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City Council reorganizes after swearing in

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The former Belleville City Council, that included Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Fielder, was seated at a meeting table at the front of the Cozadd room at the Belleville Area District Library on Monday.

After roll call and comments from the outgoing mayor, the new city council was sworn in by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin and seated, as Conley and Fielder left the table.

A new roll call was held with the new council in place: Mayor Ken Voigt, reelected council members Kelly Bates and Jeremiah Beebe and new council members Julie Kissel and Randy Priest.

Then, the new police chief Kris Faull was sworn in and her husband Mark Schlund pinned on her new badge. She has been with the city police department for 24 years, she said.

After all the reorganization was completed, the council went on to its business.

The council:

- Elected council member Bates as new mayor pro-tem. She was nominated by councilwoman Kissel, with a second by Priest;
- Approved Mayor Voigt's appointments to boards and commissions. City manager Jason Smith was named to the Election Commission with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2025 and Mike Gatteri was named to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2026;
- Approved the 2024 city council meeting schedule;
- Approved a change to the signatory policy. The city had required two signatures on warrants issued and they were Mayor Conley, Mayor Voigt, and

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After the Winterfest parade on Saturday night came the fireworks over Belleville Lake from the Michigan Fireworks Club. Van Buren Township resident Jeff Jahr shares this picture.

VBT planners OK revised site plan for Hampton Manor

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At a special, one-hour meeting on Nov. 28, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission considered options for colors for brick, stone, and siding for the Hampton Manor project at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads.

After decisions on the colors were made, the commission voted unanimously to grant the amended site plan so the assisted living/memory care building could be completed.

Earlier this fall, it was found that the developers of Hampton Manor did not follow the site plan that was approved by the township. The developer came in with a site plan amendment, but the commission did not like the proposal since it wasn't like the original approved plan.

The commission rejected the proposed plan on Nov. 8 and asked the developer for changes that would be more like the original design of the building that was approved.

The blue siding that had been put on the building was pulled off and gables with metal roofs added to break up the expanse of the roof. Options for the horizonal siding were brought to the special meeting by architect John Costa. He explained that he had been the architect and set colors and materials, but they deviated.

He was alone to work everything out so they could get the amended site plant finish the outer part of the building, and get the waiting senior citizens into the assisted living/memory care space.

After all the details for the landscaping, fence, shape of the front columns, and additional sidewalks were included in the plan, it was presented as a whole and adopted.

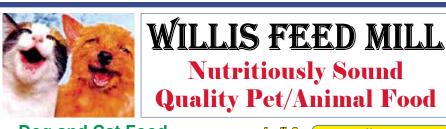
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Van Buren Township Trustee Kevin Martin and 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin, center, enjoy the VIP party at the Belleville Area Museum that opened after more than three years on Friday. With them is VBT Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Merrie Coburn, at right, and her husband, Andy Coburn. Trustee Martin said he can be quoted on how the renovated museum looks to him: "It's beautiful."



Van Buren Township Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud, left, and Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglein stop for a photo during the festivities at the reopened museum on Friday.



Van Buren Township Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter stops for a photo with her friend John Monia during Friday's VIP event at the museum.



In the museum restroom, behind the door, was a special wreath with the message, "All I Want for Christmas is You." The wreath is decorated with pictures of the museum cut out of the *Independent's* front pages. The pictures had a cutline that told readers exactly how long the museum has been closed to the public. The final figure was 1,368 days.



Mayor Ken Voigt is ceremonially sworn into office by 34th District Court Judge Lisa



34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin does the ceremonial swearing in of Julie Kissel and Randy Priest, first-time members of the city council.



Judge Lisa Martin swears in two members of the Belleville City Council who were appointed and then ran for election. From left is Jeremiah Beebe and Kelly Bates.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial

Belleville changes leadership with big party at library

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley stepped down from her position of city leadership on Monday and newly elected Mayor Ken Voigt took the gavel. But, it wasn't done quietly.

Monday's city council meeting was held in the Cozadd meeting room at the Belleville Area District Library, with cake and awards and family pictures and 34th District Judge Lisa Martin swearing in everybody.

The room was packed with people who came to support the newly elected, the reelected, the new police chief, the outgoing mayor and Councilman Tom Fielder, who was retiring -- again -- from public service. Mayor Voigt said Fielder had served 50 years and Conley had served 30 years. They know a lot of city history and why this or that was done.

In her farewell address, Conley noted there has been nearly 100% turnover in city administration in the last four years.

But Mayor Voigt has a good memory and he also has been around for a long time since his days as a Belleville police officer and memberships on committees and commissions and city council. He will have to keep the newer council members on track.

Although he has said he didn't want to be mayor, the deal was made four years ago, Conley said. She said he said if she wanted another four years as mayor, he wouldn't run against her then. She did and he didn't run. She said she decided not to run this year after Voigt announced his intention to run.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

On Nov. 30, Michigan became the first state to automatically register people to vote as they leave prison. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed into law House Bill 4983 requiring Michigan's secretary of state to coordinate with the Department of Corrections to register people upon their release from prison as part of an expansion of the state's automatic voter registration program.

Pete Pitzen wanted to announce that he has moved his display of free flags back from the street at 48 S. Biggs St. in the city of Belleville and up onto his porch. He said the snowplows would knock the flags over if he left it where it was.

He wanted people to know they can still get free, refurbished American flags by going up to his porch. Also, people can still leave their tattered American flags in the box on his porch and they will get disposed of properly.

Bernard, who delivers Independents, told us the story of what he experienced during last Wednesday's delivery. He picks his bundles up as soon as they are delivered from the printer at about 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

He said while he was delivering that he was behind an Amazon delivery truck that turned sharply on Savage Road in the city and a box fell out. The truck didn't stop, so Bernard picked it up and delivered it later, since it was on his way home to Sumpter.

Then, he went north into Van Buren Township and did his many deliveries there and came back through Belleville and saw the Amazon truck again. This time when it turned four packages fell out. He said he honked his horn and tried to get the truck to

stop, but it sped off.

He said a package was lodged under the truck's door, leaving a space where packages could fall out when he turned.

Bernard picked up the packages and they all had addresses in downtown Belleville, including the flower shop, so he delivered them, as well.

Someone asked him if he considered keeping the packages and he said he asked God, "Are these for me?" and God said, "No," so he delivered them.

I later talked to a woman whose husband works for Amazon and she said they have had problems with people flagging down their trucks and then robbing them of all the packages. She said the drivers have a policy of not stopping when people try to stop them.

That woman said she, also, found a package in the street with an address just down the block on North Liberty Street, so she delivered it as well.

Both outgoing and incoming Belleville City Council members at Monday's meeting, praised at length the Winterfest activities that just concluded the weekend before.

Assistant city manager Steve Jones, who is active with the Chamber of Commerce that put on the festival, said that the people lined up for the carriage rides around town and that's been a great addition to the festival over the past few years. Mayor Ken Voigt said he remembers in the '90s when Kerreen

Conley (now the outgoing mayor) worked to get carriage rides for festivals.

The old song goes, "Everything old is new again." Council members talked about the huge

crowd for the parade and all the activities for people of all ages.

Jones reminded them that in six to seven months it will be time for Lakefest.

When Councilman Beebe encouraged people at the end of Monday's large meeting to attend city council meetings to see how government works, Mayor Voigt

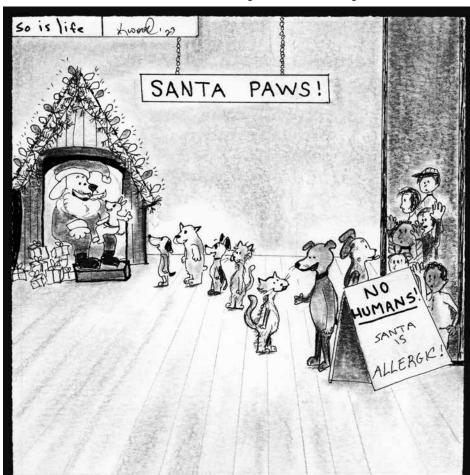
said council meetings usually had Building Official Rick Rutherford and Steve Jones in the audience.

When someone reminded him Rosemary from the Independent was always

there, Mayor Voigt said that she's always there and she's like a piece of furniture.

Outgoing Mayor Conley earlier in the meeting had graciously thanked the Independent for covering the meetings and letting the residents know what's going on.

A reader told us she got a call from CVS wanting her name and address. She hung up and then called the number on her caller ID back twice and it turned out to be a car dealership in Sterling Heights, MI. She's warning others about this scam.



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Letters

Museum grand opening was a wonderful event

Dear Editor:

The Grand Opening of the Belleville Museum held last Friday (Dec. 1, 2023) was a wonderful, delightful event, enjoyed by all who attended. Those in attendance can verify that the museum now offers an effective venue for its present holiday exhibit and for all future exhibits.

From its opening moments the inaugural Christmas holiday event was well planned. The guests were immediately greeted warmly and accommodated. We experienced the sight of innumerable and spectacular Christmas trees donated by businesses and organizations serving our community. The guests enjoyed abundant, delicious food provided by a local caterer.

The Van Buren Township teams that organized the event are a credit to the community including and especially Supervisor Kevin McNamara and our Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud and her energetic staff.

My thanks to all who put this event together and gave the time necessary for this successful community event. For representing our community so well, so successfully, I personally thank you.

Barbara Rogalle Miller

A Van Buren Resident

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Here's a new St. Jude prayer. You say it seven days in a row and be specific in what miracles you are asking for.

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near kinsman to Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor to those who invoke your prayer to you, I have come from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power, to come to my urgent and needed petition.

Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, three Glory B's. At this point ask St. Jude for your needed miracle. Now promise him to intercede by putting his prayer in print. It can be on the internet, newspaper, post card in the store, etc.

This prayer has come through for myself, family, and friends. I hope you try it and it comes through for you, too.

It really works.

It is wonderful.

P.M.



Things to do in the Belleville area...

• Thursday, Dec. 7 – Winter Concert for the Belleville High School Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Free admission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Sunday, Dec. 10 - "Home for the Holidays" concert by the Belleville Community Chorus is at 5 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles

• Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Winter Concert for the Belleville High School Concert Bands, 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Free

• Thursday, Dec. 14 - Winter Concert for Belleville High School Varsity and Symphony Bands, 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Free admission.

• Saturday, Dec. 16 - Pictures with Santa, noon to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Photos of special needs, 11:30 a.m. to noon. No charge, but donations accepted.

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Obituaries

<u>RICHARD DUANE HAYDEN</u>

Belleville Area Independent

(April 10, 1954 – November 29, 2023)

Age 69 of Romulus. Survived by wife Mary, sister Robin Church, and nieces Tiffany Miller and Tabetha Wait. Funeral service was Dec. 2 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



BRUCE HOLT WILSON

(October 4, 1946 – November 30, 2023)

Age 77, of Canton. Served in U.S. Navy. Survived by daughter Michelle Brooks, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and brothers Kit, Jamie, and Roger Wilson. Service was Dec. 6 at Brown Funeral Home.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 11 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Dec. 12 Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 14 Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.



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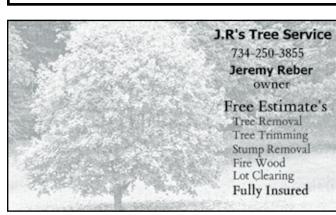
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Dwight C. Porterfield

DWIGHT C. PORTERFIELD

(May 1, 1948 – December 1, 2023)

Dwight "Whitey" Porterfield, age 75, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023, at home surrounded by family. He was born on May 1, 1948, in Ann Arbor, MI, to Clifford Dwight and Thursa Mary (Towler) Porterfield. He enlisted in the United States Army and fought in Vietnam.

Dwight had many pastimes including poker and golf. He loved to fish and would take a 3-week trip every year to fish in Canada. He belonged to the American Legion, the VFW, and the Moose. As a child he enjoyed playing little league and regular baseball, as well. He enjoyed life to the fullest!

He is survived by his siblings Diana Humphries of Ypsilanti, MI, Donna Rickett of Van Buren Twp., and Judy White of Van Buren Twp.; nieces Robin Owens and Jane Young; as well as many more nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, his nephew Clifford Baum, and his brother-in-law Riley White.

Visitation was Monday December 4, 2023 and the funeral service was Tuesday, December 5, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI, 48111, with Pastor Robert Baum officiating. Memorial contributions to St. Croix Hospice would be appreciated: St. Croix Hospice, 17177 N. Laurel Park Dr., Ste. 410, Livonia, MI 48152. www.davidcbrownfh.com

LARRY M. CAMILLERI

(November 12, 1957 - November 11, 2023) Age 65 of Belleville. Survived by wife Kay, five children, four grandchildren, and brother David. Full body donation to the Northern Michigan University Donation Program. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. www. davidcbrownfh.com

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JUDITH LOUIEBELLE FRUIT

(April 10, 1929 - November 28, 2023)

Judith L. Fruit age 94, died at home under hospice care with her family by her side. Born to Charles E.B. Payne and Lotta (Fischer) Payne in London, Ontario on April 10, 1929.

Judith, a longtime Belleville-area resident, was a member of the West Suburban Stamp Club. She loved her cats, and she enjoyed flea markets and going to garage sales where she would find cookbooks to add to her collection.

Judith is survived by her daughter Nancy Fruit of Belleville; son James Fruit of Belleville; and a granddaughter Lauren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, and beloved husband James Bernard Fruit in 2012.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Judith's Name. According to Judith's wishes, a cremation has been accorded by David C. Brown Funeral

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Jeffrey Allen Bracken

(June 26, 1958 – December 1, 2023)

Jeffrey Allen Bracken, age 65, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 1, 2023, with his family by his side. He was born on June 26, 1958, in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of Ronald A. Bracken and Mary (Burd) Bracken.

He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1976, where he wrestled. Jeff was an avid football fan and loved the Lions regardless of their history. In his younger years, Jeff enjoyed off-road four-wheeling and riding at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Jeff was a hi-lo driver for more than 20 years and retired from the Ford Sheldon Road Plant. For many years Jeff and his family enjoyed bi-annual summer trips to Texas to visit his loving family. Jeff spent many years supporting his son as his mechanic at local and national motocross tracks. Jeff and his family made many lasting friendships at the track. Jeff has had a passion for classic cars and loved driving his restored 1970 Ford Maverick to car cruises and the Belleville car show. When the new Ford Maverick truck came out he would say he had an original Maverick. Jeff's grandchildren were the light of his life. The thing he loved most was being a grandpa.

Mr. Bracken is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Laura D. (Hagerman) Bracken; daughter Amber (Jerry Brown) Bracken of Romulus, MI; son Josh (Kim Lamont) Bracken of Taylor, MI; his 5 grandchildren, Zackery and Alexander Hegedus, Cassius, Mackenzie, and Kaylee Bracken; his mother Mary (Burd) Bracken; one sibling Kevin Bracken; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father Ron Bracken and brother Rick Bracken.

A memorial and service are scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 12 p.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive Belleville, MI 48111.

www.davidcbrownfh.com



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Renee Hughes, a volunteer who manages the Hidden Treasures Gift Shop at Haggerty School, shows off some of the many hand-made items created by senior citizens. They are priced at reasonable costs to be sure other seniors can afford them. They are looking for customers to visit their shop.

Hidden Treasures Gift Shop offers hand-made gifts at low prices

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

You have to push the buzzer at the front door of Haggerty School to be let in and then you have to walk down and around the long school hallways to get to the Hidden Treasures Gift Shop.

But what you find at the gift shop is worth all the trouble. The shop fills a former schoolroom with mostly hand-made items that could make unique Christmas gifts.

Renee Hughes, volunteer gift shop manager and retired school teacher, said the seniors price their hand-made items reasonably so other seniors will be able to afford them.

The gift shop is part of the Van Buren Township Senior Center which has been displaced to a school as the township's new community center is being constructed. Hughes said they are told the seniors will be in the new community center back on the township campus in early 2024.

In the meantime they are enjoying Haggerty School, a former elementary school building loaned to them by the Van Buren Public Schools.

Hughes said the seniors pay \$5 a month for a shelf to hold what they have made to sell. One man takes photos, mats them, and frames them. Another makes colorful therapeutic rice pacs that

can be heated in the microwave. Those are \$10 each.

A 94-year-old lady keeps on sewing and has made a lot of Christmas decorations. She used to crochet nylon netting for people to use to scrub their dishes, but after a while that hurt her fingers, so she taught Hughes how to crochet the netting.

There are kitchen towels you can hang up to wipe your fingers on for \$6 and towel boas for \$12 each. The boa features two fingertip towels that are connected with a boa to hang around your neck and used as you cook.

Seniors have put together Christmas cards and packs of other cards that have been donated. There are 10 cards for a total of 50 cents. Or, you can buy cards for 10 cents each.

Hand-made greeting cards are \$2.

There is a small hand-made lap robe for \$10, with a larger size for \$12.

A whole wall is devoted to hand-carved, wooden cars at \$3 each. They were donated to the shop by the family of the man who carved them.

Haggerty School is at 13770 Haggerty Rd. between Savage Road and E. Huron River Drive. The gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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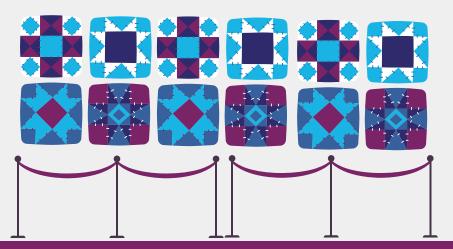




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At the end of the parade, Santa got out of his Sumpter Fire Department rig and officially came to town. Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley presented him with the Key to the City and then he went to the library where he met with children.



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- Most Enthusiastic Group Kids on
- Judge's Trophy First United Methodist
- Grand Marshal Award P&P Dance Centre





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Posing for a picture before the cake was cut on Monday were, from left, Police Chief Kris Faull, elected councilman Jeremiah Beebe, retiring councilman Tom Fielder, retiring Mayor Kerreen Conley, new Mayor Ken Voigt, newly elected councilwoman Julie Kissel, elected councilwoman Kelly Bates, and new councilman Randy Priest.

City Council

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City Clerk/Treasurer Briana Hootman. Since Mayor Conley's term has expired, the city has taken her off the list and added the city manager, project administrator, chief of police, fire department chief, and DPS supervisor as signatories as of Dec. 5. Mayor Voigt said this has been approved by the city's financial auditor;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$213,649.58 and the following departmental purchase in excess of \$500: to Vena's Nursery, \$4,000 for cutting/removal of tree in Hillside Cemetery on Nov. 20 due to storm damage, from DPW account. This price was \$2,500 less than other bids, noted Building Official Rick Rutherford;
- Removed from the agenda before the meeting a proclamation recognizing Belleville High School's 2023 football team on its outstanding accomplishments. This will be presented at an upcoming meeting. Officials from the school were unable to make this meeting, said city manager Jason

Smith;

- Heard city manager Smith announce that the South Street lights are back on. He said DTE had a glitch and had never assigned that electric bill to the city and billed it to a South Street and Wabash Street address. The bill got returned so DTE shut off the power. That has been rectified, he said;
- Heard Smith announce that nominating petitions to run for a seat on the charter commission is 4 p.m., April 23. Also, there are bids from Michigan and Texas for the internet project and the water read collector is still having problems. He said he hasn't heard back from other communities on their experiences with a WDIV skycam;
- Witnessed a representative from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office present a framed copy of the Congressional Record telling of former Mayor Conley's decades of work;
- Heard councilman Beebe invite the crowd to attend regular council meetings at city hall to see how government works. He said the city allows the public to have its fair share of comment time, not like other

communities. He said the speakers also get a real hearing from council members; and

• Heard Tyrone, a musician who is a blind city resident, say he needs rides. He said on his corner of Liberty Street he has a hard time crossing because he has to listen for cars. He said it's scary and usually he stands there until somebody takes him across. He said he thinks it might help if they put up a sign "Blind Person in Area" so people would watch out for him crossing. "I need a little help," he said. He also said if anyone needs any music to just let him know.

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Stopping for a picture with new Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull are some of her family members. From left are her father- and mother-in-law Mike and Linda Remus, her husband Mark Schlund, her son Lucas Schlund, Chief Faull, and her parents Doug and Laura Faull.





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Belleville's first female police chief, Kris Faull, stands after she was sworn in so her husband Mark Schlund can pin her new chief's badge on.







Photo courtesy of Elena Manhap, Van Buren Township Communications Julien Frazier, director of student services, left, and Debbie McWilliams, assistant to the school superintendent, right, attended the Nov. 28 meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club after the Rotary donated winter coats valued at \$4,500 for students in the Van Buren Public Schools. In the center is Rotary president Corinne Flynn, who presented a book, "The Joyful Book," to the library in their honor after the meeting.





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Van Buren Township Planning Commission members, Peter Creal, left, and Bernie Grant, right, consider the different colors for bricks, stones, and siding at the Hampton Manor building at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads. Presenting the options to the commission were, from left, Dan Power, director of planning and economic development; Hampton Manor architect John Costa; and Vidya Krishnan, township planning consultant.

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VBT Plan

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"I feel bad you basically have to do this," said commissioner Bernie Grant, noting Costa's original design was well done. Commissioner Grant is also an architect.

"I think you met all the requirements," Grant said. "... that building was violated by contractors.'

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the applicant made a costly mistake and it won't happen again for a long time. He said the commission should work with the applicant "who is trying to do the right thing." He said the colors before them were close to the original intent.

Jahr said the "half brick" proposed is not up to the full brick in quality, but the ordinance doesn't require full brick. He said the difference between face brick and full course brick is a durability issue.

Township Treasure Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said. "We shouldn't even be here tonight." She said at a previous meeting Costa's cohort made comments, "Like we weren't smart enough... and he could do just what he wanted to and we let it happen."

After more discussion, the commission approved Khaki Brown for the siding and cherry red brick. Black is already on the roof and shingles and stone is already in

After the vote was taken, commission chairman Brian Cullin said, "You have your amended site plan. Get your masons



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Clarification:

School Supt. Kudlak: Mother reported teen's consensual sex at school

In the Nov. 23 edition of the *Independent*, we reported that a mother came before the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Nov. 13 to say her daughter had been sexually accosted at school.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said that was incorrect and that the mother reported her daughter having consensual sex with another student under the stairwells. He said he recently met with the mother to determine ways to keep the two apart, and they did find a way. He said the mother reported that the teens had a lookout.

The mother gave the general impression it was a sexual assault, according to two witnesses at that meeting, who said the mother said it was seven times. But Supt. Kudlak said the mother reported it as consensual.

He said people are thinking that the school has sexual assaults when it doesn't.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 27, 2023 - 7:30 pm

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

B. Council Follow Up List

• Council Member Fielder inquired about the status of the Charter revision process. C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• Fire Chief Loranger announced that the Fire Department's new fire truck has arrived and is being stored at the station. He noted that the truck will not officially be in the possession of the department/city until the final payment has been made to the vendor.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates

Council Member Beebe Council Member Fielder Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt Mayor Conley

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on November 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates Council Member Beebe Council Member Fielder Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt Mayor Conley Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES A. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION A. Holiday Light Contest Discussion

· Council discussed and determined that judging for the contest will take place on December 7th and December 8th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and reminded contestants to make sure their lights are illuminated during that time.

• Winners of the contest will be announced at the December 18th Regular City Council Meeting.

B. Alan C. Young & Associates - Audit Engagement

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder approving the Audit Engagement Letter with Alan C. Young and associates confirming the city's understanding of the scope of work provided for the 2023 fiscal year financial audit, with fees not to exceed \$16,870, unless it is determined that additional auditing is required.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates Aye Council Member Beebe Aye Council Member Fielder Aye Mavor Pro-Tem Voigt Aye Mayor Conley Motion Carried.

C. Memo - Police Chief Appointment

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving the appointment of Acting Police Chief Kristin Faull to Chief of Police, as recommended by

City Manager Smith. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates Council Member Beebe Council Member Fielder Aye Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt Mayor Conley

Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS **PAYABLE** DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

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

Council Member Bates Ave Council Member Beebe Aye Council Member Fielder Aye Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt Mayor Conley Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Reminded everyone that the Winterfest parade will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, at 5:30 p.m., and invited city staff and Council Members to participate.

- Congratulated the Belleville High School Football Team on an awesome season, noting that the last game was a nail-biter.
- Thanked Acting Chief Faull and the Belleville Police Department for coordinating the escort of the BHS Football Team.
- · Congratulated Acting Chief Faull on her appointment to Chief of Police.
- Noted that he and Acting Chief Faull have been working on scouting recruits from various Police Academies in an effort to increase staffing within the
- Stated that a Request for Proposals for the city's IT services has been published and noted that four companies have already expressed an interest in
- · Stated that he the city has received a quote for repair/replacement of the roof at City Hall, noting that the job will need to go out for bid.
- · Provided an update on ongoing issues with the city's water read collector, stating that it has exceeded its life span and will likely need to be replaced. He added that he has reached out to various companies to gather purchase information, noting that the city may be looking at switching to a cellular encoder instead of the current radio-read system.
- · Provided an update to the Council regarding his work on creating an internal Personnel Policy. beginning with a Social Media Policy that has been initially dispersed to the city's Department Heads for their review and feedback.
- · Thanked Council Member Fielder and Mayor Conley for their service to the city, noting that he has enjoyed working with them.
- · Stated that he would like to review the city's Master Plan after the first of the year.
- · Stated that news station WDIV has requested to place a "SkyCam" camera on the city's water read radio tower, with the agreement currently in review by the city's legal counsel. Once any and all revisions to the tentative agreement have been made, it will be presented to the Council for approval.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- · Council Member Bates
- -- Noted that she will miss Mayor Conley and Council Member Fielder.
- Congratulated Acting Chief Faull on her appointment to Chief of Police.
- -- Asked DPS Supervisor Rutherford to provide a quick recap on the city's snow/ice and snow
- emergency policies. -- Stated she is looking forward to Winterfest.

- -- Noted that the University of Michigan played an awesome game against Ohio State this past Saturday, with U of M securing a win.
- · Council Member Fielder
- -- Stated he attended the most recent Wayne County Substance Abuse Disorder Board meeting, noting that they are reporting a decrease in the use of illicit drugs within the County, but added that alcohol is still the number one cause of residential treatment.

-- Said it has been an honor to serve on the City Council and thanked Mayor Conley for encouraging him to get involved many years ago.

- · Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
- -- Congratulated Acting Chief Faull on her appointment, noting that she was one of his trainees upon hiring in to the Department many years ago, adding that he had also interviewed her for the job.

-- Congratulated the Belleville High School Football Team on another great season.

- Council Member Beebe
- -- Had no comments, stating that everything has already been said.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- · Congratulated the Belleville High School Football Team, stating that there are many good kids on the team who represent the city well.
- Noted that Belleville has been her home for a long time, stating that it is a great community.
- · Congratulated Acting Chief Faull, adding that she appreciates the leadership of both Faull and Sergeant Todd Schrecengost, and additionally expressed her appreciation for the Police Department as a whole.
- · Stated that she can't wait to see the Fire Department's new truck.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

-- Announced that the Fire Department will be hosting their traditional dinner for the city's public safety members following the conclusion of the Winterfest parade, and invited the Council Members to attend.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman,

City Clerk/Treasurer Approved: 12/4/23

Posted: 12/5/23 Published: 12/7/23

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School Board approves \$1.5M in bond money for technology upgrades

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Nov. 27, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a bid of \$677,975 for structured cabling, A/V and security technology systems for McBride, Tyler and Savage schools and another \$790,270

for classroom A/V and PA systems for McBride and the four elementary schools.

Rob Kakoczki, consultant from Plante Moran Realpoint (formerly called Plante Moran Cresa), said the majority of the funding comes out of bond money, except for the Edgemont and Rawsonville PA systems. Those projects ended up being too much for the bond so those were moved to be paid for by the sinking fund.

Kakoczki said this basically wraps up the IT bond items for the district.

In other action at the Nov. 27 meeting, the school board:

- Received information on Bond Series III, which will be voted upon at the next meeting. Kakoczki said the bond sale will be in January and they will have cash in hand in February. Work at Savage and Tyler will begin June 7, the last day of school, and at McBride addition of the front office will start on spring break, March 25;
- Received information on bond asbestos abatement at Savage, Tyler, and McBride, with the bids to be acted on at the next meeting. Kakoczki said they opened four bids. Recommended bid totals are \$39,000 for Savage, \$28,000 for Tyler, and \$215,000 for McBride;
- Received information from Director of Plant Operations James Williams on bondwork security cameras at the high school. He said the west side of the building is complete. He said the tennis courts and administration building will take about \$60,000;

• Approved the 2024 Summer Tax Resolution which continues the practice of all the school taxes to be collected in the summer taxes for the five municipalities included in the district;

- Approved hiring Faith Miller as a teacher at McBride Middle School as of Nov. 14 and Tishanna Taylor-Dawson as a social worker at Edgemont as of Nov. 13;
- Approved the resignations of Tiera Mayes as a Edgemont paraprofessional as of Nov. 11 after one years of service and Elizabeth Patterson as a Rawsonville paraprofessional as of Nov. 17 after less than a year of service;
- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Taylor Smith as a paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center as of Oct. 24; Darlene Conner as a bus aide as of Nov. 10; Bryan Wallace as a paraprofessional at Edgemont as of Nov. 27; and Rachel Lemaster as a paraprofessional at Owen as of Nov. 27;
- · Heard resident Barbara Miller say that after the last school board meeting, people complained about not being able to hear and said it's like board members are just talking to each other. Miller said as she walked through the cafeteria she could hear the board members clearly, but when she got to where the meeting was being held, the sound was bad. She was told when they turn up the sound in their meeting area it causes reverberation through the microphones, so it has to be turned down. Miller also said names of the school board members need to be listed on the agenda. She noted the cameras and asked when the meetings are put out to the public and they used to be cablecast live. Supt. Pete Kudlak said they haven't been live in a long time. He said they hadn't had a specific time, as the content looped, but now it is 5-7 p.m., Monday through Friday on channel 12. She also said although at the top of the agenda it says the school board meeting is not a public meeting. "It is a public meeting," she stated;
- Also, heard Miller ask if Haggerty School is to be torn down after the Van Buren Township Senior Center leaves the building, as it is being said on Facebook. Supt. Kudlak said no decision has been made to tear down the school. Miller said the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is looking for a home. Kudlak said they could meet to discuss the subject; and
- Went into closed-door session to conduct Kudlak's periodic evaluation and to consier security planning to address existing threats or prevent potential threats to the safety of the students and staff. The board reconvened in regular session only to adjourn.

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Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority will hold informational meetings in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, otherwise known as the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act. At that time, an updated annual synopsis of activities of the authority will be shared. These meetings will be held at the office of the DOA, located at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. A remote participation link is provided below as well.

December 19, 2023 at 3:00 pm to 3:40 pm

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87910939708?pwd=nBzTvvNBwyfGxL7pAuASw9xFLeOBXu.1

Meeting ID: 879 | 093 9708 Passcode: 771965

AND/OR

December 21, 2023 at 10:00 am to 10:40am

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82671748859?pwd=V0hJjZPPplhLJMjBesP7nFvSDCuplW.1

Meeting ID: 826 7174 8859 Passcode: 452474

If you have questions, please contact the Van Buren DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn at (734) 699-8941 or mcoburn-dda@vanburen-mi.org.

Sincerely,

Merrie Coburn, VBT DDA

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Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 195 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following. Sunday, Nov. 26:

0044 – shooting, Lake Villa Dr.

0127 - welfare check, Belleville Rd.

0148 - assist other dept., Haggerty

0202 - traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

 $0220-welfare\ check,\ Michigan\ Ave./Denton\ Rd.$

0232 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0306 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0339 - intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1014 - welfare check, America

1040 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1111 - animal complaint, Hull Rd.

1048 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Adams

1153 - domestic, Park Estates Dr.

1153 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1254 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rock Creek Dr.

1313 - welfare check, Village Green Ln.

1519 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Belleville Rd.

1544 - property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse

1628 - animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2032 - assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

2046 - domestic, America

2117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Allen Ave./Ayres Ave.

2244 - 911 welfare check. Ecorse Rd.

2303 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 27:

0139 - suicidal person, Jackson St.

Xxxx - repossession, E. Archwood Dr. Xxxx - repossession, Heatherfield Blvd.

Xxxx – alarm intrusion, Rawsonville Rd.

Xxxx - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

0732 - animal complaint, Denton Rd.

0743 - civil matter, Ecorse Rd.

0843 - vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.

1013 - civil matter, Old Rawsonville Rd.

1057 - larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.

1222 - assist citizen, Vernon St.

1232 - misc. complaint, Monroe Ct.

1242 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1301 - intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.

1258 - animal complaint, Hannan/I-94 S. Service

1335 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse/N. I-275 ramp

1418 - property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1433 – intrusion alarm, Ashbury

1444 – trespassing, Van Born

1520 - weapons violation, Savage Rd./Lenmoore

1631 - traffic offense, N. I-94 Service/Jackson St. 1827 - domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.

2041 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Kirkridge Park Dr. 2052 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd. $2054-domestic,\,S.\,Ponderosa\,Trl.$

2127 - suicidal person, Denton Rd.

2229 - personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton

Taylor Rd. 2256 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N.

I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 28:

0119 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. Martz Rd.

0441 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./ Haggerty Rd.

0523 - intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd. 0712 - animal complaint, Burtrig St.

0510 - assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.

0518 - intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

0529 - motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron

0643 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

0711 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0744 - personal injury accident, Michigan Ave.

0802 - property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck 0901 - assist other dept., W. I-94/rest area

1025 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Amanda Dr.

1028 - leaving the scene of a property damage

accident, Bristol 1043 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

1113 - breaking & entering, Camden Rd.

1209 - property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Dr. / Haggerty Rd. 1229 - private property/property damage accident,

Huron River Dr./Hannan Rd. 1240 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1430 - malicious destruction of property, Parkwood

1600 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.

1648 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1700 - domestic, Belleville Rd.

1912 - sexual assault, Park Estates Dr.

1923 - parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.

- assist other dept., Reene Dr.

1922 - civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1942 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct. Wednesday, Nov. 29:

 $0037-noise\ complaint,\ S.\ Prairiegrass\ Ct.$ 0246 - property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

0713 - road hazard, Belleville Rd./Yost Rd.

0839 - larceny from auto, Village Green Ln. 1053 - 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.

1146 - welfare check Hamlin St.

1201 - parking complaint, Denton Rd. 1332 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1403 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1453 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1453 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1459 - road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.

1524 - civil matter, Fairfield Dr.

Xxxx - retail fraud, Belleville Rd. 1603 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1617 - mental subject, McBride Ave.

Xxxx - fraud, Buchanan St.

1942 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Elwell Rd.

2344 - mental subject, Packard Ct.

Thursday, Nov. 30:

0122 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Freeport Ct.

0656 - civil matter, Denton Rd.

0839 - private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1034 - larceny from auto, Belleville Rd. 1058 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1214 - threat, Belleville Rd.

1218 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.

1222 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, W. Huron River Dr.

1323 - abandoned auto, Zachary St.

1342 - private property impound, Independence

1338 - welfare check, Belleville Rd./Yost Rd. 1359 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1406 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Harmony Ln.

1518 - intrusion alarm, Birch Dr.

1530 - traffic offense, Pebblebrook Dr./Wildbrook

1544 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd. 2252 – assist fire dept., Hoeft Rd.

Friday, Dec. 1:

0027 - welfare check Belleville Rd.

0121 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

0216 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0744 - animal complaint, Stratford Dr. 0842 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.

0924 - road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ouirk Rd.

1226 - trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1229 - assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Ecorse

1246 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1445 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1455 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Outer Dr. 1513 - vehicle lockout Ash Dr.

1602 - fraud Belleville Rd.

1628 - welfare check, N. Cumberland Dr.

1647 - property damage accident, Quirk/Belleville

1705 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1709 - trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1741 - 911 welfare check, Sheldon Rd. 1801 – assault & battery, Park Estates Dr.

1908 - juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.

1855 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

 $Xxxx-private\ property/property\ damage\ accident,$

Rawsonville Rd.

1954 - larceny, Capitol Dr.

2003 - welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.

2057 - civil matter, Haggerty Rd.

2126 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daniel Dr.

2135 - civil matter, Denton Rd.

2202 - property damage accident, Hull Rd. 2207 - welfare check, Morton Taylor/Van Born

2244 - road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.

2339 - domestic, Denton Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

0528 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

0817 - private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

0830 - trespassing, Belleville Rd.

1022 - domestic, Sadie Ln. 1024 - civil matter, Sylvia Dr.

1106 - larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1135 - fraud, Chandler

1219 - private property impound, J&T Towing

1227 – family trouble, Lake Point Blvd. 1239 - civil matter, Tyler Rd.

1335 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd. 1450 - civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1536 - shooting, Dellor St.

Xxxx – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1732 - intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.

1907 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1953 - family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr. 2042 - vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.

2342 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. 2358 - road hazard, Ecorse/I-275

Also, on this week's log are 25 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 26:

0225 - property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.

1956 - traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

Park Dr.

Monday, Nov. 27: 0023 - traffic stop, South St./tracks

1531 - assist other dept., Victorian Ln.

1106 - abandoned auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.

1129 - private property impound, E. Columbia 1536 - weapons violation, Savage Rd./Lenmoore

Tuesday, Nov. 28: 1120 - malicious destruction of property, Menlo

1355 - traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.

1527 - traffic stop, Main St.

1533 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln. 1708 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave.

1739 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave. 2355 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 29: 0005 - intrusion alarm, Owen St.

0819 - traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. 0831 - traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.

0845 - traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave. 0910 - misc. complaint, Main St.

0913 - traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell 0918 - traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs

0937 - traffic offense, Angola/E. Huron River 1212 - traffic stop, Main St./First St. 1534 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.

1551 - neighbor trouble, Sumpter Rd. 1637 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1703 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave. 2121 - welfare check, N. Liberty St./Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 30: 1056 - misc. complaint, Main St.

Sumpter Rd.

1933 - traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty

1957 – 911 welfare check, San Carlos St. 2105 - threat, W. Columbia Ave.

1709 - welfare check, Madelon St.

2108 - juvenile complaint, Fourth St. Friday, Dec. 1:

0241 - traffic stop, Savage/RR tracks 0749 - traffic stop, Main St./Third St. 0855 - juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1229 - traffic offense, N. Liberty St.

1441 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.

1647 - family trouble, S. Biggs Ave.

1718 - traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.

2038 - traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

0953 - property damage accident, Main St./Third 1403 - traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron

1926 - threat, Main St.

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

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

0103 - mental health call, Magnolia Dr.

1148 - unauthorized driving away of auto, 21000

1404 - family trouble, Redwood Dr.

1517 - 911 hang up, Redwood Dr. A./Magnolia

1910 - suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln./Hampshire Monday, Nov. 27:

1548 - assist other agency, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd. 1557 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2015 - motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd. 2151 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 28:

0820 - mental health call, Country Club Blvd. 0822 - alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1200 - welfare check, Pecan St.

2049 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

2050 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2337 - fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd. Wednesday, Nov. 29:

0834-assist other agency, Second St.

1205 - suspicious person, Arizona St.

1149 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Harris

Martinsville Rd.

2342 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1127 – 911 hang up, Rustic West Ln. 1300 - suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl.

2136 - traffic stop, Third St./Charles St.

2350 - traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.

0035 - intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

0315 - traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

1424 - traffic stop, Bedell St./E. Huron River Dr.

Sunday, Nov. 26:

1721 - follow-up investigation, Redwood Dr.

0831 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Karr Rd. 1132 - fire dept. assist, Tulip Dr. 1132 - 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr.

1909 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

2313 - property damage accident, Willis/California 2354 - traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd. 0707 - suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1015 - mental health call, Mulberry Dr.

1200 - welfare check, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1302 - animal complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1904 - family trouble, Texas St.

2214 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 2237 - family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

1234 - citizen assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

1950 - civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.

0417 - disorderly person, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

1355 – suspicious person, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

0440 - family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1334 - damage to property, Carriage Ln.

Martinsville Rd. 0041 - suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl.

1623 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave. 1714 – civil matter, Colorado

0000 - noise complaint, Creekside Dr. 0542 - 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1813 - property damage accident, Willow Rd. /

2127 - suspicious person, Mulberry Dr. Thursday, Nov. 30:

Sherwood Rd.

2016 - 911 hang up, Arizona St.

0005 - fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.

1903 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2039 - welfare check, Rustic Ln.

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1755 - family trouble, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.

2043 - family trouble, Virginia St. Friday, Dec. 1:

1241 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1640 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1753 - fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1841 - suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

2207 - traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd.

2227 - family trouble, Colorado St.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

0508 - property damage accident, Harris/Sumpter

0831 - welfare check, Timberlane Dr.

0941 - 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.

0958 - harassment complaint, Judd Rd./Sumpter

1134 - welfare check, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1336 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1442 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

1551 - welfare check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1947 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

2029 - motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.

2127 - disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 2133 - suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

2140 - 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2147 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

2151 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.

2341 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.

Also, on this week's log are 232 patrol checks, 68 traffic stops, and 17 misc. details.

"If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging." - Will Rogers

City of Belleville Public Notice

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Holiday Decorating Contest



On December 7th and 8th, 2023, 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

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 15th, and presentations will be made at the December 18th City Council Meeting.

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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 12, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

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

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

> Leon Wright Van Buren Charter Township

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