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The Belleville High School Varsity Football team and supporters pose for a groups picture on Ford Field in Detroit after beating Caledonia, 37-17, for the Division 1 State Championship on Saturday.

Tigers football claims back-to-back State Titles

By Robert Mytych
Belleville-Area Independent

The Belleville Tigers football team traveled to Ford Field by coach, walked into the stadium wearing blazers and ties in dramatic red-carpet fashion, and took over the spotlight by defeating Caledonia, 37-17, on Nov. 26 to win its second straight Division 1 State title.

The victory also set another high school record-going undefeated at 13-0 the entire season.

The Tigers knew they were going to

face an equal to their own quarterback with Caledonia's Mason McKenzie and for nearly three quarters the leader of the Fighting Scots lived up to their name by scoring first on their opening drive to take an early 7-0 lead. Then the Tigers responded with a 28-yard touchdown rush from Colbey Reed that tied the game with 1:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Another long drive in the second quarter found the Fighting Scots back on top with a first and goal from the 1-yard line to take a 14-7 lead with 3:48 left in the half.

Belleville's Bryce Underwood settled in with his offense and connected with Adrian Walker from seven yards out to tie the game, 14-14, at the end of the first half. Caledonia capped off another long offensive drive but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal to take a 17-14 lead with 2 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter.

The field goal ended up being the final points the Fighting Scots could manage as the Tigers slowly pulled away with a 36-yard touchdown rush by Jeremiah Beasley and a 48-yard scramble by Underwood to take a 28-17 lead with 8:34 remaining in the 4th quarter. Belleville sealed the victory with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Mychal Yharbrough with just under 4 minutes left in the game. Belleville's Dennis Crawford intercepted a McKenzie pass that stopped

the Fighting Scots on their final drive.

Colbey Reed led the rushers with 71 yards on 9 carries and one touchdown while Jeremiah Beasley gathered 57 yards on 4 carries and a touchdown. Belleville's Adrian Walker caught 4 passes good for 47 yards and one touchdown while Mychal Yharbrough made three catches for 45 yards and also a TD. In all, the Tigers rushed for 288 yards on the ground and 155 yards in the air.

Making it to state finals was the first for Caledonia in Division 1 competition after moving up from Division 3 and winning a state championship back in 2005. The school, located just north of Grand Rapids has the fewest students out of all the Division 1 schools that competed this year.

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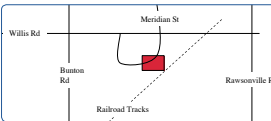
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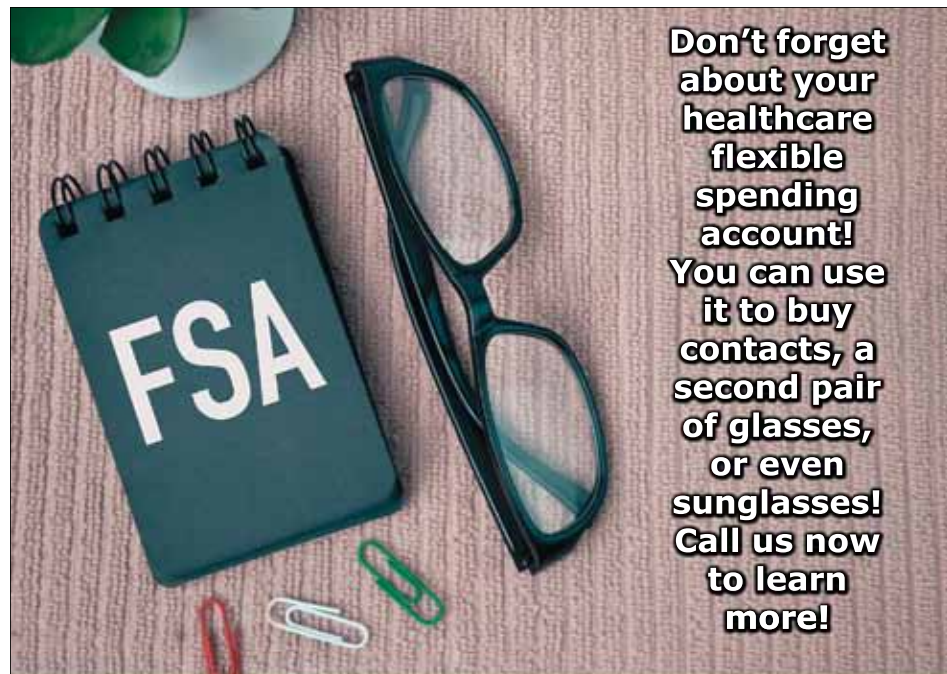
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

BHS football coach Jermain Crowell out, can't coach in Michigan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Last week, a report in *The Detroit Free Press* by longtime columnist Mick McCabe announced that Belleville High School head football coach Jermain Crowell was fired as coach and will be impossible for him to get a job in Michigan anytime soon.

The *Free Press* report said on Nov. 22 the Michigan High School Athletic Association extended Crowell's earlier penalty for violating the undue influence rule, barring him from coaching any sport at any school in the state for the next two academic years.

BHS had immediately suspended Crowell after it received a letter of inquiry from the MHSAA once it began investigating Crowell for violating the undue influence rule.

DeJuan Rogers has been the interim head coach since the state playoffs began and he held up the trophy on Saturday for a picture after BHS won the District 1 championship for the second straight year.

BHS athletic director Joe Brodie is reported as telling the *Free Press* that there is no way Crowell will be coaching



Crowell

at Belleville for the 2025-26 school year when his suspension ends. Brodie told them they will find a new coach.

On Nov. 23, Jermain Crowell posted the following on Twitter: "To all my supporters I appreciate all your words of encouragement. Know that it's not necessary. I'm good with this. I was grooming Rodgers [sic] to take over anyway. I was really tired and need to spend time with my family. Thanks a million Belleville!!! I can never repay you."

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak told the *Independent* that Crowell was not fired but he will not be coaching for the district any more and they will be getting a new coach. Supt. Kudlak said the MHSAA had suspended him.

He said he did not know about the status of the district job Crowell has in security. He said Monday's meeting would not discuss the coach but would concentrate on the team.

"This meeting is for the kids," he said.

He confirmed that the district's football program was already on probation because of a violation last spring and an assistant coach was suspended, as reported by the *Free Press*. Kudlak said the district self-reported this violation to the MHSAA.

After Monday's meeting, when Reg Ion said he had not heard about the probation

until recently, Kudlak said it had been in the *Free Press* last spring. The *Independent* had printed no report on this probation.

MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl told the *Free Press* there is no wiggle room left as far as Belleville's football program is concerned because it remains on probation through the 2024-25 school year.

The most recent inquiry began when a student at Detroit King said Crowell contacted him before he entered the ninth grade. He also said that Crowell picked him up and drove him to summer practice sessions and seven-on-seven competitions. This year, the student, now a senior, and his father reportedly denied these allegations and Kudlak told the *Independent* the charges weren't true.

While investigating those allegations, the MHSAA discovered a 2018 episode of the TV show "Sports Stars of Tomorrow," which carried a segment on Belleville seniors Devontae Dobbs and Julian Barnett. The show claimed the two were living with Crowell.

Kudlak also previously had told the *Independent* that the claim that students lived with Crowell in his Van Buren Township home were untrue.

"It was certainly a violation and our staff has spent a lot of time since this whole process started around Oct. 21 or 22," Uyl reportedly told the *Free Press*. "The time

that our staff has invested going over the last month, we found multiple cases of a violation and we've provided a penalty that we feel fits with the facts as we know them."

Coaches across the state for years have accused Crowell of cheating, the *Free Press* reported. This was Crowell's eighth football season at Belleville and the Tigers made the state playoff every one of those seasons.

Belleville is a school of choice district, but other coaches believed it unfathomable that any school of choice coach could amass the sheer number of high-quality players that Crowell did without violating the undue influence rule many times over.

According to an *Independent* report, Crowell also was hired Oct. 8, 2018 as a job coach in special services.

At Monday's school board meeting, Kudlak said, "The stuff in the paper is not accurate, but we have no control over what they print." He said the coach issue will be discussed at the board's next meeting, which is 7 p.m., Dec. 12.

On Tuesday, Kudlak clarified that a lot of the information published in the *Free Press* was not correct. He said he had talked with the *Independent* before its last story and it was correct.

School Board praises football team's second District 1 championship

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There was no mention of former high school coach Jermain Crowell, whose suspension by the Michigan High School Athletic Association made recent sports headlines, until the end of Monday's Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education agenda.

That's when a card filled out by parent Todd Mears was read as a question from the audience on a non-agenda item.

The question was asking the board to clarify the coach situation and what they were going to do to prevent infractions in the future.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he talked to Mears and told him he would talk to him about it, but this evening was for the kids.

"I'll give you a call," he said to Mears, who seemed to agree to the reply. "The stuff in the paper is not accurate. We have no control over what they print." Later he clarified he was referring to *The Detroit Free Press* reports.

Supt. Kudlak said the coach issue would be discussed at the next school board meeting.

Kudlak said the football game on Saturday

was wonderful. With all the distractions, the coaches kept the team focused on the game, he said.

"It was about the kids on the field," he said.

Under board comments part of the agenda, Calvin Hawkins said, "I was so very proud of our football team." He said the district is in elite company now, with the two back-to-back state championships. "We have to block all the other things out."

Board secretary Darlene Gerick comments on the blazers the team members wore as they entered Ford Field before the game. "Our kids looked so sharp," she said.

Kudlak later said that Coach Crowell had wanted the blazers for the team members to wear to school each game day, but their arrival was delayed and they didn't get them until this game. Kudlak said they were paid for by the BYC.

Gerick said volunteers made sticks with orange-colored strips on them for BHS fans to wave in the stadium since Ford Field did not allow pom-poms. She said after the game, Van Buren Township and Belleville police cars accompanied the band buses to the edge of town before they realized those weren't the team buses. Then they did

escort the team buses into Belleville with sirens and horn-honking.

"It takes a village and we have an incredible one," she said.

Board president Amy Pearce said she saw the football team having breakfast in the BHS cafeteria the morning of the game. She said interim coach DeJuan Rogers addressed the team and, "He's a leader. He urged them to block out all the noise." She said so many assistant coaches have other jobs in the district during the day.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill said the sendoff on Saturday was very cool and they had special buses. She said Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley wanted to welcome them back from the game with a crowd on Main Street, but she was persuaded to have a big sendoff instead, which they did.

Kudlak said later that the special buses were funded by the district. He said it was a holiday week end and would have cost extra for the school bus drivers. He said they also hire such buses for the basketball team.

"I love this town," said board member Kelly Owens, who noted she was raised elsewhere, but has lived in the Belleville



Belleville High School interim head coach DeJuan Rogers holds the team's second state trophy after Saturday's game. BHS also won the state championship last year.

area for longer than she lived in that place and now Belleville is her home. "I love everything about it... I love the students."

No coaches or football team members were present to hear all the comments.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Caldonia football fan thanks BHS band for anthem

While there has been a lot of praise and cheers for the Belleville High School football team for winning its state title game over Caldonia on Saturday, the BHS Marching Band also received its share of applause.

It came from a Caldonia High School football fan. He sent this email to the band director Nicolas Taylor:

"I hope I have the correct email address. This is intended for the Belleville band that played at Ford Field on 11/26. I am a parent from Caldonia. As an Air Force veteran, I want to say the playing of the National Anthem from your band was one of the best I have heard from a High School band or even many colleges. I really appreciated it and it sounded amazing in the stadium. Tell your students it really meant a lot to a vet in the stands. Thank you, Matt Montross."

Nick replied, "I am most honored and proud to get your email! I told my students that this meant a lot to many people that were going to be in that stadium, and your email solidified my words! I will certainly share this with all of my band students! Thank you for your kind words! Best, Nick."

Director Taylor sent out the email to all band parents and they were thrilled. On Monday, school board secretary Darlene Gerick, whose daughter is in the band, said the band members were delighted at the compliment, adding the Ford Field acoustics are wonderful.

The band will be in this Saturday's 5:15 p.m. light parade in Belleville.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We received a call saying that our reader missed reading the COVID totals that we have published for a long time. I told him that the President said COVID was over and the numbers were very low, so we stopped publishing them. It's in the same category as the flu now, we think.

He was kind enough to thank us for our service for publishing the numbers all this time, which he found very helpful.

Belleville DPW director Rick Rutherford said the digging on North Liberty Street is the beginning of construction of a lakeside home. The property is owned by Scott Jones and Rick said he is told it is a home for Scott's daughter.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public School Board of Education, board secretary Darlene Gerick thanked a long list of people who helped load up the many plastic bottle caps that had been collected and then a few days later helped unload the benches that had been made out of plastic bottle caps.

This is the Benches for Belleville project instituted by her daughter, Marina, as a Girl Scout project which she plans to do the rest of her high school years.

"I'm incredibly proud of my kid. She wanted to do this," Darlene said.

Marina should be incredibly proud of her mother, as well, who has supported this overwhelming project for years. The work it takes to collect and sort and pack up all those plastic caps is immense. They ran out of space in their garage and had to use Darlene's mother's place for storage.

At one point they had to stop accepting

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



plastic bottles for medications since some people left pills in them and this was a Girl Scout project.

At a recent Belleville DDA meeting, DPW director Rick Rutherford was asked where the bench was that the city got from Benches for Belleville. He said it was in Village Park next to the play equipment. He said people had said that parents needed a place to sit while their children played on the equipment, so it put it there.

The benches are in many places, including in front of the Sumpter Township Hall and by the outside memorial for students at the high school. They are blue and have a plate on them saying they are courtesy of Scout Troop 20414.

It was great to hear the Belleville High School Band play the National Anthem at Ford Field on Saturday and the television camera recording the event for those of us at home panned along the players of both teams who were standing at attention. The Caldonia team members stood with their hands over their hearts. The Belleville team had no hands over their hearts and one had two fists on his chest. I was disappointed that we are not teaching our students to love our country.

When I went out to take the picture of the free roof being put on a U.S. Marine Corps veteran's mobile home in Van Buren Township on Monday, I told them I wanted

to be sure to get some of the guys on the roof in my picture.

Tom Meadows, the owner of Neighborhood Roofing, which was furnishing all the labor for the Giving Back project, told me one of his workers on the roof was a female. And, there she was tossing heavy roofing material off the roof into the waiting dumpster. What a nice surprise.

Before a Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority meeting recently, I asked chairman Craig Atchinson if he had EV chargers at his Ford dealership. He said he would be getting some by 2024. It's part of a project through Ford Motor Co., he said. He said dealerships in Saginaw and north won't be taking part because the EVs won't be needed up there. He said the EV chargers cost \$100,000 apiece and he will have to get two. First, he has to get more electrical power for the dealership to run the chargers.

VB Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they were thinking of putting some EV chargers in Harris Park, where the DDA was meeting. The township thought it would be a good place, he said.

Atchinson said it does seem like a good place, but it's less than a mile from his dealership.



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Letters

New Sumpter Twp. Treasurer thanks you!

To the editor:

I'd like to take a quick moment to thank those that voted for me this past Tuesday the 8th! I had a great time that day at the polls getting the chance to meet a lot of you at both the Fire Station and Community Center throughout the day.

As I'm typing out this letter, I'm still in the process of getting ready for my first board meeting on Tuesday the 22nd. I'm reminded of the importance of not only the week-to-week affairs in the business management of Sumpter Township, but also the responsibility of planning for the future, not just for ourselves, but for generations to come.

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve you as treasurer and do not take the responsibility lightly.

I'd like to encourage everyone to get involved in the community they live in. Most of the time we are content with just focusing on ourselves, our family, and our jobs, and forgetting about the responsibility to serve others, myself included. And even though those things are the most important in our lives, we shouldn't forget the need to serve each other. There are many, many things that every community could use help with, and the first step is just saying "What can I do to help?"

My pledge is to work hard for the Citizens of Sumpter Township, to be honest, and as forthright as possible.

Please don't hesitate to let me or my office know if there is anything we can do to help and thank you again!

Bart Patterson
Sumpter Township

Letter to Walmart CEO about lack of benches

Mr. John Furner, President & CEO
Walmart USA

I am contacting you to bring up an issue that I have not been able to resolve. For a number of years, excluding the pandemic, mom and I have been shopping at the Walmart #5761 on Michigan Avenue in Canton, MI 48188.

I bring mom with me because she is 97 and cannot be left alone. There have

always been benches in the front of the store for her to sit on while I shop. All of a sudden, they were removed. I contacted customer service three times and was told they would contact the manager, Aaron. The benches were never put back.

I actually went in and spoke to him about it and he could not give me any good reason for their removal. He just kept saying it came from higher ups and he could do nothing about it, but if I have a solution to it to let him know. Leaving that day, I saw another senior complaining about the same thing. He said his wife had to shop for them since he could not walk through the store because of his leg being amputated. Another lady that had an oxygen tank needed to sit. I just don't understand why something this simple has become such an issue, especially since it is such a benefit to so many.

There are plenty of places in the front of the store to have them put back to accommodate seniors. They actually replaced them with a table for people to sign up for medical insurance. I have now had to revert to shopping for the majority of my things at the Meijer's around the corner because they do have benches and only using Walmart for specifics.

Yesterday I had to go out shopping with mom, dragging and lifting a heavy wheelchair in the car. I found out that Lowe's has benches. Home Depot also accommodates her. ABC Warehouse actually has a wheelchair in their entrance way for use. I'd appreciate your input on this matter and maybe explain to me why this has happened and if anything can be done...

Thank you,
Kile Taler, Canton Township

Editor's Note: The writer said he has received no response from Furner or Walmart. He said while he is talking about the Canton Walmart, the Van Buren Township Walmart has the same problem. He and his mother used to live in Belleville.

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A Country Christmas is the holiday event coming up on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston. Activities include Lunch with Santa, games, crafts, cookie decorating and a chili cookoff. Call (734) 753-9048.

This weekend is Winterfest here in town and there are more activities and events this year than ever, spotlighted by the night parade on Saturday, starting at 5:15 p.m. followed with Santa at the library, fireworks over the lake, popup shops, kids craft making, ice skating, and much more. The Village of New Boston will have its tree-lighting event this Sunday, Dec. 4, starting at 4 p.m. Activities include visits

with Santa, refreshments, crafts, caroling, horse and carriage rides, and a children's tree.

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Obituaries



Shirley Joyce Carnahan

SHIRLEY JOYCE CARNAHAN

(February 23, 1933 – November 22, 2022)
 Shirley Joyce Carnahan, age 89, lifelong resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, with family by her side. She was born February 23, 1933, to Bernard John and Sarah Alice (Dowdell) Porzondek in the City of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Shirley graduated from Belleville High School in 1950 and soon after married her high school sweetheart Kenneth Burton Carnahan, who preceded her in death. They were married for 70 years and together raised four children. Dedicated to her family, Shirley was always willing to lend a helping hand with any chore and could always be found on the sidelines cheering on her children and grandchildren. Those who knew Shirley are aware of her penchant for English tea and desserts. She so enjoyed when friends and family would stop by and join her for a cookie and cup of tea. Shirley loved her Belleville community and enjoyed being a part of the high school reunion committees. Being civic minded, she took an interest in local politics and even ran for Supervisor. Shirley and her husband Ken owned several apartments on Liberty Street for nearly fifty years. Throughout her life, Shirley proved to be a jill-of-all-trades. She did some modeling, was a dental assistant, taught sign language, was a mail carrier for Belleville, and even received her contractor's license and was a building inspector for a few years. Most of all, she loved her family and enjoyed taking care of others.

Shirley is survived by daughter Pamela (John) Toporek of Belleville, MI; son Kevin (Heidi) Carnahan of Birch Run, MI; 6 grandchildren: Ken Toporek, Brett (Mariam) Toporek, Kurt Carnahan, Jr., John Carnahan, Blake Carnahan, and Brooke Carnahan; two great-grandchildren: Mila and Ayah Toporek; also, several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth Burton Carnahan on August 2, 2021, three sons: Perry Lee Carnahan on April 22, 2022, and Kurt Carnahan on October 12, 2004, and Kenneth Carnahan Jr., in infancy; a brother Gerald Porzondek, also a sister Patricia Cullin.

Visitation will be 2-8 PM Thursday, December 1, 2022 and Friday, December 2, 2022 from 10-11 AM with an 11:00 AM funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Lorraine and Terry Petrowski

LORRAINE GAIL PETROWSKI

(September 12, 1956 – November 22, 2022)

TERRY LEE PETROWSKI

(May 21, 1955 – November 22, 2022)

Lorraine Gail & Terry Lee Petrowski passed away suddenly, together, on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Laurie, was born September 12, 1956, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Barthelimeau & Hazel (Cole) Brown. She graduated from high school class of 1974. She loved being a homemaker, raising her four boys, whom she adored. She also loved her grandchildren and attended all of their sporting events, concerts, etc. With four boys, Laurie was known to enjoy a little fantasy football, as well!

Terry was born May 21, 1955, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Richard George & Barbara Anne (Edwards) Petrowski. He graduated from Saline High School, class of 1973. He attended college for a while, and then started his own company, Big T Contracting. He enjoyed being a contractor for 30+ years. Terry was a true family man. He was the alpha, the anchor of the family. He cherished time spent with his grandkids and attended many of their sporting events and concerts, as well. He also enjoyed hunting and participating in local turkey shoots. Mr. & Mrs. Petrowski are survived by their four sons: Terry Lee Petrowski of Belleville, MI, David Richard (Roxanne) Petrowski of Whittaker, MI, Timothy Robert (Leigh) Petrowski, and Michael Albert (Rebecca) Petrowski, both of Belleville, MI; 22 grandchildren: Abigail Petrowski, Olivia Petrowski, Timothy Petrowski, Brianna Anderson, Melissa Petrowski, Britney Petrowski, Louis Scharpenberg, Michael Petrowski, Kathryn Petrowski, Wyatt Petrowski, Willow Petrowski, Alexis Litze, all of Belleville, MI, David Petrowski, Jr., Nicholas Petrowski, Heather Petrowski, Travis Petrowski, and Emily Petrowski, all of Whittaker, MI, Breanna Haddad, Robert Frazier, and Matthew Frazier, all of Belleville, MI, Erica Watson of Savannah, Georgia, and Kyle Anderson of Alabama; one great-grandchild: Avery Nicole Watson of Savannah, Georgia; siblings: Larry (Tracy Sandusky) Petrowski of Dearborn Heights, MI, Lesa (David Robbins) Thomas of Belleville, MI; two nieces and one nephew: Rachel Petrowski of Carleton, MI, Randy Petrowski, and Stephanie Petrowski, both of Belleville, MI, also numerous extended family and friends.

They were preceded in death by their parents, also Terry's brothers Richard Petrowski, and Robert Katz, and Laurie's brother David Brown. Visitation was Monday, November 28, 2022 and Tuesday, November 29, 2022, with a 2 p.m. Funeral Service with Pastor Eddy Marcum officiating at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses. www.davidcbrownfh.com

ALLEN COLEMAN, JR.

(July 11, 1951 – November 21, 2022)

Age 71, of Belleville. Retired from Ford Motor Co. as a Government Regulations Coordinator, after 40 years of service. Survived by two sons Allen and Casey; eight grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Obituaries



Monte Ray Harris, Jr.

MONTE RAY HARRIS, JR.

(August 25, 1994 – November 24, 2022)

Monte Ray Harris, Jr., age 28, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away early Thursday, November 24, 2022, in an automobile accident. He was born August 25, 1994, in Detroit, MI, son of Monte Ray Harris, Sr. and Misty Ann (Bevard) Pierce.

He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 2014. He was a hard worker, holding two jobs. Monte was also very artistic and enjoyed playing the guitar. He loved his family. He cherished time spent with his little brothers playing video games and enjoyed cooking for his family. He was an uplifting person who everyone talked to because of his generous and supportive personality. He was very protective of his sister. His love for his family was unwavering and unending. He was the man all of his friends could count on and had the most forgiving heart.

Monte is survived by his mother Misty (James) Pierce of Belleville, MI; father Monte Ray Harris, Sr. of Detroit, MI; grandparents: Raymond (Colleen) Bevard of Johannesburg, MI, James (Regina) Pierce of Belleville, MI, and Giuliano (Karen) Furguele of Belleville, MI; eight siblings: Yasmin (Aqil) Flint, Rafael (Becca) Pierce, Makailah Pierce, Tyson Pierce, and James Kolby Pierce, all of Belleville, MI, Jason Ross of San Antonio, Texas, Antonio Fleming of Detroit, MI, and Millie Harris of Detroit, MI; dearest friend Cameron Williams of Wayne, MI; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be 4-8 PM Sunday, December 4, 2022, and 10-11 AM Monday, December 5, 2022, with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and would be greatly appreciated.
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William Claude Mays

WILLIAM CLAUDE MAYS

(April 24, 1947 – November 24, 2022)

William Claude Mays, age 75, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Thursday, November 24, 2022, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born April 24, 1947, in Garden City, MI, son of Jack & Evelyn (Bonifield) Mays. Mr. Mays retired from Ford Motor Company after almost 40 years of loyal service. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and enjoyed going to the upper peninsula, hunting, trapping, and fishing. He was a true outdoorsman. He also enjoyed playing racquetball, bowling and drag racing at the Detroit Dragway. Bill was recently baptized at his home and was a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Monroe, MI.

Mr. Mays is survived by his son Roy Mays of Belleville, MI, sister Phyllis Dow of Michigan, brother Steve (Vicky) Mays of Ohio, also numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley A. on March 7, 2008, also a son Ronald James Mays in 2017.

A memorial service will be Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, 3563 Heiss Road, Monroe, MI, with Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiating. The family will greet guests from 12 noon until 2 PM. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery at a later date, Belleville, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, 3563 Heiss Road, Monroe, MI 48162.
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MELVIN RAY KEHRER

(January 12, 1941 – November 20, 2022)

Age 81, of Ypsilanti Township. Enlisted in U.S. Navy; served in the Bay of Pigs. Survived by wife Sharon; three children Sherry, Molly and David; a sister Barbara Gilbert. Services were Nov. 25. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. www.davidcbrownfh.com



ROBERT ALLAN GABRYS

(April 18, 1947 – November 27, 2022)

Age 75, longtime Belleville-area resident. Served in Vietnam War. Survived by former wife Betty; sons Robert, James, Shawn; grandchildren; brothers Ron, Dennis, Bill. Service Dec. 5 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Van Buren Township's Downtown Development Authority will hold an informational meeting as required by law at 3 p.m. at the DDA office at 10151 Belleville Rd. People also may attend by zoom. Contact www.vanburendda.com 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.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 19 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of trustees, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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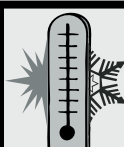
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On Friday night, the public is invited to dance the night away at the Neon

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Saturday, Dec. 3, will feature Animal Magic at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., food trucks, ice skating, inflatables and kids' make-and-take crafts. Carriage rides are 3 to 5 p.m. The light parade leaves Belleville High

School at 5:15 p.m. to travel down Main Street carrying Santa into town on a fire engine. Santa will then be at the library to meet with children.

At 7:15 p.m. the sky will glow with a fireworks display. Rounding out the night, Killer Flamingos will put on a show in Fourth Street Square.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, Santa will be eating pancakes from 10 a.m. to noon, and

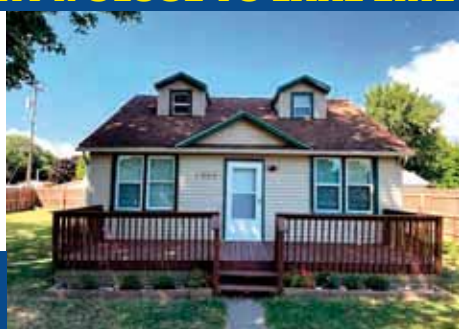
everyone is invited to come and join him. No reservations needed and tickets are by donation. From 1 to 4 p.m. Santa will be doing some ice skating to work off all those pancakes. The skating rink is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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U.S. Marine Corps veteran Don Maurer got a new roof put on his home at 95 Ponderosa Trail in Van Buren Township on Monday, free of charge, as part of a "Giving Back" program. From left is Tom Meadows, owner of Neighborhood Roofing which furnished the workers without charge, Maurer, Lindsey Wise of Owens Corning which furnished all the roofing materials, and Margaret Kucharek of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County who did the screening of applications for the grant.

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VBT DDA OKs three lanes on Belleville Rd. between Tyler, Ecorse

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At a 33-minute meeting on Nov. 22, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority unanimously approved taking the first steps to widen Belleville Road to three lanes between Tyler and Ecorse roads and to continue the sidewalk along the east side of the road for that span.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, said he, Director Ron Akers and DDA Director Susan Ireland had met with the county's engineering and roads officials and, "Wayne County is fully aware of Belleville Road" and its congestion. The need for a center turn lane in the area is well known and it is considered a "capacity project," Supervisor McNamara said.

DDA Director Susan Ireland said that area is a bottleneck area with the road going from four lanes to two lanes and back to five lanes, which could qualify for funding under the Michigan Department of Transportation's TEDF (Transportation Economic Development Fund) Category C for congestion relief.

Supervisor McNamara said county TEDF work on Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township between Ecorse and Van Born and work on Ford Road in Canton is ahead of the proposed Belleville Road widening, which is third on the list and might not come until 2024 or 2025.

Supervisor McNamara said the DDA has been working on acquiring right of way along Belleville Road, but it hasn't acquired all of it. He said he sent the list to Director Akers to see what can be done.

He said if the township has a shovel-ready plan, it is more likely to get the county on the project sooner.

He said it is important to decide what exactly the township wants on Belleville Road. Should it be three, four, or five lanes?

McNamara said with this project being third on the list, if there is a holdup on either of the first two on the list, for details on the paperwork or something else, Belleville Road could rise on the list if everything is ready to go.

He said the township is going to come up with 20% of the project, which is estimated at \$4 million. He said if the engineering is done, it could be done sooner than 2024 or 2025.

DDA member Mark Laginess said that's what they did with Belleville Road from the bridge to the freeway when it was needing work. The project was ready and the county got it done sooner than expected.

McNamara said the DDA needs to get ten easements. He said you offer the fair price for the easements and then if the property owners won't budge, you revert control to the township which can do eminent domain. One holdout includes a whole house.

He said he hates the thought of eminent

domain, but, "Those properties are holding the community hostage."

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said three lanes are most likely and makes most sense.

Laginess agreed.

DDA member Vincent Delibera said building more lanes cost more bucks.

Atchinson said it's for safety purposes, with the senior apartments going up there and the fire station there, too. And the

mobile home park. It's for the congestion more than anything, he said.

Atchinson said he talked with Police Lt. Charles Bazy and he said the big trucks are supposed to go the other way, not south on Belleville Road. He referred to the agreements with property developers north of Ecorse that the big trucks would use other routes than Belleville Road.

"We did ask them to go another route, but we can't eliminate it completely,"

McNamara said. "They have every right in the world to use that roadway. They pay taxes."

He said eminent domain takes a long time to accomplish.

Director Ireland said there are five parcels that are very strongly no.

Atchinson said when they were getting the rights of way, he thought it was for five lanes. If they go to three lanes, maybe

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In other action at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2024 BHS field trip to France that would start a week after school ends in June 2024 for about 20 French language students in grades 9-12. The student-funded trip is at a cost of \$5,455 per student;

- Approved the BHS Student Council State Leadership Conference field trip to Grand Rapids for 18-21 students on Feb. 24-27 by school bus;

- Heard Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran

Cresa give a quarterly update on the 2019 bond projects and their progress. The original bond was \$35.5 million. The Early Childhood Center is 98% complete and Owen Intermediate School updates are 99% complete. Design and bidding of the next projects are slated throughout 2023 with construction in 2024. These are renovations to McBride Middle School, Edgemont, Rawsonville, Tyler and Savage, along with the high school band bleachers for the football field and IT upgrades. He said he expected to bring schematic designs for the projects to the board in March or April;

- Approved the resignation of Owen teacher Jackie Kennedy Nelson as of Dec.

6 after less than a year of service; and the employment of Kari Safieddine to teach sixth grade at Owen beginning Dec. 2;

- Approved the employment of Kyron Carroll as of Nov. 15 and Diane Falson as of Nov. 16, both as custodians in the Building & Grounds department; Jacob Puma as of Nov. 16 as a paraprofessional at Tyler and Markiea as of Nov. 21 as a paraprofessional at Rawsonville; and Gloria Cook as a substitute school bus driver as of Nov. 28;

- Heard Kudlak say the E sports team is doing fantastic this year. There are two teams and they have semifinals on Dec. 9 and final competition on Dec. 10. He said they could bring home scholarship money. Board member Dione Falconer said her son's team is in Lego Robotics competition this Saturday. Kudlak said teams from the elementary and intermediate schools are also involved;

- Heard president Pearce report that she loved that there were two sets of actors for the recent production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" and it was very good. Also she said the Craft Show at BHS to earn money for the Class of 2023 was sold out and brought a large crowd of buyers; and

- Went into closed-door session to start Kudlak's annual personnel evaluation of his job as superintendent. Pearce said the board is doing the evaluation in two sessions, like it did last year, to avoid having to work late into the night. The evaluation will be brought for a vote in public session when it is complete.

Democrats to celebrate Michigan blue victory at holiday party Dec. 2

The Southwestern Wayne [County] Democrats and associates will celebrate the Michigan blue victory and share some holiday cheer at a Friday, Dec. 2, party at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti.

The dinner by Veronica's Catering will be served at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 single and \$45 a couple. The price includes dinner, door prize ticket, beer, wine, and set-ups.

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Belleville Mayor Conley tells details of VBT's changes to museum

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said she was part of a meeting held last week concerning the future of the Belleville Area Museum, which is owned by Van Buren Township and located downtown in the city of Belleville.

At its regular meeting on Nov. 21, she told the city council that Van Buren Township wanted input from the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township, who are served by the museum and have contributed to its upkeep.

Many people have asked about the status of the museum since it has been closed for two and a half years. Mayor Conley said she finally had something to tell the residents.

She said the township said it had 700 surveys answered on what people want for their museum, plus input from the meeting held at the library.

Mayor Conley said the township outlined two different alternatives for exhibits. There would be a stationery exhibit downstairs and changing exhibits upstairs. She said they said they would reply on the "Historical Commission" for advice on that.

She said the township is also getting rid of things they have many copies of. Some people think just because something is

old it is valuable, she said. She said they have the museum's inventory lists and if someone has something on loan to the museum that person can get it back.

Mayor Conley said the building at the rear of the museum will be used as public space for community events, possibly an indoor farmers' market, or space for social events such as wedding showers.

"Van Buren Township wants their piece of the downtown," she said they told her.

Mayor Conley said the township has received lot of really good feedback. She said they do not expect to replace the director and plan to use volunteers or part-time people to run the museum.

She said she was sorry Tom Fielder, president of the Belleville Area Historical Society, wasn't present to hear her report since he has been very interested in hearing information on the museum and has asked many times about it.

At the 22-minute meeting on Nov. 21, the council also:

- Announced it would judge holiday decorations on homes and businesses in the city on Dec. 8, turn the results over to the *Independent* to take pictures, and then give out the awards at the Dec. 19 council meeting;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$2,249,771.48 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500:

to DeWolf & Associates, \$795 for police officer training; and to Election Sources, \$860 for on-site testing (Public Accuracy Test) for the Clerk's office;

- Heard City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson say the senior/handicapped transportation van has been repaired and he is looking at options to carry those riders in the future. He said he considered a SMART proposal to have a bus come from Michigan Avenue south, along Main Street to Sumpter. But when they asked where they could leave the Sumpter people, he said he turned it down;

- Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford say underground boring was done that day on Fourth Street Place, as part of the Downtown Development Authority's project to put electricity in that area;

- Heard Chris Zweng ask if the locations for the placement of outdoor art from the Detroit Institute of Arts next spring has been determined. Chief Robinson said the city is coordinating with the DIA, who will come out to check out the proposed locations;

- Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates say she heard Wayne County has paused in work on the Grosse Ile bridge and the work on that bridge once was put in the same category as the Denton Road bridge. She said she would like to see traffic cones up at Quirk Road as people drive south

on Belleville Road into the city to keep them from the right lane which closes at Denton Road. She said she saw 10 people in the right lane trying to get over. She was told the city can't do it because that street isn't theirs and belongs to the county. Chief Robinson said Wayne County isn't responding to his calls about the traffic signs and the bridge repair is going to be a while. He said he would like the county

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there wouldn't be as many right-of-way problems. He asked if the final decision wasn't up to the county.

McNamara said if they set three lanes, there's only six or eight parcels that are problems, but, "That house is going to have to be bought."

Atchinson said they should get the ball rolling and give the \$30,000 McNamara suggested to get to January for work by Wade Trim. And, set it at three lanes.

"This has been going on for ten years," Atchinson said.

"Way longer than that," said DDA vice chairperson Carol Bird.

Laginess made the motion to engage the work with Wade Trim for three lanes between Ecorse and Tyler on Belleville Road and allocate \$30,000 for its work until January and get the design ball rolling. This includes continuing the sidewalk on the east side of the road.

The DDA also unanimously passed a resolution of support for a grant application request through the Ralph Wilson Jr. Design and Access Fund for planning and preliminary design for non-motorized improvements along Tyler Road from Township Hall/Quirk Road to Morton Taylor Road.

Wayne Hofmann from Wade Trim's FundingScout Division is beginning preparations for the grant request. Wade Trim will develop the scope of work, cost, and schedule to support the application. It is anticipated that the cost to complete the submission will be within their pre-appointed grant application fee, Ireland said.

The first step in this project for sidewalks and walkways is this resolution of support, Ireland said. The walkways are to provide for those who will want to walk to the new community center now being built, according to the resolution.

She said it is separate from the Iron Belle Trail funding the township got from the Ralph Wilson Jr. fund.

In other action, the DDA approved the purchase of six sets of the Atlanta-style light poles from Great Lakes Electric and Supply Co. of Auburn Hills for Belleville Road in an amount of \$64,660.08. The supply of streetlight repair parts had been depleted and Great Lakes was the lowest of three bidders.

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City Council

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to put up flashing lights warning about the closing of the right lane. Rutherford said the county's signs at the bridge and on Main Street were blown down by the wind and he called the county. The county put the sign at Denton Road back up, but later said they didn't know there was another sign that had fallen over on Main Street. Rutherford said the DPW had to move that sign to the bridge area because it was causing a pedestrian nightmare;


- Heard fire fighter Garrett Kissel announce there has been a large amount of work done inside the fire hall and they are now ready to start training courses for the public in CPR, AED, and First Aid. Classes will start in January. He said they expect the shipment of equipment for the classes to arrive shortly. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said fire fighters have been painting and sanding and are replacing light fixtures at that very moment. He said the new furnace for the bay was to be installed on Friday;

- Heard Chief Robinson say he is looking

forward to Winter Fest and he will send out a signup sheet for volunteers to help. He said the DDA is trying to establish collaboration so there will be a larger pool of volunteers and everyone can help. He said people can sign up to help through the Chamber of Commerce;

- Heard Councilwoman Bates ask for an update on the city's ice and snow policy. Rutherford said if four inches or more of snow falls, a snow emergency will be proclaimed and people will have to move their vehicles off the streets so the DPW can plow. He said the city didn't get four inches last week, so there was no plowing and he knew it was going to be in the 40s soon so there was no salt spread. "I was out of town all week," Rutherford said. He said the police and fire ramps were salted and if an officer calls, they will salt where requested or if he comes in and decides it is needed. Bates thought it should have been salted in Victoria Commons because it was icy. Chris Zweng said, "Maybe the city should look at the policy. Keeping people safe is important, although it costs money"; and

- Heard Mayor Conley say when the high school football team won the state championship last year, family and friends welcomed them back to town from Ford Field. She said this year they are also going to welcome them back, win or lose, and the BHS football bus will be coming down Main Street at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and the team will be honored for a great season. She said signs are being prepared for the occasion.



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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest



On December 8, 2022, City Council judges will be driving throughout the City limits evaluating outdoor holiday decorations. For citizens who want to participate in the contest, please have your yards decorated and lit up from 6 to 7 p.m.

Winners will be determined in the following categories:

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

Winners will be notified on Friday, December 16th and presentations will be made at the December 19th City Council meeting.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Publish: December 1, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING DEMOLITION BIDS

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the **demolition, removal, and disposal of the principal dwelling located at 585 W. Columbia Avenue (Parcel Number 83-110-01-0165-001)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with Van Buren Township general funds.

Posted and Published: December 1, 2022

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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 13, 2022 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) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 13, 2022.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 23, 2022

Publish: December 01, 2022
December 08, 2022



City of Belleville Public Notice



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



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) Scarecrow Contest 2022 awards were presented by Mayor Conley to the following winners:

- Business Category - Team Designs
- Family/Individual Category - Marcotte Family
- Adult Organizations - Mark & Misty Animal Magic
- Youth Organizations - Keystone Academy

Both Team Designs and Animal Magic were present to accept their awards.

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Jones

a) Asked about progress on Fourth Street Square. Director of Public Services Rick Rutherford provided status.

2) Council Member Bates

a) Observed brick has been delivered to City Hall and inquired when it would be completed. DPS Director Rutherford explained we could not make date with mason until brick arrived, therefore date to be set soon.

b) Asked how new locks were at restrooms, DPS Director Rutherford said they were a good upgrade.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Tom Fielder from CBC suggested having a Festival of Trees outdoors. Mayor Conley and Council members agreed.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to amend motion to include addition of Item 2 under General Business, regarding interviews to fill vacancy on City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 7, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1) Resolution #22-064 - Board and Commission Appointment

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approving **Resolution # 22-064** appointing Ivan Ankwatsa to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

2) Interviews to Fill City Council Vacancy – Date and Time

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to set date and time of interviews to fill City Council vacancy for December 12, 2022 at 5:45 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-065** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Wayne County Commissioners approved grant, Wayne County ARPA funds for Victory Park Project.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Congratulations and welcome to Ivan Ankwatsa becoming new DDA member

-- Congratulations to the Scarecrow contest winners

-- GO BLUE!

• Council Member Jones

-- Thank you to everyone for coming

-- BHS Football playoff last home game this Saturday

-- Glad to see everyone enjoyed Boo-Ville activities

-- Winterfest is coming up soon

-- Veteran's Ceremony Friday November 11, 2022 9:00 AM at War Memorial

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Thanked everyone for coming, nice to have a big audience

-- Missed last council meeting due to illness but wanted to say he was impressed by tractor parade, one of the coolest things he has seen in Belleville

-- Welcome Ivan Ankwatsa to the DDA

-- Excited to have 6 applicants for City Council

-- GO Belleville Tigers!

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Thanked the volunteers for Veteran's flag placement at Hillside Cemetery

• Election day tomorrow, hence City Clerk/Treasurer absence from meeting. She has been working hard for the upcoming election, a lot of work behind the scenes.

• Great to see interest in open seat for Council.

• Looking forward to BHS football game Saturday.

• In need of a float for City Council for Winterfest. If anyone is interested, please inquire.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• DPS Director Rutherford

• Stated scarecrows will be at the DPW yard, if personal items are wanted, they can come between 8:00 – 3:30 beginning next week to collect what they want from them.

• Leaf pick up ends the first week of December.

• Bill Wolters of CBC –

• largest attendance ever at Fall Fest. Taste of Belleville also was the largest attendance since hosting event, even with two thunderstorms. Janet is already working on 2023, they are up to 30 vendors for farmer's market.

• Complimented Chief Robinson on officers responding quickly on Halloween. He witnessed a car backing out onto Main Street and an officer was there within a few minutes.

• Tom Fielder

• Everything went well Friday at BHS football game, considering the size of the crowd flow exiting went well, great for the community.

• Estimated close to 2,000 in attendance for Taste of Belleville.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Michelle Bellingham / Administrative Clerk

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: 11/21/22

Posted: 11/22/22

Published: 12/1/22

Sumpter Supervisor Bowman to hand out gift cards to kids on Dec. 14

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Nov. 22 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Tim Bowman announced his office will be passing out gift cards to children up to 12 years of age from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

He said parents should sign them up at the supervisor's office before then.

In other business at the Nov. 22 meeting, the board:

- Rejected the cash offer of \$54,000 from Kurtis Myers (whose offer expires Nov. 30) and the \$60,000 offer from Trustee Don LaPorte and his wife Robin (whose offer expires Jan. 31) by conventional loan to purchase 9.32 acres on Sumpter Road from the township and asked them both to submit their last and best offer by Dec. 6 through Moving the Mitten, which is offering the parcel for the township. Trustee LaPorte recused himself from both the discussion during the workshop and the vote in the regular meeting to avoid a perceived conflict of interest and left the meeting room while the topic was being discussed both times. Township attorney Rob Young said others could come in with a bid, as well, because the township wants to get as many bids as they can;

- Unanimously accepted an offer of \$3,500 from Gerald Weiss to purchase township property at 19745 Sumpter Rd., which is next to his small house. He wants to tear down his house and rebuild a larger home. He said he had lived in the township for 12 years. The 0.202 acre is next to the township's pump station; and

- Reappointed a Human Resources Committee made up of Trustees Tim Rush, Matt Oddy, and Laporte, plus an employee yet to be named to assess personnel-related needs and policies and provide recommendations to the township manager and board of trustees.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 274 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 20:

0028 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0301 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0329 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0741 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0748 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0942 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. I-94/rest area
1111 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
1151 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1217 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1322 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1435 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
1456 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1500 – threat, Cedar St.

1638 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1805 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1810 – misc. complaints, S. Woodbury Dr.
1847 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1958 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2055 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
2103 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
2226 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 21:

0339 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.
0949 – disorderly, Harbour Club
1004 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1015 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1125 – vehicle lockout, Sylvia Dr.
1211 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1212 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1244 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.
1312 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1334 – larceny, Daniel Dr.
1357 – fraud, Jeremy Rd.
1405 – threat, Belleville Rd.

1430 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1434 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Blvd.

1512 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.

1540 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1727 – warrant arrest, Clinton

1740 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1753 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1801 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1954 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

2025 – parking complaint, Cobblestone

2047 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.

2110 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2217 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2221 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.

2227 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.

2246 – threat, Belleville Rd.

2315 – welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.

2317 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

0114 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

0430 – property check, Haggerty Rd.

0552 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.

0645 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Rawsonville Rd.

0648 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.

0743 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.

1032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

1039 – vehicle lock out, Park Estates Dr.

1118 – civil matter, Spruce Ln.

1120 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.

1242 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

1255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Tyler

1303 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1339 – PPO violation, Parkwood Dr.

1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.

1551 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

1552 – missing person, Oak Blvd.

1601 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1745 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1933 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.

1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

2005 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.

2010 – misc. complaint, Quirk Rd.

2035 – misc. complaint, Quirk Rd.

2238 – property damage accident, Beck Rd./Tyler

2345 – domestic, Oak Ln.

2343 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

0037 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.

0141 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0201 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.

0626 – malicious destruction of property, Vernon

0637 – fight, Denton Rd.

0734 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

0937 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1056 – malicious destruction of property, America

1126 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.

1243 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Bemis Rd.

1348 – welfare check, Locust Dr.

1408 – intrusion alarm, Lancaster Dr.

1440 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

1451 – animal complaint, Rock Creek Dr.

1518 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1609 – assist other dept., WB 12/Ecorse Rd.

1637 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1748 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.

1754 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.

1802 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.

1833 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.

1834 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.

1947 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.

2027 – harassment call, Sugarbush Ln.

2328 – shooting, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, Nov. 24:

0047 – assist other dept., Carmell

0052 – holdup alarm, Anna Dr.

0233 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.

0335 – welfare check, Fay Dr.

0522 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

0709 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.

0841 – vehicle lock out, Parkwood Dr.

0913 – domestic, Florence Ln.

0923 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse

1034 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

1207 – trespassing, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor

1240 – animal complaint, Lacey Dr.

1245 – road hazard, Sadie Ln.

1251 – civil matter, McKinley St.

1353 – vehicle lock out, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1531 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.

1742 – follow up by officer, Oak Blvd.

1743 – property damage accident, Michigan / Michigan Ave.

1750 – vehicle lockout, Quirk Rd.

2008 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2126 – domestic, Oak Ln.

2219 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.

2330 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Nov. 25:

0003 – welfare check, Van Allen Ave.

0059 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.

0513 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1111 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.

1125 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.

1453 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1635 – civil matter, Oak Ln.

1650 – personal injury accident, N. Timberview

1702 – neighbor trouble, N. Timberview Dr.

1733 – assist fire dept., Haggerty/Van Born

1735 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

1934 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1955 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood

Dr.

2042 – assist fire dept., Lake Villa Dr.

2258 – misc. complaint, Lincoln Ct.

2327 – larceny, Capitol Dr.

2332 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

2355 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 26:

0043 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.

0137 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0220 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

0705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.

0830 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

0935 – misc. complaint, Nautica Dr.

1337 – trespassing, E. Sadie Ln.

1415 – vehicle lockout, S. Timberview Dr.

1429 – abandoned auto, Belleville/Quirk

1434 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1619 – 911 welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.

1708 – assist fire dept., Martinsville Rd.

1715 – civil matter, Oak Ln.

1745 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1803 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

1934 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

2042 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.

2058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd. / Van Born Rd.

2236 – harassment call, Birch Dr.

2255 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.

2257 – welfare check, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.

2258 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 90 traffic stops with 13 of

them being on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 20:

0102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

1646 – traffic stop, Main St.

1741 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

1827 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.

1836 – animal complaint, South St.

1931 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.

2044 – traffic stop, Main St.

2255 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.

2308 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

2331 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

2356 – mental subject, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Nov. 21:

0309 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.

1615 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Biggs Ave.

1624 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

0111 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.

0724 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Waterbury Ct.

1205 – property damage accident, Main St./N. Liberty St.

1324 – harassment call, Astor

1953 – 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.

2211 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.

2247 – traffic stop, main St./N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

0830 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

1059 – traffic offense, Main St.

1314 – property check, Sumpter Rd.

1555 – welfare check, Main St.

2107 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.

2334 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 24:

0044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.

0143 – traffic stop, Third St./Main St.

0230 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.

0305 – traffic stop, Main St.

0802 – shooting, Menlo Park Dr.

1602 – threat, Loza Ln.

1943 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.

2102 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.

2219 – abandoned auto, Main St.

2350 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park

Friday, Nov. 25:

1134 – civil matter, S. Liberty St.

1208 – property damage accident, Main St.

1609 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

1738 – assist other dept., Main St./South St.

2029 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2136 – civil matter, Carmell St.

2321 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.

Saturday, Nov. 26:

1457 – civil matter, Tuscan Manor

2110 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

2203 – traffic stop, Main St.

2256 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

2337 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 20:

0219 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.

1113 – public relations, Mulberry Dr.

1142 – public relations, Stonecrest Dr.

1143 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.

1250 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

1255 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West

1345 – animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.

1350 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1729 – fire dept. assist, California St.

1805 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

1956 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis

2035 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.

2130 – animal complaint, 18000 bl Savage Rd.

Monday, Nov. 21:

0955 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1127 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

1332 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.

1339 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Martinsville

1435 – animal complaint, Delaware St.

1524 – follow-up investigation, Ohio St.

1613 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis

1701 – missing person, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2004 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

0501 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0640 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

0758 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.

1429 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter



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The construction on 20 acres at 44660 North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township is progressing rapidly. CSM Companies broke ground Sept. 19 on a new 62,750-square-foot Kenworth truck dealership. CSM Companies has five other locations throughout Michigan. This new facility brings CSM Companies' Kenworth dealerships to 23 total nationwide. This dealership, between National RV and Camping World locations, will feature more than 17,000 square feet of warehouse for parts inventory, 26 service bays, an additional three bays dedicated to Express Lane Triage, and a dedicated wash bay. The facility also will have outdoor vehicle sales and vehicle showroom uses and be fitted with infrastructure to support a number of green initiatives, such as EV charging stations, solar and thermal power, CSM said.



On Nov. 22, masons put brick on the east side of the Belleville Police Department to finish off the project that demolished the Huron River Market building that was attached there. The work was done with a grant through Wayne County.

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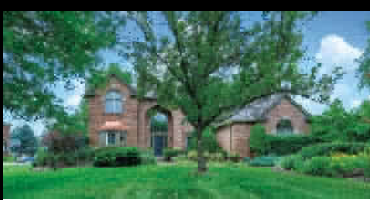
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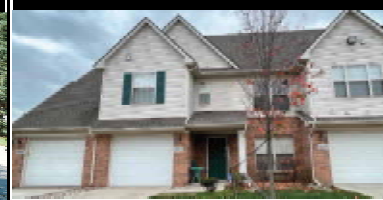
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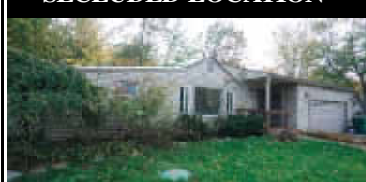
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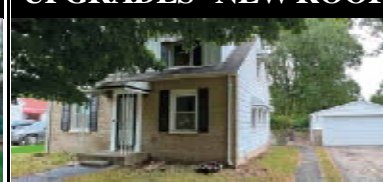
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