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Tigers edge Cass Tech in OT, 29-28; advance to State Finals

By Robert Mytych
Belleville-Area Independent

Belleville High School Quarterback Bryce Underwood showcased himself showing just why he's one of the best high school quarterbacks in the state. Some would arguably say in the country.

For the final minutes on a cold and blustery field last Friday evening at Novi High School, Underwood was the game's superhero first leading his offense to overtime with a 4-yard touchdown rush in the final minutes of regulation, before proceeding to win it all on Belleville's OT possession with back-to-back runaround plays to the corner endzone.

It was there where the Tigers converted the two-point conversion and won the game, 29-28. The victory sends them to the state finals for the second year in a row.

Cass Tech won the toss in overtime and successfully converted their score so Belleville had to do the same and it took four downs to do it. However, instead of kicking the extra point that would tie the game at 28, the Tigers went for it all in the 2-point conversion as Underwood took the snap and rolled out on a near identical play, dashing to the same corner and scoring to seal the victory.

The Tigers face Caledonia in the Division 1 title game this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ford Field. It can be watched on Bally Sports Detroit.

The victory improved Belleville's record to 13-0, but it wasn't easy. Belleville did strike first on its first possession to open the game with a Colbey Reed 48-yard touchdown rush to lead 7-0 for the only scoring in the first quarter.

In the second, Belleville's Kevin Simes capped off a 97-yard drive with a touchdown to increase the lead to 14-0 with ten minutes remaining in the first half. Then the Cass Tech technicians went to work responding with three unanswered touchdowns, the last one

a pick six run back to give them a 21-14 lead at the half.

There was no scoring in the third quarter but in the fourth the Tigers stopped Cass Tech on a fourth and one with 3:01 remaining in regulation. Belleville took over on the Cass Tech 39-yard line and made their way closer to the end zone before Underwood rushed in for the score from 4 yards out to cut the deficit to 21-20. Belleville converted the point after and the score was tied 21-21.

Finally, Cass Tech had a handful of chances to win the game in regulation with a first-in-goal series of plays that were all stopped by the Tiger defense, which included a field goal try on fourth down that would have won the game as time expired.

Overtime in high school football works this way. Both teams get a four-down series of plays to reach the endzone. The start of overtime saw the Technicians scoring on a second down touchdown pass before the Tigers responded with their series of plays that eventually won the game with the Underwood touchdown and successful two-point play.

Underwood finished the game 8 of 14 passes for 128 yards, 1 touchdown, and two interceptions



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On Saturday, Nov. 12, Boy Scout Troop 231, Cub Scout Troop 793, and Girl Scout Troop 77515 held a community food drive and delivered 443 bags of food to the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. After their final pick-ups, the scouts and scoutmasters stayed and helped sort, date check, and shelve the food. The Emergency Food Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and serves the residents in Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville.

Driver bound over for fleeing police, crashing into house, car

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A driver who was being stopped by Belleville police because he had no tail lights the night of Sept. 14, ended up fleeing police, smashing into a home on East Huron River Drive and smashing into a car next door, before running away on foot and finally being caught hiding under a car on Roland Street.

On Nov. 16, a preliminary exam was held by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin for Devon Leontae Sutton, 24, of Las Vegas, NV. Judge Martin heard the testimony and then bound Sutton over to circuit court on all charges for a Nov. 23 arraignment on the information.

Sutton had been charged with two felonies, fleeing police in a vehicle – third degree and assaulting/resisting/ obstructing a police officer, along with a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bryn Bailey presented one witness: Belleville Police Officer Chad Adam, who has been with the city police for two and a half years and with Royal Oak for less than a year before that.

He testified he was on solo patrol that night when he saw a Mazda Tribute with no tail lights on East Columbia Avenue near Madelon Street and he "ran LEIN." He said there was no tail light on the right or left sides, but there was a high mounted stop bar at the top that was lighted. He said he attempted to stop the silver SUV, but the car turned on Madelon at a very slow speed of 5 mph and then accelerated to 44 in the 25-mph zone. He said he called dispatch to tell them where he was and that he was making a stop, turned on his lights and siren, and saw the car go through multiple stop signs without stopping.

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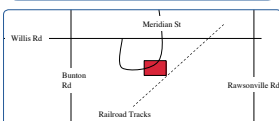
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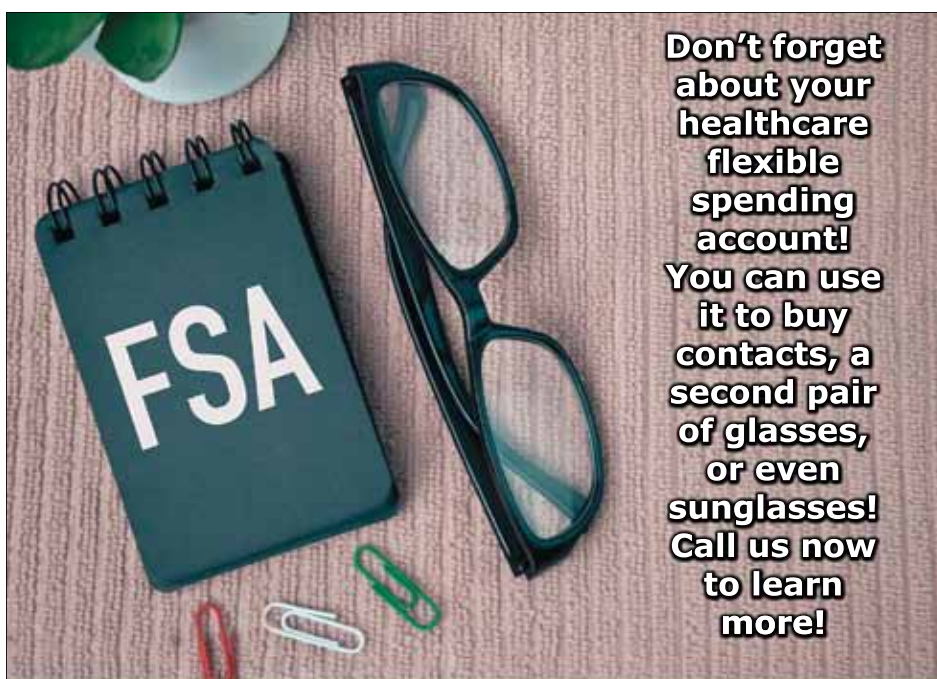
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VBT board approves Winterfest fireworks from west of bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Since the Denton Road bridge is closed for repairs, the Winterfest fireworks that usually are shot off from the bridge had to be moved.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Nov. 15, the board approved a permit for fireworks to be shot off from the roadway west of the Denton Road Bridge, next to Hillside Cemetery.

The board unanimously granted approval to Michigan Fireworks Club to discharge commercial fireworks at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, with a rain date of Sunday, Dec. 4, from the area near the bridge or if that doesn't work out, from a barge on Belleville Lake in the area between the Denton and Belleville Road bridges.

Van Buren Township Fire Marshal Andrew Lenaghan reviewed the application by Joshua Edwards of Michigan Fireworks Club and approved the application.

In other business at the 55-minute meeting, the board:

- Congratulated Trustee Reggie Miller for winning a seat as State Representative in the Nov. 8 election. The Representative-Elect thanked everyone for their support. "I'm just a phone call away ... just let my blisters heal... you know where I live";

- Congratulated Trustee Kevin Martin for retiring from General Motors;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright thank Bob and Marie Krouse for putting up flags on veterans' graves in the township cemeteries. Clerk Wright also announced the township offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after. He said the Nov. 8 election had 13,671 total voters, a total of about 55% of the 25,000 registered voters. He said there were 6,620 absentee voters and 7,068 voted in person. He said voting tabulators went down at the Edgemont Elementary School polling site. He said tabs were jamming all over the county. He said his office sent out a technician from Dominion to see if it could be fixed. The voters were given the option of waiting in line or putting their ballots in a locked bin for later counting. Clerk Wright said the plan is to troubleshoot issues after the election. He said they will look at going for a higher type of tabulator, but that is more expensive;

- Approved the Police Officer Labor Council's Command Contract for 2022-25. The final negotiations were at the work/study session before the regular meeting;

- Accepted a property donation of 1.515 acres at the northeast corner of the Clover Development on Belleville Road. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said when the senior housing development was being

planned, the township thought its original entryway was too close to Robson Road across the street and would confuse drivers, so Clover moved its entryway south, leaving this property unusable. Supervisor McNamara said in the future, when Robson Road is built west of Belleville Road they will be able to use the land. Clover has begun clearing the land and construction will be in the coming year;

- Approved the agreement with Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative for the Iron Belle Trail Section J railroad work for a reimbursable cost of \$50,000. The agreement commits HWPI to reimburse VBT for the full force account estimate of \$50,423 for work performed by Norfolk Southern. The railroad construction work needs to be completed before Section J is constructed, which is currently slated for the 2023 construction season. HWPI will use funds already secured via a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation for this reimbursement;

- Approved rezoning of 42060 Ecorse Rd. from M-T, Industrial Transportation, to M-2 General Industrial with conditions. The board also approved the Conditional Rezoning Agreement with Crossroads Distribution Center North 6 LLC in association with the rezoning. This is for the EV battery manufacturing facility;

- Approved the Preliminary Plan and

Special Land Use for the revision to the Cobblestone Creek Planned Residential Development by Infinity Acquisitions as recommended by the planning commission;

- Approved a resolution for the Annual Exemption of the Township from 2011 PA 152. The exemption allows employees to pay just 10% of health care, instead of 20%;

- Approved the 2023 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract. This is the annual approval of the FY-2023 SMART contract. Funds received by SMART help cover drivers' wages, gasoline, vehicle maintenance, and vehicle repairs for the elderly population to get to and from the Senior Center, doctors' appointments, and various shopping trips. The estimated level for VBT for 2023 is \$28,433;

- Approved the reappointments of Penny Young, Harry Roesch and Elaine Gutierrez and the appointment of Gina Dorazio (Alternate) to the Board of Review with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2024; and

- Approved the reappointments of Charles Larocque and John Herman to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) with terms to expire Dec. 1, 2025.

During the work/study meeting, the board also discussed amending the contribution language for the Post Employment Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan.

Man accused of two counts of murder in VBT has case reassigned

Lionel Lamont Vincent, 48, of Pontiac was bound over to circuit court by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green after a live preliminary exam on June 15.

The arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice was set for June 29 and then adjourned at the request of the court.

A request by the defense attorney for a transcript of the preliminary exam was filed on June 30.

Vincent's arraignment on the information was held Aug. 4 before Judge Michael J. Callahan and was adjourned at the request of the court to Sept. 7 before Judge Ulysses W. Boykin. Then a pretrial was set for Oct. 7.

On Oct. 11 the case was reassigned to Judge Bradley Cobb and a pretrial set for Nov. 29.

Vincent was brought from Ionia by Michigan Department of Corrections to 34th District Court for his preliminary exam to face two homicide charges for allegedly killing a mother and daughter in Van Buren Township on July 25, 2021. Bond was denied in the murders. He is being held on pending charges of violation of probation on a previous charge.

Vincent is accused of murdering Yachanda Snipes, 45, and her daughter Dacara Leatherberry, 14, in their home in the 46000 block of Lake Villa Drive within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex late July 25, 2021. The two reportedly died of multiple injuries.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said Vincent was the suspect

Court Watching:

Phelps bound over for discharging firearms in house, holding PD at bay

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Carl Londa Phelps, III, 55, of Van Buren Township waived his preliminary exam on Nov. 16 and 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin bound him over to circuit court for a Nov. 30 arraignment on the information.

He is charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and reckless use of firearms at his home in the 800 block of Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township in two different cases on Oct. 20 and 24.

He was before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Nov. 2 via zoom from the Wayne County Jail for his probable

cause from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met. Det. Long said the state held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police investigation. He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to Michigan Department of Corrections records, Vincent was paroled

cause conferences. But his defense attorney Brian Schaf said he needed discovery and Judge Green adjourned the cases until Nov. 16.

Cash or surety bond on each of the cases is \$20,000 and attorney Schaf asked for Judge Green to reduce bond. He said his client has only two prior charges on his record, operating while intoxicated in 1985 and 2005. He has worked for 17 years and is waiting on a disability claim, Schaf said.

Judge Green said she was not changing the bond now but would turn the question over to pretrial services for a recommendation. Surety bond was posted by Phelps for both

Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and rape, using a weapon to commit a felony and various other weapons charges, in Oakland County. He was convicted in a jury trial.

He now is being held in Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater for his alleged parole violation.

cases on Nov. 11 through a bail bondsman.

On Oct. 20, Phelps reportedly fired six rounds in his home, telling police that drug dealers came and stole all of his weed.

At 12:34 a.m. Oct. 24, police were called again by neighbors. He had a shot gun this time and police brought the SWAT team. After arriving on the scene, officers continued to hear gunfire from inside the home, so they took cover and established a perimeter. When officers contacted the suspect, they said he was agitated and not willing to speak with them.

After an approximate four-hour standoff,

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

What are we thankful for?

Thanksgiving Day is here. What are some of the things we can be thankful for in this area this year?

- The many churches who tend to the spiritual and physical needs of our residents in the tri-community.

- The free food available for the hungry at many places including the Community Food Pantry at the Methodist Church in Belleville, St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anthony's Church, the Forgotten Harvest in Van Buren Township (now being distributed at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road) and Forgotten Harvest in Sumpter Township, and many other churches and individuals.

- The Belleville Area District Library that is our local center for free internet use, learning, fun for all ages, books, CDs, videos, audiotapes, newspapers and magazines, meeting space, copying documents, and especially information. If you don't know how to find information on a topic, the librarians can help. And, best of all, our library employees are friendly and non-judgmental.

- Our first responders. People usually love the fire fighters most and are always happy to see them coming. The EMS and ambulance teams rank right up there. People sometimes fear police and would rather not have them knocking on their doors, but when there is trouble, that's exactly who they call and who comes to solve the problem.

We are grateful for these things and more. Happy Thanksgiving.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

On Saturday about 50 people from the Belleville area got on a bus and traveled to the Detroit Institute of Arts to visit the "Van Gogh in America" exhibit. The trip was organized by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and featured the library's showing of "Lust for Life" last Thursday to prepare those going to the exhibit with a fictionalized version of Vincent Van Gogh's life.

Our large group was separated into two groups and the first half got to go right to the special exhibit and the second half was invited to other exhibits for about 20 minutes before those members could be led to the Van Gogh exhibit.

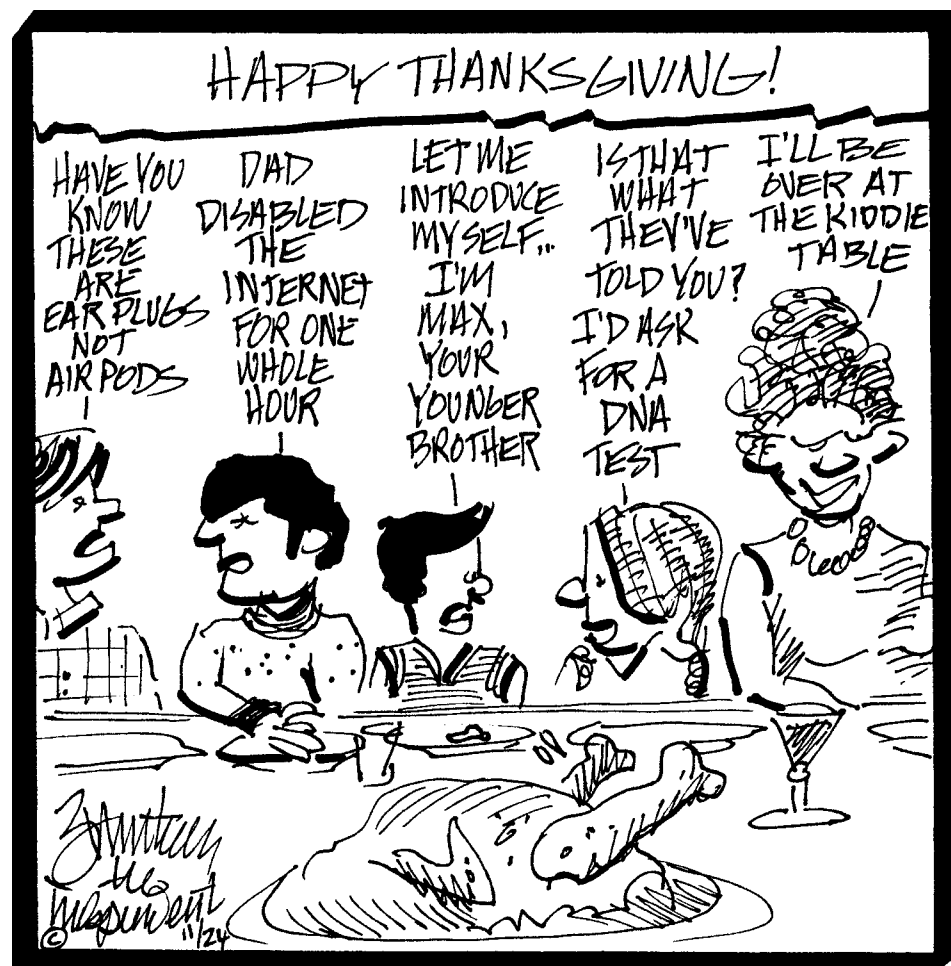
The lines for the exhibit were very long and our group was led right to the front and into the exhibit. The guide warned us we would get dirty looks from those waiting in line, which we did. They had been waiting for a long time and we got right in because our arrangements had been made long in advance.

During the viewing, I heard many people referring to what they were seeing in the context of the movie they had seen at the library. There was even a place to sit to watch clips of the movie at the end of the exhibit.

It was an overwhelming project for the DIA, which borrowed 74 authentic Van Gogh artworks from museums and individuals all over the world to put this exhibit together. The DIA owns one of the paintings, "Self Portrait," which it purchased in 1922. The DIA was the first museum in the country to buy a Van Gogh.

At the end of our museum visit, we were supposed to meet up with our bus at 3:45

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



p.m. at the John R Street entrance to the DIA and most of us were near the door about two minutes before that time when the fire alarm went off. The hallway a few of us were in around the corner, had the door shut and locked while the alarm blared on. The museum guide said there would be information coming over the public address system and we needed to be patient. Finally, she just called out, "Evacuate the building," so we did. Our bus was waiting in front with our coats in it. (Can't wear coats in the Van Gogh exhibit because of vandalism at museum exhibits around the world.)

One of those on the bus was Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara who said he had smelled rubber burning upstairs at the museum and tried to tell museum staff, but they wouldn't listen to him. Then the alarm went off. He said there were workers with torches doing something and he believes that's what this was all about.

Our bus had to wait for three missing riders so by the time we were ready to head home, the museum was letting visitors in again. There was some talk about how awful it would be to have waited in that long line to get into the special exhibit and then have to evacuate the building.

Our thanks to Barbara Miller, who had the bright idea to take a bus to the DIA for this special exhibit and laid the groundwork, and to Elaine Gutierrez who followed through with the details and led us on Saturday.

On the bus ride into the DIA I was told by a woman that she had been trying to sign up to be a Meals on Wheels driver for Van Buren Township and had been to the senior center four times trying to sign up. She said she had read that they are desperate for drivers and she had done it before, so she tried to volunteer.

She said the first two times, the lady in charge of that wasn't at the center and she was asked to come back. The third time, a person at the center called the one in charge and she said she had slept in and to tell the person to come back. She was given an application form and she took it home. She filled it out and brought it back and left it and that was three weeks ago. She said she doesn't have any traffic tickets so she doesn't understand.

VBT Supervisor McNamara was on the bus so I put him together with the lady and he confirmed they are desperate for drivers. He pulled out his cell phone and made a call. I think he fixed that problem.

Pete Pitzen announced he has pulled in his free American flag display in front of his house on South Biggs Street in Belleville for the season. He said it will be up again next summer.



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Letters

Thanks to Ivy Rehab, all who donated food

To the editor:

The Emergency Food Closet located at Belleville First United Methodist at 417 Charles St. recently received 26 bags and boxes of food from a food drive sponsored by Ivy Rehab at 540 Main St. I would like to thank Richard Fruitman and the staff for hosting the drive and all who donated. The support for feeding the hungry in our community has been overwhelming!

Thank you,
Marilyn Wood-Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

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It's always cool to see the Belleville Tiger football team on Bally Sports Detroit as they roll through the playoffs and advance to the state finals this weekend at Ford Field, also on TV. See story on the front page. I don't know what I like more, seeing the Tiger logo on the screen scorecard graphics or our Tiger paw on midfield at BHS. Last Friday night's game was a thriller as the Tigers defeated Cass Tech, 29-28, in the state semifinals of Division 1. To start it off, that our Marching Tigers performed the National Anthem from their section seated in the stands just prior to kickoff was a real bonus. In case you didn't know the high school mascot at Novi is the Wildcat, of which is a profile of a feline with a ferocious growl in 2D, similar to our Tiger logo, which is 3D and in color, but perfect nonetheless for a team hungry for another state championship. To top it off the Detroit Lions won their third straight game and they'll play Chicago on Thanksgiving, a tradition to watch in our household no matter what Detroit's record is. We even have wagers going with our sister in the Windy City. Payoffs are at Christmas.

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Nov. 27 – Cathy Perry, Sophie Blaharski

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Nov. 29 – Linda Endicott

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Driver

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He said two Van Buren units – Officer Kurtis Mowbray and another officer -- and Belleville Cpl. Matt Vandeweghe came to help. He said the Mazda struck the rear brick of the east side of a house, its backyard, at a residence at 180 E. Huron River Dr. Then the vehicle struck a parked Ford Fusion at a residence behind 180 E. Huron River Dr.

Officer Adam said the driver's door popped open so he thought the driver was going to "foot bail" and he did. He tried to use a taser but the driver eluded that and ran into a wooded area.

He said Cpl. Vandeweghe was on Madelon and the two Van Buren officers set up a perimeter. The owner of the vehicle that was struck came out to talk to the police and, "I heard a tree branch snap."

He testified he saw the defendant 100 feet away on Roland Street. Officer Adam said he did a foot pursuit and called to him to stop. He said Sutton ran up a driveway at 225 Roland St. and he found him under the front bumper of a vehicle in the driveway.

Officer Adam said he held him at gunpoint and, "We helped him out."

Officer Adam said Sutton stated, "I'm done running." Sutton also said he ran because he had a warrant, Officer Adam testified.

Officer Adam said Sutton ran right out of his slides and had no footwear.

Defense attorney Vanessa Hamilton asked Judge Martin to reduce her client's bond of \$100,000/10% since he has been in the Wayne County Jail since early October and it is very taxing on him. (He has been incarcerated since his arrest on Sept. 14.)

Although his home is in Las Vegas, Sutton told Judge Martin that he has family

in the Ypsilanti area.

Prosecutor Bailey said he had a hotel room key who shows no established residence and his doesn't have a Michigan history. She said there is a hold from the federal government and the federal government wants him. She said Sutton was attempting to avoid federal government extradition. At the probable cause conference the federal district was identified as the South District of California for failure to comply with probation.

Judge Martin said that \$100,000 did seem high, but then Bailey said his record shows he had two prior convictions, with one being sex trafficking of minors, plus four assaultive charges in 2003. He was on supervised release. He was charged with obstruction of a police officer in 2007 and failure to appear in 2009, Bailey said.

Judge Martin denied the request to modify bond and told Hamilton she could seek that at circuit court.

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Hazel Grace Bevard

HAZEL GRACE BEVARD
 (January 22, 1932 – November 15, 2022)
 Hazel Grace Bevard, age 90, resident of Belleville all her life, passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at home surrounded by family. She was born on January 22, 1932, in Belleville, Michigan, to Theron Goodspeed Wellwood and Mina Alene (Harrington) Wellwood. Hazel graduated from Belleville High School and was quick to start her family, raising 9 children. She was a member of the choir at Bethany Bible Church for many years and was devoted to the Lord. Hazel was also a Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed reading, writing, and traveling. Hazel was married to the love of her life, Joseph Clarence Bevard, for 68 wonderful years. She loved her family and doted upon them. Everyone knew that Hazel loved babies as well, always being helpful and involved with them and all the functions of her church. Most of all, Hazel loved spending time with her family and was very involved.

Hazel is survived by her children: Raymond (Colleen) Bevard of Johannesburg, MI, Tina (Phil) Maly of Manchester, MI, Laura (Edward) Forshee of Gaffney, South Carolina, James Bevard, Colleen Beyer, and Dawn Hill, all of Belleville, MI; her sister Joyce Vega of Shelby, MI; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, also many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joseph Bevard in 2016, her children: Michael Bevard, Joseph Bevard, and Denise Bevard; also a great-grandson Brandon Waterbury.

A visitation took place at Bethany Bible Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022, and a funeral service followed at 12 noon. A luncheon was held immediately after service at the church. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

(June 18, 1958 – November 12, 2022)
 Age 64, resident of Belleville for many years. BHS graduate. Survived by husband Lester Glenn Williams, Sr.; her mother; five children; two brothers. Visitation was Nov. 18 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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WALTER JULLIAN JONCZYK

(February 28, 1951 – November 17, 2022)
 Age 71 of Romulus, passed away in Grayling. Graduate of Romulus High School and owned his own farm. Survived by sister Julianne (Richard) Huff. Funeral mass was Nov. 21 at St. Anthony Catholic Church.
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Richard L. Cochenour

RICHARD L. COCHENOUR

(June 15, 1943 – October 15, 2022)

Richard L. Cochenour, 79, of Allen Park, MI (formerly from Sumpter Township, MI) passed away on October 15, 2022 with his fiancée of 10 years, Patty Miller, and much-loved furry friend Molly directly by his side. Thankfully the pain that he was in has now stopped as he is in the hands of the Lord.

He was born in Monroe, MI on June 15, 1943. He retired from the Army after 30 years. He was a dedicated man working for many years in the custodial industry.

He loved to attend car shows, showing off his fiancée's 1985 El Camino. He enjoyed going to Frankenmuth, antiquing, and thrift stores. He was very social. He loved to play bingo at the Van Buren Senior Center. Richard was loved by everyone he met, so many friends will miss him. His fiancée Patty and furry friend Molly have memories embedded in their heart from 10 years of adventures.



Luella Fay Burger

LUELLA FAY BURGER

(December 18, 1926 – November 15, 2022)

Luella Fay Burger, age 95, lifelong Belleville-area resident, passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born December 18, 1926, in Reading Twp., Michigan, daughter of George Henry and Burniece (Evans) Barns. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1945. She was a member of the BHS All-Class Reunion Committee for many years. She was an avid reader who enjoyed gardening, flowers, and loved time spent with her grandchildren.

Luella is survived by daughter Linda (Jeff) Raynor of Jacksonville Beach, Florida; son Mark (Pamela) Burger of Belleville, MI; six grandchildren: Spencer Romani, Kelly Krause, Kris Krause, Robin (Derek) Henning, Tom Burger, and Joshua Burger; two great-grandchildren: Violet and Dean; her grand-dog Caesar; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Byron "Bud" Burger on October 24, 1993, a son in infancy, two daughters: Susan Krause and Bonnie Baum, also numerous siblings: John, Virgil, Vernon, Ellsworth, Harold, Verald, Ruby, Phoebe, Clifford, and Lucille.

Private services were held. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to FMAR-Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and would be appreciated.

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Obituaries



Robert Stanley
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ROBERT STANLEY ADAMCZYK

(May 2, 1932 – November 18, 2022)

Robert Stanley Adamczyk, age 90, resident of Van Buren Township, passed away on November 18, 2022, at home in Hospice care surrounded by family. He was born on May 2, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley Urban Adamczyk and Olga Cunigunde (Galinus) Adamczyk. Robert graduated from high school and went on to continue his education earning three college degrees. He would continue to become a teacher, librarian, and an elementary school principal. He was a very active man. Robert was an avid gardener, carpenter, and very passionate about life. He listened to public radio often and had a very admirable zest for living. He took life by the horns and kept active until he experienced a stroke in August. He was married to Ellen St. Thomas for 32 wonderful years. Robert was an active and devoted father and believed in lifelong learning often saying, "The adventure goes on." His family notes there was never a dull moment with Robert. Most of all he loved to be learning new things and be with his beloved family.

Robert is survived by his wife, Ellen St. Thomas of Van Buren Township; his children, daughters Margaret Gabriel of Van Buren Township, MI, Susan Wood of Medford, Oregon, son David (Connie) Adamczyk of Grosse Ile, MI; stepson, Kevin Hood and wonderful daughter-in-law Sue Hood who Robert referred to as his "Girl Friday" of Taylor, MI; five grandchildren, Matthew, Clark, Jordan, Jacob, and Joseph; his faithful and wonderful caregivers Christina Zalma-Meyer; as well as many nieces and nephews, and many friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Margaret, and his brother Richard.

A private family memorial will be planned in the future. In accordance with his wishes dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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• **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Winterfest continues with food trucks, skating rink, Kidzone with animal show, crafts and inflatables, "Candyland" themed parade at 6 p.m., fireworks, live music featuring The Killer Flamigos.

• **Sunday, Dec. 4** – Winterfest concludes with Breakfast with Santa, Skating with Santa, inflatables.

• **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.

• **Saturday, Dec. 10** – Breakfast with Santa runs from 9 to about 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center behind St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave. Visit with Santa, hot breakfast, face painting, balloon figures, gifts for the children, The Music Lady. Free to all good little boys and girls and their families. Put on by St. Anthony Men's Club and the American Heritage Girls.

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Upcoming Meetings

• 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.

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• 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 for information on how to attend by zoom or call (734) 699-8941

• Thursday, Dec. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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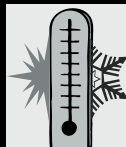
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Sabrina Richardson-Williams of Belleville, treasurer of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, stops next to a painting of "Olive Trees" by Vincent Van Gogh during Saturday's trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view the special Van Gogh exhibit. Van Gogh painted 15 paintings of the olive groves that surrounded the psychiatric hospital where he stayed for a year.

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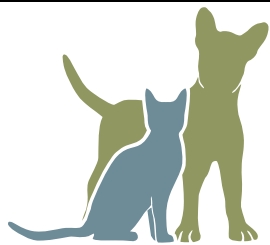
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Environmental Comm. gets reports on dam, microplastics, lily pads

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Nov. 16, the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission discussed reports on microplastics, PFAS, lily pads, French Landing Dam, and other subjects members have asked about.

Ron Akers, Van Buren Township's municipal services director, gave reports on seven topics and then presented the proposed meeting dates for 2023, which is slated to be approved at the Dec. 21 meeting. The commission will consider a change in meeting time, as well.

Huron River Watershed Council

Director Akers gave a report on the last HRWC meeting and said they discussed phosphorus and bugs. He said the late Dr. Dave Wilson was the township's last official representative to the HRWC and the township is looking for a new representative.

The commission discussed the erosion around the lake, especially at Quirk Road, Mission Pointe and Van Buren Park beach.

Wayne County Drain Commission

Akers said residents in the Van Born/Belleville Road area, behind Greenbriar Subdivision, have petitioned the Wayne County Drain Commission to clean out the drain in that area. The residents will pay.

It was noted that commission chairman Norm DeBuck had said at a previous meeting that he didn't remember the last time they cleaned the drain on his property.

Quirk at Belleville Road

Akers said once he gathers more information, on the erosion along Quirk Road, he will report. Commissioners are concerned that a portion of Quirk Road will fall into Belleville Lake since the erosion there is so close to the roadway. That had been one of Dr. Wilson's concerns.

Ann Arbor NPDES Permit

Akers said the settlement agreement with the state over the law suit on the Ann Arbor wastewater treatment plant's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit was dated June 21, 2021 and it specifies phosphorus limits for its daily load.

There is a 25-year agreement on how they can discharge phosphorus. Akers said he sent a summary to the commissioners and then he re-sent them the legal settlement.

He said the Ann Arbor city board action was detailed. The phosphorous concentration can be .8 from 2021-23 and must be .2 concentration by the end of 25 years. The treatment plant empties into the Huron River which flows through Belleville Lake.

Microplastics, PFAS, Foam

The recent microplastics speaker at the Belleville Area District Library was not taped, but the library gave Akers information on his talk and how to contact the speaker. Commission members suggested inviting the speaker to give a presentation before them. Akers said if that wasn't possible, maybe he has a recorded

presentation to share.

Akers said he was told that the highest levels of microplastics in the state are in the Huron River and most come from the fibers in clothes. People are urged to get a filter for their washing machines, use a ball in the washer that attracts fibers, and use side-loading washers instead of top-

loading washers.

The HRWC explains that microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic (less than 5 millimeters/0.2 inches) and are mostly invisible to the naked eye. They slough off of articles of clothing when they are being washed and fall off of decomposing plastic bottles, bags, and other debris.

Scientists have found microplastics nearly everywhere, including oceans, lakes, rivers, and aquatic animals. Fibers, which contribute the most to the local microplastics pollution, are washed into our streams and rivers after synthetic clothes and textiles, such as fleece and

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athletic gear, are laundered. These fibers are so tiny, they are not filtered out during the water treatment process.

Akers reported there are PFAS in the Huron River and it is concentrated in foam, which tends to form near dams, according to HRWC. People are warned not to touch the foam and rinse it off if touched. When suspicious foam builds up, people are urged to take a picture and alert an emergency

hotline (1-800-292-4706). It is bright white and folds up on itself like shaving cream.

Commissioner Peter Creal suggested getting the HRWC to give the township information to post at launch sites.

"I'll reach out to them," Akers said, adding, he thought there were signs by the docks and he would check.

Lily Pads on Belleville Lake

Akers said he is reaching out to Michigan State University and Washtenaw County to see if the township can get solutions to the lily pads that are clogging up the west side

of Belleville Lake.

Akers said Washtenaw County hires lake scientists to come up with plans and inspect yearly. This is paid for by lakefront property owners in other communities. He said he would see how much it would cost.

Commissioner Benjamin Ross, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of chairman DeBuck, said the lily pads are upstream at the far end of the lake and if the lily pads were broken up into pieces that could flow downstream and re-root, and, "We're not kicking it down to Flat Rock."

French Landing Dam Permit

Eagle Creek, which is running French Landing Dam, has started its permit renewal with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and hopes to get renewal for another 40 years to continue making hydropower. The lease expires in 2027 and it takes five years to reapply.

Akers said he and Director of Public Services Larry Luckett went to the preliminary study meeting on the application. He said Van Buren Township is a co-licensee, but Eagle Creek is fully funding the application.

FERC requires many different kinds of studies, including recreation on the lake

and how the fish get up the river at the dam site. Other agencies are asking for other studies, but the decommissioning study was not approved since nobody believes the dam won't be reapproved.

December meeting

The commission's December meeting has traditionally included a holiday meal, with the board liaison buying pizza and others bringing a dish to pass. The commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21, before its regular 7 p.m. meeting.

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- Case # 22-050-** A request by Guy and Debbie Ransom for 47760 West Huron River Drive (Parcel ID# 83 113 99 0009 000) for a variance from Section 7.202(A), Table 3 pertaining to detached accessory buildings in the R-1B Single Family Residential Zoning District, to complete the construction of an addition to a principal dwelling which will be separated by a distance of 10'4" from a detached accessory garage which will have a floor area of 780 square feet upon completion, as described below:

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• **Haggerty Road:** D.T.E. Energy minor modular restroom addition at 8001 Haggerty Rd.

• **Hull Road:** Two five-acre irrigation ponds for agricultural use near the southeast corner of Hull and Sumpter roads

• **Morton Taylor Road:** Townsend Park Phase II residential development roads, utilities and landscaping on the east side of Morton Taylor Road north of Ecorse Road

• **North I-94 Service Drive:** Kenworth truck sales and repair facility at 44660 North I 94 Service Dr.

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• **Tyler Road:** Van Buren Township Community Center renovations and addition at 46425 Tyler Rd.

Also, Hampton Manor 84-unit senior assisted living and memory care development at 43345 Tyler Rd.

• **West Huron River Drive:** Cobblestone Creek Phase III residential roads, utilities, and landscaping east of Hoeft Road south of West Huron River Drive.

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Dan Power, Director
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Belleville DDA discusses partnerships, social media, economic dev.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In its regular meeting on Nov. 16, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority discussed many different proposals, but the only action taken was to approve the agenda and the minutes and to pay its bills.

First, under Citizen Comments on Agenda Items only, Councilwoman Kelly Bates and Tom Fielder spoke about a proposed Community Garden for the city that was on the agenda.

Bates said the Community Garden had been discussed in the past but never was implemented. She said since the public has to speak before she learns what the DDA is going to say on the subject, it is difficult.

Fielder said a site at Village Park and behind Citizen's Bank were discussed

as locations, but the project got bogged down because of finances and how to make people responsible.

He said people don't understand how Village Park came to be. He said the property where Victoria Commons eventually was built was owned by a doctor. He wanted to put a hospital there, but it was too "mushy" and he couldn't.

In the late '80s a developer came and the DDA was created in 1991 to take that on as a project. Eighteen acres was deeded to the city as a park. The developer also threw in money in six figures to put things in the park. They built a bathroom, gravel paths, two basketball areas, a volleyball court, but the ice rink wasn't working. They also wanted to put in a bandshell in the back.

The walking and running paths 15' wide around the ponds belonged to the city. The

horseshoe pits never got done.

Fielder said they tried to find what could be put in that park that couldn't be put in the other city parks because they were too small.

It was necessary to have a five-year master plan for parks and recreation to get grants. The grant applications were rejected for many reasons, he said. Three percent of the city needed to be in parks, but it was just one percent. With the new Village Park, the city had enough park property to apply for park grants.

He concluded saying the city is responsible for the park.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern thanked Fielder for the history.

The first item on the agenda was the official swearing in of new board member Ivan Ankwaatsa of Pryde Athletics.

Then, Chairperson McGovern said the DDA's Economic Development Committee met at 8 a.m. on Nov. 14 and will meet every Monday at 8 a.m.

Partnerships

The next item on the agenda was "Partnerships with Events and Other Entities."

McGovern turned the meeting over to City Manager / Police Chief David Robinson, who has also been administrator for the DDA since the last one left.

Chief Robinson said the DDA needs to be a leading force in the community and a partnership with the Chamber, Central Business Community, Belleville Area Council for the Arts and others wanting events is important. He said putting a community calendar together was important with events from all the organizations on it.

He said the CBC was basically in charge of Booville this year.

"We have some really great events," he said. "Wouldn't it be great if everyone took part in each event? It would make great events even greater ... with all working together ... collaboration with different groups." He said they could say, "You take first chair, well take second..."

"I would like to find a grant to get our own stage," Robinson said. "Put it wherever we want. It could be on the Fourth Street Square all summer," he said, noting they could have open mike night, high school band night, and other events.

He said when you go for a grant, it is better if more parties are involved and collaborating and that could be the city of Belleville, DDA, CBC, Chamber.

McGovern said collaborating would increase the capacity for these events and bring businesses to our community. She said all these events are held in the DDA district.

"We should be involved," McGovern said.

"I had PTSD from all the Strawberry Festival things," said DDA member Valerie Kelley Bonner. "Make sure it's clear."

"The city council has total override of everything that happens here," Robinson said. "We could say, 'Who wants to lead?' The smaller organizations may not have the same assets. Are we going to take it over? No. Collaborations. Will there be bumps? Of course. If it's straightforward and clear. It would be that person's event and others supporting it."

"To make this work, we need a committee formed," McGovern said. "No contracts formed. That's where Strawberry Festival began to unravel."

"As long as we don't lose sight of our goal," Robinson said.

"Everyone wants the same thing," McGovern said.

"Sounds good," said Kelley-Bonner. "That was the issue - money."

"They ended up hiring somebody, because nobody has the time, energy to do this," Robinson said. "If we can't find somebody to do it, it shouldn't be done."

"I want to tell you, there will be money involved."

Social Media, Economic Development

The next agenda item was on Social Media and Economic Development. McGovern said at a recent meeting DDA member Jennifer Winter suggested getting a student. She said the DDA knows what it wants and it just needs implementation.

Robinson said he would like to look at the



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city contract with the company that does its website. The contract is expiring soon. He said the city needs a new website and it needs somebody to go on the website and update it.

“We’ll need somebody who can do it. It takes a much more solid science to do that,” he said. “I want to have waiting lists of people who can’t wait for a building on Main Street. We have to decide what kinds of businesses we want here.”

“An economic development person could possibly fill this role?” McGovern wondered.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, said you have to try finding somebody who does that for a living.

“We’re not in competition with another town,” Mayor Conley said. “We didn’t need a laundrymat on Main Street. We

found the right fit for us, but there was a non-compete clause with Ypsilanti.”

Robinson said the companies who replied to the DDA’s request for proposals had suggested what the DDA already did and the implementation would be by the hour, which is expensive.

“We have to find someone who could do what we want,” McGovern said.

“The RFP we sent out was not specific,” Robinson said.

Kelley-Bonner said Washtenaw Community College will be having a meeting with interns where you sit at a table and pitch what you want and interns can say whether they are interested.

“I’d be willing to do that,” Kelley Bonner said, adding, “I’ll be there anyway.”

McGovern asked if the DDA is ready to go out for an economic development director, pointing out its almost a year from their strategic planning session.

Robinson said he would like to do some research. He said he has good consultants

and he can get some sample RFPs as a template.

McGovern asked if he would reach out to Aerotropolis and Robinsons said, “Sure.” He said he also wants a new website and he talked to Van Buren Township about it.

“We have to paint a picture of what we want to have downtown,” Mayor Conley said. “They need to know that.”

She said social media doesn’t need to be done during the day and it could be a second job for someone.

McGovern asked if this should be brought

back for the January agenda.

The newest board member Ivan Ankwatsa urged them to pick the best kind of website system. City Clerk Brianna Hootman said she has to send any website changes to the city’s website operator.

“We wanted to master it ourselves,” said Mayor Conley of the website. “We didn’t get that.”

Ankwatsa said his business has a host and is using Word Press now. “We can manage it ourselves... What is the purpose of the

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee Boynton. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, DDA Director Ireland, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Assessor Stamper and an audience of ten (10).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the amended agenda moving New Business Item #7: To consider approval of Resolution 2022-30: Annual Exemption of the Township from 2011 PA 152 to New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022, Prepaid List of November 3, 2022, Prepaid List of November 10, 2022, Voucher List of November 15, 2022, November 8, 2022 General Election Poll Worker Payroll, Approval of the POLC Command Contract for 2022-2025, Approval of the 2023 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract. This is an annual approval of the FY2023 SMART contract, Approval of the re-appointments of Penny Young, Harry Roesch and Elaine Gutierrez and the appointment of Gina Dorazio (Alternate) to the Board of Review, with terms to expire December 31, 2024 and Approval of the Re-appointment of Charles Larocque and John Herman to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) with terms to expire December 1, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Trustee Reggie Miller was elected as State Representative to the 31st District in Michigan; Trustee Kevin Martin retired from General Motors; Winterfest takes place on December 3rd with the parade kicking off at 6:00 pm; the

first annual Punkin Roll Out was enjoyed by many families; donations for Goodfellows can be sent to the township care of Goodfellows or Pam Fleming; the Senior Center on Haggerty Road has a mitten tree to collect mittens and scarves to donate to Goodfellows; the board thanked Marie and Bob Krouse for volunteering each Veteran’s Day to make sure all veterans in our four cemeteries have American flags and Township Administrative Offices are closed on Thursday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Clerk Wright read a report outlining the 54% voter turnout and hard work that went into organizing the November 8th General Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2022-30: Annual Exemption of the Township from 2011 PA 152. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Martin, Boynton, Frazier and Miller. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the agreement with Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) for the Iron Belle Trail Section J railroad work for a reimbursable cost of \$50,423. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-15-22 to rezone Parcel 83 008 99 0002 706, 42060 Ecorse Road, from M-T, Industrial Transportation to M-2 General Industrial with conditions and to approve the Conditional Rezoning Agreement with Crossroads Distribution Center North 6 LLC in association with the proposed rezoning of 42060 Ecorse Road. Motions Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Preliminary Plan and Special Land Use approval for the revision to the Cobblestone Creek Planned Residential Development (PRD) by Infinity Acquisitions, LLC. Motion Carried. Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve Commercial Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve a property donation from Clover Development for a 1.515-acre portion of Parcel 83-036-99-000-720. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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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 30th, 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:

2011 Ford, Focus, VIN: 1FAHP3FN4BW116682

DATE:	November 18, 2022	BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
		6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH:	November 24, 2022	BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
		BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
		CITY CLERK

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW VOLTAGE TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION

VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren will receive sealed bids for The Charter Township Community Center Low Voltage Technology Installation Project at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 4:00 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.

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.

Published: 11-24-22

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE INTERVIEWS TO FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold interviews to fill the current City Council vacancy on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan. This is an open public meeting.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

POSTED: Nov 21, 2022
PUBLISHED: Nov 24, 2022
Dec 1 & 8, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **December 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments that will modify the requirement for at least thirty percent (30%) of all structures within a proposed residential plat or site condominium project to have the garage door oriented other than to the front of the lot (i.e., oriented to the side or rear of the lot), and will allow modifications to restrictions on minimum separation distance between buildings in Planned Residential Developments (PRDs). The amendments will include updates to Sections 5.115(B)(8) (Dwelling, Single-Family Residential (All Site Condominiums and Subdivisions)), 6.203(A) (Planned Residential Developments – Modifications, Modifications Permitted) and 6.207(B)-6.207(C) (Planned Residential Developments – Design, Building Setbacks and Building Separation).

Case 20-037: A request by Rand Construction Engineering, Inc. on behalf of owner 5M Van Buren LLC to construct a roof and floor truss manufacturing facility which includes a 68,228 square foot building, an outdoor storage area for building equipment and supplies. The project is proposed to be located at the 21.3 acre site located at 5925 Beck Road (parcel ID number 83 014 99 0001 703). The parcel is zoned M-1 – Light Industrial. Outdoor storage of building equipment and supplies is a Special Land Use in the M-1 (Light Industrial) District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 (Special Land Use Review) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Case 22-010: A request by David Brewer of Vanston / O'Brien Inc. on behalf of owner Night Hawk Properties to construct a 4,900 square foot automatic car wash and related site improvements on a 1.65-acre site. The project is proposed to be located at 11650 Belleville Road (parcel ID number 83 081 99 0004 709), which is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District. Automatic automobile wash establishments are a Special Land Use in the C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 (Special Land Use Review) of the Zoning Ordinance.

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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Belleville DDA

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website? What do you want social media to do? I know people who can help.”

Village Park

Village Park was the next item of discussion and McGovern said the committee talked about Pickle Ball for that park.

Robinson said need to decide if the pad needs to be milled or if it can be used for that. He said the city is going out for bids to redo the roads in the cemetery. He said maybe they could draw the same contractor for the Pickleball court and the basketball court at Victory Park.

He thanked DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams for the pictures of Village Park problems she sent to all the DDA members. “We’ve come a long way with that park,” he said.

He said they are trying to get a ballpark bid for the cemetery roads and asphalt has seen a 15% rise. The last estimate was \$250,000 and now he is guessing \$300,000.

“I’m seeking donors ... whether they have loved ones there or not ... I’d like to have ducks in a row for next summer,” Robinson said.

Richardson-Williams asked if they could get a grant like they did for Victory Park.

Mayor Conley said the federal ARPA funds were completely different. She suggested letting County Commissioner Al Haidous know the city’s needs and, “He’s never let us down.”

Secretary Denise Baker said there is \$27,000 in the budget for park improvements and Robinson said that was for the matching funds for the ARPA grant.

Community Garden

Last on the agenda was discussion on a Community Garden.

Robinson said there was a great place in the city property behind the car wash on Main Street. He said they have to determine who will run it. He said he would like to deal with some of those who work with the Farmers’ Market. Maybe the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Masons could be asked to be in charge of it month by month.

DDA member Kelly McWilliams suggested asking the local garden club with Deb Green and Claudia Roullier to get involved.

Baker said in Ann Arbor they have Project Grow where you can rent a plot for the summer. Kelley-Bonner said in Inkster a portion of Community Garden is for kids to learn.

Robinson said they could get the schools involved.

McGovern said the Economic Development Committee will put something together.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 260 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 13:
0014 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0842 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
0916 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1105 – warrant arrest, Sam’s Club
1413 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1527 – neighbor trouble, S. Timberview Dr.
1601 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1604 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.
1727 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1829 – civil matter, Jackson Ct.
1855 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1909 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2005 – assist fire dept., Van Buren St.
2024 – sexual assault, Oak Rd.
2258 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2318 – property check, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 14:
0819 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0858 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
0933 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
0940 – assist fire dept., Beckley Rd.
1021 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1132 – welfare check, Bog Rd./Farm Rd.
1233 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1236 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1314 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1424 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1509 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln.
1529 – animal complaint, McBride Ave./Arthur
1616 – vehicle lock out, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1727 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1815 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
1915 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
2106 – assist fire dept., Lake Villa Dr.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stamford Rd.
2242 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
2245 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.
2319 – property damage accident, Martz/Hoeft

Tuesday, Nov. 15:
0241 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
0715 – property damage accident, Ryznar Dr. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0940 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
0953 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0959 – unattended death, McKinley St.
1029 – animal complaint, Arthur St.
1126 – shooting, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.
1129 – assist other dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
1145 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1213 – fraud, Locust Dr.
1215 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1436 – animal complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1455 – dumping complaint, Michigan Ave.
1529 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1653 – welfare check, Country Walk Ct.
1835 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1911 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
1932 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2005 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2057 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2112 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
2139 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.
2153 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
2313 – 911 welfare check, Vista Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 16:
0642 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0802 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville
0835 – 911 welfare check, W. Walden Dr.
0852 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
0957 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1048 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1154 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1228 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1247 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
1250 – lost property/child, Robson Rd.
1332 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
1434 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1434 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1439 – private property/property damage accident,

N. I-94 Service Dr.
1446 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1611 – intrusion alarm, Arthur St.
1727 – juvenile complaint, Berkdale Dr.
1844 – vehicle lockout, Lincoln St.
1847 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
2005 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2100 – welfare check, Zachary St.
2116 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 17:
0153 – intrusion alarm, Greenwood Ct.
0512 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0607 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0946 – civil matter, Spruce Ln.
0958 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1040 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1059 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.
1446 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1555 – civil matter, E. Sadie Ln.
1602 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1608 – animal complaint, Burtrig St.
1632 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1640 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
1724 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1739 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
1840 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
2155 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
2252 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
2341 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2356 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse

Friday, Nov. 18:
0049 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0144 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
0724 – mental subject, W. Sadie Ln.
0840 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0858 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
0958 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1116 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1435 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1443 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1509 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1730 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1855 – suicidal person, Van Buren Estates
1904 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1902 – juvenile complaint, Brandi Dr.
2052 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
2128 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2308 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2312 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/rest area
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 19:
0124 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
0753 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0919 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
0928 – breaking & entering, Rogers Ave.
1203 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1332 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1354 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1432 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1452 – domestic, W. Sadie Ln.
1812 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
2001 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
2057 – domestic, Oak Ln.
2142 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Belleville
2311 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
2323 – property damage accident, Chloe Ct.
2347 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.
There are 101 traffic stops on this week’s log, with 30 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 13:
0101 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Wabash Ave.
0151 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0224 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.
0655 – welfare check, Henry St.
1610 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1619 – juvenile complaint, Anaheim St.
1911 – welfare check, Henry St.

Monday, Nov. 14:
0918 – assist other dept., Bemis/Sumpter
0923 – private property impound, South St.
1037 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
2023 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
2114 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2249 – breaking & entering, W. Columbia Ave.
2344 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Country Pond
2344 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 15:
0000 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
0840 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1025 – domestic, Potter Dr.
1119 – follow up by officer, Santa Clara St.
1207 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Menlo Park Dr.

1404 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1424 – follow-up by officer, Main St.
1439 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
1645 – assist fire dept., Harbours Pointe Dr.
1716 – follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.
2209 – assist other dept., Savage/Madelon

Wednesday, Nov. 16:
0057 – follow up by officer, Beatrice
0216 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1605 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.
1755 – harassment call, Menlo Park Dr.
2040 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2116 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2206 – traffic stop, Church St.
2249 – traffic stop, Potter Dr./Loza Ln.

Thursday, Nov. 17:
0020 – traffic stop, South St.
1411 – retail fraud, Sumpter Rd.
1504 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1556 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
1628 – property damage accident, E. Columbia
1711 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1737 – intrusion alarm, Light Tower Dr.

Friday, Nov. 18:
1132 – welfare check, South St.
1512 – property damage accident, Main St.
1846 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2304 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks
2320 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.

Saturday, Nov. 19:
0017 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0109 – traffic stop, Main St.
0125 – traffic stop, Main St.
1538 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1719 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
1842 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1854 – traffic stop, main St./First St.

There were 21 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 13:
0204 – harassment complaint, Washington St.
0230 – mental health call, Utah Ct.
0536 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Carleton West Rd.
0720 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0904 – assist other agency, Mulberry Dr.
1038 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Willis
1042 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Dr.
1052 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1123 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
1213 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1746 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2003 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Nov. 14:
0118 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0703 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0723 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1248 – suspicious person, Utah Ct.
1356 – assault, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1412 – suspicious circumstance, Arkona Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
1440 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1721 – civil matter, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1822 – lost property, Texas Dr.
1908 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1927 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2024 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2103 – fraud complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2133 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

2137 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
2314 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Nov. 15:
0058 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.
0123 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Rustic Ln.
0146 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Crandell
0302 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0716 – assist other agency, Haggerty Rd. / Huron River Dr.
1007 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1225 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1234 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1723 – follow-up investigation, Sumpter/Willis
1829 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1905 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona
2030 – alarm, Nevada St.
2304 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Harris

Wednesday, Nov. 16:
0030 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
1507 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1746 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
2036 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
2229 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 17:
0258 – noise complaint, Montana St.
0316 – suspicious vehicle, Montana St.
0933 – larceny, Nevada St.
1521 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1534 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1559 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
1723 – civil matter, Delaware St.
1731 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Friday, Nov. 18:
0116 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
0958 – public relations, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1010 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1011 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1103 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1209 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1410 – public relations, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1511 – animal complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1701 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona
1901 – fraud complaint, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1930 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Nov. 19:
0923 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1034 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1238 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona
1345 – public relations, Washington St.
1504 – mental health call, Hampshire Dr.
1525 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1607 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1810 – family trouble, Arizona St.
1840 – 911 hang up, Montana St.
1914 – family trouble, Vermont St.

Also on this week’s log are 181 patrol checks, 54 traffic stops, and 14 misc. details.

Free Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 10 at St. Anthony Parish Center

The St. Anthony Catholic Church Men’s Club and the American Heritage Girls will present Breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Parish Center behind St. Anthony Church at 409 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville.

The event is free to ALL good little boys and girls and their families.

Santa will visit with the children from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. until all the children present have seen him. He will take a break from 10 until 11 a.m. to feed his reindeer for his return trip to the North Pole.

During Santa’s break, The Music Lady will entertain with lots of audience participation.

A hot breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, milk, coffee and juice will be served from 9 until 11:30 a.m.

From 9 until 11 a.m., Santa’s helpers will paint faces and make balloon figures. There will be gifts for the children.

Members Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th, 2022
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Court watching

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Phelps exited his home and was taken into custody without further incident.

Phelps reportedly said he had chest pains and Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said they knew he was a heart patient, so he was taken to the hospital.

Lt. Bazy said the warrant for the second incident came back first from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, and Phelps was turned over to the Wayne County Sheriff at the hospital once he was arraigned.

For the Oct. 24 incident, he was charged with discharging a firearm in or at a building, assaulting/resisting/obstructing police, and two counts of felony firearms. He was arraigned by 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on those charges by video from the hospital the morning of Oct. 25. Magistrate Hindman ordered \$20,000 cash bond.

Then, the warrant for the Oct. 20 incident came back and he was arraigned again a few hours later the same day by Judge Green on additional charges: assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and reckless use of firearms. Judge Green set a \$20,000 cash or surety bond on those charges.

Javontae Derrick Jackson-Norman

Javontae Derrick Jackson-Norman, 28, of Ecorse was arraigned from the Wayne County Jail by Judge Martin on April 1 on three bench-warrant charges – two from Van Buren Township and one from Romulus. He had failed to appear for those court cases.

He was charged with disorderly person on Feb. 9, 2021 in Van Buren Township, assault & battery on a Van Buren Township police officer on Feb. 9, 2021 in Van Buren

Township, and larceny under \$200 on May 6, 2018 in Romulus. A warrant was put out for his arrest.

After his arraignment, a pretrial by zoom was set for April 21 and then adjourned to May 19. He failed to appear and a warrant was entered into LEIN for his arrest.

Robert Edwards Burgess

Robert Edwards Burgess, 39, who is homeless, was arraigned by Magistrate Alan Hindman on March 31 on charges of home invasion and malicious destruction of a building, \$200-\$1,000, on Nov. 24 in Van Buren Township. A probable cause conference was set for April 6 and personal bond is \$5,000. On April 6, the probable cause conference was set for April 13. At that time his in-person preliminary exam was set for May 24.

The victim failed to appear and the charges were dismissed.

Jason John McCulley

Jason John McCulley, 52, of Van Buren Township was in custody when arraigned April 4 by Judge Martin on a charge of domestic violence-third offense notice on April 2 in Van Buren Township. His personal bond was set at \$5,000. He is to have no contact of any kind with the victim and cannot return to his home on Denton Road. His probable cause conference was set for April 13 and then for May 11. The preliminary exam was set for June 14. Then his attorney asked for a competency/criminal responsibility forensic evaluation and the judge granted that. The case was reviewed on Sept. 14 and then set for an Oct. 19 review since the paperwork was not back yet. But on Sept. 22, the probable cause conference was set for Oct. 12. The preliminary exam was then scheduled for Nov. 22.

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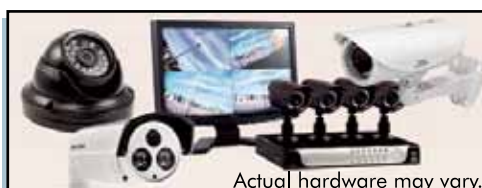
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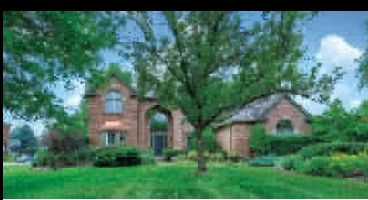
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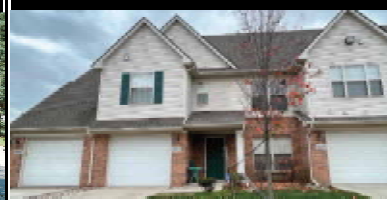
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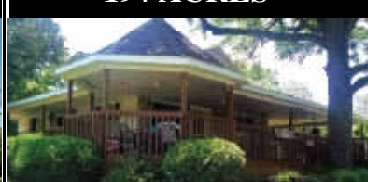
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