 3600 MICR codes, Main St.
1704 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

Thursday, Oct. 26:

0124 – traffic stop, Charles St./Roys St.
0749 – welfare check, San Carlos St.
1424 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1440 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
1437 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1512 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
1539 – suicidal person, Third St.
1531 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
1552 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1608 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1732 – traffic offense, Angola/E. Huron River Dr.
1742 – traffic offense, Angola/E. Huron River Dr.
1752 – traffic offense, Angola St./Roland St.
1810 – traffic offense, Madelon/E. Columbia Ave.
1839 – welfare check, Savage Rd./E. Columbia
2143 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.
2258 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

Friday, Oct. 27:

0038 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0122 – traffic stop, Main St.
0302 – noise complaint, Santa Clara St.
1046 – civil matter, Breakwater Ct.
1232 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1257 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1425 – property damage accident, Main/High
1553 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.
1659 – property damage accident, Main St./Second
1909 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2007 – traffic stop, Belleville High School
2011 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2116 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Water Works

Saturday, Oct. 28:

0107 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0852 – parking complaint, Fifth St.
1816 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1827 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2223 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
2241 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.
2250 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.

There were 18 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 22:

0002 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Bemis
0049 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0204 – family trouble, California St.
0831 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willis
1028 – citizen assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1059 – 911 hang up, Birch Ct.
1219 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1346 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1450 – traffic complaint/hazard, Tamarack Dr.
1546 – animal complaint, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz
1623 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2136 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Harris
2305 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Clark Ln.

Monday, Oct. 23:

1206 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Judd
1325 – assist other agency, Birch Dr.
1330 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1425 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
1642 – death investigation, Rustic Ln.
1650 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1654 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1724 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1913 – welfare check, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.
2024 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Arkona
2129 – mental health call, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2132 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2318 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 24:

0011 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0657 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
0927 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Bohn
1343 – property damage accident, 22000 bl. Karr
1349 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1620 – citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.
2037 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Ct./Martinsville

Wednesday, Oct. 25:

0215 – traffic complaint/hazard, Magnolia Dr.
1127 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1329 – suspicious circumstance, 29000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1709 – lost property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1805 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Bemis
1840 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1849 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1858 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1902 – disorderly person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1953 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
2020 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter
2138 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2214 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2242 – noise complaint, Second St.

Thursday, Oct. 26:
1000 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1014 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1230 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1332 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1357 – 911 hang up, Haggerty/Willis
1404 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1406 – family trouble, Arbor Ln.
1620 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1632 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct.
1718 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell
1735 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1739 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1742 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1754 – traffic complaint/hazard, 46000 bl. Arkona
1816 – subpoena service, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1828 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1831 – family trouble, Colorado St.
1852 – welfare check, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1915 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1934 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2000 – subpoena service, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
2048 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2051 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2053 – alarm, Texas ST.
2138 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Dunn
2242 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, Oct. 27:
0724 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0831 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1102 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1106 – welfare check, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1236 – fire dept. assist, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1301 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1401 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2000 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – suspicious vehicle, Oregon St./Hawaii St.

2025 – suspicious circumstance, Greenmeadow Dr. / Carriage Ln.
2149 – traffic complaint/hazard, 46000 bl. Bemis
2336 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2349 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 28:

0014 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
1245 – traffic complaint/hazard, New Mexico St.
1502 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1820 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1847 – civil matter, Washington St.
1913 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
2103 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2156 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
Also on this week's log are 171 patrol checks, 87 traffic stops, and 20 misc. details.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Nov. 2** – Girls Swim & Dive hosting KLAA B Meet Prelims., 5 p.m.
• **Saturday, Nov. 4** – Girls Swim & Dive hosting KLAA B Meet Finals, 10 a.m.; Varsity Football vs. Saline for MHSAA District Championship, 1 p.m.

Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletics Secretary



Photo by Troy Garrett

The winners of the Belleville Yacht Club's "Best Group or Couple" costume category were a group promoting several local businesses including the Independent. This group dressed up to promote Frosty Boy, Moving the Mitten, Rusted Crow on the Lake and The Butcher Shop. The headline on the Independent called them the businesses of the week. From left are Byron Kelley, Jennifer Kelley, Kayti Garrett, and Troy Garrett.



Photo by Robert Kenyon

Hundreds of little princesses, ghosts and goblins came to the Belleville Yacht Club's Trunk or Treat on Sunday. The club's generous friends from Rusted Crow gave out over 700 hot dogs, a mountain of nachos, hot pretzels and countless gallons of hot cider to all who attended. The drizzle held off until the very end.

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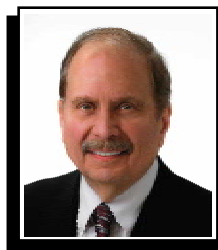
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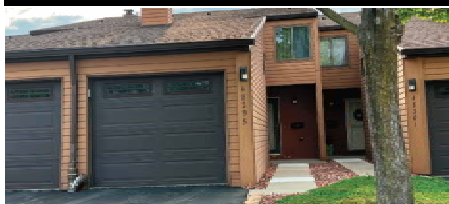
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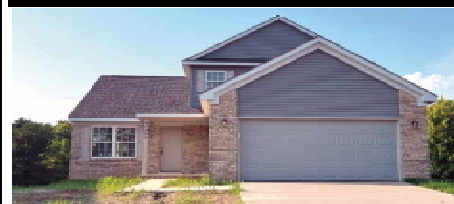
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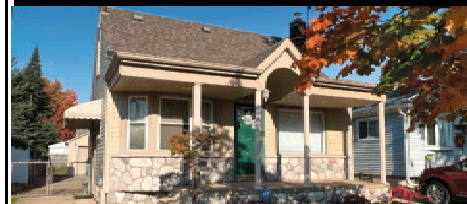
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