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Janet Millard, Mary Jo Suchy grand marshals of parade

When the Winter Fest lighted parade steps off from the Belleville High School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Janet Millard and Mary Jo Suchy will be in honored positions as the joint grand marshals of the parade.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, which puts on Winter Fest, recently announced its selection of the grand marshals for this year's parade.

From the school, the parade takes W. Columbia Avenue to Five Points and then up Main Street to the grandstand in front of the museum.



Millard

Grand Marshal Janet Millard

Although Janet Millard lives in Ypsilanti, she has been part of the Belleville scene for more than 40 years.

Moving to Ypsilanti in 1965 to work at Eastern Michigan University, she and her husband bought a home in the Van Buren School District and her two children, Dina and William, graduated from Belleville

High School.

Janet took the position of Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1989 and retired after 19 years in 2008. Four years later she became Events Coordinator for the Belleville Central Business Community and two years later accepted the position of Office Manager at the *Belleville Area Independent*.

She is currently the Advertising Manager at the *Independent* and coordinates the eight annual events put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

Grand Marshal Mary Jo Suchy

Mary Jo Suchy is the library director of the Belleville Area District Library. She was practically born with a book in her hand and has many fond memories of visiting her local public library when she was a child. She used to climb a tree in her backyard and read Nancy Drew mysteries.

Mary Jo has been working in public libraries her entire career, starting as a student assistant shelving books while in high school. She said she has met many wonderful people and has made fantastic

friends along the way.

While the tools of the library world have changed over the years (anyone still remember the card catalog?) the library's core mission -- to be a civic hub and to connect people with information, literature, and knowledge -- is timeless.



Suchy

When Mary Jo is not at the library, she enjoys traveling -- especially anything involving an ocean or the Great Lakes -- cooking, brewing her own beer, and hanging out with her three cats.

Units signed up for parade

The following units had signed up for the parade as of last Friday. They will not be in this order:

- Open Arms Lutheran Church
- Belleville Yacht Club
- Snider Electric
- Belleville High School Marching Band
- Mt. Calvary of Van Buren
- Boy Scout Troop 231 & Venturing Crew

- P&P Dance Centre
- Gage & Hannah VanEchoute & Family
- Belleville Area District Library
- Van Buren Township Public Safety

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Committee

- Belleville Goat Day
- Belleville Central Business Community
- Cub Scout Pack 793
- Faith Community Church
- Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue
- Van Buren Township Board of Trustees
- Belleville Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Church

- Girl Scout Troop #77527
- Edgemont Elementary School
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Boy Scout Troop 243 and Cub Scout Pack 249

See the complete schedule for Winter Fest on page 12.

Belleville City Council approves Kris Faull as police chief

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Acting Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull of Sumpter Township was unanimously approved as the city's permanent chief of police by the Belleville City Council at Monday's regular meeting.

City Manager Jason Smith, who had made the recommendation of Acting Police Chief Faull for the vacant chief's position, asked council members who they wanted to negotiate the labor contract. Mayor Kerreen Conley said it



Faull

should be City Manager Smith and the labor attorney.

In a memo to the council, Smith wrote: "Acting Chief Faull has shown an incredible capacity to manage the day-to-day operations of the department and all its administrative tasks, while handling all her other regular duties.

"Her professionalism, dedication to her craft, and passion for the city have proven that she is the ideal candidate to serve as Chief of Police for the City of Belleville.

"I have been incredibly impressed with Chief Faull in the time I have been here, and I am confident that she will continue to lead our Police Department team with the immeasurable spirit that she has exhibited in her 20+ year career," he concluded.

Smith said in making his determination, he heard from two members of the Civil Service Commission and talked to Belleville's former Police Chief Dave Robinson by phone couple of times. He said he and Faull also met with the officers.

"We have the right person already on board," Smith said.

Robinson, who is now city manager of the City of Monroe, was present in the audience to support Faull for chief. He had been the one who appointed her as acting chief upon his departure.

He told the *Independent* that she had exceeded what he thought she could do as acting chief and since being given that position has grown into it.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe asked about the School Resource Officer position, that she had filled previous to her appointment as acting chief. Chief Faull said she just got approval from her doctor to resume full-time work after surgery and she planned to go back to full-time duty the next day.

She said she has spent some time at the

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council

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high school during her acting chief role and plans to continue as School Resource Officer at the high school until the end of the school year.

Chief Faull said Van Buren Township Police Officer Ryan Bidwell is back as a School Resource Officer and he is helping with all the elementary buildings and leaving the high school to her.



Robinson

Smith said he has been in conversations with the school superintendent on the service contract for School Resource Officer, so the city will know exactly what the position involves.

Chief Faull said she is at the high school when she can be and the biggest issues happen there. She said she had an office upstairs at the high school and she could do her reports there via CLEMIS.

Mayor Conley said Chief Faull's communication with the council has been wonderful.

Councilman Tom Fielder pointed out the population of Belleville doubles every school day, broadening the responsibility of the city police department. He said now the biggest problem at the school is truancy.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said the fire department goes to the school many times on runs and Faull has a lot of respect from the school staff.

"Seems like a lot for her to be chief and School Resource Officer," Councilman Beebe said.

Chief Faull said she could do it and that the activity at the school is less as the school year heads to summer break.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said Faull was one of his trainees when he was a Belleville police officer. He said he interviewed her and Todd Schrencengost when they applied for their positions.

In other action at Monday's 55-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the audit engagement letter with Young & Associates for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The fee will not exceed \$16,870, unless unexpected services make additional auditing necessary. City Manager Smith said the audit had been delayed by the city's computer system crash. Under state law it must be completed by the end of the year, but an extension is possible given the circumstances, Smith said;

- Agreed the judging for the holiday light contest will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8, when residents are asked to have their lights on. City council members will judge

the various parts of the city;

- Approved accounts payable of \$494,662.12 and the following departmental purchase in excess of \$500: to Osborne Concrete, \$744 for cemetery footings. This was paid for by people with foundation orders;

- Heard Smith say all the staff at city hall is invited to walk together in Saturday's parade. He also said they are looking for pre-service police recruits to sponsor at a police academy. Chief Faull said an experienced female officer has applied for the open full-time position. Smith said he expects to have internet presentations at the Dec. 18 meeting after opening bids on Dec. 8. The quote for the roof was \$60,000, there are issues with the collector for the water bills and it needs replacement, and he is working on the internal employees policy manual;

- Heard Voigt ask if the city has done anything to tighten up the security for the internet system and Smith said it hadn't. It still was bad. Smith said the council has to decide whether they want to go ala carte or get full service. "We're just as vulnerable as we were a month ago," Voigt said. Smith said he would look into what could be done now; and

- Heard Fire Chief II Chris Zweng invite the council to the fire hall after the Winter Fest fireworks on Saturday. He said the police and fire departments get together to eat and this year the menu is chili and baked potatoes.

WDIV-TV wants to put skycam on Belleville City Hall tower

WDIV-TV has contacted the city of Belleville to ask for room on its communications tower for a remotely controlled, high-definition camera to take pictures of the city, Belleville Lake, and Belleville High School.

City Manager Jason Smith presented a copy of the three-year agreement WDIV had presented to the privately owned Norman Towers in downtown Monroe.

City Manager Smith said he would like the city attorney to look it over. He stated the proposed sample agreement has nothing in it to protect the city from liability if a camera falls over. He said it isn't a bad agreement.

It was suggested Smith find out what other communities are doing with this proposal. He will bring more information back to the council.

No compensation is mentioned in the three-page sample agreement.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Marylynn Balewski began her new job as Van Buren Township's senior program director starting Monday, Nov. 27. She has 25 years of experience with recreation and seniors. The VBT Board of Trustees unanimously approved her employment at its Nov. 21 meeting.

VBT board levies \$72 penalty on those who haven't got new meters

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There's about 1,000 Van Buren Township property owners who haven't had the new water meters installed and the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees got tough with them at the board's regular meeting on Nov. 21.

The item was added to the top of the agenda by Supervisor Kevin McNamara who said for the township to have to send out a manual meter reader, it costs about \$72, which will be put on the water bill each quarter.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said 85% of the homes have connected and about 1,000 are not installed. He said the contractors for the work are fully booked to the end of December, but to keep the contractors from leaving, effective Jan. 1, the \$72 will start being placed on the quarterly water bills.

Director Akers said the meters are put in without cost to the property owner and the fee will be removed from bills once the meter is installed.

"We don't want your money. We want your meter," Supervisor McNamara said. "And we don't want to let the contractors leave because they have no work."

In other business at the 45-minute meeting on Nov. 21, the board:

- Approved the personal service agreement with Marylynn Balewski as senior program

director starting Monday, Nov. 27. She has 25 years of experience with recreation and seniors. Salary is \$57,142;

- Approved the grant agreement with the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity for \$1.8 million to be expensed by 2027, dedicated to the Iron Belle Trail project, which will allow construction of almost two miles of trail, including a 14' pedestrian bridge over Willow Run Creek. The expansion of the trail will run across the Denton Road Bridge and connect the communities of Belleville and Van Buren Township by foot and bike path. Supervisor McNamara said this will complete the path from the saddle in Van Buren Park to the apartments, he said. This grant is on top of the \$10 million from the state for the Denton Road Bridge and \$2 million from other sources;

- Approved entering into a three-year contract with AQUASIGHT Intelligent Water Solution for \$35,000, to be paid from the Water and Sewer contracted services budget. Director Akers explained that this software recalculates the water system after information is plugged in and asset management plans are recommended using GIS. He said the water system was analyzed two years ago but now it needs to be done again and this software keeps the plan up to date. He said there are different types of water mains in the system. The

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Winter Fest opens door to local Christmas holiday

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is opening the door to the Christmas holidays for the community with its weekend of fun called Winter Fest. The festival is really in fall, since the first day of winter isn't until Dec. 21, but, it's cold enough for winter, so let's not quibble. Burning barrels are planned to keep people warm.

The variety of fun things to do planned by the Chamber lead up the most-popular events of all: the lighted parade at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, followed by fireworks over the lake at about 7:30 p.m.

The BHS Marching Band brings a lot of people out to watch it march and hear it play. The crowd is always big for this parade with lots of lights dangling from people's necks.

It's still pretty dark for the parade and you have to look really hard to see who's in the vehicle or what group is sponsoring which float. The lights on most of the parade entries just aren't strong enough.

Van Buren Township's Festival of Holiday Trees will open the Belleville Area Museum to the public on Saturday, as well, after its 1,368-day closure, as of today. There is a private, VIP opening party set for Friday.

Groups that are bringing in trees tell me VBT requires them to decorate their trees in the new, glassed-in area between the museum and old fire hall and then let a VBT man carry it upstairs to the display area. Nobody goes upstairs. Strange stuff.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Over the week end, I read another story about how newspapers are closing around the nation. Some large chains buy smaller papers and give them "ghost news rooms" where there is no local office and the "news" is supplied from an office in another community. This "news" mainly consists of general feature stories, recipes, puzzles, and other things to fill up the pages and keep the advertising. No local news.

A longtime editor commented that someone scribbling on paper in the back corner helps keep politicians honest. That comment made me smile because that scribbling person has been me for almost 30 years in Belleville. The *Independent* will complete its 30th year of publication on Jan. 5, 2024.

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, and we will report on it next week. The meeting was held after our publishing deadline.

The commissioners wanted to be able to make decisions on colors and other details that were to be presented to the commission by the developers of Hampton Manor. There will be no certificate of occupancy until an amendment to the site plan is approved.

At its last meeting, commissioners said they would be glad to set a special meeting to get this project moving along and not have to wait until their next meeting on Dec. 13.

Hampton Manor, the newly constructed complex at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads, is the assisted living/memory care facility that is close to being approved for occupancy. Developers had planned to welcome their first residents on Nov. 1.



On Monday, *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine announced that battery startup Our Next Energy has laid off a quarter of its staff, including 82 in Michigan, in "response to market conditions."

The Novi-based battery manufacturer slashed its salaried and hourly workforce by 128 employees in a move to "focus on core priorities," said *Crain's* reporter Kurt Nagl.

Nagl also noted the layoffs come on the heels of the company launching production of its lithium iron phosphate battery cells at the plant on Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township, where the company said it would invest \$1.6 billion and create 2,112 jobs.

Fundraising efforts also continue, according to the company. It raised \$300 million in its series B funding round, the company announced in February. The investments valued the Novi-based company at \$1.2 billion.

I asked Ken Dandy why some of the calls on the dispatch logs for Belleville and Van Buren Township didn't have times. For the last few months, that's been the case, so lately I've been putting four Xs for the time we didn't get.

Ken explained that those are runs that didn't actually get dispatched, but still have to be documented that they happened. He said that's why I'm seeing "Alarms" (homeowner forgot the code but then remembers it so the alarm company will cancel the run). For "Repossessions" they notify dispatch in case someone calls later and says their car

was stolen or just in case something goes sideways during the repossession, but police don't dispatch for the actual repossession. The "Fight" one that has no time this week, is more rare. Someone called stating there was a fight but all parties left before police could dispatch. And finally the "Threat" one that you see that is empty is a call that needs to be documented by typically a spouse, but not always. They don't need an officer. They just need a case number and they typically come into the station at a later date to provide more information but the initial call is info only and not dispatched. (This one can have a dispatch time if the threat is not for information only.)

He said they could put times in those slots, but they wouldn't be accurate and would be confusing.

"But now you know a secret code," Ken said. When you don't see a time, no one from Van Buren or Belleville actually showed up for that call.

Bleachers were put up on property at the corner of Third and Main streets, about a week in advance. It is free seating provided by the Belleville DDA so people can have a place to watch Saturday's, Dec. 2, Winter Fest parade that starts at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks over the lake start around 7:30 p.m.



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Letters

Living in turmoil and chaos? 'Let us Pray'

Dear Neighbors:

Most will agree that we are living today in a state of turmoil and chaos.

I would like to share with you, and am hopeful you will join with me, in the following prayer recently written by the late beloved "In Touch Ministries" pastor Dr. Charles Stanley (1932-2023).

Entitled "LET US PRAY."

"God, it's easy to focus on what is wrong in my life, rather than what is right.

I find myself overwhelmed by all the injustice, pain, and division in the world.

"Forgive me for the times I've chosen to feed negativity, to spread hopelessness among my friends and family. But I'm not alone in my grief. You are heartbroken by these things, too.

"So, Lord, I pray for Your guidance in sorrow. I want to lament all that is wrong -- without being consumed by it. Teach me to balance grief with the assurance of Your love. May my heartbreak, empathy, and faith play a role in Your healing of the world. Amen."

Thank you, Lord.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker

Belleville

God Bless America.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 30, to Sunday, Dec. 3** – Winterfest in Belleville. Soup Crawl 6-8 p.m. Friday, with Holiday Village on Saturday from 10 a.m. to the lighted parade 5:30 Saturday afternoon, followed by dancing on the Fourth Street Square to live music, 8-11 p.m. Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carriage rides are Saturday and Sunday.

• **Friday, Dec. 1** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club invites you to join it for its annual holiday dinner at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti Township. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Includes dinner, beer, wine, and setups. Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://donorbox.org/swdc-holiday-party>. Information at (734) 252-9252 or (734) 634-3569.

• **Saturday, Dec. 2** – Free crochet class starts at noon at Faith Denton United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd. Those who know how to crochet are welcome. Join in for an afternoon of fellowship and learning. Please call (734) 483-2276 or send email to faithchurch69@gmail.com if interested in attending this event.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – 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.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Advent by Candlelight at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, with musical program. Light refreshments immediately following. All welcome. Information: 734-753-9048.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Pictures with Santa featuring Rachel Leonard Photography from 3 to 6 p.m., with 6 to 7 p.m. for four-legged family members who must be on a leash, (no cats, Santa is allergic) at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Cost \$7 for one or \$12 for a family. All proceeds benefit the building fund. (734) 941-3030

• **Wednesday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope ceremony at 7 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery remembers children who have died, no matter at what age. If you would like your child's name included in the program and spoken aloud, call Patti Monroe before Dec. 1 at the Brown Family Center, 697-5090.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority presents "Santa Paws" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DDA office at 10151 Belleville Rd. You and your four-legged friend are invited to dress in holiday attire for a photo op with Santa Paws. Schedule your photo op at (734) 699-8941.

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

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Children's Christmas Party, 2-4 p.m., free. Must register by Nov. 18. Jam session and potluck. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Christmas Party, 4 p.m. to ?, at James D. Donovan/Romulus Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Everyone welcome. Admission to the party requires an unwrapped gift for either Toys for Tots or homeless veterans (socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, gloves, hats, etc.). Post will provide the ham. Bring a dish to pass. Sign-up sheet in the club room.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Pictures with Santa, noon to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Photos of special needs, 11:30 a.m. to noon. No charge, but donations accepted.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Holiday Ornament Workshop, 1-3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. No fee. Registration required at vanburentwp.recdesk.com or call (734) 697-1944.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – Country Christmas, 1-3 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Meet Santa, eat lunch, play games, crafts, cookie decorating, and chili cook-off.

Southfield A&T beats BHS football for District 1 title

The Belleville High School Varsity Boys' football team had its winning streak broken in its last game of the year – Sunday night's game for the Michigan High School Athletic Association District 1 State Title at Ford Field in Detroit.

Southfield Arts & Technology High School bested the BHS team with a score of 36-32 and Southfield celebrated its first championship in its school's history.

Up until Sunday, BHS had won 38 straight games without a loss. Its last loss was Sept. 10, 2021. On Sunday, BHS was seeking its third-straight Michigan Division 1 Championship crown. The team posed for photographers holding the second-place trophy after the game.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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Michael Eugene
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MICHAEL EUGENE ARMSTRONG

(October 13, 1967 – November 20, 2023)

Michael Armstrong, 56, of Ypsilanti, MI passed away Monday, November 20, 2023 at Trinity Health, Ann Arbor, MI, surrounded by family. He loved golfing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Also, he was a very gifted tattoo artist. Michael was known for his witty personality and great sense of humor. He is survived by his sons Brandon (Elizabeth) Armstrong, Justin (Jessica) Armstrong, and Tristan Armstrong; five grandchildren Cadyn, Easton, Landon, Charlotte and Hudson; also, many family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Michael (Sandra) Armstrong of Belleville, MI, and Julia (Michael) Birmingham of Maricopa, AZ; and one brother Jessie Birmingham of Maricopa, AZ.

In honor of his wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be at a later date.



Jessica Kluane Gomes

JESSICA KLUANE GOMES

(April 28, 1993 – November 21, 2023)

Jessica Kluane Gomes, age 30, of Belleville, MI, died Tuesday, November 21, 2023. She was born April 28, 1993, in Southfield, MI, daughter of Steve Edward & Carol Lynn (Kitchen) Gomes. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 2010, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and in both Marching and Symphony Bands. She loved traveling, fishing, scuba diving, kayaking (especially when her dad would tow her with his kayak), swimming, skiing and snowboarding (with her brother). During her short life she was able to visit many places such as Alaska, Scotland, England, Spain, France, Mexico, Costa Rica and numerous trips with her parents throughout the U.S. Jessica is survived by her parents, Steve & Carol Gomes of Belleville, MI; grandparents: Terry Kitchen of Canton, MI, Steve A. (Barbara L.) Gomes of Cape Coral, Florida, and Barbara Mezera of Sedona, Arizona; brother Jeremy Palmer, nephew Chase Odom, niece Penelope Palmer, all of Wayne, MI; also aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by grandmother Edna Marie Kitchen and grandfather John Mezera.

A private burial will be held at Otisville Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.
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Fred Scott Colby

FRED SCOTT COLBY

(September 28, 1950 – November 17, 2023)

Fred Scott Colby, age 73, long-time Belleville-area resident, passed away late Friday, November 17, 2023, at home, under hospice care. He was born September 28, 1950, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of the late Emil Benjamin Colby III and Josephine Betty (Green) Colby. Fred proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps in the early 1970s. He was a member of the Ypsilanti Eagles. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing, and loved going to flea markets.

Fred is survived by his son Brian (Dana) Colby; three grandchildren Mackenzie, Ariel, and Collin; also two sisters Nancy Johnson of Westland, MI, and Edith Christensen of Ypsilanti, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Jammie Scott Colby on January 12, 2006; a brother Arden Colby; also two sisters Violet Colby and Wanda Conners.

A private interment will be held in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI, (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

CYNTHIA SUZANNE MENYHERT

(August 15, 1952 – November 25, 2023)

Age 71 of Belleville. Survived by husband Guy Menyhert; siblings Josie, Patricia, Joseph; 8 nieces and nephews. Visitation at noon Sunday until service at 3 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Obituaries



Mary Rodes Lemiesz

MARY RODES LEMIESZ

(April 19, 1926 – November 19, 2023)

Mary Rodes Lemiesz, age 97, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully at her nursing facility on November 19, 2023.

Born to Peter and Mary (Klaus) Sliwa on April 19, 1926, in Belleville, MI. Mary was raised and lived most of her life in Michigan. Mary was also the last of her family's generation. She is predeceased by her parents as well as her siblings, Helen, John, Stanley, and Josephine. Mary was also predeceased by the father of her three children, Peter J. Rodes, her first husband, and later John Lemiesz. Mary most recently lost her youngest son, Peter J., in 2021.

Mary is survived by her two children, Gary Rodes (Zelia), and Tina Schroeder (Rick). She leaves behind 12 grandchildren, as well as 13 great-grandchildren. Mary is also survived by several nephews and nieces, Christine Edwards, Frances Jean Clifton, Sally Powell, Richard Sliwa, Patricia Shephard, and Donald Burek.

Mary was loved by all who knew her. Her enthusiastic approach to life exhibited her love to sing and dance, her faith, and mostly, her family.

We would like to thank the amazing staff at Burlington Health Nursing. They took such great care of our mother.

Services to celebrate Mary's life will be announced at a later date. We will be gathering with family at Michigan Memorial Cemetery next Spring.



Joan Mary Dyer

JOAN MARY DYER

(August 28, 1935 – November 16, 2023)

Joan Mary Dyer, age 88, of Southgate, died November 16, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Zinner. Loving mother of Judy Mongelluzzo and the late Nancy Dyer. Dearest grandmother of Rachael (Thomas) Kelly. Great-grandmother of Brendan Kelly. Dear sister of Joseph (Jeanine) Laderach. Beloved aunt of Reverend Kirsten Laderach and Kari Laderach. Preceded in death by parents Perry and Helea Laderach and stepchildren Gerald Zinner and Duane Zinner. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Christ the King Food Pantry or Michigan Humane Society. Services have been held. Arrangements by Molnar Funeral Homes – Nixon Chapel. www.molnarfuneralhome.com

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On Sunday, Dec. 10, the entire community is invited to enjoy the award-winning Belleville Community Chorus' 17th-annual holiday concert titled "Home for the Holidays."

The performance is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Under the leadership of director Genevieve Welch, accompanied by Judith Weed, the concert will feature songs of the season.

As always, the concert is free, though donations supporting the chorus are invited, encouraged, and welcomed.

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Weather permitting, crews will close the middle lane of westbound I-94 from Belleville to Rawsonville roads in Wayne County starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, to begin installing delineators and complete pavement markings for the ongoing pilot project to develop a shared connected and automated vehicle (CAV) travel lane.

This work zone currently has one continuous lane closure expected to be

in place through mid-December. The additional lane closure will be in place during off-peak hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Tuesday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 2.

Crews are installing flexible post delineators to separate commuter traffic from the left lane during testing phases of the pilot. The delineators will reduce impacts on commuter traffic during testing by eliminating the need to set up additional barrels and lane closures.

Additional information on the CAV pilot project can be found on the MDOT website.

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Sumpter Twp. signs 2-yr. animal shelter contract with Brownstown Twp.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Nov. 14, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new, two-year animal shelter agreement with Brownstown Township. The agreement is dated Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2025.

Clerk Esther Hurst was absent from the meeting.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke explained the situation during the township's workshop session before the regular meeting.

Director Luke said the township has an agreement with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter, but FMAR is having some stress in dealing with the township strays and to help, he reached out to Brownstown.

He said Brownstown won't be able to take all the pets because it also services Huron Township. He said he has set up a meeting with officials at the Romulus Animal Shelter to see what they can do to help.

Luke said the township is still trying to work with issues with FMAR.

He said the township has a sound animal shelter it used in the past, but it is no longer licensed. He said the question was who actually runs it. He said when the ordinance department closed years ago, the certified police officers took over caring for the animals and cleaning up the areas and he didn't think that was a good use of certified officers' time.

Luke said at that time they had talks with Pete and Marcy LaFamboise, who founded FMAR and FMAR took over care of the strays. When asked how many dogs he is talking about, he said it was in the low 40s per year at first, went up to the mid 50s and is in the 60s this year and last.

He said a lot of the strays they get are bully breeds and they are hard to adopt out. He said a lot are coming back to the

shelter after being adopted during COVID when people thought they would always be working from home.

"We're working through it," Luke said of the situation.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick said that the township has looked at the options, including the current kennel. He said the township's financial option from FMAR is far from within the township's reasonable reach.

The LaFramboises are no longer in charge of FMAR.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the planning commission meeting dates for 2024;

- Approved adoption of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code;

- Approved paying \$10,500 for ground-penetrating radar from Trimedia Environmental & Engineering to be used at Martinsville Cemetery;

- Approved, with regrets, the resignation of fire fighter Bela Maroti effective Nov. 7;

- Approved hiring new paid-on-call fire fighters Michael Brohl, Ayden Roupe, Andrew Sherwood-Landskroener, and James Hurst, contingent on them passing

physical and drug tests;

- Approved ordering two Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles with extended warranties for \$102,000 total from the 2024 budget for the police department;

- Approved township attorney Rob Young's report, which included directing him to begin an investigation into who was responsible for misplacement of a water line on Rawsonville Road 40 years ago;

- Heard resident Mary Ban say she will be attending the VIP event at the Belleville Area Museum on Dec. 1. She said Festival of Holiday Trees is set to be open to the

public at the museum Dec. 2-23. Ban also said two people asked her if the former peach orchard on Martinsville Road is going to be the site of a new battery plant. Trustee Tim Rush said that was "a big rumor";

Heard manager Burdick give a report on township business, including preparation for the Feb. 27 election, which will feature nine days of early voting and cancellation of the regular township meeting that day;

- Heard DPW Director John Danci say he plans to bring a request to hire a 90-day

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temporary employee to help with winter work. He said 80 seniors have signed up for free snow-plowing and that maxes out his crew at 20 per employee after township property plowing is done. Other seniors who need emergency plowing should call

township hall, he said. He said bids will be opened Nov. 21 for the Rawsonville Road water main that needs relocation;

• Heard Danci report that the seasonal work of pumping the hydrants is not complete and three guys are trying to finish by the end of the calendar year. He said a handful of hydrants need repair. He will give his report to the fire chief;

• Heard Trustee Rush say plans are being made to have the Council of Western Wayne meet in Sumpter in June and that the Trunk or Treat event brought 90 children and about 160 total people and they gave out a ton of candy. "We finally got some traction on an event," he said; and

• Went into closed-door session, recusing Trustee Don LaPorte, who is a fire fighter, to get an update on the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters contract under negotiation. After a 20-minute closed-door session, the board voted to direct the attorney to proceed as discussed in the closed session. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Court Watching

Jeffrey Byron Lominac

Jeffrey Byron Lominac, 58, of Sumpter Township was video-arraigned by 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on Nov. 8 while in custody of Sumpter Township police. He is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and felony firearm on Nov. 7 in Sumpter Township.

His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 22 and then adjourned to Dec. 20. His bond is \$5,000/10%. He is ordered not to possess weapons and to have no contact with the protected party.

Garry Decastro Scott

Garry Decastro Scott, 60, of Ypsilanti is charged with operating while intoxicated-third and driving while license suspended-second in Van Buren Township on March 5, 2022. At his probable cause conference on Nov. 22, his preliminary exam was set for Jan. 3.

Dennis Michael House

Dennis Michael House, 68, of New Boston, is charged with operating while intoxicated-third and blood alcohol content of .17 or more on Oct. 9, 2021 in Sumpter Township. He was arraigned Nov. 11 out-county and personal bond set at \$10,000. His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 22, and then adjourned to Dec. 20.

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program identifies the risk scores in red and a list of assets to be repaired each year. Cost is \$5,000 a year to use the program. McNamara said the value of the sewer and water system is \$100,000 and all the lines were put in within a 20-year span. "This will keep us up to date," McNamara said;

- Approved a revised proposal from O'Donnell Electric to install a fire alarm system at township hall and the police department to bring the system up to current code standards at a cost of \$122,431.80. McNamara said the new fire alarm system in the new community center has to be able to talk to the fire alarm system in the township hall and police department;

- Approved the recommendation of the review committee (DDA director Merrie Coburn, Akers, DDA board member Mark Laginess, and DDA secretary Chris Brown) to accept the proposal from Wade Trim for the completion of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Action Plan. Director Akers said the township applied to the USDOT in 2022 and got a grant to develop a plan last February;

- Approved the professional services

agreement with Wade Trim for the completion of the SS4A Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Action plan (Safe VB Roads and Streets Action Plan) in the amount of \$481,900 -- \$384,900 is from the federal grant and \$97,000 is a local match by the township DDA. Lori Pawlik of Wade Trim said they will look at all the crashes in the township, especially Belleville Road, and signalization may be identified as needed. Trustee Kevin Martin noted the Belleville/Tyler Road intersection is dangerous. He has been in favor of a left-turn light for some time. McNamara said they can use the raw data to get grants to go after;

- Approved the 2024 Senior Transportation Fee Schedule, the same as last year but inadvertently left off the fee schedules recently approved. Fees are \$4 each way for the local tri-community, \$7 each way within a 20-mile radius, and \$2 each way for lunch and shopping;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Amos Grissett and John Haase to the Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to expire Dec. 1, 2026; and

- Heard Trustee Donald Boynton praise Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud and Deputy Director Tammy

Dohring for the improvements of the Belleville Area Museum. "It would not be open now without their hard work," he said.

Absent and excused from the meeting was Clerk Leon Wright.

Court Watching

Daniel Keron Seals

Daniel Keron Seals of Clinton, MI, was video-arraigned in custody at the Van Buren Township police lockup on Sept. 20, on a charge of retail fraud – first degree at Meijer on Sept. 18. He is a habitual offender-4th degree. Surety bond of \$1,250 was posted through a bail bondsman. A probable cause conference was set for Oct. 11 and a live preliminary exam for Nov. 15.

He pled guilty to a reduced charge of retail fraud and was scheduled for a pre-sentence interview in the probation department on Nov. 30.

Ayden Tyeler Clark

Ayden Tyeler Clark, 29, of Van Buren Township is charged with possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy on Dec. 30, 2021 in the city of Belleville. He was arraigned on Sept. 20 and scheduled for his probable cause conference on Nov. 1, later adjourned to Nov. 15 and then to Dec. 6. Personal bond is \$2,000.

Tiana Marie Lewis

Tiana Marie Lewis, 41, of Van Buren Township, was charged with operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more and operating while intoxicated with a passenger less than 16 years of age on Feb. 15 in the city of Belleville.

She was present for her remote arraignment/pretrial on Nov. 15 and a remote pretrial set for Dec. 6. Personal bond is \$10,000.

Devon Juwan Thompson

Devon Juwan Thompson, 28, of Ypsilanti, was present before Judge Oakley on Sept. 20 for his final pretrial on a charge of assault or assault and battery on July 1 in the city of Belleville. The complaining victim had to appear and did. Final pretrial was set for Nov. 8. On Sept. 20, the defendant was in the Washtenaw County Jail. On Nov. 22, the charge was set for review on Jan. 3.



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Jury trial for accused torturer of woman moved to April 2024

A jury trial on April 15, 2024 in Wayne County Circuit Court for Dekenta Reshard Parchman, 31, of Westland will consider seven charges against him including torturing a woman on July 23, 2022 in Parkwood Apartments in Van Buren Township, along with a separate charge of domestic violence in Romulus on Jan. 25, 2022.

When he had his live preliminary exam on Sept. 19, 2022 before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on the Van Buren Township charges, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan asked Judge Martin to cut off the live streaming of the court session because the evidence to be shown in clips was too graphic. He was bound over on charges of:

- Torture;
- Criminal sexual conduct – 1st degree (personal injury);
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- Unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle;
- Two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault); and
- Aggravated domestic violence.

After the incident in Parkwood he allegedly left and was involved in a shootout in Inkster where he suffered seven gunshot wounds. The case was delayed as he went through surgeries and healed in the hospital and at the Wayne County Jail hospital. He was being held at the jail under bond of \$250,000 cash or surety. He must be fitted with a GPS tether if released.

Parchman had two other cases out of Van Buren Township in warrant status and Judge Martin scheduled his arraignment on those. He was charged with driving while license suspended and interfering with police at 5:20 a.m. on Oct. 10, 2020. Judge Martin also recalled a bench warrant on a threat charge out of Romulus on July 6, 2020 and set the arraignment/pretrial on that. He had failed to appear on that charge on two different occasions. That was ultimately dismissed by the victim.

Parchman is also charged with possession of firearms by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and felony firearm on Aug. 8, 2022. He was arrested on that warrant on Oct. 24 and a bond of cash or surety was set at \$10,000. His preliminary exam on those charges was at district court on Jan. 4 and the arraignment on the information held Feb. 1 at circuit court. The jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bradley L. Cobb was to include those charges. The pretrial on these charges was Oct. 10 with a motion hearing set for Nov. 7 followed by a motion hearing set for Nov. 21.

On Sept. 9, 2023, he was in circuit court for a tether violation.

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An Update on the Denton Road Bridge Project from Supervisor McNamara:

In October 2022, the Denton Road Bridge over Belleville Lake was closed due to its deteriorating condition. Subsequently, Wayne County representatives determined that a complete bridge reconstruction was necessary.

In response to this situation, our Township collaborated closely with State Representative Miller, Senator Camilleri, and Wayne County officials to develop a plan of action. Our state legislators worked diligently to secure a \$10 million allocation for the bridge's reconstruction, which was included in the FY 23-24 state budget, effective October 1.

To expedite the project, the Township took on the responsibility of contracting with an engineering company to handle the design work for the bridge. In March 2023, we issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), received bids, and subsequently approved a contract with Fishbeck for design engineering services in May 2023. Since then, Fishbeck has been actively progressing through various stages, including preliminary engineering, environmental studies, coordination with external utilities, and securing the necessary permits for the bridge project. These efforts encompass survey work, wetland delineation studies, endangered species assessments, State Historic Preservation Office reviews, hydraulic analysis, preliminary design work, and other essential tasks.

Our objective remains to have the project ready for bidding in the spring of 2024. At that point, we will hand over the reins to Wayne County to advertise for bids and execute the project contract. We anticipate that construction will commence in late summer or fall of 2024, although we acknowledge that unforeseen challenges could impact the timeline. Nevertheless, we are committed to ensuring that construction begins as soon as possible.

Additionally, we want to confirm several key design elements discussed in our earlier public meetings:

1. The bridge's height will be increased to match the clearance between the bridge and the water, similar to the Belleville Road bridge.
2. The bridge's design will incorporate decorative elements, including lighting and decorative blocks.
3. A pedestrian path will be integrated into the bridge and the causeway leading up to it, connecting to existing sidewalks and providing a tie-in for a future sidewalk to the west.

We understand our community's challenges during the bridge closure and empathize with our impacted residents.

Please contact Municipal Services Director Ron Akers if you have any comments or follow-up questions regarding the bridge project.

Keystone school board discusses audit for last school year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The audit of the \$7 million budget for the 2022-23 school year prepared by Alan C. Young and Associates was discussed at length by the Keystone Academy Board of Directors at its regular meeting Nov. 9.

Kimberly Kowalski, board secretary, was asked by board president Vesta Losen to comment on the 45-page audit report, since Kowalski works in finances.

National Heritage Academy representative Andrew Roth said they had lost an employee from their finance team and they spent \$50,154 more than had been estimated in expenditures. NHA manages Keystone Academy and prepares the budgets.

Kowalski, after reviewing the report, said the auditor is confident the numbers are

correct. The audit is to determine if there is fraud or misappropriation of funds. This went over budget.

She said the report said Keystone exceeded the budget amount in expenses and total expenditures exceeded the final budgeted level by more than \$50,000.

She said, other auditors do not determine this to be a "finding," but Young did determine it was a finding. This is the first year of using Young as an auditor. The report noted: "Expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts are a violation of State law."

Young's report noted this was not a repeat finding from the immediate previous audit and recommended Keystone monitor variances between actual and budgeted figures for expenditures.

The audit reports Keystone agrees with this finding and although the Academy's expenses exceeded the final budget, actual revenues also exceeded the budget. Keystone said it will closely monitor expenses in the future, the audit said.

The board unanimously accepted the audit.

In other business in the Nov. 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2024-25 Prior Approval Checklist as required by granter of the charter, Bay Mills Community College;

- Approved the 2023-24 Amended Budget;

- Approved a match of up to \$5,000 out of board funds to PTO funds to help pay for field trips for the Young 5s to 5th graders. The PTO said it had \$4,700 set aside for this. The cost of buses is expected to be 50% more or double that of last year's cost. If students have to pay part of the cost, it is expected that some won't be able to go on the field trips. Destinations for different classes include the Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum, Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, and Michigan Science Center;

- Heard board member Christine Mihaly report on the NHA seminar she attended along with board vice-president Steve Harsant on Oct. 24 and 25 in Grand Rapids. She said the tour of the NHA headquarters was great and the sessions were informative and helpful. She said she met board members from the NHA schools in Colorado;

- Heard Principal Jorvonna Drain report on the demographics of the students, noting free and reduced lunches continue to rise, with 50% last year and 52% this year. The local school district (Van Buren Public Schools) has 59%. She also reported the count number of students year to date is 697, up from 695 last year. She said absences are down 2% this year and she is very proud of this. Applications for the next school year, 2024-25, are up by 45 applications in comparison to last year (year to date);

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- Was informed the PTO sponsored a Y5s-5th grade evening skating party without cost to the families and a Middle School skating party will be after school on Nov. 17 at Rollers Skating;
- Discussed the use of federal ESSER funds, with Roth stating the \$100,000 in staff retention bonuses keep current teachers in the school and it's been a big help. He said the ESSER funds have to be spent by Sept. 30, 2024. "We'll see what happens later," he said referring to when the ESSER funds run out;
- Voted to allocate up to \$5,000 for Christmas marketing and a staff luncheon. The marketing consists of gifts to staff with a Keystone Academy logo on it. A list of possible gifts was presented by Principal Drain and the board committee will determine what it can afford with the

money allocated; and

- Learned with more enrollment this year there is more money from the state. This year's state aid per student is \$9,635, up from \$9,000 last year.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, and an audience of five.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:

Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the amended agenda adding New Business Item #1, to consider approval of manual meter read fees per quarter for non-compliance with the mandatory water meter replacement program in the amount of \$72. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2023, Election Inspector Payroll of November 7, 2023, Prepaid List of November 9, 2023, Prepaid List of November 16, 2023, Voucher List of November 21, 2023, Approval of Resolution 2023-35: 2024 Senior Transportation Fee Schedule and Approval of the reappointments of Amos Grissett and John Haase to the Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to expire December 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

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The Belleville Tigers play for their third straight state championship at Ford Field on Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve manual meter read fees per quarter for non-compliance with the mandatory water meter replacement program in the amount of \$72. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Personal Service Agreement between Marylynn Balewski and the Township and authorize Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the grant agreement between the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and Van Buren Township for \$1,800,000 dedicated to the Iron Belle Trail project. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve a 3-year contract with AQUASIGHT Intelligent Water Solution in the amount of \$35,000 to be paid from the Water and Sewer Contracted Services budget. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve a revised proposal from O'Donnell Electric to install a fire alarm system at Township Hall and the Police Department. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the recommendation of the review committee to accept the proposal from Wade Trim for the completion of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Act Plan. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement from Wade Trim for the completion of the SS4A Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Action Plan (Safe VB Roads and Streets Action Plan) in the amount of \$481,900.00. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Trustee Boynton recognized Community Services Director Renaud and Deputy Director Dohring for all the hard work they have put in to get the Belleville Area Museum ready for opening.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Court Watching:

Durkin brothers arrested for Sumpter home invasion

Matthew Ryan Durkin and Paul Nathaniel Durkin, 23, both of Pinckney were due to be video-arraigned together while in Sumpter Township police custody in the Huron Township police lockup by Judge Martin on Nov. 21.

But Paul Durkin was taken to Beaumont Trenton Hospital and his video-arraignment was held from his hospital bed. His arraignment attorney Josh Hadley said his client was suffering from mental health issues.

Matthew Durkin was charged with home invasion first degree on Nov. 19 in Sumpter Township. A probable cause conference was set for Nov. 29 and personal bond set

at \$25,000. He is not return to the place of the offense on Delaware St.

Paul Durkin was charged with home invasion first degree, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and felony firearm-pneumatic gun on Nov. 19 in Sumpter Township.

Bond of \$25,000/10% was set for Paul and a probable cause conference for Nov. 29. He is not to purchase or possess firearms and have no contact of any kind with the victims.

The time for Matthew's probable cause conference was adjusted by Judge Martin to be the same time as the co-defendant, his brother Paul, at 8:30 a.m.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023 - 7:30 pm

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- A. Presentations
- None.
- B. Council Follow Up List
- None.
- C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 16, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on October 16, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Egan's Pub Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe approving Egan's Pub Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration event for 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye

Mayor Conley Aye

Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Application – Veteran's Day Ceremony

• Council did not vote on this item, as the event date had already elapsed.

• Project Manager Jones stated that the event went well.

C. Resolution #23-032 – Board and Commission Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates approving **Resolution # 23-032** – re-appointing Valerie Kelley-Bonner and appointing John Winter to the Downtown Development Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D. Public Safety Stats

• Police Department – October 2023

i. Acting Police Chief Faull presented stats for the month of October, noting that the number of calls for service have increased, but otherwise things are going well.

E. Radar Speed Sign

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates approving the purchase of mobile radar speed signs from RadarSign in the amount of \$3,848.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

F. Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit – A-24101

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe approving the Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit – A-24101.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

G. AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder approving the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

H. I.T. Report

• Council discussed the report as presented, with no

decisions made.

I. Discussion – City Hall Building Issues

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates authorizing city administration to determine the worth of, and process of selling, the current City Hall building and location, at a cost of no more than \$5,000.00, as well as looking in to potential temporary locations for conducting city operations until a new permanent location is established.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

J. Discussion – School Resource Officer Agreement

• Council discussed the potential agreement and advised city administration to seek a review of and response from the city's attorney.

K. Closure of City Hall – Week of Christmas/New Years Day

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder approving the closure of City Hall from December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Stated that CAT will be providing on-side training to the DPS staff pertaining to the department's newly purchased backhoe.

• Reminded Council that he will be in Frankenmuth on Thursday afternoon for the MML Mayors and Presidents Institute.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Thanked the Clerk's Office staff, Election Inspectors, and voters for another successful Election Day.

Congratulated the new and returning elected candidates for City Council.

• Council Member Beebe

-- Congratulated Valerie Kelley-Bonner and John Winter on their re-appointment and appointments, respectively, to the DDA.

• Council Member Fielder

-- State that there is one more Regular Meeting of the Belleville City Council before the newly/returning elected candidates take fill their seats

-- Noted that his goal in life is to see a newly constructed City Hall.

-- Stated that the Belleville High School Football Team will be playing against Davison at Novi High School in the State Quarter Finals on Saturday.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Noted that the Belleville High School football games have been amazing and exciting to watch.

• Stated that the Belleville High School Band recently returned from Disney World, where they performed.

• Noted that Winterfest is coming up, and encouraged the new, returning, and departing Council Members to participate in the parade.

• Stated the DDA Meeting is on Wednesday.

• Thanked the Clerk's Office staff and Election Inspectors for their efforts on Election Day.

• Congratulated the candidates who were elected.

• Reminded everyone that the first Regular Council Meeting in December will be held at the Belleville Area District Library.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Rosemary Oztzman

-- Stated that residents have expressed concerns to her about moving City Hall to Savage Rd., as the Police Department would be on the other side of the railroad tracks.

• Julie Kissel

-- Noted that she has been working with City Manager Smith on organization, retention, and purging of files at City Hall.

-- Informed everyone that there will be a reception prior to the first Council Meeting in December, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Randy Priest

-- Asked if the current City Hall building would be immediately demolished if the location moves to Savage Rd.

-- Inquired if the police Department has to remain in the same location as City Hall, or if they can be separated.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 11/27/23

Posted: 11/28/23

Published: 11/30/23

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 193 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 19:

0006 – family trouble, Monroe Ct.
0231 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0242 – welfare check, Pebblebrook Dr.
0344 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0354 – mental subject, W. Woodbury Dr.
Xxxx – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.
0651 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodbury Dr.
0949 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stonebridge Dr.
1015 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1106 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1109 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1111 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.
1133 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1239 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1247 – domestic, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1310 – welfare check, Water’s Edge Ln.
1312 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
Xxxx – repossession, Country Ln.
1326 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1552 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1658 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1948 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
2037 – domestic, Maple Dr.
2108 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Lohr
2110 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.

Monday, Nov. 20:

0131 – suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
0307 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
Xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0626 – intrusion alarm, Fret Rd.
Xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0721 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
0731 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0757 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.
0822 – disorderly, Rose Blvd.
0922 – mental subject, Hoeft Rd.
1004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookside Dr.
1103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
1248 – welfare check, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1318 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1317 – assist fire dept., Rose Blvd.
1549 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1559 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1605 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Xxxx – larceny, W. Cherry
1651 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
1932 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1926 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville/Hull Rd.
1848 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1847 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1925 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1930 – vehicle lockout, Harbor Ln.
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Farm Rd.
2041 – fraud, Union St.
2130 – family trouble, Ecorse Rd.
2251 – 911 welfare check, Beckley Rd.
2354 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Renton Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 21:

0021 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0140 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0209 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0651 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
Xxxx – misc. complaint, Westlake Cir.
0759 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./

W. I-94 Service Dr.

0813 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
1022 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daniel Dr.
1029 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1300 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1308 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1312 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1343 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1514 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1828 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1543 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1551 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1856 – welfare check, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1613 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1859 – assist other dept., Riggs Rd.
1907 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 22:

0321 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0653 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
Xxxx – harassment call, Rose Blvd.
1037 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Quirk Rd.
1307 – misc. complaint, Ash Dr.
1316 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Haggerty Rd.
1334 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1448 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1507 – threat, Alden Ave.
1534 – assist other dept., Hoeft Rd.
1539 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Xxxx – fight, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 23:

0050 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Adams
0136 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0312 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
0704 – vehicle lockout, Westlake Cir.
0946 – civil matter, Martinsville Rd.
1116 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
Xxxx – threat, Anna Dr.
1401 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1549 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ruthan Dr.
1633 – animal complaint, Beck Diamonds
1950 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1936 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
2030 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
2036 – property damage accident, Borgman Ave.
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
2243 – assist other dept., Delaware St.
2246 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2313 – domestic, Winding Pond Dr.

Friday, Nov. 24:

0053 – family trouble, E. Sadie Ln.
Xxxx – intrusion alarm, Cedarhurst Dr.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Renton Rd.
0314 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0316 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0359 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0851 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0919 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0956 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Van Buren St.
1000 – unattended death, Hull Rd.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Lake Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
1115 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1116 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1305 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1332 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1448 – property check, Haggerty Rd.

1404 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1441 – assist other dept., Dewitt Rd.
1456 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1634 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1650 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
1958 – mental subject, Oak In.
2246 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr.
Saturday, Nov. 25:
0102 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.
0406 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
0802 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1029 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Haggerty
1057 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1255 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1600 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1841 – disorderly, Savage Rd.
1849 – welfare check, Ecorse/I-275
1839 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1906 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1955 – neighbor trouble, Pond Bluff Dr.
2028 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2207 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2323 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
2353 – shooting, Lakeview Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 37 traffic stops, three of which are on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 19:

0231 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0834 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
0920 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
0949 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1418 – mental subject, San Carlos St.
1632 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pte. Dr.
1750 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
1803 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1827 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2014 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2020 – traffic stop, Main St.

Monday, Nov. 20:

0039 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0533 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0742 – noise complaint, Henry St.
0836 – assist other dept., Rose
1204 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1350 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.
1608 – larceny, Astor Pl.
1637 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 21:

1431 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1959 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
2258 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
Wednesday, Nov. 22:
1007 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1125 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1701 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
1828 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
2153 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.
2222 – traffic stop, Five Points

Thursday, Nov. 23:

0314 – traffic stop, Potter Dr./N. Biggs Ave.
0403 – assist other dept., N. Liberty ST.
0720 – traffic offense, South St.
Xxxx – welfare check, San Carlos St.
1227 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Potter
1616 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1631 – traffic stop, Main St.
1832 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
Friday, Nov. 24:
1959 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.
2026 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2044 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
2102 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2134 – traffic stop, South St.
2152 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 25:

0042 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Liberty
0107 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0142 – follow-up by officer, E. Columbia Ave.
1011 – property damage accident, Main St./Fifth
2215 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
There were 24 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 19:

0223 – felony warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0843 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1057 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
1059 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1210 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1356 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1519 – suspicious circumstance, Birch
1539 – suspicious circumstance, Indiana St.
1800 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1837 – suspicious person, Wayside Dr.
1907 – breaking & entering report, Delaware St.
1950 – civil matter, Colorado St.
2202 – traffic complaint/parking, Colorado St.

Monday, Nov. 20:

0532 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1416 --- alarm, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1500 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1530 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2030 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Judd

Tuesday, Nov. 21:

0153 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0805 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0945 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
0956 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1000 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd.
1043 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1702 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
2053 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 22:

0330 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1446 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1809 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
2251 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 23:

0811 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Ray Ln.
0919 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
0929 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1129 – fire dept. assist, First St.
1150 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1729 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1841 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1900 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
2239 – family trouble, Delaware St.
2343 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
Friday, Nov. 24:
0155 – citizen assist, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1129 – civil matter, Delaware St.
1215 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1330 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
1534 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1808 – follow-up investigation, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1907 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2200 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
2255 – suspicious circumstance, Idaho St.
2259 – alarm, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
2313 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 25:

0650 – property damage accident, Judd/Haggerty
1434 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1727 – shots fired, Indiana St.
2317 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 170 patrol checks, 84 traffic stops, and 17 misc. details.

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Winners will be determined in the following categories:

- Victoria Commons
- Harbour Pointe
- Mobile home parks
- Businesses
- Balance of the City
- "Over the Top"

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DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact; and
- 2) Disabled Veterans Exemption and Poverty Exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 12, 2023.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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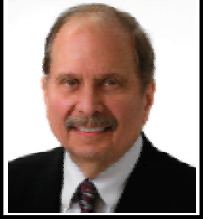
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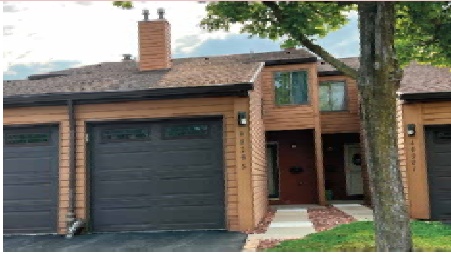
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