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Belleville City Council honors BHS football team with proclamation

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, a bare quorum of the Belleville City Council was present to approve a proclamation congratulating the Belleville High School football team on its Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 football state championship title.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates was absent due to COVID and Amy Henry had resigned, so the three members left – Mayor Kerreen Conley, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt and Councilman Steve Jones – presented the proclamation.

BHS Athletic Director Joseph Brodie and BHS Principal Nicole Crockett accepted the honor. Brodie brought the trophies for two years to display, marking both this year's 2022 championship and the 2021 championship as well.

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt said it should also be noted that the school's Junior Varsity football team went 9-0 this season.

Brodie said he was proud to report that grades for all athletes at the high school had an average of 3.23 on a 4.0 scale. The varsity football team had a grade point average of 3.1, he said.

In other business at Monday's 34-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved Music in the Park for the 2023 season, which begins June 22 and continues for nine concerts on Thursday evenings at Horizon Park. John Juriga appeared on behalf of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to request approval. He said there are from 250 to 500 people there for each concert and, "It is quite an event." It has been going for 14 years, he said, noting it is organized by council members Jones and Voigt;

- Heard resident Mike Renaud point out that in looking at the council packet, he saw that Juriga had to put his driver's

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Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley presented the Key to the City to Santa after he was delivered to town behind a Belleville fire truck at the end of Saturday's Winterfest parade. From left are Co-Grand Marshals John Juriga and Harper Mathis, Mayor Conley, Santa, and Santa's helper.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday the Belleville City Council presented a proclamation honoring the Belleville High School football team's state championship. From left are Councilman Steve Jones, Mayor Kerreen Conley, BHS Athletic Director Joseph Brodie, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, and BHS Principal Nichole Crockett. On the council table behind them are the two trophies Brodie brought to show off at the meeting. They are for state championships in 2021 and 2022.

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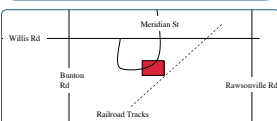
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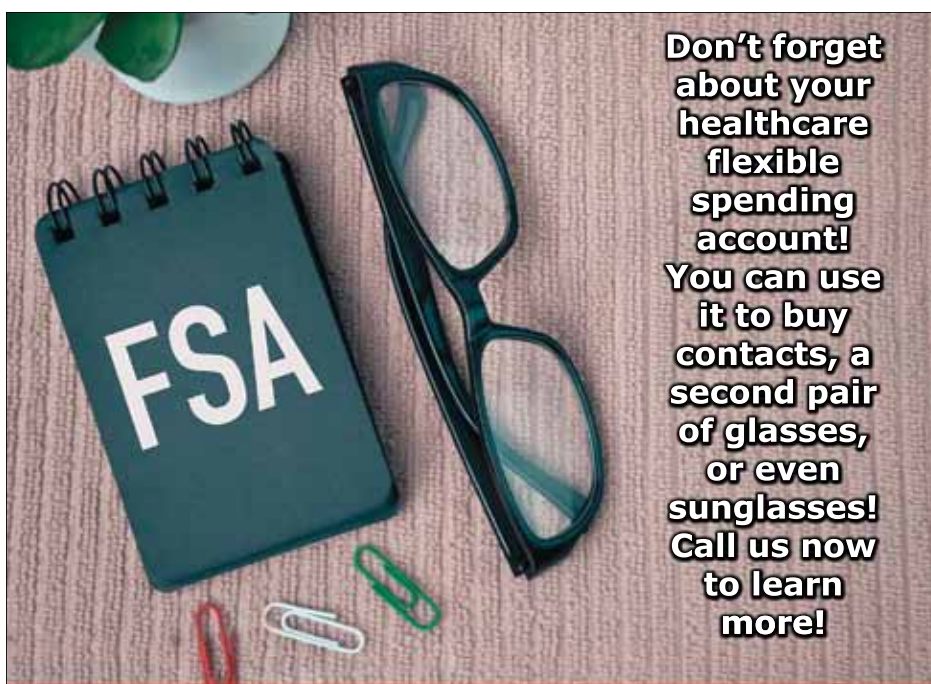
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City Council

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license number and date of birth on the application and Renaud thought that was an unnecessary breach of privacy since the packet is on the website. The council agreed to look into it;

- Passed a resolution to support social district permit applications to the state for Belleville Bait Shop and Rusted Crow on the Lake. The two bars in the new shopping center next to the bridge already have their liquor licenses, but to take advantage of the city's DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) they have to apply to the state with a resolution of support from the city. The owner of the Bait Shop said he hopes to get final inspections in the next 10 days so he can open and it is not the city holding him up, but him holding up the city. DORA permits will allow customers to get specially marked containers at the bars and walk throughout areas of the city as far as Third Street, to Horizon Park, and around the church and the library. Egan's Pub, Bayou Grill, and Johnny's on the Lake already have the DORA permits;

- Approved the purchase of Axon Enterprise Tasers for the police department at the quoted cost of \$20,941.20. City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said the department's tasers are now well past the end of life, guessing they are 10-12 years old and were not the correct tasers to order in the first place. He said they are not cheap and he budgeted \$16,000 for them and the cost is \$20,941.20 through Dec. 15. There is a five-year contract where the company will maintain and replace tasers as needed and then the city owns them. Juriga wanted to know if they could be pulled accidentally and Chief Robinson said the officers wear them on the other side of their bodies from their firearms. He said tasers are one of the less-lethal options. "We get trained and retrained on them," he said. The old ones will be destroyed or sent back to Axon;

- Approved a resolution approving the Wayne County Annual Maintenance, Restoration and Special Events permit package for 2023. This year the county put the three permits together in one document, so the city needs to only approve one resolution. This provides for water and sewer repairs, what is put on the county streets, temporary road blockage, and special events;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$86,214.42 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to CMP Distributors, \$619 for a bulletproof vest for the new police department hire; to Harold J. Love, PLLC, \$750 for the psych exam for new hire in the police department; to Mr. Muffler, \$1,565 for emergency repair of the DPW pickup truck; to Mueller, \$767.45 for water meters; and to

Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association, \$1,000 for the annual 2023 association dues for the fire department;

- Heard Councilman Jones thank City Manager/Police Chief Robinson and DPW Director Rick Rutherford for getting the electricity in place on Fourth Street Place for the week end of Winterfest. He thanked Rutherford and his crew for helping with the details of Winterfest and, "The whole city was great";

- Heard Renaud ask about options for the deteriorating roads in Harbour Pointe subdivision where he lives. He said there was a plan to get them done, but nothing happened. Rutherford said they applied for a grant and they didn't get it so they are looking at other options. Mayor Conley suggested going back to the residents to see if they changed their mind and would approve an assessment. "I'm still willing," said Mayor Conley, who also lives in that subdivision;

- Heard Robinson comment that Saturday's crowd was the largest crowd he's ever seen for a parade in Belleville. He said the little burn pits and barrels put up for the crowd helped keep them warm and was a nice touch. He said his new police officer Timothy Stewart has been sworn in and will come in to meet the council. He said the November election was very successful and went without issues, except minor ones that always seem to pop up. He said Osier Electric did a fantastic job with the boring people to get the electricity into the Fourth Street Place in time for Winterfest use. "To get this kind of cooperation is huge";

- Heard Voigt praise the Tiger football team and noted the mayor paid for the banner hung at Main and Denton. He praised the cheer team and pom-pom team for first place in competition, along with the boys' varsity bowling team and other teams at the high school. He said Winterfest was off the charts, there was a great parade, and everything went well. A lost child was reunited with his family quickly by the police and the Christmas train was welcomed on South Street at 12:06 a.m. Dec. 3 with a party featuring fire pits, DJ, Firebird Food, and a train that took 10 seconds to go by. "It's the most action on South Street ever," he said. He also congratulated Juriga for being the parade's Grand Marshal;

- Heard Mayor Conley say that this Winterfest was one of the best and the crowds were incredible, with people from the community coming out, even in the cold. She said the unique delivery of Santa this year was great; and

- Heard Juriga say as a retired educator he is really impressed with the announced grade point average for the football team. He asked when the Denton Road Bridge will be re-opened and Robinson said it will be two to three years because it is going to be totally rebuilt.



Photo courtesy of McBride Middle School

Heading to state competition at Macomb Community College this week end are members of the McBride Middle School's TERRORBYTES Robotic Team. From left in front are Andrew Warner, Justin Clark, Kaiden Tanana, Jordan Boykin, and Caleb Mootry. In back, from left, are Hailey Miron, Braeden Kosakowski, Marko Dau, Xavier Miah, Ryan Music, Alex Parisian, and Jeremiah Tyner. Not Pictured: Evan Yoakum and Londynn Jefferson. Coaches are Tim Miller and David Girard.

McBride Middle School Robotics team heading to state competition

The McBride Middle School FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics team has qualified for the FIRST in Michigan State Finals based on their performance and build of their robot at the FTC Qualifier event last weekend.

Team TERRORBYTES qualified based on achieving the Innovate Award for the design and operation of its robot.

The Innovate Award celebrates a team that thinks imaginatively and has the ingenuity, creativity, and inventiveness to make their designs come to life.

This judged award is given to the team that has an innovative and creative robot design solution to any specific component in the FIRST Tech Challenge game. Elements of this award include elegant design, robustness, and "out-of-the-box" thinking related to design.

In addition to achieving this award, Team TERRORBYTES finished its regular league season of competition in first place. The team competed in more than 30 matches and, in the spirit of "Co-opertition" and Gracious Professionalism, spent many hours not only competing, but also helping other teams build, program, and operate their robots.

This year's FTC game is Power Play. In this game, teams and their robots must pick up and place cones on junctions of varied highs across the field, with the primary objective of making a circuit from one side of the field to the other. This is performed through both autonomous and operator control of the robot.

Team coaches Tim Miller and David Girard are extremely proud of these students and are looking forward to competing and cooperating with the best teams in the state this Friday and Saturday (Dec. 9, 10) at the State Championship being held at Macomb Community College.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, with gameplay running until 6 p.m. and resuming on Saturday at 9 a.m. More details can be found at: <https://firstinmichigan.us/FTC/events/states-se/>

Chamber of Commerce announces Saturday's parade winners

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announced the float winner in Saturday's Winterfest lighted parade.

- "All Aglow: Best Use of Lights" award went to the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC).
- "Most Enthusiastic Participants on a Float" award went to P&P Dance.
- "Best Float with Children" went to American Heritage Girls.
- Grand Marshals' Award went to Faith Community Church.



OPINIONS

Editorial

City seeks help for road fix at Hillside

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson told the city council on Monday that he is actively seeking donations from those with loved ones in Hillside Cemetery to fix the roads there.

He said it has been estimated that it will cost \$300,000 to mill and repave the roads in the cemetery and this is badly needed.

Robinson said he already has one sizeable donation from someone who wishes to remain anonymous, but he needs other donations, as well.

He emphasized that no donation is too small and if someone wants to honor a loved one at Hillside he or she could make a donation.

"It's very vital we keep that cemetery solemn and clean," Robinson said, adding he'd like to get enough donations to be able to start the project in the spring.

He said they have been working with the trees there and helping in small ways, but this would be a big improvement.

Robinson said anyone can contact him at the police department for more information or to drop off a donation. Chief Robinson, who also is city manager, said he keeps his office at the police department because he wants to be somewhere where he knows what is going on.

Many of us have loved ones in the cemetery and we can consider a gift in their honor to keep their resting place in good condition. Some communities are not paying attention to their cemeteries. Belleville is.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train came through town just after midnight on Thursday-Friday, Dec. 1-2, and there was a party near the tracks on South Street featuring Firebird Food and dancing with DJ Anthony Richendollar on hand. The lighted train hadn't gone by in the last two years since COVID and so it was welcomed with festivities. It goes by pretty fast, though. Ten seconds, I was told.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office released its annual Giglio list, which names 74 police officers in Wayne County who have been accused of dishonesty. The names are provided by the chiefs of police. There were no officers named in the tri-community, but there were five Romulus officers accused of theft and all have been separated from the department.

The water was shut off between the BYC at 831 E. Huron River Dr. and Martinsville Road in Van Buren Township on Friday just after 6 p.m. There was a water line break and crews were working on the problem and a Nixle alert said the township didn't know how long it would take to fix it.

When I went by on Saturday night, on my way to the Winterfest parade, I saw evidence of digging and some ponds of water just west of Martinsville on the south side of E. Huron River Drive. The line break had been right next to the digging for the Iron Belle Trail along E. Huron River Drive.

It was a very nice parade on Saturday, although it is always hard for me to figure out who put together some of the floats

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since some of the signs are not lighted. And some units don't have signs. They started at 5:15 p.m., so there was some natural light at the beginning and the early floats were easily distinguished.

One of the most amazing units to go by was the "Belleville Goat Day" group that featured three goats on leashes more or less marching in the parade. The goats really didn't want to go the same way as the parade, but somehow it all worked out.

Because of an earlier rain, there was water in the street gutters and some of the candy that always gets thrown ended up in the water.

The more than 200 BHS Band members were great and aglow with lights wrapped around different parts of their bodies. They didn't seem to mind the cold wind.

Currently we have more toys donated to our collection for Toys for Tots than ever before. This is my son Jim's project and he is delighted at what has been donated so far. The boxes of toys are in the hallway in front of our offices. It's fun to see the many different toys and admire them.

A woman I know is struggling financially to keep her household together and care for her significant other's grandchildren, among caring for other people as well. She told me she brought a toy for our Toys for Tots collection. She explained that when she was little and her family was in need, she had Christmas because of Toys

for Tots. Later in life when she and her daughter were living in an apartment and her daughter was facing a lean Christmas, Toys for Tots helped again. She said she will never forget how much that group has done for her family.

Don Maurer, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who lives in Van Buren Township, received a free, new roof on Nov. 28, from Neighborhood Roofing of Ann Arbor, an Owens Corning Platinum Roofing Contractor, as part of the "Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project." Through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, Maurer was selected and approved as the recipient for the "Give Back" roof replacement.

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We were able to get a picture last week of the roof being replaced and publish it, but we didn't have room for the details of this great project, so here they are.



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The Media Center is open five days a week, you can call the main library for the hours, and they are also posted by the front door of the center. If you are in the area, stop by to say hello; you will find the employees friendly and very eager to help.

Randall Miller
Sumpter Township

Thank you to Milton's Pharmacy for food

To the editor:

A big thank you to Milton's Pharmacy located at 248 Main St. for holding a food drive for Thanksgiving. A large box of food donated from patrons was delivered to the Emergency Food Closet located at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. It is heartwarming to see our local businesses help feed the hungry in our community!

Marilyn Wood, coordinator
Emergency Food Closet
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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Dec. 8** – Annual Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library. The Grunyons Singing A Cappella. Fun for the whole family.

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

• **Saturday, Dec. 10** – Pictures with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Special needs people of all ages from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Free, but donations are welcome.

• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – Meet with Diane Sloan's reindeer at The Hair Station at 177 Main St. in Belleville from noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy some free cookies and take a selfie with a real reindeer.

• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – The Belleville Community Chorus presents its 16th annual holiday concert titled "JOY – HOPE – LOVE" at 3 p.m. at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville. Free, but donations are welcomed.

• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs its holiday concert at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults at the door, \$6 for seniors, students, children; \$30 per family.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 14** – Senior Cinema Luncheon at the Romulus Public Library at noon. Seniors 55+ invited to bring a lunch, watch a film. Sponsored in part by the Friends.

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Orman Henry Reynolds Jr.

ORMAN HENRY REYNOLDS, JR.
(January 5, 1934 – November 29, 2022)

Orman Henry Reynolds, Jr., age 88, resident of Van Buren Township all his life, passed away on November 29, 2022, at home surrounded by family. He was born on January 5, 1934, at home on the dairy farm to Orman Henry Reynolds, Sr., and Ruby T. (Houck) Reynolds. Orman attended high school through the 11th grade and began working on the farm. Later he worked for Van Buren Public Schools in the maintenance department. Orman was raised on the family farm and continued to enjoy farming. He loved his John Deeres and cars, especially the Dodge. He also enjoyed being in a BMW motorcycle club for many years, including taking long rides with his wife, Marion, to the upper peninsula on his motorcycle. Orman loved to snowmobile on his Arctic Cat and hunt and really enjoyed his four-legged friends, especially his dog Jake. Most of all he loved his family and was very proud of his grandchildren.

Orman is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marion Reynolds; his children James (Jennifer) Reynolds of Belleville, MI, and Dawn (Jennifer) Reynolds of Plymouth, MI; his grandchildren, Matt (Valerie) Hartman of Ohio, Noelle (Corey) LaBombarbe of Belleville, MI, Tayler (Jayden) Reynolds of Belleville, MI, Kassidi (Joe) Reynolds of Milan, MI; and his great-grandchildren, Mateo Hartman and Kollyns LaBombarbe; his fellow farmer friends, the Martins and the Langes; as well as many nieces, and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Sharon Hartman, and his sisters Bernadine Schaerer and Doreen Brady.

A visitation for Orman was Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. A funeral service was held on Friday, December 2, at 1 p.m. with a visitation an hour prior. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Donations to the Diabetes Foundation in memory of Orman would be appreciated.

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Husband and wife die in single-vehicle accident in Augusta Township

Husband and wife Terry Lee Petrowski, 67, and Lorraine Gail Petrowski, 66, of Sumpter Township died in a single-vehicle crash in Augusta Township around 3:23 p.m., Nov. 22.

The accident occurred on Willow Road near the intersection of Butler Road in Washtenaw County. According to police, their vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a culvert. Only one vehicle was involved in the crash.

It was investigated by Michigan State Police troopers from the Brighton post.

Terry Petrowski, who was driving the vehicle that crashed, had owned Big T Contracting in Sumpter for more than 30 years.

MARIETTA ANN (MASSEY) KERNER
(July 12, 1940 – December 2, 2022)

Marietta Ann (Massey) Kerner was born on July 12, 1940 in Bogota, IL. Her parents were Eldon Eugene Massey and Josephine Rauch Massey and she was the second youngest of their 8 children.

She passed away December 2, 2022 peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI surrounded by her family. She was 82.

Marietta grew up in Newton, IL and graduated from Newton High School in 1958. In high school she was part of the choir and drama club. After she graduated, she received her cosmetology license and opened her own beauty shop in Newton, IL. She was very proud to be a beautician and loved doing her daughters', granddaughters' and grandsons' hair when they were little.

She married the love of her life and fellow Newton resident, Leo Kerner, Jr. on January 5, 1963 and they celebrated 40 beautiful years together.

After their wedding, work and family brought them to Michigan and that is where they remained to build their life and family.

Marietta worked at Ford Motor company and proudly celebrated her 25 years there when retiring in 2002.

She loved being a member of the Moose, enjoyed being with her friends, hosting her family on the Holidays, and would always dance and sing the night away. She was a devout Catholic and was a long-standing member of St. Anthony's Church in Belleville, MI where she enjoyed singing in their choir.

Marietta is survived by her daughters Valerie (David) Lombardi and Keitha (Carl) Reinhackel, and fur baby Josie; 4 grandchildren Kassie Marie Guilloz, Kayla Ann (Tim) Ly, Travis Lee Reinhackel and Garrett John Guilloz; 2 brothers Keith Massey and Robert Massey; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leo Kerner, Jr.; her parents Eldon Eugene Massey and Josephine Rauch Massey; her siblings Patrick Massey, Rita Koontz, Max Massey, Jerry Massey and Carolyn Woods.

Marietta was loved by so many and over the years gained the nickname "Mama Mary". Her heart was the purest, she cared for everyone around her, especially her family and her smile was infectious. She will be deeply missed but always remembered and celebrated.

Marietta will rest at the old St. Peter's Cemetery in Newton, IL next to her beloved husband.

Her family welcomes you to her Celebration of Life on Saturday January 7, 2023 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. EDT. It will be held at the Moose Lodge at 5506 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Marietta's favorite charities, St. Jude's Children's Hospital of America and/or The Diabetes Association of America.

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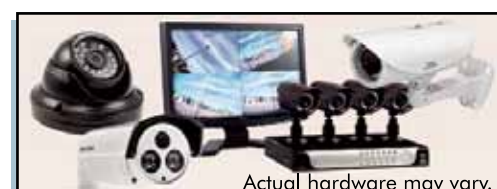
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Obituaries



Kenneth Thomas Mientkiewicz

KENNETH THOMAS MIENTKIEWICZ
(January 27, 1943 – December 3, 2022)

Kenneth Thomas Mientkiewicz, age 79, lifelong resident of Romulus, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2022 at Angela Hospice with family by his side. He was the son of the late Violet (Otter) and Frank Mientkiewicz.

Ken graduated from Romulus High School in 1961. He earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. He began his teaching and coaching career at Cherry Hill High School in 1966, transitioning to the position of High School Guidance Counselor later in his career. The Cherry Hill district merged with Wayne Westland Community Schools in the mid-'80s, which is where Ken retired from in 1998.

Ken loved sports. He played football and baseball in high school, played slow-pitch in summer recreation leagues as an adult, and coached varsity football and baseball at Cherry Hill High School. He avidly followed the Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings. You could often hear him "coaching" from the couch. Family was extremely important to Ken. He loved spending time with family at their summer house in Lake Isabella, and in Kalkaska, MI, where he enjoyed swimming, boating, fishing, etc.

As an active member of the community, Ken served on the Romulus School Board, Romulus

Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals, and joined the Romulus Rotary. As a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in New Boston, he served as a Parish Council Member, on the Endowment Fund Committee, and was Chairman of the Beer Tent for the Parish's Annual Polish Festival for many years. Ken also enjoyed collecting Coca-Cola Memorabilia.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Bonnie; their children, Ken Mientkiewicz Jr. of Chicago, IL, Jennifer (Tony) Stephey of Lambertville, MI, Kimberly (John) Gawel of Sycamore, IL, and Steven (Jodie) Mientkiewicz of West Bloomfield; two adoring granddaughters, Alyssa and Emma Mientkiewicz, and many nieces and nephews.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents, sister Patricia Beaudoin, and brother Norman Mientkiewicz.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday with a 7 p.m. Rosary and 12-7 p.m. Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston, MI 48164. Father John Hedges will serve as Celebrant. The family will greet guests from 10-11 a.m. at Church. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

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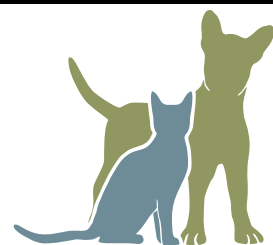


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Sumpter board votes 6-1 to approve contracting design proposal for park

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its Nov. 22 regular meeting the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, approved on a 6-1 vote, with Trustee Peggy Morgan voting no, the Hoppe Design proposal and agreement to prepare a design and master plan for the 81.92-acre Banotai Park/ Sherwood Pond at a cost of \$28,000.

Trustee Don LaPorte said he wanted the plans to associate numbers with it so the board would know how much the changes would cost. Wayde Hoppe said that was to be done.

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

- Removed from the agenda a proposal to assign the water billing clerk to the DPW Director effective Oct. 26, 2022;
- Approved opening the treasurer's office on Tuesday, Dec. 27, for the designated Winter Tax Collection Day, as required by law;
- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Vincent Warren to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy with a term to expire Sept. 23, 2023;
- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Joe Jackson to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire Jan. 13, 2024;
- Approved the 2023 meeting dates for the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and Sumpter Township Planning Commission,

with a new starting time of 6 p.m. for the commission;

• Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Board of Review members: Paul Armstrong, Helen Teall, Sandi Armstrong, with Vincent Warren and Karen Woodington as alternate members beginning Jan. 1 and expiring Dec. 31, 2024;

• Approved extending the part-time DPW seasonal employee an additional 90 days,

with union approval;

• Approved purchasing \$8,342.44 worth of water/sewer materials from Core & Main of Canton;

• Approved a contract with Advanced Underground Inspection of Westland for \$14,250 to video all the township's gravity sewer mains;

• Approved a resolution to approve Wayne County Annual Permits A-23044, A-23099, and A-23133, as required for

parades, repairs, and other activities;

• Approved estimated cost of \$18,667 to outfit two new Ford police interceptor utilities through Herkimer Radio Service of Monroe. The cars are due to arrive around the second week of January 2023. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the cars were approved last January and now a 12-week wait on equipment

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- Approved the purchase offer of \$95,000 for 14.62 acres on Martinsville Road from Clifton and Heidi Whitehouse. The parcel had been appraised at \$100,000 and \$5,000 was added for the real estate fee. Trustee Morgan asked why they are selling property now when the market is down and Oddy said this is 95% of the appraised

value which he thinks is good;

- Approved the new American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union agreement just signed by the union. Township attorney Rob Young apologized for bringing it to the board after the agenda was compiled, but the board voted to add it to the agenda. He said the changes from the last union agreement are small;

- Heard Township Manager Tony Burdick describe the annual holiday party for employees set for one-and-a-half hours on Dec. 15 in the community center gymnasium. He said the township will provide the meat and supplies and employees will bring dishes to pass for sides and dessert. He asked for donations from the board for the event;

- Heard, during the workshop session, Manager Burdick explain that the township festival and fairgrounds project is a big project and will provide multi uses for the community and could include tri-community involvement. He said it opens up a whole host of opportunities and will be done in several phases. He said it was not on that evening's agenda but will be on the Dec. 13 agenda. Burdick described the project as Supervisor Tim Bowman's vision. Wayne Hoppe of Hoppe Design was present to answer questions. Trustee LaPorte said his fear is that the projects are not being done in the proper order with "the cart in front of the horse." Bowman said the whole board is on this journey to upgrade the fairgrounds and Banotai Park. LaPorte said the township needs a township hall and it is spending money on parks. Bowman said the township is capable of bringing money in and resident Eric Partridge asked, "How is that?" Bowman told Partridge he doesn't have to discuss it with him and Partridge asked Bowman if he was going to pay his bill at Ace Hardware. Chief Luke admonished him for asking and Partridge said the workshop was the open part of the meeting where things are discussed. He was shut down by the chief and he left the meeting. LaPorte asked if they shouldn't be doing one project at a time and Bowman replied, "Not in my mind";

- Heard Trustee Oddy verbally attack Trustee Morgan for what he called "lies in

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the *Independent*” for her recent letter. She said, “I stand by what I wrote.” She was also criticized by Trustee Tim Rush who said, “This board should censure Trustee Morgan;”

- Heard resident Mary Ban welcome newly elected Treasurer Bart Patterson. This was his first meeting since his election. She thanked the board for the new chair provided for her that will help her knee. She asked why Van Buren Township got so much federal ARPA money and Oddy said Van Buren was in the middle of building a community center and its project was considered improving quality of life. She also asked about the museum and Bowman said he hasn’t had any word on plans for the museum. Ban said she was thankful this Thanksgiving for the U.S. Constitution and freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion;

- Heard Trustee Rush say the Council of Western Wayne is meeting Dec. 2 and will have various problems with Wayne County on its agenda; and

- Heard resident Sharon Pokerwinski report the county cleaned out the drain on her road but ended at their house. She complained about the young drivers who travel like “a bat out of hell” past her home and recently tied cans on their car and drove by at two o’clock in the morning. She asked if the township is closing the gates of Banotai Park for the winter and heard Rush reply they aren’t because police want access to the park.

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Christmas service will be at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, and there will be no service on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The end-of-year or watch service will be from 7 to about 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 and the New Year service will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1.

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- Thursday, Dec. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 12 – Belleville City Council special meeting to publicly interview candidates to fill vacant council seat, 5:45 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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Country Christmas at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Boston, is this Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. A lunch will be available, a chance to meet Santa, along with games, crafts, and cookie decorating. Save room for a chili cookoff, as well. Call (734) 753-9048.

This Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. is unofficially bring your reindeer to work day for Diane Sloan, owner of The Hair Station on Main Street as she will have one of her famous reindeers in her parking lot for meet and greets, selfies, and to enjoy some free cookies. I've heard of take your mutt to work day, along with bring your son or daughter to work, too, but a reindeer is a first for me. What a cool idea. Love my small town.

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The Bake Shoppe on Savage Road at Bemis will be taking Christmas orders through Sunday, Dec. 18, featuring pies, strudel, pastries, Angel Wings, cheesecakes, breads, rolls, Christmas cookies, donuts, and cakes for any occasion. They'll be closing at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and reopening Jan. 24. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-2236.

A Drive-thru Kids' Christmas Party for Sumpter Township residents only will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the back door of Sumpter Township Hall. A signup sheet for kids is available at the Supervisor's office. Deadline to register is Dec. 9. Call (734) 461-6201.

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Inkster man killed in three-vehicle accident on Rawsonville Road

On Sunday, Dec. 4, at about 1:40 p.m., personnel from the Van Buren Township police and fire departments were dispatched to the area of Rawsonville Road south of Huron River Drive on a report of an injury traffic crash.

According to a news release, once they arrived, they determined three vehicles were involved in a crash. One driver, a 35-year-old male from Sumpter Township, suffered minor injuries.

The second driver, a 47-year-old male from Ypsilanti, was uninjured.

The third driver, a 53-year-old male from Inkster, was pronounced dead at the scene

by Huron Valley Ambulance personnel.

Police say the preliminary investigation shows that a vehicle was heading south on Rawsonville Road when it crossed the center line striking a northbound vehicle head-on.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information or who may have witnessed this incident is asked to contact Sgt. Jeff Stanton, (734) 699-8930.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 10 am**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact; and
- 2) Poverty exemptions.

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

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 23, 2022

Publish: December 01, 2022
December 08, 2022



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE 2022 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be conducting the 2022 December Board of Review and will convene in the Belleville City Hall at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 13, 2022 between 10:30 am and 11:00 am

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 21, 2022 - 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- None

B. Council Follow Up List

- Council Member Bates inquired if there were any updates regarding Wheels for Independence

C. Citizen comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Christ Zweng asked if there were any updates on the selected artwork for the DIA installation

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- None.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-066** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson stated he has received a sign-up sheet for Winter Fest volunteers.

- Believes there is a good collaboration taking place between the City, the Chamber of Commerce, and the CBC, among others.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates

-- Asked Director of Public Services Rutherford to remind everyone of the City's ice and snow policy.

-- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

- Council Member Jones

-- Reminded everyone that Belleville High School's football team would be playing in the State Championship game at Ford Field on Saturday, November 26th at 1 p.m.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Congratulated the BHS football team on another great season.

- Encouraged everyone to line up along Main St. at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 26th to cheer on the BHS football team as they return from the State Championship game.

- Stated that the recent Belleville Area Museum meeting went well.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Garrett Kissell

• Stated that the Fire Department has been completing renovations on the training room at the Fire Hall and will begin offering CPR/First Aid/AED training to the public in January.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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Keystone Academy board reports on recent NHA symposium

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Three members of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors gave their impressions of the recent National Heritage Academies' annual symposium they recently attended.

Board members Kim Kowalski and Christine Mihaly, who were sworn in in August, and Steven Harsant, who has been on the board for more than two years and now serves as vice president, said they were very impressed with the information offered.

Board president Vesta Losen asked the

newer board members to speak about the symposium since two of them had never been to one before.

Kowalski said her children had been through Keystone and she knew the school from a parent's point of view, but the NHA information was new and interesting to her. She said she had been to a lot of symposiums, but this one was stimulating and made her want to go out and do something.

Mihaly said NHA excited her. She said she was wondering what she would do when she retires from her current position and

now she is interested in getting involved with NHA.

She said when her children first came to Keystone she was interested in the school because of the expectation for education for her children. The NHA symposium helped her to understand the other side. She was impressed that everyone who spoke had the same goals and said the same things.

Harsant said he especially enjoyed listening to the CEO of the company, J.C. Huizenga, and hearing his commitment to charter schools.

Huizinga owns many companies and Harsant said he was surprised that Huizinga listed each one in his talk. Huizinga said he could sell any of them, but not NHA, which he'll hold on to until the end.

"This means something to me," he said of the charter schools.

In discussion later in the meeting, Harsant said he thought high-achieving students need something to stimulate them. He said a friend said he is sending his kids to the Van Buren schools because they have gifted and talented programs and an honors program.

Principal Jorvonna Drain said Keystone has advanced classes for students and, "Our curriculum is very, very rigorous."

Kowalski and Mihaly said when students graduate from Keystone and go on to high school in Van Buren they are automatically put into the honors English class because they have already read many of the books required in the regular English classes.

"We have been reluctant to brag," said NHA representative Andrew Roth. "We should start bragging a little more."

"It's not a matter of boasting. Scores are scores," said Harsant.

President Losen pointed out that scores of 50% proficient are better than others, but still aren't good enough.

The board approved setting enrollment for the 2023-24 school year at 768, which was the set enrollment for this school year. Current enrollment is 625. The school has a maximum enrollment of 804, grades Y5 through 8.

Roth said when he was first assigned to Keystone in 2019 there was a waiting list. Since COVID there has been no waiting list.

He said a count of 690 kids are projected after the Feb. 15 student count and will bring \$6.1 million to \$6.2 million at \$9,100 for each student. The first count day was Oct. 4.

"We hope to get the kids back," Roth said.

The board also approved the amended budget for the school year.

Roth said revenue is down because the enrollment is down and NHA is filling a \$300,000 hole. He said there are no layoffs for this and also there were no layoffs during COVID.

Roth said there is talk of "missing kids" that don't show up at any schools and, "Some kids are just missing nationwide."

Principal Drain said NHA schools in Canton and Plymouth have increased enrollments. She said there is talk that birthrates are down.

Roth said parents are shopping around and are going in and out of schools.

Losen said there are about a dozen NHA schools within driving distance and parents are applying to all of them to see where they can get in. It gets complicated, she said.

"School-age kids are down in Michigan," Losen said.

In other business at the Nov. 10 meeting, the board:

- Heard Principal Drain report the percent of free and reduced lunch students is up from 46% last year to 50% this year. Van Buren Public Schools have 56% reduced lunch students;

- Was informed Keystone won the Best Youth Organization scarecrow award in the contest put on by the City of Belleville. The scarecrow was made by 20 students in Miss Karpinski's art club; and

- Learned there now are two staff vacancies: a 7/8 science teacher and a social worker.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 300 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 27:

0017 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
0042 – hospice death, Morton Taylor Rd.
0207 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0427 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0740 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0807 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1033 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1136 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1211 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1225 – harassment call, Birch Dr.
1237 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1257 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1449 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1656 – welfare check, Arthur St.
1709 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1744 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler
1803 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2048 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
2238 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
2321 – intrusion alarm, Camden Rd.

Monday, Nov. 28:

0108 – welfare check, Vernon St.
0154 – noise complaint, Winchester St.
0337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake
0357 – property check, Thornwood Dr.
0710 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born Rd.

0800 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1025 – PPO violation, Willow Way
1025 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Jeremy
1124 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave.
1137 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bog
1145 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
1218 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1235 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1307 – misc. complaint, Lacy Dr.
1332 – animal complaint, Park Estates Dr.
1508 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1520 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1541 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1819 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
1843 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1850 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1902 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1933 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Snow Rd.
1952 – threat, W. Adams
2108 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
2118 – welfare check, Pine Dr.
2312 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2325 – welfare check, Marina Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

0014 – larceny, Lancaster Dr.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
0411 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./W. I-94
0508 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0748 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0846 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0932 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
0948 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1006 – abandoned auto, Harbour Club
1011 – abandoned auto, Harbour Club
1107 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1107 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
1316 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1337 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
1338 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1352 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
1428 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
1442 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
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1626 – intrusion alarm, Westlake Cir.
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1708 – neighbor trouble, Edwards Rd.
1717 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1738 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Belleville
1742 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1841 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1855 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
2104 – assist other dept., W. Archwood Dr.
2317 – assist other dept., Basswood Cir.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

0140 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0340 – threat, Holly Ln.
0404 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0444 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0506 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0516 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial Rd.
0611 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0931 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0933 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1020 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1029 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1030 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1118 – animal complaint, Ann Dr.
1235 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1524 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1528 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1556 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.
1705 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1759 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1801 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1823 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
1842 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
2025 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2145 – assist fire dept., Fret Rd.
2333 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
2342 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi

Thursday, Dec. 1:

0109 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0205 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0216 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Brandi
0253 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0548 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0628 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0737 – 911 welfare check, Ayres Ave.
0749 – suspicious person/vehicle, Thornwood Dr.
0804 – traffic offense, Anna Dr.
0951 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler Rd. / Quirk Rd.
1020 – larceny, Western St.
1101 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1108 – intrusion alarm, Alva Dr.
1135 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1242 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Freedom Way
1341 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1358 – assist other dept., S. I-9 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1504 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1628 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1739 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1850 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1943 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1947 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1950 – road hazard, Martz Rd./Hoeft Rd.
2131 – property check, Sawgrass Ct.
2326 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.

Friday, Dec. 2:

0323 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0531 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi
0542 – larceny from auto, Estates Dr.
0701 – larceny from auto, Richard Run Dr.
0903 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1025 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1102 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1150 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1151 – assist fire dept., Dellor St.
1311 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
1313 – warrant arrest, W. Wesley
1315 – warrant arrest, Tallgrass Ct.
1337 – welfare check, Walden Ct.
1413 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1545 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1745 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service/rest area
1754 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1836 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres/Van Allen
1933 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
2021 – disorderly, Hayes St.

2058 – traffic offense, Holly Ln.
2212 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2258 – sexual assault, Arthur St.

Saturday, Dec. 3:

0004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0239 – assault & battery, Water's Edge Ln.
0747 – 911 welfare check, Pebblebrook Dr.
0822 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0909 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0918 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hannan
0943 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1205 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hannan
1318 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1452 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1503 – domestic, Lindsey Dr.
1648 – property damage accident, Ecorse/bypass
1801 – intrusion alarm, Vernon St.
1819 – property damage accident, Haggerty
1837 – family trouble, Wildflower Ct.
1905 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1959 – suicidal person, Hull Rd.
2013 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service

Dr.

2038 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2130 – mental subject, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
Also on this week's log are 102 traffic stops, 18 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 27:

0015 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
0039 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0836 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
2114 – breaking & entering, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, Nov. 28:

0924 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1318 – misc. complaint, Victorian Ct.
1738 – traffic stop, Main St.
1744 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1753 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
1811 – property damage accident, South St./E.

Davis St.

2007 – trespassing, Henry St.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

0813 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1054 – follow up by officer, S. Biggs Ave.
1406 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Madelon St.
1455 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks
1617 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1843 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
Wednesday, Nov. 30:
0203 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
0630 – property damage accident, W. Davis/South
1645 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2130 – welfare check, Fourth St.

Thursday, Dec. 1:

1017 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1504 – property damage accident, Main St.
1744 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
1830 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
1839 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1959 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2200 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2201 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty

Friday, Dec. 2:

0706 – property damage accident, High/Edison
0911 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
0931 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
1053 – assist citizen, N. Liberty/E. Huron River
1134 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1250 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1251 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1252 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1253 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1307 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1323 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hull Rd
1636 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.
1647 – traffic stop, High St.
2349 – traffic offense, N. Liberty/Fourth St.

Saturday, Dec. 3:

1217 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
1416 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1557 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Huron River Dr.
1905 – family trouble, Carmell St.
2313 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
There were 25 traffic stops in this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 27:

0019 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0939 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1006 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1238 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.
1319 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1602 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.
1650 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1654 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1731 – death investigation, California St.
1735 – civil matter, Texas St.
1947 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2015 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
2037 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2143 – shots fired, Hampshire Dr.

Monday, Nov. 28:

0552 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0830 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Harris Rd.
0859 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0941 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
1120 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1537 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1621 – 911 hang up, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1910 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1959 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2007 – harassment complaint, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2017 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

2125 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

1007 – 911 hang up, Sherwood Rd./Judd Rd.
1123 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.
1200 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1322 – assault, Mulberry Dr.
1410 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1525 – personal injury accident, Bemis/Savage
1713 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1753 – disorderly person, Utah Ct.
1754 – assault, Birch Dr.
2002 – juvenile complaint, Arizona St.
2154 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

0533 – traffic stop, assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0834 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1200 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1310 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1457 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
1528 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1539 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
1616 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1640 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1751 – retail fraud, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1803 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1830 – traffic complaint/vehicle off, Clark Rd. / Island Dr.
1834 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1845 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2105 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 1:

0859 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
1101 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Delaware St.
1155 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1709 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1731 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1802 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1835 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1845 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1908 – follow-up investigation, Delaware St.
1925 – malicious destruction of property, Oregon
1943 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2006 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Dec. 2:

0618 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0916 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1131 – lost property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1359 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1430 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1749 – property damage accident, 25000 bl. Karr
1808 – lost/missing juvenile, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2120 – 911 hang up, Sherwood Rd./Willis Rd.
2157 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2214 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 3:

0303 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE INTERVIEWS TO FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY



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

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING



Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Planning Commission will take place on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Briana Hootman
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Wisconsin man dies after overdosing at I-94 rest area Monday

A Wisconsin man was found dead at the rest area along westbound I-94 after overdosing Monday morning.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department was contacted for an unresponsive male at the scene and responded, said Fire Chief Dave McNally.

The fire department contacted Michigan State Police at 5:45 a.m. about a man and woman overdosing at the rest area.

The 34-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene. The woman, who is from Ann Arbor, did not need medical treatment. MSP is investigating.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0744 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0920 – suspicious circumstance, Bemis Rd. /
Rawsonville Rd.
0930 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl.
Sherwood Rd.
1041 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1120 – warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1218 – missing person, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1404 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1441 – wires down, Willow Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1511 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1544 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1701 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1733 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
1744 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
1936 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1946 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2046 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Rustic Ln.
Also on this week's log are 212 patrol checks, 50
traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

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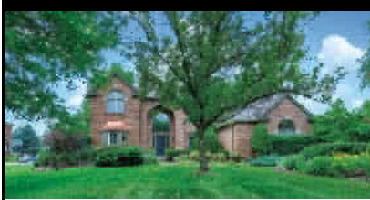
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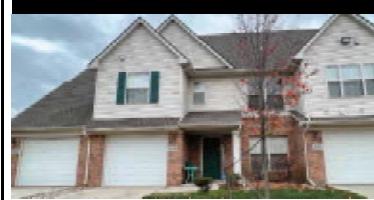
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