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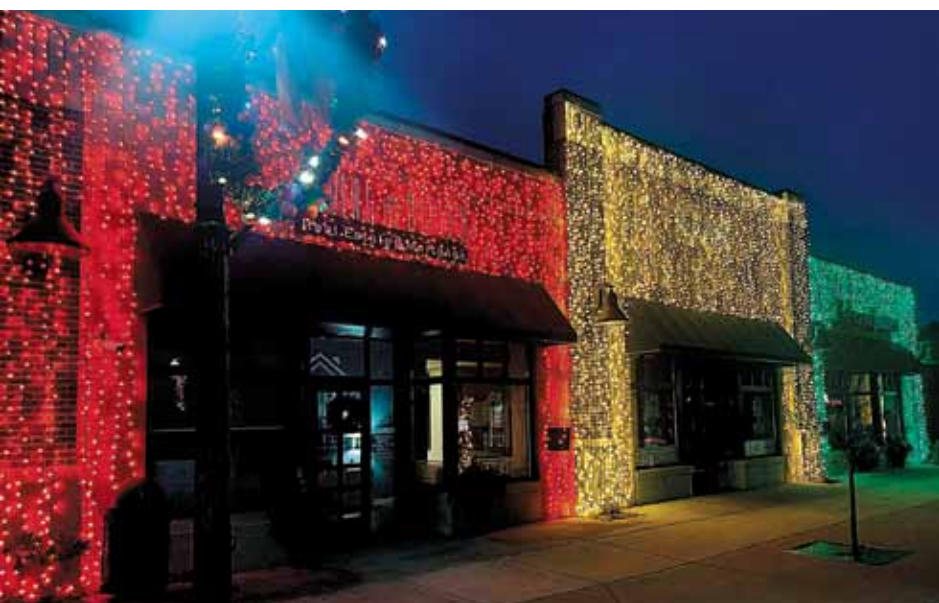
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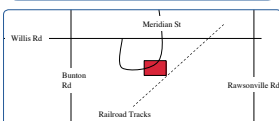
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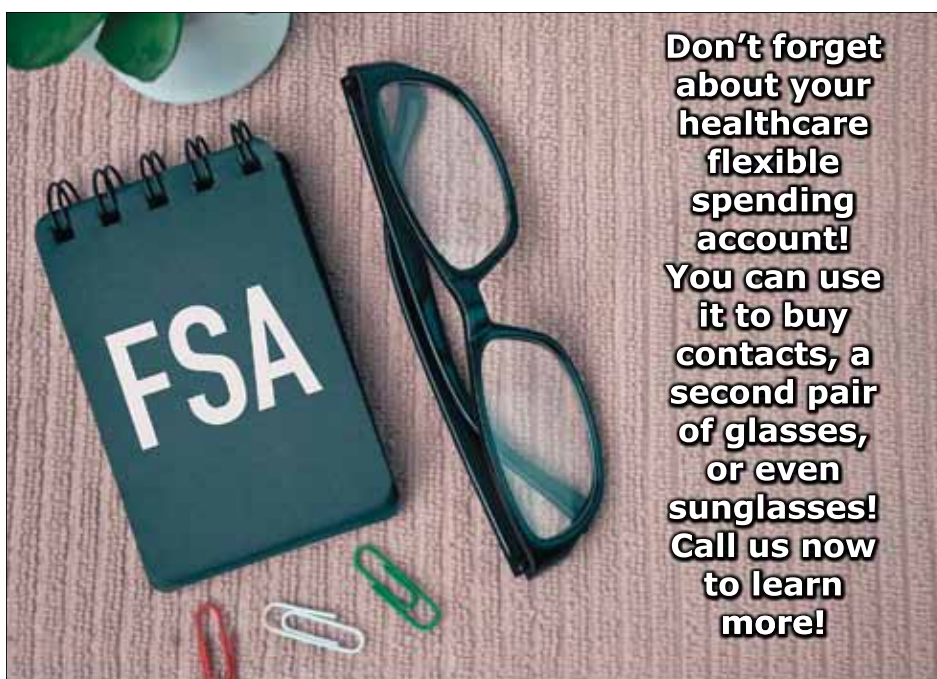
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Jeremiah Beebe, Tom Fielder named to Belleville City Council

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

It turns out that there are two vacancies on the Belleville City Council as of Jan. 1, instead of one, so on Monday the council selected Jeremiah Beebe and Tom Fielder to fill the seats for one-year terms, until the next election.

Councilwoman Amy Henry resigned because she was moving to Van Buren Township and on Monday it was learned Councilman Steve Jones also was resigning to take the new Project Manager position with the city.

Four candidates interviewed for what was thought to be a single council position during a public meeting on Dec. 12, including Julie Kissel and Randy Priest.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said after the interviews, council members were asked to write down their top two candidates and give that to City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson. She said Beebe and Fielder each got three votes of the four council members and so were selected.

"It wasn't easy," said Mayor Conley of the choosing, noting everyone had talents and experience. She said there will be an election in a year and anyone interested can run.

At Monday's meeting, the council also gave City Manager Robinson a 5% raise in salary, retroactive to February 2022, plus a \$5,000 bonus. He was appointed in February 2021 and hadn't had an evaluation or raise since then, so this raise was retroactive, Mayor Conley said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said Robinson should also get Cost of Living pay of 3.5% back to February 2021. Voigt talked about merit increases.

"He's doing several jobs and comes in with a gun strapped to his waist, putting his life on the line every day," Voigt said. "I don't think we could get anyone better."

Councilwoman Kelly Bates talked of Robinson's dedication to this community and the way he corrected a lot of things that needed correction. She added the suggestion for a bonus for the time he didn't get an evaluation and raise.

Mayor Conley said that merit pay is for expectations and fulfillment. A bonus is for past work. Voigt said either was good with him, adding that his pay hike had to be at least 2.5% to keep pace with the bargaining unit and he deserves more than 2.5%.

Councilwoman Bates made the suggestion and then motion for a \$5,000 bonus and 5% increase retroactive to February 2022, which was seconded by Jones and approved unanimously.

His salary has been \$90,000, Conley said.

She said each member of the council evaluated Robinson's work and found him outstanding, and he got top grades in his work, which included being police chief, city manager, assistant city manager, and director of the DDA, most recently.

Mayor Conley said the council can talk about merit going forward.

Voigt pointed out that Robinson was just taking a straight salary with no benefits, so he is saving the city money.

Robinson thanked the council and said he feels appreciated for working so hard and being able to form a team around himself. The new sergeants in the police department offer great assistance.

"Anything I've asked, I've had support for," he said, noting now there would be a Projects Manager and he is really hopeful. He said there are a lot of things going on in the background.

Robinson said the building finally coming down next door to the police department was a big project for him.

"It's finally something I did that I can see," he said.

"I congratulate Steve for coming to the other side," Robinson said, referring to Jones' resignation from the council to be a city employee. He said he appreciated the support of his employees who do a phenomenal job.

Jones, who was an employee at the Van Buren Public Schools, also is chairman of the board of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and active in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and other community activities. He runs a DJ business, as well. He served on the city planning commission for ten years.

Jones' new salary is \$66,000.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Presented lighting awards for those chosen winners in their categories;
- Approved city council meeting dates for 2023. The charter requires two meetings a month at 7:30 p.m. and most are on the first

and third Monday of each month, except for January, which will be Jan. 9 and 23; along with Tuesday, Feb. 21; Tuesday, June 20 (not meeting on Juneteenth); July 10 and 24; Tuesday, Sept. 5; and Nov. 13 and 27 to avoid Thanksgiving week.

- Heard Voigt say for the new year he has some suggestions, such as getting a grant writer for the city and an intelligent program for making repairs on the city's roads. "I don't think any big grants are coming our way," he said, adding if you go into the neighborhoods, every street has a spot or two or three that could be restored with some concrete, absent a special millage to come up with money. "We should start the new year along these lines";

- Heard Jones say this was his last meeting as a councilmember and it was his honor to serve; and

- Heard Mayor Conley say, in this last meeting of the year, she thinks of all the things that have been done in the city. She said Chief Robinson is very humble and the police keep everybody safe. She said the DPW is out in the night when the pipes break and they are appreciated. The city is getting into a "new normal," she said. She said she appreciates the police and fire and other employees who don't get a ton of recognition for what they do, along with those who help the officials to make decisions. "This truly is a beautiful community," she said, adding the council has high expectations of new employee Steve Jones.

VBT planners wrap up year's business in 4-1/2 hour meeting

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its last meeting of the year on Dec. 14, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission held three public hearings, recommended four special land uses, approved three preliminary site plans, approved zoning ordinance text amendments, gave input on Menards' plan that is going before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), and elected officers.

The meeting ended up being just a few minutes short of four and a half hours in length.

Another item on the agenda was removed for more information and will be on an upcoming agenda. That is Scott Jones' request on behalf of the Belleville Yacht Club to install two docks, each with a length not to exceed 120 feet, subject to approval by the State of Michigan. The township zoning ordinance limits the dock length to 40 feet.

Election of officers

Chairman Bryon Kelley, vice-chairman

Jeff Jahr, and secretary Medina Atchinson were all unanimously reelected. Jahr was reelected primary liaison to the BZA and Brian Cullin was elected secondary liaison to the BZA, which had been filled by Atchinson, who agreed to turn it over to him.

Brookwood senior housing

After a public hearing on Nov. 9, the commission heard additional information from engineering consultant Paul Kammer on the proposed Brookwood senior housing development planned for a 44.4-acre site on the north side of Tyler Road, east of Morton Taylor Road.

At the Nov. 9 public hearing and during discussion on Dec. 14, people who lived in the subdivisions adjoining this property had questions and concerns that trees might be removed behind their properties and that traffic on Tyler Road would be increased dramatically.

After discussion, the commission recommended to the township board approval of special land use for the 132

single-story, ranch-type, attached condos, each with its own garage. The developer Chris Garner said the site would have a clubhouse, pickleball court, and walking trails.

Yvonne Fletcher, a resident of Hickory Woods, said her back door faces the treeline. She said it looks like it's a done-deal, but she's opposed to it. She said she will have to sell her home.

The commission also approved the preliminary site plan for the project.

Plans call for a pump station to pump sewage under Tyler Road to the sewer line at the south end of the project, since the north part of the site is dedicated wetlands and EGLE will not allow a pipe through the wetlands. The township board would have to approve the pump station because it must be turned over to the municipality. Questions on maintenance costs were discussed.

Because the development will have just one entrance/exit because of the wetlands, the developer has planned a wide boulevard

from Tyler Road north with two lanes in each direction to allow for emergency vehicles.

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

After a public hearing at which nobody spoke, the commission recommended approval to the township board of proposed amendments on residential zoning regulations that had been discussed by the commission all year.

It modifies the requirement for at least 30% of all structures within a proposed residential plat or site condominium project to have the garage door oriented other than to the front of the lot and will allow modifications to restrictions on minimum separation distance between buildings in Planned Residential Developments (PRDs).

5m Van Buren LLC

After a public hearing during which nobody spoke, the commission recommended to the township board approval of special land use for 5M Van Buren LLC, which

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O P I N I O N S

LUKE 2: STORY OF CHRISTMAS

⁸ And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, "Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And, this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Thursday, an employee of the Van Buren Public Schools had a heart attack in the BHS office. At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Steve Jones said it was a good friend of his and he had the heart attack right in front of him. He said he was able to help save his life with paddles from the ADT on hand and others who were there to help. He said his friend is doing well.

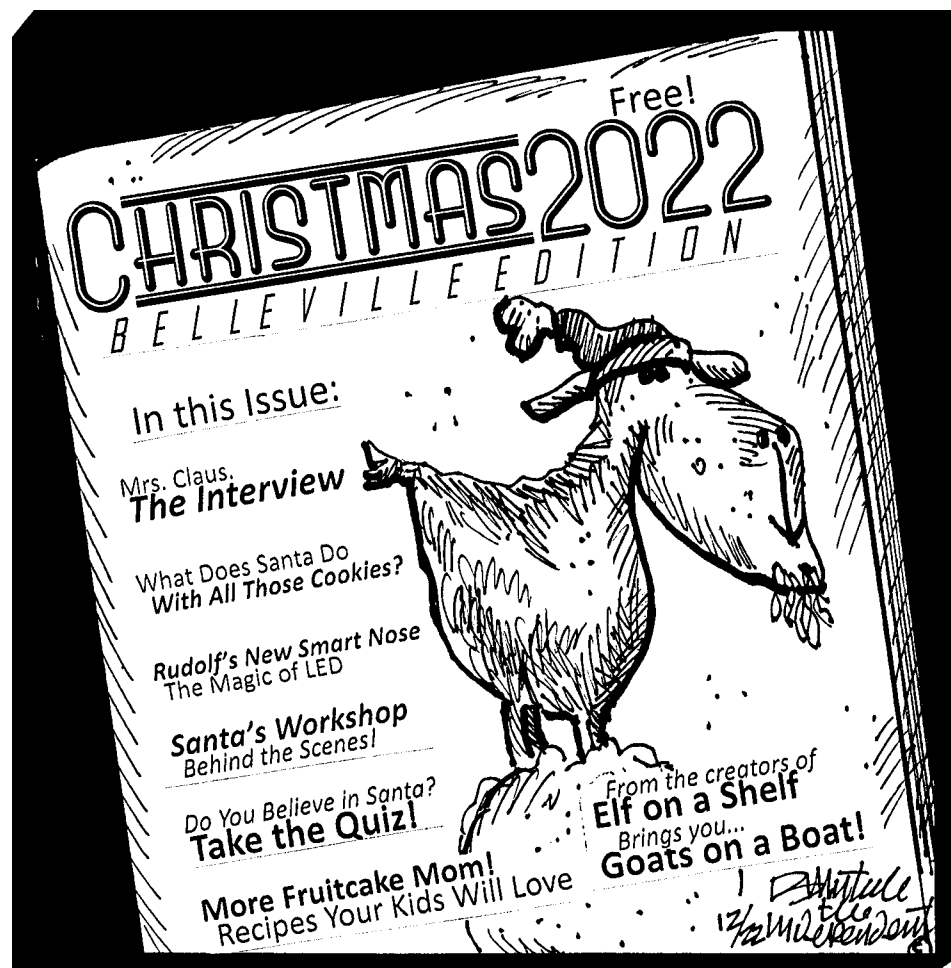
He urged people in the council audience to hug the ones you love regularly during this holiday season and beyond because life is fragile and friends could be gone within a flash.

Also at Monday's meeting, Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she is a Victoria Commons neighbor to the Adkins family who win an award every year for their house lighting. She said the neighbors call that display a "Blow-up Army" because in the morning all the inflatables are flat on the ground and in the evening they rise up.

Ronald Adkins said his family goes to Disney World every year and many of the inflatables are from there. This year, he said, the new, huge inflatables came from Amazon and Menards on-line. He said you really have to order fast because people buy them as soon as they are offered for sale. The big ones take 20 minutes to inflate, he said.

Bates also welcomed the father with four children who came to the meeting. The father said they live in Belleville and he wanted his children to see what local government was like. He said he is home-schooling them.

He also has an ongoing certificate of occupancy violation being prosecuted in



circuit court.

Rosann Kovach attended Monday's council meeting to accept her lighting award for her home on Second Street. She said she and her daughter moved there in September and she used to live just outside of Toledo. She asked the council if the city was going to put a dog park on the city property behind the house, as she had been told by neighbors.

She said she has nothing against a dog park, but her daughter has two dogs and they have a fence and there would be a lot of barking.

Mayor Conley told her the DDA has been talking about a community garden in that area, but there has been no talk about a dog park. Rosann said a garden would be nice. She said she loves the Belleville community.

The Belleville Central Business Community reports that local youngsters turned out in droves to have free pictures taken with Santa Claus at the Belleville Area District Library for the past two Saturdays.

The library is a very good neighbor. It agreed to have the CBC Santa event in the library when Van Buren Township closed the museum for several years. The CBC Santa for years was upstairs at the museum nestled among all the Christmas trees that were decorated. It gave a wonderful, holiday background for the event. The CBC did get to put up a tree next to Santa this year. The library also opened its arms to Animal

Magic when the show couldn't go on under the tent on the Fourth Street Square on Dec. 3 during Winterfest due to high wind gusts. The animals were welcomed into the library for two shows that day.

I was sorry to read the voucher list for the Dec. 20 meeting of the Van Buren Township board meeting. It carried the final payout for Lisa Lothringer's job with the DDA, along with a payment to her attorney. This must have been what the closed-door session was about for the DDA's special meeting on Dec. 6. That's the one where the attorney wouldn't tell me what the subject of the meeting was.

For years, Lisa was being trained to take over when Susan Ireland retired as DDA Executive Director. Now Susan apparently is retiring and the DDA is advertising for her replacement. Lisa is history.

I attend all the DDA meetings and Susan never announced her retirement publicly and Lisa was absent from the last few meetings, and her name was never mentioned. There was never any meeting where she could choose to have an open session to discuss the situation.

It's kind of like what happened to longtime employees at the senior center.



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Letters

My name is Catherine Dronsejko

To the editor:

In the most recent paper my name is spelled wrong on page 1. My last name is: Dronsejko

I never worked at Owen Intermediate. I worked at Savage Elementary for the past decade of my 20-year tenure in VBPS and supported my colleagues through the lawsuit in 2016-17 as their union representative.

Due to the multiple deaths in my family in the month of November, I was not given any help and had to retire on Dec. 2. My father died on Nov. 19 and I am very proud of our last name. It is unique to our family as there are no others in the USA with that last name.

This is the only reason I am emailing you about it as I am a private kind of person when it comes to things like this. If possible, I would like to see it spelled correctly to honor him. The fact that it has to be in the paper at all makes me sad (circumstances around it). Thank you very much for listening. I hope you have a wonderful holiday with friends and family.

Sincerely,

Catherine Dronsejko

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi

Editor's Note: We regret the error. We used the information from the board packet furnished to us by the school district. It was found to be incorrect.

Thank you, Secret Santa, for the special gift

To the editor and readers:

I hope that each and every one of you reads this letter that I have put in today's paper. If it does not bring tears to your eyes, that's OK.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, at about 3:30 p.m. I was shopping at the Rite Aid store on Rawsonville Road.

Another lady, younger than me with dark hair, was shopping on the same aisle I was. I saw something that I was interested in. It was a large metal tin with cookies in it and it was musical.

I picked one up and pressed the button on top and it started to play. The other lady

came over and wanted to see it. I told her it was a little more than I wanted to pay (or maybe did not need). She took it and left.

A short time later, we met again and she came up to me and handed me a Rite Aid bag, gave it to me and said, "Merry Christmas." I could hardly believe she was giving me that musical cookie tin of cookies.

I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart for such a wonderful gesture.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my Secret Santa.

Kathy Niemann
Belleville

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• Van Buren Township municipal offices will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Jan. 2, and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3. For those wishing to pay their property taxes with a 2022 date the treasurer's office will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30.

• Sumpter Township municipal offices will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23, through Monday, Jan. 2, and reopen on Jan. 3. The treasurer's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, for those wishing to pay their property taxes in the 2022 year.

The police and fire departments in all three municipalities will be on duty throughout the holidays, as usual.

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"

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Obituaries



Ronald Jeff Capelle

RONALD JEFF CAPELLE

(December 13, 1947 – December 12, 2022)

Ronald Jeff Capelle, Sumpter Township resident, passed away at his home on Monday, December 12, 2022, one day before his 75th birthday. He was born in Detroit, MI, son of Russell Joy & Gladys (Mullins) Capelle. He was a member of the Belleville High School Class of 1965. He was drafted and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He retired from Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Road plant, after 31 years of loyal service. He was a proud member of the U.A.W. Local #898 and the Veterans Administration. He enjoyed gardening, betting on horse races, auctions, and playing the guitar. He was a true family man and the very best grandpa!

Ron is survived by his wife of 50+ years, Robin Elizabeth (Holbrook) Capelle; two sons Ronald Joy (Christel) Capelle and Robert (Darlene) Capelle, all of Belleville, MI; 7 grandchildren: Ronald Jr., Gavin, Ryan, Jennifer, Jessica, John & Candice; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild on-the-way; three sisters: Wanda Barnes, Clara Van Coillie, and Charlene LaViolette; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Mr. Capelle was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Greg, Russell, and Roger "Tinker"; also a sister Joyce Addis.

Visitation was 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022 with a 1 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #4434 and would be appreciated.
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Linda Patrick

LINDA PATRICK

Linda "Little Loretta" Patrick, 68, of Carleton, Michigan, formerly of Belleville, passed away December 7, 2022. Linda was a long-time employee of the Van Buren bus garage as a bus aide. She was also known by many for her singing.

She leaves behind her daughters Tonya (Craig) Barton and Michelle Patrick; grandchildren Mariah Barton, Cheyenne Barton, and Wess Barton; brothers Kenny (Donna) Patrick, Lewis Patrick; sisters Glenna (Ronnie) Altmann, Mary (Patrick) Mitchell, Nancy (Thomas) Trzeciak; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Edmund and Maud Patrick, brother John "Bubby" Patrick, and sister Pauline Patrick.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.



Therese Ann "Terry"
Lusk

THERESE ANN LUSK

(November 24, 1934 – December 16, 2022)

Therese Ann "Terry" Lusk, age 88, of Berkley, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away late Friday, December 16, 2022, at Arden Courts, Bingham Farms, MI. She was born November 24, 1934, in Detroit, MI, daughter of William Gibbons. She graduated from Lincoln Park High School, class of 1952. She retired from Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, as the Accounting manager, after over 30 years of loyal service. She loved her family, supporting her husband and children, in all of their activities. She also loved to paint and was very gifted, and passed this on to her grandson.

Mrs. Lusk is survived by her daughter Denise Lusk of Casper, Wyoming; son Robert (Margaret) Lusk of Berkley, MI; three grandchildren Gwen White, Colleen Brosnahan-Lusk and Max Brosnahan-Lusk; three great-grandchildren Alexis Beaver, Lily White and Trenton White; sister Helen Nunzio; a sister-in-law Gloria Gibbons; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Borden Vernon "Bud" Lusk on February 23, 2016, also a brother Danny Gibbons.

Visitation will be 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2022 with a 7 p.m. Funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary's Children Family Center, 495 E. 14 Mile Road, Clawson, MI 48017 and would be appreciated.
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WILLIAM ROBERT BOUCHILLON

(August 2, 1949 – December 13, 2022)

Age 73, of London Township, MI. Belleville High School class of 1967. Retired from GM. Survived by wife Candice, 6 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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DAVID SCOTT FLETCHER

(April 26, 1977 – December 4, 2022)

Age 45. Survived by parents Jene and Linda Fletcher; sister Rebecca Fletcher, son Andrew Scott Fletcher, Sky Hubbard and Faith Hubbard. Memorial held Dec. 18 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Dec. 22** – JV Girls Basketball vs. John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity Boys Swim & Dive vs. Wayne, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Girls Basketball vs. John Glenn, 7 p.m.

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Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

VB T Plan

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wants to construct a roof and floor truss manufacturing facility at a 21.3-acre site at 5925 Beck Rd. Township ordinances require special land use approval since there will be an outdoor storage area for building equipment and supplies, as well as a 68,228 square foot building. This is owned by the Mans Lumber site on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township, which adjoins this site, and customers will go to Mans to order anything at the new site.

The commission also granted preliminary site plan approval for the project, with the stipulation that a sidewalk be put in front of the facility even though Beck Road is gravel and it will be a "sidewalk to nowhere" at this time.

Zippy Auto Wash

Bryan Suliman of Van Buren Township spoke at the public hearing on the Zippy Auto Wash proposal for 11650 Belleville Rd. He said his family has been washing cars in Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville for 35 years and this new car wash will impact his family's livelihood. He said the new car wash would be able to wash 100 to 125 cars an hour and Belleville Road is very busy and regularly backs up with traffic.

He voiced concern about the cars leaving the car wash through the shared driveway with the Urgent Care facility behind it. He said the Urgent Care is the only such facility in that part of the township and the drive to the medical facility could be blocked by users of the car wash.

Planning and Economic Development Director Dan Power said the owner of the both the car wash site and the Urgent Care is Night Hawk Properties and there is agreement for sharing of the drive for both businesses.

The owner of Zippy Auto Wash, Corey Weaver of Saline, said he and his wife Michelle have 10 other automatic car washes in the area. He said there will be two or three employees on site and two EV charging stations, among other amenities.

Menards' additional lane

Tyler Edwards, real estate representative of Menards Inc., is seeking a dimensional

variance to install an addition to the existing accessory drive-through canopy which is attached to the principal building. This would be within 15 feet of the side lot line and the ordinance requires a 25-foot side yard setback.

Edwards will be on the January BZA agenda and he asked the commission to comment on the request. He said now they are seeking to make it easier for people to order on-line and then drive in to pick up their orders. He said people can scan in with their cell phone, drive in and get the stuff, and then a guard at the date checks every outbound load. Commissioner Jahr said he understands that all Menards stores want to be consistent and they all will have three drives. He said he's OK with modifying the greenbelt for this, but there's a list of things he'll have to convince the BZA on before they will approve a variance.

Edwards was the last person on the agenda just before 10 p.m. He said he came from Eau Claire, WI, and has to get back to the

plane so they can get home before the snow that was coming to Wisconsin that night.

2023 meeting schedule

The commission also approved the 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule that generally is the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The commission also received the Augusta Township Master Plan that was distributed to the commission and seeks comments by Jan. 2.

The 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report was before them, but Director Power said he would update it to include everything through the end of the month and will bring it back to them for approval in January.

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Court Watching

Shannon Marie Gilbert

Brandon Henry Davis-Devine

Shannon Marie Gilbert of Westland and Brandon Henry Davis-Devine of Detroit, co-defendants, were arraigned by 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on Dec. 15. Probable cause conferences for the two are set for Dec. 28. Bond for each is \$15,000/10%.

Gilbert is charged with uttering and publishing on Dec. 12 in Van Buren Township. Davis-Devine is charged with uttering and publishing (possession of counterfeit notes with intent), uttering and publishing (possession of counterfeit state, bank, municipal bill), and one count of possession of counterfeiting tools.

Anthony Tavares Graham

Anthony Tavares Graham, 37, of Dearborn, was arraigned by Judge Oakley on Dec. 13 on a charge of larceny in a building in the city of Belleville on Dec. 10. He is scheduled for a probable cause conference on Dec. 21. Personal bond of \$3,000 was set and he must not be released without a GPS tether for location.

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Belleville City Councilwoman Kelly Bates, left, presented the city's award to the Morin family for the best lighting in the city's mobile home parks. They live at 77 Carmell.



Rosann Kovach accepts her holiday lighting award from Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt for the best lighting in Old Belleville/Remainder of the City. She lives at 155 Second St.



Ronald Adkins, left, and Slade Adkins accept their award for the best lighting in Victoria Commons from Councilman Steve Jones. They live at 461 Waterbury Ct.

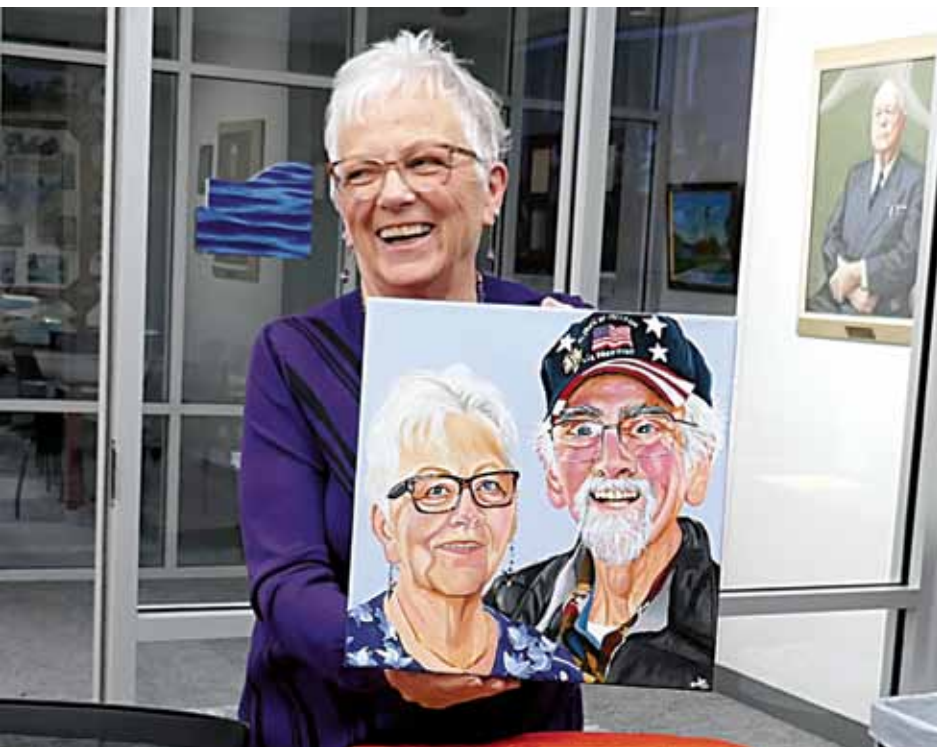


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Mary Jane Dawson showed off the painting of her and her husband Rick that was presented as a gift by the library board at her going-away party. The painting was done by library reference assistant Noelle Douglas.

Mary Jane Dawson retires from library board after 12 years

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Dec. 13 regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board was the last meeting for board vice-chairperson Mary Jane Dawson, who had been on the board since its beginning 12 years ago and worked for a district library long before that.

Dawson did not run for reelection in November and at the Jan. 10 regular board meeting Daniel Fleming will be sworn in for the seat she vacated.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, Dawson's husband Rick Dawson said he has attended only two library board meetings. He attended his wife's first meeting and now he was attending her last board meeting.

Before the regular meeting, board members held a reception for Dawson and she was presented with some gifts including two paintings by library reference assistant Noelle Douglas.

In her report to the board, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy had some comments about Dawson: "In speaking with Mary Jane the other week, I told her that it had truly not sunk in yet that she would be leaving the board. She has been here for all the major milestones of our district library and all of us will be standing on her shoulders for many years to come. MJ, thank you for all of your efforts, time, talent, and support over the past 12 years."

At the end of the meeting, Dawson said, "It has been an education, a trip, an exciting experience being on this board... Even if I'm just driving by, I can look at the library and say that was something we did for this community ... and it made a big difference to the community."

"Dan will be a wonderful addition to this board. He comes from good stock. I know his parents."

Board chairperson Sharon Peters said they talked to Dawson's husband about what to get her for a going-away gift and he said, "She loves the library."

So, in her bag of remembrances, they included a small painting of the library and a painting of Dawson and her husband, painted from a photograph in the library files.



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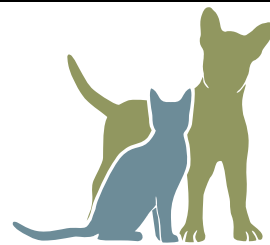
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A special shout out and THANK YOU! to Keystone Academy and Tyler Elementary School for conducting extremely generous and successful food drives for our families.

A "JOB WELL DONE" goes out to all of the volunteers who stepped up and eagerly and cheerfully donated their time and labor picking up and sorting food, shopping for and pre-bagging toys, and working on distribution day.

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The Patriot's Pen Award for first place in the essay contest at McBride Middle School on "A Pledge to Our Veterans" went to Natalie Hungerford of McBride Middle School. She earned a check for \$250 and advances to the district-level competition. From left are contest chairman Bob Krouse, Natalie's father Tom Hungerford, Natalie, mother Sara Hungerford, and Commander John Blackstone.



The Patriot's Pen Award for second place in the essay contest with the theme of "A Pledge to Our Veterans" at McBride Middle School went to Abrielle Taylor. He received a check for \$150. From left are contest chairman Bob Krouse, Abrielle Taylor, mother Cassidy Taylor, and Commander John Blackstone.

Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Merry Christmas



The Voice of Democracy first-place award in the audio essay contest "Why is the Veteran Important?" was presented to Micaya Cannon of Belleville High School. From left are contest chairman Bob Krouse, father Stephan Cannon, mother Courtney Cannon, Micaya Cannon, Commander John Blackstone, and Micaya's sisters Corissa and Victoria. She received a check for \$250 and will advance in competition to the district level.



The VFW Voice of Democracy second-place \$150 award in the audio essay contest "Why is the Veteran Important?" was presented to Kanira Gregory of Belleville High School. From left are contest chairman Bob Krouse, mother Yolanda Smith, Kanira, and Commander John Blackstone.

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District Library Board to consider how to observe Juneteenth

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19 as a new federal and state holiday, is being marked in several ways across the state and nation and the Belleville Area District Library Board discussed how the library should celebrate the holiday.

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and its celebration often broadly celebrates the African-American culture. Deriving its name from combining "June" and "nineteenth," it is celebrated on the

anniversary of General Order No. 3, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

At the library board's regular meeting Dec. 13, board chairperson Sharon Peters addressed the list of the 14 days in 2023 when the library will be closed, which are holidays plus one staff-training day.

She said she thought the board should discuss whether to close the library on June 19 or to keep the library open and celebrate that holiday.

Board member Joy Cichewicz, who is employed as a library director in Ypsilanti, said her library has a union staff, and it's a floating holiday like Martin Luther King Day, where the library remains open, but staff members get floating holidays. She said the community has programs.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said it would be respectful to close the library or it could stay open and have special programs to celebrate the holiday.

Board member John Juriga made a motion to close on June 19, but there was no second to the motion, so it died.

"I don't think it's disrespectful when we're open and have programs," Cichewicz said.

Chairperson Peters agreed with Director Suchy's suggestion to get a little more staff input on the question. Peters said the board will revisit the issue in a couple of months' time. She said they will decide so they have enough time before June 19 to let the public know what they are going to do. The board unanimously approved the list of closings as presented.

In other business at the one-hour-10-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the library board meeting dates for 2023 as presented. The board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month;

- Heard personnel committee chairperson Linda Priest announce that the annual evaluation of Director Suchy has been completed. The board members had filled out the evaluation forms and the results were of a high level and overwhelmingly positive. Priest said Suchy has "a warm and welcome relationship with users and staff." Priest said the personnel committee is not recommending a raise at this time because it wants to get the area salary report on library personnel for this year, which will be out in January or February. Peters said after the figures are in the likelihood is that the board will have the pay retroactive, since it goes by the calendar year. Suchy said she wants to make sure the staff wages are competitive and, "I don't want a raise until my staff gets a raise." Peters said there would be no board action now and the salary will be deferred until after the report is available;

- Discussed the policy committee's ongoing work on updating the "behavior of patrons" policy with the help of library attorney Anne Seurnyck and library staff. One issue is the "animals, service animals, and therapy animals" part of the policy. Board vice-chairperson and policy committee chairperson Mary Jane Dawson, who did not run for reelection and was attending her last meeting, said the animals'

part has to be honed down. Cichewicz said from her experience, the animal doesn't have to be marked in any way and you cannot ask what the disability is that causes the need for a therapy animal. She said if the animal is disrupting the public in the library, like urinating or defecating on the carpet, that could be a reason for removal. She said ponies are often therapy animals. Dawson said there would be another policy meeting this month and the board could get a policy update to consider at the next meeting, Jan. 10;

- Heard Peters say the art competition winners that are displayed in the library will be up until the student art show comes to the library. She said Dawson has agreed to continue serving on the Art Committee when she leaves the board;

- Discussed how to promote use of the Sumpter Media Center. It was suggested the building is set back from the road and isn't easily seen and the sign can't be read until the driver is right in front of the building. Dawson recalled in the beginning the library board wanted to name it the "Alan Bates/Bill Hamm Media Center" in honor of those late Sumpter officials who worked to make the center a reality. Peters said, "We tried and they told us to butt out";

- Heard Juriga report that according to his notes he had served 256 hours together with Dawson on the building committee, working with attorneys, architect, and construction people. There was no building committee report at the meeting because construction is complete, the first time there had been no report in years. Juriga also noted 52,000 people came to the library so far this fiscal year and they took out 108,215 items. The use of the library keeps growing, he said;

- Heard Suchy report that Winterfest Saturday was a very busy time at the library. In addition to the hot chocolate and cookies program and post-parade visit from Santa, they welcomed two performances by Animal Magic that were originally planned for the tent in 4th Street Square. Due to the strong winds that day, the Chamber of Commerce needed to find a

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Court Watching:**Darius Tucker faces jury trial on felonious assault with truck charges**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Darius Tucker, 26, of Ypsilanti was before Judge Martin on April 20 to face charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and felonious assault on Feb. 19, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

His preliminary exam was set for June 8. A condition of his bond stated he was not allowed to have any contact with the victim or a home on Sylvia Drive if it is the home of the victim. He posted his bond of \$5,000/10%.

His preliminary exam was held before Judge Martin on June 8 and the only witness to testify was Richard M. Baker, who said he was the manager of the mobile home community. He testified he was plowing snow on Feb. 19, 2021 and was shoveling the driveways where the plow had thrown the snow when he saw a car sideways to Sylvia from Rawsonville with a loud exhaust.

He said he thought the car was out of control, "but they were playing ... giving the gas to make themselves slide." He said the car hit a snowbank he made for the kids to play on and two kids ran away after he hit the snowbank. He said he asked the driver to get off the property and he identified defendant Tucker as the driver.

He said the grandmother of the two children who were playing on the hill came

out and she and the driver were screaming and hollering back and forth. She took a picture of his license plate and Baker said he called 911.

Baker testified Tucker jumped back in the car and back up 20 feet and "I thought he was leaving" but he went forward toward him at about 5 mph and then punched it, pushing Baker backward 30 feet with his hands on the hood of the vehicle. He said Tucker kept going faster and his feet started sliding out from under him and he threw himself off to the snowbank, "trying to save my life." He said he saved his shovel and dislocated his left shoulder.

After a round of dramatic cross-examination by defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt, Judge Martin bound Tucker over to circuit court for a June 22 arraignment on the information. She bound over counts two and three, but not count one – assault with intent to murder.

A calendar conference was set for Aug. 18 in circuit court and then a final conference on Sept. 26 adjourned to Oct. 6 and reset to Nov. 15. A jury trial is set for Jan. 24, 2023.

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Library Board

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new home for this program. The automatic library counter determined 1,200 came into the library that day;

- Learned the library has increased its loan periods on the wi-fi hot spots to two weeks and is currently allowing patrons to place holds on them;

- Learned the Roys Street sidewalk has yet to be poured and, depending on the weather, might not be able to be poured until spring. The concrete by the first-floor meeting room door has been sawcut and re-caulked. The faulty circuit for HVAC Rooftop Unit #3 is still on order. Also, an end panel that was pried loose from the stacks needs repair as well as a window blind in the meeting room that is stuck. The window blind is still under warranty; and

- Heard Barbara Miller report that the Belleville Area Council for the Arts has an agreement with John Monaghan, a retired film and theatre critic for *The Detroit Free Press*, who is putting together a series of classic films to be shown at the library. She said there will be three in the spring and three in the fall, including film discussions. Miller said Friends of the Belleville Area District Library have agreed to help BACA with the expense.

Bus offers rides to and from Mich. Ave., Ypsi., St Joe Hospital/Reichert

Peoples Express (PEX), a non-profit Whitmore Lake-based transportation company, announced that as of Dec. 1 its company has been serving the public in the Belleville area – and the rides are free

through January.

Joe Gause said the company recently was awarded a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority to start an inter-county route with scheduled stops at the Reichert Center complex at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Ypsilanti Transit Center. The route will continue via the Michigan Avenue corridor and Belleville Road to the Belleville Area District Library.

Service will be free to all clients through the month of January, Gause said. After that, tickets will be between \$3 and \$6 one way, depending upon if the rider wishes to just go from Belleville to Michigan Avenue, for \$3, or to the Washtenaw County destinations for \$6.

Seniors and those with disabilities will get half off the cost, making a ticket from Belleville to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital a \$3 ride, one way.

PEX will respond to advance requests that vary as much as one mile from Belleville Road and Michigan Avenue to

accommodate clients, Gause said.

The route will run every 90 minutes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gause said Sumpter Township is on board with the service and will be dropping people off at the library in Belleville and then picking them up there.

He said the buses are new vehicles, none less than two years old, that are ADA-equipped. The company has been in business for more than 20 years, he said.

For more information including destination times and to schedule a ride, call (877) 214-6073.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

Case 20-048: A request by Nicole and Robert Burke to begin a Day Care, Group Home use as defined per Section 2.102(A)(60)(b) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, at 45921 Chatsworth Drive (parcel ID number 83 061 01 0231 000). The parcel is zoned R-1B – Single Family Residential. Day Care, Group Home is a Special Land Use in the R-1B (Single Family Residential) District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 (Special Land Use Review) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Case 20-053: A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North, LLC on behalf of owner Frankel-Noddehs (Stuart Frankel Development Company), to rezone the parcel described as Parcel ID# 83 006 99 0004 000, from **R-1B – Single Family Residential District to M-1 – Light Industrial**. The parcel is located on the west side of Haggerty Road on the south side of Van Born Road.

Case 22-059: A request by Belleville Yacht Club for site plan review and special approval to construct a marina as defined under Section 3.120(B)(15) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, including two (2) dock structures, each containing a single dock stem with up to five (5) connecting docks. The project is proposed to be located in Township Lake Property adjacent to 831 East Huron River Drive (parcel ID number 83 088 99 0005 000), on the north side of East Huron River Drive between Loza Lane and Evelyn Court. The site is zoned Belleville Lake Shoreline District B - Non-Single Family Residential (BLB) and the adjacent upland parcel is zoned R-1C – Single Family Residential. Marinas are a use that require special approval in the BLB district, and the use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 3.120(F)(3) (Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts - Belleville Lake Shoreline District Approval Process) of the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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2:00 PM	2:40 PM	3:40 PM
3:50 PM	4:20 PM	
5:10 PM		

Keystone Academy in top 12% of schools in State of Michigan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Dec. 8 regular meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors, Principal Jorvonna Drain announced that Keystone had another honor.

She said previously she had shared how Keystone's M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) test results outperformed all the surrounding districts in the area.

"Now I want to communicate how our school ranked statewide since the MI School Index results were released last week from the Michigan Department of Education," Principal Drain said.

"On Michigan's School Index, Keystone scored in the top 12% of all schools in the state!" she said.

"Additionally, Keystone's proficiency index was in the top quartile and our growth index was in the top 3% of all schools statewide, which is the highest growth index score possible.

"I am extremely proud of our academic performance as we strive to achieve academic success for ALL!" Drain said.

"This is really, really good for us. This is really, really great for us," Drain told the board. She said besides that, the parent-satisfaction survey had high scores as did the

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The Thunder Over Michigan Air Show next Aug. 12-13 at Willow Run Airport will feature the F-22 Raptor Demo as one of their headlining acts as the U.S. military announces the schedules for the top demo teams that travel around the air show circuit each year. Unfortunately, the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels won't be performing in our backyard in 2023 so you'll have to travel a bit to see them. The Thunderbirds will be in Traverse City, July 1-2; Dayton, Ohio, July 22-23; Chicago, Aug. 19-20; and Cleveland, Sept. 2-4 in 2023. The closest stop for the Blue Angels next year is in Columbus, Ohio, June 17-18. In 2024, the Blue Angels have stops in Dayton, June 22-23; Traverse City, June 29-30; Chicago, Aug. 17-18; and Cleveland over Labor Day weekend. If the A-10 Thunderbolt Demo team is your favorite, then next summer head over to Muskegon, July 8-9. The Yankee Air Museum's flyable aircraft also will make the trip that weekend. The F-22

Demo Team also makes a stop at next year's Field of Flight Balloon Championships & Air Show in Battle Creek, July 1-4. The Thunderbirds have not released their schedule for 2024. To purchase tickets to Thunder Over Michigan, go to www.yankeearmuseum.org.

Faith Community Church in Belleville on East Huron River Drive is offering "Faithful Tutoring: Growth, Learning, and Gospel" programs for all Van Buren Public School elementary students, K-5th grade, on Tuesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 10, 2023. The fees are reasonable and include snacks. The programs will feature homework time, personalized help, and a little daily devotion. To learn more and to register, simply scan in the QR Code from their ad in today's paper or call (734) 697-

6704. The church is also collecting donated gently used children's books for their reading program for K-5.

Shannon Moore of Photography by Shannon on Main Street held her annual photo shoot for canines and photographed 104 dogs and 22 sea monkeys, according to her Facebook page, where you'll find 70-plus pictures of the pets. In all, Shannon raised \$3,700 with half of it going to The Buster Foundation in Van Buren Township and the other half to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township. The photo session was all animals and no humans, with one exception. About halfway through the photos, there's a photo of the sea monkeys in what appears to be an official sea monkey aquarium with magnifying circles along the glass walls to

make them big as they swim by. Too funny. On top was a sea monkey figurine wearing a Santa hat. Love my small town and its people. Merry Christmas.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 5, 2022 - 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	Absent
Council Member Jones	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- Proclamation – Belleville High School Football Championship

- Mayor Conley, Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt, and Council Member Jones presented Belleville High School Principal Nicole Crockett, and Athletic Director Joseph Brodie, with a proclamation congratulating the school's football team on their 2022 State Championship win.

B. Council Follow Up List

- Council Member Jones thanked Director of Public Services Rutherford and City Manager Robinson for their work on getting electrical service installed at 4th Street Place.

- Mike Renaud inquired about the alternative options being researched regarding the roads in the Harbour Pointe subdivision

C. Citizen comments on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Music in the Park

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones

approving the Music in the Park events for 2023, sponsored by BACA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Social District Permit Applications – Belleville Bait Shop & Rusted Crow

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones approving permit applications for the social district for both Belleville Bait Shop and Rusted Crow.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

C. Resolution #22-067 – Axon Taser Purchase for Police Department

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-067** authorizing the purchase of tasers from Axon for the Police Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D. Resolution #22-068 – Wayne County Annual Maintenance, Restoration, and Special Events Permit

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-068**, authorizing the annual maintenance, restoration, and special events permitting for the City through Wayne County

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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 #22-069** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson congratulated the Chamber of Commerce, and individuals who volunteered, on a successful Winter Fest. He noted that it was possibly the largest attendance of the event's parade to date.

- Stated that the Police Department has hired a new Police Officer, Timothy Stewart. His ceremonial swearing-in will take place at a later date.

- Announced that the City is now officially seeking donations for the repair of roads within Hillside Cemetery, as road funding received by the city is not permitted for use within the Cemetery. The cost to repair the roads will be approximately \$300,000, and the city would like to begin the work in the Spring. He also noted that one anonymous donation has already

been received.

- Recognized the staff of the City of Belleville for their hard work on accomplishing many tasks that needed completion.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Jones

- Thanked the Department of Public Services for their assistance with preparations for Winter Fest, as well as all of those who attended the event.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

- Thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.

- Congratulated the following Belleville High School football, cheer/pom, and bowling teams on their recent wins.

- Thanked Mayor Conley for her contributions toward the banner honoring the football team for their State Championship win.

- Noted that Winter Fest was phenomenal, and thanked the Belleville Public Safety members for their assistance during the event.

- Recognized John Juriga for his role of Grand Marshall of the Winter Fest parade.

- Stated that the viewing event for the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train at Firebird Foods was awesome and went late in to the evening.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley stated that this year's Winter Fest was one of the best to date, with a large crowd in attendance. She also noted that the volunteers were instrumental in the success of the event.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- John Juriga

- Stated he was impressed with the grade point averages of the BHS Football Team's players.

- Inquired about the status of the Denton Road Bridge closure/repairs.

- Brian Lorange

- Complimented the team responsible for the fireworks display at Winter Fest.

- Tom Fielder

- Noted that the event at Firebird Foods for viewing of the holiday Train was impressive.

- Thanked Steve Jones for all of his assistance with the Breakfast with Santa event at Winter Fest.

- Inquired if the possibility of making the Denton Road Bridge a covered bridge can be explored.

- Chris Zweng

- Reminded everyone that the Angel of Hope ceremony will be taking place at Hillside Cemetery tomorrow, December 6th.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022 – 5:45 pm

The special meeting of the City Council was held in-person in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

The special meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 5:45 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. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. City Council Interviews to Fill Vacancy

a. Applicant Jeremiah Beebe's interview began at 5:49 p.m. and concluded at 6:10 p.m.

b. Applicant Tom Fielder's interview began at 6:11 p.m. and concluded at 6:25 p.m.

c. Applicant Julie Kissel's interview began at 6:26 p.m. and concluded at 6:37 p.m.

c. Applicant Randy Priest's interview began at 6:38 p.m. and concluded at 6:49 p.m.

Following the interviews, Mayor Conley stated that the decision on who shall fill the vacancy will be available at the Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 19th.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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Keystone

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staff-satisfaction survey.

The school also received five Eagle awards in August from National Heritage Academies, the most awards won by a school of the 100 NHA schools throughout the country.

"This is one of those pinch-me moments,"

Drain said. "I feel very blessed."

Drain also presented the NWEA test results that showed fall achievement was at or above grade level for reading and math for the average achievement within the school, except for new students.

"If you stay at Keystone, over time your results will be high," said Shane Wilson, NHA representative.

The chart presented by Drain showed that

new students who stay at Keystone for three years are at grade level or above.

Board president Vesta Losen said she wasn't satisfied that they aren't testing for science and social studies.

"We are teaching as to Michigan standards," Drain said, noting that there are new science curricula that have been taught in grades 3-5 for two years and grades 6-8 for three years.

"It takes time to turn the scores around,"

Drain said. "We do test our kids for science and social studies and we're already improved."

President Losen said she was not referring only to NHA, but to schools in general.

Wilson said the government cares most about math and ELA and that's why they test it. He said social studies and science are important, as well.

He said he would look into more things NHA might be doing.

Board member Kim Kowalski asked where the new students are coming from and Drain said most are coming from Van Buren Public Schools, but now many are also coming from the Lincoln Consolidated School District.

"If a student stays for three years, there is a huge increase in learning," Wilson said. "It's just a matter of them sticking around."

Drain said the 3rd through 8th grade students recently finished taking ELA and math interim 1 tests and proficiency scores on both assessments increased from last year. She said teachers are using the data during workshops to address misconceptions and to extend learning.

In other business at the one-hour meeting, the board:

- Approved \$7,201 to pay for two soccer nets that were in the 2021-22 budget that weren't put in until the 2022-23 budget. The money is rolled over into the new budget. For the spring season, the soccer team will be able to practice with the nets on their own field;

- Was reminded a Board Development session will be held at 5 p.m., Jan. 12, with the board's attorney to discuss board responsibilities as board members. A second session will be set in February with the board's attorney and this time the principal and deans will be involved to talk about other background information;

- Approved the 2023-24 Prior Approval Checklist required by Bay Mills Community College, which granted the school charter to Keystone. All the answers to the checklist questions were no, meaning no changes are being planned at the school;

- Presented results of the Fall 2022 survey on employee satisfaction with a 88% response rate. Responses were: I feel a sense of belonging at my location, 91%; I have good opportunities to learn and grow, 90%; I feel physical safe, 98%; My location is focused on meeting our students' and families' needs, 90%; My location has a great culture, 93%; and I have confidence in my leadership team, 92%. All the scores were higher than the spring scores. Wilson said he sees a lot of scores because he goes to a lot of NHA meetings, and, "These are the best I've seen. Keystone is blowing it away. To say these scores are extremely high ... These are fantastic." He said the fall scores are usually lower than the spring scores because school is just restarting;

- Heard Drain say parents are being informed that their students may be retained because of reading scores. She said the school has to inform parents three times, starting in December and then in March and May before the final evaluation. She said the amount of retentions looks about the same as last year;

- Learned plans are being made for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. This class had been unable to take the usual fieldtrips over the last two years because of COVID; and

- Learned an anonymous donor gave \$2,100 in Meijer gift cards to the school for Christmas distribution. Drain said five students are being taken by Van Buren Township police to Shop with a Cop, and another group is sponsoring Christmas for ten children, anonymously.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold public hearings on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following requests:

1. **Case # 22-042- A dimensional variance** request by Tyler Edwards on behalf of Menard's, Inc. to install an addition to an existing accessory canopy, which is attached to the principal building, to within fifteen (15) feet of the side lot line. The project is proposed to be located at 10010 Belleville Road, located on the west side of Belleville Road between Westlake Circle and Tyler Road. The site has tax parcel ID # 83 061 99 0005 726 and is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District. This is contrary to the requirements of Section 3.112(E) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance as described below:
 - Required side yard setback: 25 feet
 - Existing side yard setback: 35 feet
 - Proposed side yard setback: 15 feet
 - Variance requested: 10 feet
2. **Case # 22-057- A dimensional variance** request by Bazo Construction on behalf of Meijer, Inc. for 9701 Belleville Road (Parcel ID# 83 058 99 0006 705) to install a combined total wall sign area of 628.77 square feet. The site is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District. This is contrary to Section 11.108(B) (Sign Regulations Applicable to the C, C-1, C-2, and FS Districts) as described below:
 - Allowable maximum wall sign area: 3 sq. ft. per linear ft. of building frontage, not to exceed 300 sq. ft. per business or 50% of the façade exclusive of window and door openings.
 - Existing total wall sign area of Meijer store and gasoline station: 266.07 square feet
 - Proposed total wall sign area of Meijer store and gasoline station: 628.77 square feet
 - Variance requested: 328.77 square feet
3. **Case # 22-059- A request for exception, modification, or appeal** by Belleville Yacht Club to install two (2) dock structures each with a length not to exceed 120 feet, subject to approval by the State of Michigan, in contrast to the requirements of Section 3.120(D)(5) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance which limits the dock length to 40 feet into Belleville Lake, measured perpendicularly from the shoreline, unless greater length is necessary to reach water with a depth of three feet. The subject site is Township Lake Property adjacent to 831 East Huron River Drive (parcel ID number 83 088 99 0005 000), on the north side of East Huron River Drive between Loza Lane and Evelyn Court. The site is zoned Belleville Lake Shoreline District B – Non-Single Family Residential (BLB). The request will be reviewed by the BZA per the requirements of Section 3.120(F)(7) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org by **January 9, 2023**. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 272 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Dec. 11:

0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
0108 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
0115 – 911 welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0253 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0257 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler Rd.
1040 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1227 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
1242 – intrusion alarm, Madison Dr.
1245 – unattended death, Lake Pointe Pass
1320 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
1337 – assist other dept., Hanover Dr.
1447 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1550 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1623 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1809 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.
1851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd.
1917 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1931 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
2314 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.

Monday, Dec. 12:

0013 – malicious destruction, Harmony Ln.
0031 – property check, Milton Dr.
0146 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tavistock Dr.
0654 – 911 welfare check, Birch Dr.
0756 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Huron River Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
0805 – larceny, Sugarbush
0810 – ordinance violation, Westlake
0839 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Hannan Rd.
0930 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1005 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville School
1227 – welfare check, McBride Ave.
1255 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1317 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1328 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1402 – mental subject, Sheldon Rd.
1503 – property damage accident, Bog Rd.
1523 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
1525 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1717 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1735 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1744 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1758 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1821 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1928 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1951 – animal complaint, Meadows Cir.
2214 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2308 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2315 – animal complaint, Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

0340 – welfare check, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0400 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0712 – domestic, Old Michigan Rd.
0854 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0949 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd./Bog Rd.
0958 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1107 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1202 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service/Oak Ln.
1314 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1333 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1358 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1500 – mental subject, Ecorse Rd.
1525 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.
1540 – missing person, Berkdale Dr.
1919 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
2017 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./W I-94
2018 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
2127 – missing person, N. Woodbury Dr.
2301 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
2331 – property check, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

0111 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0729 – property damage accident, Tyler/Walden
0842 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1102 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1143 – vehicle lock out, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1209 – malicious destruction of property, America
1255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Dr.
1323 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.

1422 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1450 – juvenile complaint, Greenbriar
1457 – welfare check, Meadows Cir.
1525 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1607 – property damage accident, McKinley St.
1637 – intrusion alarm, Stonebridge Dr.
1737 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1834 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1901 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1907 – threat, Hull Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 15:

0209 – intrusion alarm, Mitchell Dr.
0631 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0838 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0958 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1101 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1128 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1339 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1359 – found property/child, Tyler Rd./Belleville
1405 – welfare check, Robson Rd.
1430 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1451 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1606 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1713 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1729 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1802 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Belleville Rd.
1838 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
1840 – intrusion alarm, Tavistock Dr.
1932 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
2248 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
2300 – fraud, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
2302 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2301 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

Friday, Dec. 16:

0244 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.
0319 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.
0449 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
0656 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0720 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
0739 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.
0800 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0829 – assault & battery, McBride
0845 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0933 – welfare check, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse
1018 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1629 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr./Gilmore St.
1808 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1811 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd.
1908 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1948 – 911 welfare check, E. Schooner Dr.
2003 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2217 – civil matter, Savage Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 17:

0209 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
0253 – motorist assist, W. I-94/S. Belleville I-94 ramp W.
0324 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Belleville
0334 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0929 – breaking & entering, Sumpter Rd.
0950 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
1008 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.
1037 – civil matter, Savage Rd.
1059 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1211 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1243 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1324 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1406 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1515 – traffic offense, Ecorse/bypass
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1856 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2000 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2035 – PPO violation, Hamlin St.
2103 – disorderly, Coolidge St.
2201 – disorderly, Hull Rd.
2212 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
2314 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.

There were 100 traffic stops on this week's log, with 38 of them being on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 11:

0150 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty
0215 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1037 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1558 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1611 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.
1931 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Third St.
1944 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
2000 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2105 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2157 – traffic stop, Cork and Bottle
2237 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Monday, Dec. 12:

0012 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.
0515 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
0814 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1300 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1452 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Henry
1550 – weapons violation, Savage
2048 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

0434 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0649 – property damage accident, Main St.
1150 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1956 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
2237 – traffic stop, Five Points
2311 – assist citizen, Main St.
2318 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

0011 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
0244 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0416 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
0601 – traffic offense, Main St./Roys St.
0632 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0701 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0710 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
1629 – traffic stop, Light Tower Dr./Bay Pointe
1827 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2028 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2038 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2057 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2108 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2231 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Thursday, Dec. 15:

0053 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.
0206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1159 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
1640 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1651 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
1713 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pt
1808 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1828 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2014 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2031 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
2055 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2200 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2330 – traffic stop, Liberty/Fourth St.

Friday, Dec. 16:

0020 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
0122 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0814 – assault & battery, Belle Villa Blvd.
1048 – threat, Savage Rd.
1332 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.
1453 – harassment call, Main St.
1837 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2118 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Saturday, Dec. 17:

1128 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1403 – traffic stop, Bedell St.
1509 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1522 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Columbia Ave.
1536 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1607 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1703 – traffic stop, Robbe St./Madelon St.
1759 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.
1810 – traffic stop, W. Huron River/Harbour Pte.
1819 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1843 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
1952 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
2225 – family trouble, High St.
2248 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
2302 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2321 – breaking & entering, Henry St.

There were 48 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 11:

0149 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0213 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0556 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1026 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1601 – civil matter, Texas St.
1633 – assist other agency, Utah Ct.
1726 – assist other agency, Utah Ct.
1914 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1919 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2032 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2124 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
2241 – suspicious vehicle, Reed Ave./Fenster Ave.
2329 – warrant arrest, Reed St./Fenster St.

Monday, Dec. 12:

0311 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
0443 – civil mater, Knollwood Dr.
0659 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Arbor Ln.
0724 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0827 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
0913 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Mulberry
1031 – warrant arrest, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1139 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1158 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1322 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1505 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1734 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Carleton West Rd.
1740 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr./Butternut Dr.
1856 – suspicious circumstance, Harris/Haggerty
1946 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
2337 – assist other agency, Indiana St.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

0408 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0656 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0840 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Willis
0850 – public relations, Mulberry Dr.
0852 – follow-up investigation, Tamarack Dr.
0854 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
0923 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0934 – alarm, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1117 – public relations, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1139 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1217 – public relations, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1434 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1514 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1604 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
1658 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1741 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1956 – subpoena service, Mulberry Dr.
2202 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

0854 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1429 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
1515 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sumpter
1930 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis
2033 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2039 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
2138 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2149 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
2205 – warrant arrest, Willis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 15:

0221 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1125 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1236 – family trouble, Stonecrest Dr.
1431 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
2004 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2027 – recovered runaway juvenile, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2110 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2124 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
2145 – suspicious vehicle, Knollwood Dr.

Friday, Dec. 16:

0803 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0835 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0944 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1204 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1300 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1505 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1517 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1605 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Arkona
1946 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2208 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2248 – flee & elude police, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
2323 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Saturday, Dec. 17:

0025 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0033 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0105 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
0837 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1030 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1058 – suspicious person, Arizona St.
1146 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1319 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.
1338 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1404 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1407 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1601 – breaking & entering report, Idaho St.
1615 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1644 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1849 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1905 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2259 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are 192 patrol checks, 93 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

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Residential Solid Waste Services SURVEY

In July of 2023, Van Buren Township's agreement with Waste Management for free curbside pickup of **trash**, **recycling**, and **yard waste** expires. Under our current agreement, Waste Management will continue to pay the costs of disposal for **trash** and **yard waste**. The Township will be bidding out pickup.

We want to hear from YOU!

Scan the QR code to give us your feedback on your preferences and opinions about these services.



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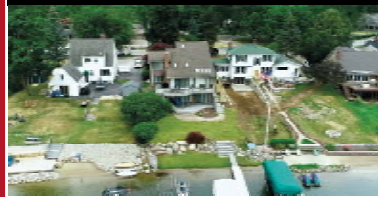
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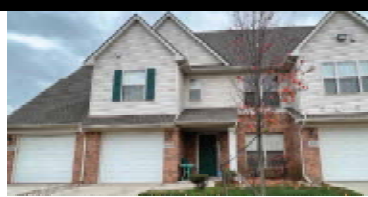
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