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Van Buren Township and Wayne County officials gathered Jan. 31 for an official ground-breaking ceremony for the \$17 million addition and updating of the township Community Center. The renovations are already under way and the Senior Center has been moved to Haggerty Elementary School until the project can be completed in 2024.

VB-T breaks ground for expansion to house new Community Center

News Release

Van Buren Township held a ground-breaking ceremony Jan. 31 for the expansion of the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Rd. to make way for a \$17 million Community Center.

The development is the first major project under way in Wayne County that used some of the \$4.5 million of Federal, State and County ARPA funds.

The project is a renovation of the current center and adds an additional 21,763 square foot structure. It is expected to be completed by Spring of 2024.

Speaking at the ground breaking were Deputy Wayne County Executive Assad Turfe, township Clerk Leon Wright and

township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"We want to work with our communities" said Deputy Executive Turfe. "Other places used a lot of the money on themselves. We decided we wanted to use most of it out in the communities. We assessed projects and this was one we felt was important to the county and Van Buren Township and we're glad to be a part of it" he said.

Clerk Wright said, "Years ago, the Recreation Committee put a proposal together to the Board of Trustees to look into building a Community Center. Now here we are today. I'm ecstatic that a beautiful Community Center is being constructed and the residents of Van Buren Township are finally going to have something to call our

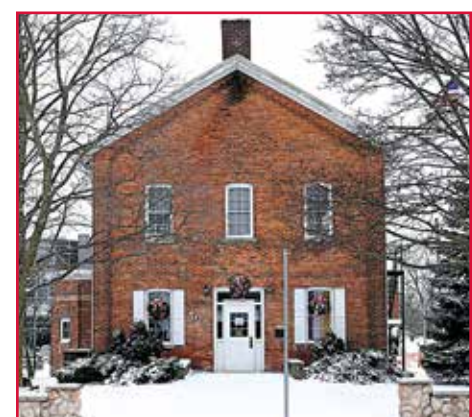
own."

Supervisor McNamara acknowledged all the officials and entities that made the vision possible, with support from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, Commissioner Al Haidous, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Van Buren Civic Fund and thanked the Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud, Deputy Director Tammy Dohring and Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglein.

He named many of the amenities that would be at the Community Center, including the full-sized gymnasium, elevated walking track, a Black Box Theater, group and individual fitness areas, teen space, multipurpose rooms, spaces dedicated just to the Senior Center members, and outdoor plaza space.

"This Community Center I really believe is going to provide something for everyone"

McNamara said. "It truly is a good time to live in Van Buren."



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council considers new sign for football champions

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A proposal is being considered by the Belleville City Council to put up a sign at the entry to the city to advertise that Belleville is the home of the football team who won two state championships.

At Monday's regular meeting Councilman Thomas Fielder, a retired Belleville High School coach, presented a list of seven teams that should be honored prepared by BHS Athletic Director Joseph Brodie.

Councilman Fielder said there was a brief discussion on the sign at a BHS game recently and Brodie was asked for a list.

Proposed were 1983 and 1984 Softball State Champions, 1989-90 Wrestling State Runner-Up, 1997-98 Basketball State Runner-Up, 2021 Girls Bowling State Runner-Up, and Football State Champions for 2021 and 2022.

Fielder said since the sign would be in the city right of way, he wanted to see if the city objected before moving forward with a school sign.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she supports such a sign and in most communities it is erected by the school. She said her preference would be no runners-up, just

champions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said it was a phenomenal idea and Councilwoman Kelly Bates told of a similar sign in Westland where she used to live.

Fielder asked if there should be a committee on the project and Mayor Conley said, "We don't let others put up signs and this should be a city project. There is a sign ordinance." She said they can get input from everybody, but the council will make the final decision.

She said everyone involved can get into a room, discuss it, and bring it back to council.

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

- Had a presentation on the fiscal year budget by Alan C. Young representative who said the city got an "unmodified opinion" which is the gold standard. The city's financial consultant, Kelly Howey from Plante Moran, had been asked to explain how much the city could bond for or borrow with its debt limit. Howey said the maximum amount the city and/or Downtown Development Authority could bond for would be \$11.4 million. Also, aside from that, a special assessment

district could be set up for the whole city. Mayor Conley asked if non-taxpayers would have to pay on a SAD and Howey said she would check into it. The council is looking for ways to upgrade city streets;

- Heard a presentation from Wayne Metro Assistance, which was founded in 1971 and processes help in education, housing, and personal services. They listed many services available, along with grants for those qualifying. They asked for police and fire officials to let them know of those needing housing or other needs. They also asked for a person to volunteer as Regional Advisory Board member and another for the Homeless Coalition. City building official Rick Rutherford said the city has already been in contact with the organization. Those with questions or those needing help may call (313) 388-9799;

- Approved the Special Event Application for Lake Fest for June 23-25 put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and volunteers. Therese Antonelli said the event will start on Friday evening with a Pub Crawl and Movie on Main with an inflatable screen on Scott Jones' property at the corner of Third and Main streets. Other events will follow, including boat races and the donut eating contest that was so popular last year;

- Approved Girl Scout Cookie sales starting Feb. 17 and continuing for days throughout several months on the Fourth Street Square and at Victory Park. Scout leader Darlene Gerick said this is the last year for her scout troop since all the members are seniors. She said each of the four girls sell from 600 to 1,000 boxes each year. They have been saving the money and they are going to Puerto Rico as a sendoff. She also said the new Raspberry Rumble

cookie is only available online. The boxes are still \$4 each, she said;

- Learned the city will require the developer of the shopping center to put up no-parking signs on the first block of N. Liberty Street from the bridge. The signs for the shopping center exit on Main Street saying "No left turn" have been ordered;

- Took no action on the Water Reliability Study that has to be done and presented to the state in 2023 and is required every five years. Mayor Conley wants to be sure the council can legally use its city engineering consultant, Hennessey Engineers, without having to go out for bids since the cost is \$20,000. It will be on the next council agenda for a vote;

- Approved accounts payable of \$160,121.93 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$3,694 for road replacement from a water main break at 88 Potter Dr. on Dec. 7; and to Miss Dig 811, \$1,498.46 for the maintenance fee required for the Miss Dig system; and

- Heard Councilwoman Bates announce that VEG Michigan will give a special bag with four free food items inside to the first 40 who sign up. The bags will be distributed at 6 p.m. before a March city council meeting and will be announced on the city's website. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said the fire department will facilitate the pickup of the bags from its newly refurbished fire hall.

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Keystone Academy teachers, administrators list present base salaries

These are the teachers, administrators, and other staff members and their annual salaries as of Jan. 1, 2023 as reported by National Heritage Academies which operates Keystone Charter Academy located on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township.

Teachers and administrators in the State of Michigan are required to be named and their wages listed for the state registry. These teachers and administrators working at Keystone Academy are hired and paid by National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids.

Under the law, NHA is not required to give out any more information than what is in the state registry listing. Keystone is a free, public school academy serving

a current enrollment of 768 students in grades Y5-8 and operating under a charter contract issued by an authorizing body – Bay Mills Community College.

The Keystone Academy Board has entered into a services agreement with NHA, an educational service provider. Through this services agreement, NHA is responsible to provide for the day-to-day operations and staffing at the school including the school's leadership team and teachers. Consequently, Keystone does not have any employees. Also, NHA, a private company, does not have to reveal individual benefits nor give any information on how much employees may or may not pay for benefits. NHA has sent along 37 pages of listings of benefits

Keystone Charter Academy Salaries as of January 2023

School General			
Drain, Jorvonna	\$89,440.10	Walczak, Jessica	\$51,478.00
Steeb, Jamie	\$78,255.44	Still, Jennifer	\$49,200.00
Mallari, Robyn	\$71,310.00	Barbee, Skyler	\$48,724.00
Layton, Amanda	\$67,960.38	Hess, Austin	\$48,724.00
Leonard, Tameka	\$66,300.70	Holowicki, Florentina	\$48,724.00
Chuang, Cindy	\$58,750.00	Robinson, Amanda	\$48,724.00
Ancrile, Ashley	\$58,500.00	Higgins, Mark	\$46,700.00
Turner, Teri	\$57,627.65	Ramirez, Stacey	\$45,167.25
Kaminski, Tracy	\$57,000.00	Bradley, Kimberly	\$17.46 Per Hour
Patton, Diane	\$56,097.72	Campbell, Sandra	\$17.24 Per Hour
Roberts, Alexandra	\$55,500.00	Davies, Stephanie	\$17.79 Per Hour
August, Sam	\$54,978.00	Heringhausen, Lisa	\$17.00 Per Hour
Gordon, Ja'Rayl	\$54,978.00	Johnson, Glen	\$24.15 Pre Hour
Hutcherson, Nakeisha	\$54,978.00	Klimek, Kayla	\$10.40 Per Hour
Shroff, Falak	\$54,978.00	Mitchell, Theresa	\$16.32 Per Hour
Terrell-Fletcher, Monique	\$54,457.72	School Intervention Services	
Zeuty, Eric	\$53,499.46	Reed, Stacey	\$74,156.04
Reaume, Megan	\$53,457.72	Lumbardo, Andria	\$60,799.16
Cheng, Stephen	\$52,457.72	Conti, Cynthia	\$59,500.00
Karpinski, Emma	\$52,457.72	Poole, Ellen	\$59,500.00
Davidson, Crystal	\$52,224.00	Horner, Jennifer	\$46,108.60
Joye, Danielle	\$52,224.00	Demolen, Jennifer	\$18.72 Per Hour
Brewer, Ashley	\$51,478.00	Thomas, Kathleen	\$16.00 Per Hour
Cryder, Josie	\$51,478.00	School Special Education	
Felsburg, Kristin	\$51,478.00	Ebright, Morgan	\$54,978.00
Gibson, Jessica	\$51,478.00	Edwards, Angela	\$45,832.00
Jeng, Amy	\$51,478.00	Isaacs, Jeanne	\$17.03 Per Hour
Jordan, Christina	\$51,478.00	Jackson, Kimberly	\$16.16 Per Hour
Mason, Sarah	\$51,478.00		
Revels, John	\$51,478.00		

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Resident: Color of skin makes him feel unsafe in Belleville

Allen Folks, a resident of the city of Belleville, addressed the city council at the end of Monday's regular meeting. He was sitting in the front row with his four children, whom he home-schools. He had brought his children to several meetings in the last few months and said he was teaching them a civics lesson on local government.

On Monday, he said he would like to be open and honest about why they really are there. They had missed the last meeting and he said that would have been a better time for his statement, since it was closer to the death of Tyre Nichols.

"I haven't really felt safe in Belleville," he told the council, referring to his black skin color. He said he moved from his last home in Ypsilanti because it was unsafe and he was seeking safety here.

He said almost exactly a year ago, his teenage children were stopped by Belleville police and questioned about who they were and where they were going while "jogging" in uniform from a martial arts class. He said they also were stopped for picking up litter in the street. Folks said he brings his children to the meetings because it is his best chance to show city officials who they are and, "to give my children a safer community."

Council members thanked him for his comments and Mayor Conley suggested the family volunteer for Lake Fest and get involved in city activities. Councilman Fielder said the council's response would be to do something about the issue now that they are aware.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

John Juriga of Belleville informs us that his son Jesse, who is director at Google Creative Lab, has put together a 90-second ad that will run during the Super Bowl. John said usually the Super Bowl ads are 30 seconds long, but this one is longer and is costing Google a lot of money to run. It's got to be good.

Last year, Jesse had another ad at the Super Bowl, but it was a little sad. John said he asked Jesse to make this year's ad more uplifting. Jesse told his father he couldn't talk about the ad in advance. We'll have to see it to judge if he followed Dad's advice.

Jesse, who lives in Brooklyn, has created many, many ads that have run on the Super Bowl, Grammys, Oscars and Olympics (including campaigns for Android, Google Photos, Search, Translate and more). A few years back he also helped introduce the world to Google's new logo.

John said he very proud of all three of his sons and they are all smart, handsome, and have good senses of humor.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, there was something new in the room. A large screen was put up on the wall. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said he just put it up that day.

He explained when the 34th District Court was moving from its former building into its new courthouse, the court offered leftover things to the city and the police chief went over and saw what they had. This screen was donated to the city.

It can be used for zoom meetings and presentations. At Monday's meeting the city council, which was at the front of the meeting room as usual was also on one-half of the screen. On the other side was the name



"Lisa Martin." Obviously, this screen came from Judge Lisa Martin's former courtroom.

The father of four children at Monday's Belleville City Council meeting said he didn't know that the Belleville High School football team was state champion this year. He said he lives across the street from the high school and never saw a sign or anything. The council members suggested he walk across the street to watch them play during football season.

Later he said one of his young sons did try to go to a football game, but he was turned away and the father thought it was because of his skin color.

Darlene Gerick, who was present at the meeting to request permission for her Girl Scout troop to sell cookies at some city locations, is secretary of the school board. After the meeting, I asked her about young kids being turned away from the football games. She said there had been some scuffles among youngsters who had been dropped off at the game as kind of a baby sitter. She said the older kids can come in, but younger children have to be with an adult. No skin color involved.

One of our readers told me she went to the pharmacy to get a supplement and when she got there she was embarrassed because she forgot the name of the supplement. She told the pharmacist that she needs the supplement that helps with your memory, but she forgot its name.

The pharmacist knew exactly what she wanted and sold her some Prevagen.

My son Jim and I flew to Florida for the weekend to see my brother Tony who is 92 years old. *The Farmer's Almanac* said it would be rainy in Florida last weekend and it was. It was pleasant otherwise and we got out to see some sights between the raindrops. Pelicans were everywhere.

He lives in Fort Pierce and we flew into West Palm Beach. Our genes are similar and one of his friends said I talked just like he does. We had a great visit and we learned lots of things about each other.

Tony showed me how he can break an unpeeled banana in half with his hands. It starts with a little bit of martial arts concentration.

Crain's Detroit Business publication had a story this week about the former Visteon Village in Van Buren Township (now Grace Lake Corporate Center) and how it was purchased for \$81.1 million from Visteon by Sovereign Partners in 2012.

There is still \$53 million owed on a \$75.5 million loan that matures in April. *Crain's* story by Kirk Pinho said that since office space has been in flux since COVID and interest rates are rising it will be interesting to see what Sovereign Partners does.



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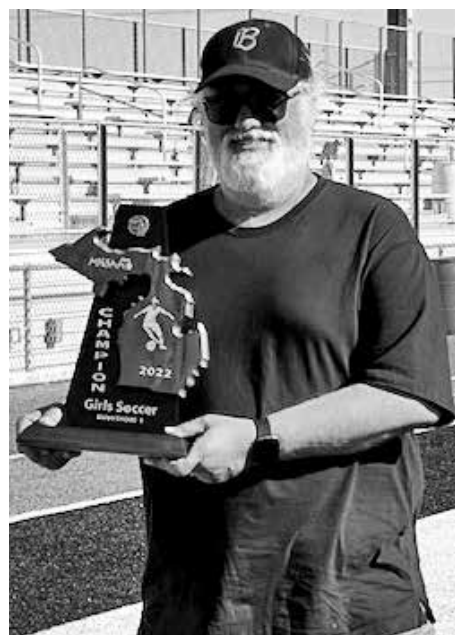
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Letters



Coach Bill Cline

BHS girls soccer coach Bill Cline retires

To the editor:

We have some announcements to make that have changed within our BHS Girls Soccer Program. Coach Bill Cline has recently retired from coaching.

He retired from teaching back in June of 2022 but had to make a difficult decision to retire from coaching as well. It was not an easy decision for him to make, as he was the BHS Varsity Soccer Coach for the girls since 2014.

When he took over in 2014, the team finished eighth in the conference the previous year.

Here is what his coaching career looked like:

2014 -- ended third in Western Wayne Conference, 6-2-1 in league, 9-5-1 overall, lost in district quarterfinal to Monroe

2015 -- ended first in Western Wayne Conference, 6-1 in league, 12-3 overall, lost in district final to Woodhaven

2016 -- first in Western Wayne Conference, 8-0-1 in league, 16-3-2 overall, lost in district semifinal to Woodhaven

2017 -- first in Western Wayne Conference, 9-0 in league, 17-2 overall, lost in district

final to Saline

2018 -- first in Western Wayne Conference, 9-0 in league, 14-6-1 overall, lost in district quarterfinal to Skyline

2019 -- third in KLAA East Conference, 8-4-2 in league, 9-9-2 overall, lost in district semifinal to Skyline

2020: season canceled

2021 -- third in KLAA East Conference, 11-2-1 in league, 14-4-1 overall, won district final over Woodhaven, lost in regional semifinal to Canton

2022 -- third in KLAA East Conference, 10-4 in league, 14-5 overall, won district final over Woodhaven, lost in regional final to Northville

Overall record: 105-37-7

League record: 67-13-5

Four league championships

Two district championships

Coach Cline, we thank you for all you have done for our soccer community, all you committed to, and the growth within the program. We wish you all the best in retirement and we cannot wait to see you come watch our future games!

As Coach Cline moves into retirement, Coach Joe Zarka has been announced as the new BHS Varsity Girls Soccer Coach. Coach Joe has been the BHS JV Coach for the last four years. He has helped grow our program ever since he joined the BHS coaching staff. Coach Joe has a passion for the game and will continue growing our program with his winning mindset. He will continue building, conditioning, setting goals, and making sure our players are a TEAM.

We are so excited to welcome you, Coach Joe, as the new BHS Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach. Congrats and we look forward to a winning season, having fun, making memories, laughing, learning, and collecting those trophies.

Go Tigers!

Angie McCluskey

Van Buren Township

Thank you, volunteers of Sherwood Pond Gardens

To the editor:

THANK YOU! Volunteers of Sherwood Pond Gardens.

It's been a fast three years since the garden was started. Lots of volunteers, huge learning curve, laughter, meeting new friends and hard work. We learned that it could take three to five years for wildflowers to establish.

David, Linda, Sharon and Richard, and I broke ground April of 2020, removing weeds and invasive plants, mowing and rototilling. Jay and Barry joined us in prepping the area with all of us bringing water for the garden. Faith, Michael joined putting in a sunflower area and Michael starting a trail behind the woods, until Michael's job transferred him.

David and I worked on adding Sherwood Forest Monarch Waystation. David added wood signs and a trellis for Pipevines. I worked on adding Native Wildflower

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Gardens.

Kim T., Zach, Katie, Peyton, Jimi, Kevin, Leslie, Mary, Marg, Jules have given us many hours of help.

Bo joined us and worked on the trail with Zach and Nathan helping. When they moved on, Randy joined us. Randy took over the trail project, and is keeping the trail groomed. Kelly joined us, taking over the sunflowers and adding the herbs for the butterflies.

Frank and Gail join us some with weeding, mulching and removing invasive Autumn Olive bushes. Mark & Sara family including parents and siblings joined us on some days as a family community project. We had three other families that joined us on Earth Day spring cleanup. Michelle rototilled the Native Wildflower area and removing roots, prepping for our wildflower garden. Our current volunteers Sue, Jackie and Hedy are jack of all garden projects.

Thank you to Bob and Doc from Pinter's Nursery and Zywicki Greenhouse for annuals so we had blooming flowers waiting for wildflowers. Also, thank you Jon All Season Tree Removal for all the wood chips for garden trails, Jim Ackron for wood chips and flowers and Belleville Area Garden Club, YES communities, Home Depot on Michigan Ave. and Supervisor Tim Bowman for removing dozens of invasive Autumn Olives from the gardens

Special Thank you to everyone at Barson Greenhouse & Butterfly Habitat in Westland and Hood Hardware in Wyandotte. Both have Master Gardeners and others that are

knowledgeable on butterfly, bee or just a garden for your pleasure. I have used both before, during and in the future guiding us at Sherwood Pond Gardens

I'm sorry if David and I have missed some of those that have also volunteered. Watch for Earth Day April 22 every year for date of Sherwood Pond Garden spring cleanup. This year Spring Cleanup is Saturday April 22, 2023. Make it your family community

project or club project. We always need help to continue these gardens.

Thank you
Sherwood Pond Gardens
David & Jo
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Sumpter police: Lock your vehicle, take all valuables with you

Sumpter Township Police reported Monday that it has responded to increased theft from vehicles in the township's manufactured home communities recently. Police remind residents to lock their vehicles, take all valuables with them, and call (734) 461-6898 to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

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Obituaries



Stacey Lynn Moose

STACEY LYNN MOOSE

(April 28, 1980 – January 27, 2023)

Stacey Lynn Moose of Belleville, MI, was born in Ypsilanti to Kimberly Hammon and James Murdock.

Stacey leaves her husband Daniel Oliver to mourn her passing and cherish her memory, brother James Murdock, father James Murdock, Sr., and a loving host of aunts, uncles, cousin, in-laws, nieces and nephews, and two sons.

Waiting for Stacey on the other side is her mother Kimberly, her brother Timothy Moose, grandma Shirley, grandparents, and other family members.

A small celebration of Stacey's life will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023.



BENJAMIN ISSAC GRANT

(December 30, 1934 – January 30, 2023)

Age 89, of Milan. U.S. Air Force and 28 years in Reserves. Survived by wife Margaret; children Peggy and Donna; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandson. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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BERNARD CARL 'BUTCH' NORRIS

(September 11, 1941 – January 30, 2023)

Age 81, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Nancy Jean, son Eric, daughter Laura, brothers Barry and Bob. Services were February 3, 2023 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Town Hall, 5:30 p.m., to discuss Denton Road Bridge. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m., to consider request to rezone from R-2 to C-1 the parcel at 45476 Harris Rd., the former PNA Hall/Moose Lodge.
- Monday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission, 6 p.m., 24560 Sumpter Rd.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

More Letters

Classic movie series starts today at library

To the editor:

Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for the first free film in a Classic Film Series at the Belleville Area District Library.

The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring the classic movies on the second Thursdays of the month. The first film will be "Double Indemnity," directed by Billy Wilder, starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray.

John Monaghan, a former film critic for *The Detroit Free Press*, will introduce the film and lead a discussion after the movie.

Donna Gilkey-Lavin
Friends of the Belleville Area District Library

Thank you to all who helped find my wallet

To the editor:

Thank you to the gentleman who returned my wallet found in a cart in Meijer's parking lot, Monday, Jan. 30, and returned it. Thank you, again.

To Officer David Champagne of Van Buren Township Police who was extra kind and patient when I reported my wallet lost or stolen: Thank you for your immediate attention in contacting Meijer and bringing a prompt conclusion to my distressful situation. I'm truly grateful.

Emory Allen

Deadline extended until Feb. 28 for BHS Distinguished Graduates

Nominations for this year's Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates has been extended from Jan. 31 to Feb. 28.

The nomination form is available on the Van Buren Public Schools web site -- <https://www.vanburenschools.net> -- and at the administration building.

Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra to present classical masterpieces

Music Director Adam C. Riccinto and the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra will be joined by celebrated guest artist, mezzo-soprano Dr. Kristin Clark, as the orchestra takes the stage at the Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center for a concert of classical masterworks on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Lincoln High School's Performing Arts Center is located at 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors/children, and \$30/ per family, and can be purchased at the door or online at A2Tix.com.

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Paczki Day is coming Feb. 21 and the folks at the Bake Shoppe on Savage Road at Bemis will be presenting their European recipe with flavors including apple, apricot, blueberry, custard, lemon, raspberry, strawberry, and hopefully prune, if available. Paczki will be available starting Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. and Feb. 20, beginning at 5 a.m. They're \$2.50 each, \$15 for a half dozen and \$30 for a dozen. Did you know the Bake Shoppe sells U-bake cheese and pepperoni pizza? Get a quarter sheet for \$8.99 and half sheet for \$12.99, just in time for super football weekend this Sunday. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-2236 to place an order.

The Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, March 1, at the Yankee Air Museum will likely be one of the most popular programs they've had, featuring interaction with "Orville and Katherine Wright," siblings to Wilbur Wright, who built the world's first manned aircraft in the mid 1920s. The program will include a history of the family and origin of the airplane, how they promoted it around the world and how they built the Wright Aircraft Company. The stories include a look into their private lives and how they dealt with fame and fortune and their contributions to aviation in their latter years. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 program. The cost is \$10 per person for non-museum members and free for members. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

The BHS Band Boosters will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the BHS Jazz Band on Saturday, March 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the BHS Commons. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes spaghetti and home-made meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and beverage. Tickets will be available at the door and carry-outs are available.

Free Fishing Weekend in Michigan is

coming up Feb. 18-19 where fishing licenses are not required in Michigan's Great Lakes, inland lakes and rivers. All fishing rules and regulations still apply.

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center presents Gross-ology, a program of unusual animal survival tactics and habits that some may call gross. From shedding skin to self-indulging with mud, animals can partake in some pretty strange but necessary behavior. This indoor interactive program takes place Feb. 18-19 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. each day. Learn why turkey vultures throw up on themselves and the embarrassing personal habits of deer, along with other stories. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 8 years and up. Advance registration is required and available at the Metropark's website. Go to www.metroparks.com then Oakwoods/Nature Center/Activities and Programs/Calendar. You can also register by calling the nature center at (734) 782-3956.

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Belleville High School Athletic Director Joe Brodie provided this Football Signing Day photo, showing the varsity football team members and the colleges and universities to which they have committed. From left are: Kejuan Houston, Wayne State University; Andre McDade, Central Georgia Technical College; Rafael Golden, Northwood University; Camden Weaver, Saginaw Valley State; Jeremiah Warren, University of Illinois; Mychal Yharbrough, Miami of Ohio; Kacy Gordon, Davenport; Felix Shorter, Bluffton University; Luke Budd, Adrian College; and Joshua Beasley, Ferris State.

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Hannah Zilka and Cody Proctor

Hannah Zilka, Cody Proctor marry in Jamaica

Hannah Zilka and Cody Proctor both of Taylor, were married Dec. 9, 2022 by Wayne Smith in the Hyatt Zilara in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

No family was present because the two were able to have their wedding in Jamaica because they won a drawing at the Bridal Expo in Detroit. They won a three-night stay and could choose three destinations: Jamaica, Dominican Republic, or Mexico. The flowers, minister, and witnesses were furnished. They bought four more nights and made it their honeymoon, as well.

The couple, who reside in Taylor, will be having a wedding reception in Michigan sometime this year. They are planning a trip to Iceland for their one-year anniversary. They have been dating since May 23, 2013.

Hannah is the daughter of Tammie Westphal and Dean Zilka of Taylor. Cody is the son of Amy Wagel of Southgate and Herb Proctor of Taylor.

The bride wore an off-white dress with pink underlining and cutout flowers. The bridegroom wore a light-blue jacket with

tan pants.

Hannah was born Feb. 28, 1995, shortly after the *Independent* started publication and hers was the first birth announcement in the newspaper's history. Her graduation from high school also was announced in the *Independent* and now her wedding.

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- **Thursday, Feb. 9** – The Belleville Area District Library is hosting a movie discussion series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council of the Arts and the Friends of the Library. The first free movie is “Double Indemnity,” which starts at 6:30 p.m. John Monaghan, a former film critic for *The Detroit Free Press*, will lead the discussions following the movies.
- **Thursday, Feb. 9, through Saturday, Feb. 11** – The Romulus Public Library is holding a Used Book Sale and Flea Market during regular business hours (Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Hardcover and paperback books for adults and children, DVDs, audio

CDs, cookies, treats, gently used household items. Located between 34th District Court and Romulus City Hall at 11121 Wayne Rd., (734) 942-7589.

• **Friday, Feb. 10** – Seed Swap at Crosswinds Marsh, 5-5:30 p.m. Wayne County Parks Naturalists have native plant seeds to give away. Whether you have native seeds to share with others or not, you can take home free plant seeds to feed native pollinators and other wildlife. No charge. Crosswinds Marsh is at 27600 Haggerty Rd., New Boston (Sumpter Township). Information: (734) 261-1990.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 15** – “The Rise and Fall of Detroit’s Black Bottom Neighborhood” will be presented by journalist Ken Coleman at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2023 - 7:30 pm

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- Wayne County Engineers – Denton Rd. Bridge Update

- Andrew Kandreas, Director of Public Services, Scott Cabautan, Deputy Director of Public Services, and Sami Khaldi, Chief Engineer for Wayne County spoke on the closure and impending repair/replacement of the Denton Rd. bridge and provided the following information/updates:

- Rumors that there are no defects with the bridge are incorrect. The east abutment of the bridge has separated from the bridge due to aging wood pilings underneath.

- Re-building the bridge is expected to cost much less than repairing the existing problem(s). Also, while repairs would correct the current problem, future failings may still occur as the bridge is almost 100 years old.

- There are no firm dates at the moment regarding when the replacement will begin or when it is expected to be completed. The County is currently working with EGLE, which can often be a lengthy process.

- The County would like any concerns or questions posed by area residents to be directed to their municipalities, who will compile and pass them along to officials at the County.

- The floor was opened for comments and questions from audience members:

- Victoria Maeley (sp) – Inquired why an intended underwater inspection of the bridge in 2018 that could not be completed, due to freezing temperatures, was not rescheduled for 2019.

- Deidre Rivera-Creal – Asked Wayne County officials to repair and maintain the roads currently being used as detour routes, as they are in poor condition.

- Don Sherman – Commented that Beckley has not had gravel added to the surface in years, and that Denton Rd. needs serious attention.

- John Juriga – Asked if boat traffic can utilize the area of the bridge while it is under construction. Wayne County officials stated that it is currently safe

for boaters.

- Anthony Stubbs (sp) – Inquired if it was possible for the County to request that boat traffic be allowed under one side of the bridge during the construction process in their request for proposals.

B. Council Follow Up List

- No comments.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Mike Renaud

-- Noted that a trailer has now been parked near a boat that is currently parked in the area behind Frosty Boy on Main St.

-- Thanked Council Member Beebe for asking Wayne County about construction timelines in regards to the Denton Rd. bridge.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 9, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Approval of Drug/Alcohol Policy – SMART Senior Transportation

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the City’s Drug and Alcohol Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Application – Egan’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the Special Event Application for the Egan’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Special Event Application – Egan’s Pub Car Show
MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the Special Event Application for both the Egan’s Pub Car Show.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D. Resolution # 23-003 – Appointments/Re-Appointments to Boards/Commissions

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #23-003** authorizing the appointments of one Board of Review member and one Planning Commission member.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #23-004** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson noted that it was a bit of a process to have the engineers from Wayne County come out to the meeting to discuss the Denton Rd. bridge, and is very appreciative for their willingness to be at the meeting. He added that there has been a lot of inaccurate information about the bridge being disseminated, and felt that it was important to correct that information.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates

-- Stated she was very happy that Wayne County came out to present information regarding the Denton Rd. bridge.

-- Thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.

-- Would like to revisit the idea of whether or not “No Commercial Vehicle” signs are needed on Main St.

-- Noted that the Butcher Shop is now open for business.

- Council Member Beebe

-- Gave the engineers from Wayne County credit for coming to the meeting to address questions and concerns, and appreciates them doing so.

-- Thanked City Manager Robinson for working to have Wayne County come out for the presentation.

-- Noted that the Butcher Shop is now open for business.

- Council Member Fielder

-- Complimented Mayor Conley for presiding over the meeting.

-- Believes that western Wayne County and the Belleville area are more respected in the eyes of Wayne County officials now.

-- Noted that he attended a Growth Works meeting recently, and as of now there are still no residential facilities for adjudicated youth.

-- Stated that he attended the Substance Abuse Disorder Board meeting recently as well, and that Fantanyl continues to be a major problem.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Appreciates Wayne County officials for coming to the meeting, but added that the City and Council need to remain firm on obtaining dates/timelines from them regarding the bridge’s replacement.

-- Excited the both the Butcher Shop and the Belleville Bait Shop are open.

-- Stated that he would like to see parking times limited on N. Liberty between 5th St. and Main St.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Stated that the City and Council will remain in contact with Wayne County to obtain updates regarding the Denton Rd. bridge replacement.

- Thanked everyone for their comments at the meeting.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- John Juriga

• Noted that the Belleville Area Museum has now been closed for over 1,000 days, and asked what the City Council has done to get answers on when it will re-open.

- Mike Renaud

• Would like to see the Belleville Rd. bridge restriped to extend the south-bound left-turn lane on to N. Liberty.

- Wanted to thank DPS Supervisor Rutherford in advance for the department’s efforts during the upcoming snowstorm.

- Chris Donley

• Would like to see the docks at Horizon Park extended to accommodate pontoons and larger boats, as these boaters do not have safe access to the docks at their current length.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: February 6, 2023

Posted: February 7, 2023

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BHS emergency team saves life of coworker after cardiac arrest

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Dec. 13 a team of coworkers and health professionals saved the life of an employee who had collapsed with cardiac arrest at Belleville High School.

At the Jan. 17 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Dionisia Munoz, district resource nurse, explained what happened.

She said as district nurse she cannot be at all eight district buildings at the same time, so she has trained Emergency Medical Response Teams (EMRTs) in each building. She said she meets with them once a month for ongoing training for specific emergencies.

She said she earned the credentials and can certify individuals in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and operation of an automated external defibrillator (AED). She said McBride Middle School is the only building where all team members are certified.

McBride has been recognized as being Michigan Heart Safe, a prestigious award. They have a banner hanging in the school

office. She said her goal is to have all the schools be on the state register as Heart Safe.

Then Munoz told the story of what happened on Dec. 13 when she was with bus drivers at the bus garage teaching them what to do if a student had a seizure on the bus.

She said got a cell phone call at 9:20 a.m. from a custodian, saying, "We need you." An employee had a cardiac arrest. She asked if they had called 911, as trained, and they had. She said she rushed over, abruptly leaving the bus drivers.

Munoz said three security guards guided her to the proper door at the high school and it was propped open for her. She said Brian Roberson and Scott Wilsey were doing CPR. Others were there, including Steve Jones. She said some of the helpers were not on the EMRT.

Scott had hooked up the AED and they had already shocked him before she got there. She said she did one round of CPR and the AED did not advise a second shock. HVA took him to the hospital and he's fine now, she said.

She said the team had alerted the family and put the school on hold, as trained. She said the HVA and fire department didn't have to navigate students in the hall and HVA called the school later to say what a good job they did.

"You saved a life," said school board president Amy Pearce. "That's not an exaggeration at all."

Munoz said there are four EMRT teams at BHS. She said on Dec. 2, one of the AEDs mounted in a hall at BHS was beeping and it was reported to her. She said she changed the battery, but it started beeping again.

She said she found an extra new AED

unit at the Administration Building, so they replaced the beeping unit with the good one. She said that's the AED that was used on the cardiac arrest patient.

John Leroy, human resources director, said, "Students are safer here than at home, in some cases."

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said Munoz had helped the district through COVID and has been available to help with health questions and other needs. The formation of the EMRTs is very important to the safety of the schools, he said.

"She's very humble," Supt. Kudlak said.

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Savage, Hilary	\$71,281.45	\$32,764.12	\$104,045.57
McCann, Tara	\$64,498.17	\$30,429.83	\$94,928.00
Greschaw, Amy	\$52,196.84	\$37,500.62	\$89,697.46
Lore, Lindsay	\$45,227.07	\$17,810.72	\$63,037.79
Johnson, Carol	\$36,150.44	\$7,278.21	\$43,428.65
LIBRARIANS:			
Lewis-Yarbrough, Nakenya	\$48,006.28	\$39,436.17	\$87,442.45
Skinner, Kelly	\$50,961.30	\$21,643.66	\$72,604.96
Corcoran, Crystal	\$2,331.62	\$178.37	\$2,509.99
Davies, Rachel	\$13,675.00	\$1,046.14	\$14,721.14
Dubke, Karen	\$45,198.31	\$7,977.51	\$53,175.82
Green, Debra	\$1,987.50	\$152.05	\$2,139.55
Lasoff-Santos, Marissa	\$4,845.00	\$370.64	\$5,215.64
Mandarino, Courtney	\$360.72	\$27.59	\$388.31
Richards, Jonathan	\$9,604.32	\$734.73	\$10,339.05
Richardson, Jennifer	\$14,960.00	\$1,144.44	\$16,104.44
Spiteri-Zaidel, Theresa	\$26,958.65	\$2,062.34	\$29,020.99
Kisken, Rachel	\$4,271.25	\$326.75	\$4,598.00
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Cooney, Samantha	\$80.85	\$6.18	\$87.03
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Douglas, Jackie	\$6,411.02	\$490.44	\$6,901.46
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Green-Husted, Jessamy	\$47.91	\$3.66	\$51.57
Grisham, Nicole	\$10,038.64	\$767.96	\$10,806.60
Moody, Gail	\$14,251.82	\$1,090.26	\$15,342.08
Pickeral, Nicole	\$17,914.68	\$1,370.47	\$19,285.15
Reynolds, Kamron	\$23,187.06	\$1,773.81	\$24,960.87
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Villa, Justin	\$1,837.52	\$140.57	\$1,978.09
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Dayem, Renad	\$5,204.29	\$398.13	\$5,602.42
Drewyor, Jensen	\$2,239.62	\$171.33	\$2,410.95
Foley, Tatiyana	\$10,598.94	\$810.81	\$11,409.75
Garascia, Judy	\$8,221.63	\$628.95	\$8,850.58
Griffin, James	\$6,652.56	\$508.92	\$7,161.48
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Klotz, Harper	\$425.45	\$32.55	\$458.00
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Najduk, Lori	\$11,514.78	\$880.88	\$12,395.66
O'Brien, Amy	\$18,439.23	\$1,410.60	\$19,849.83
Plummer, Kaitlyn	\$2,990.89	\$228.81	\$3,219.70
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Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Dingell announces \$384,900 grant for Safe Streets in VBT

On Jan. 31, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-06, announced a grant of \$384,900 from the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program for Van Buren Township's Safe Roads and Streets Action Plan.

Safe Streets for All was established to prevent roadway deaths and injuries in support of the department's goal of zero death and serious injuries on our nation's road, Dingell said.

"Our communities deserve streets where everyone can drive, walk, bike, and play with peace of mind," said Dingell. "This investment will make our roads safer for pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, and everyone in between. I look forward to continuing to work with Supervisor Kevin McNamara and Van Buren Township as they put these funds to work to make our neighborhoods safer."

"Our community's growth is leading to

unsafe traffic conditions," said Supervisor McNamara. "This grant will help us prepare a coordinated approach to design our roadways and traffic systems for the safety of the public well into the future. We are thankful to Congresswoman Dingell's leadership and understanding that the best defense against overtaxed and unsafe roadways is planning."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established Safe Streets for All with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years.

On Jan. 31, Van Buren Township broke ground on a renovated Community Center, made possible in part by American Rescue Plan Act funds secured by Rep. Dingell. Supervisor McNamara announced that Dingell had sent word about the grant but could not attend the ground breaking because she was in Washington, D.C.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by 4 pm on March 14, 2023.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: February 9, 2023
February 16, 2023
February 23, 2023
March 2, 2023

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 346 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan 29:

0123 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
0350 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0425 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
0644 – assist other dept., Ash Dr.
0709 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0910 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0911 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0920 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0938 – animal complaint, Hoefft Rd.
0938 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1250 – larceny, Dorchester Dr.
1351 – animal complaint, Rebecca Ct.
1432 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd.
1503 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1505 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1507 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Fairfield Dr.

1550 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1743 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1759 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2158 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2255 – welfare check, Berkdale Dr.

Monday, Jan. 30:

0114 – property damage accident, Sheldon/Ecorse
0227 – 911 welfare check, Beckley Rd.
0504 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
0549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0645 – shooting, Rawsonville Rd.
0750 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0751 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Bemis
0826 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0913 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1330 – animal complaint, Townsend Park
1535 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1623 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1628 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1645 – fraud, Greenwood Dr.
1829 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1946 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0434 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
0440 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
0501 – assist citizen, Lake Point Blvd.
0742 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0808 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
0828 – mental subject, Cedarhurst Dr.
0935 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Rawsonville
1100 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove Rd.
1144 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1149 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1205 – intrusion alarm, Springwood Blvd.
1212 – ordinance violation, South I-94 Service Dr.
1257 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1302 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1348 – malicious destruction of property, Springwood Dr. / Tyler Rd.

1359 – missing person, Haggerty Rd.
1438 – assist other dept., Owen St./Sumpter Rd.
1447 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1452 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1541 – welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.
1652 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1736 – assist other dept., Marina Cv.
1746 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1821 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1857 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1926 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2032 – ordinance violation, Lighthouse Dr.
2036 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
2127 – domestic, Arcadia Ct.
2230 – threat, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0357 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.
0428 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Sadie Ln.
0909 – animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
0939 – vehicle lockout, Chandler Dr.
1000 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1109 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
1446 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1448 – lost property/child, Red Oak Dr.
1528 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1717 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Linda Vista Ct. / W. Huron River Dr.
2001 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2014 – road hazard, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
2230 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2302 – holdup alarm, Country Walk Blvd.
2341 – overdose, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 2:

0025 – malicious destruction of property, Springwood Blvd.
0030 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
0159 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0217 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
0741 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
0832 – animal complaint, Rebecca Ct.
0836 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
0947 – motorist assist, Springwood Blvd./Tyler
0957 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
1045 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cambridge Ct.
1242 – welfare check, Locust Dr.
1551 – malicious destruction of property, Lancaster Dr.

1608 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1643 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1723 – road hazard, Haggerty/I-94
1738 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1740 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
1914 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1922 – welfare check, Peachtree Ln.
1959 – 911 welfare check, State St.
2108 – mental subject, Quirk Rd.
2241 – civil matter, Peachtree Ln.
2312 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.

Friday, Feb. 3:

0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hickory Woods
0202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Revere Dr.
0755 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.
0816 – parking complaint, Jeremy Rd./Bradley Dr.
1229 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1338 – animal complaint, Daisy Blvd.
1437 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1500 – fraud, Purple Sage Ct.
1534 – harassment call, Hardwood Dr.
1617 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1636 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1644 – welfare check, America
1715 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1723 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1727 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1849 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1915 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2037 – family trouble, Lindsey Dr.
2130 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 4:

0143 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0226 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0228 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0308 – property check, rest area
0844 – 911 welfare check, Belle Pointe Dr.
0921 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Villa Dr.
0924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Ct.
0951 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1015 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.

1115 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1212 – weapons violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1244 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rose Blvd.
1342 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1630 – vehicle lockout, N. Cumberland Dr.
1705 – property damage accident, Bog/W. Adams
1743 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
1801 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.
1815 – private property/property damage accident, Ironwood Dr.
2017 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2057 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2238 – welfare check, Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 174 traffic stops, with 23 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 29:

0424 – domestic, Loza Ln.
0726 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2133 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
2215 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2314 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

Monday, Jan. 30:

0212 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.
0242 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0535 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0553 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/E. Huron River
1149 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1427 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./Harbor Pte.
1519 – traffic stop, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1533 – traffic stop, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1604 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./High St.
1705 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1738 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
2330 – welfare check, E. Thornhill Ct.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0628 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1343 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
1424 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.
1432 – property damage accident, Owen/Sumpter
1719 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1728 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1737 – traffic stop, Charles St./Roys St.
1818 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1944 – misc. complaint, Clarence St.
2108 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
2144 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0038 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1126 – parking complaint, Main St.
1157 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
2106 – traffic stop, High St.
2247 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

Thursday, Feb. 2:

1229 – 911 welfare check, Third St.
1409 – trespassing, Fourth St.
1557 – civil matter, Main St.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fourth St.

Friday, Feb. 3:

1029 – private property/property damage accident, South St.
1214 – misc. complaint, Owen St.
1403 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1425 – trespassing, Fourth St.
1743 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Menlo Park

Saturday, Feb. 4:

1349 – traffic stop, South St.
1507 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1610 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1619 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2304 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

There were 26 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 29:

0137 – assist other agency, Willow Rd./Clark Rd.
0155 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0914 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0918 – larceny, Delaware St.
0919 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1236 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1639 – traffic complaint/road, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
1736 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
1847 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1925 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
2002 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2303 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Jan. 30:

0922 – larceny, Florida St.
1014 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1513 – mental health call, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1521 – fire dept. assist, E. Arizona St.
1642 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
1646 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1654 – harassment complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.

1750 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
1755 – larceny, Oregon St.
1801 – malicious destruction of property, Second
1917 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1940 – prisoner assist, Huron Twp. PD
2114 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2337 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0033 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0522 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0843 – reckless driver complaint, 43000 bl. Harris
0845 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1013 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1112 – missing person, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1238 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1309 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell
1345 – alarm, Creekside Dr.
1405 – follow-up investigation, Texas
1438 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1528 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1530 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1632 – traffic complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1657 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1659 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1711 – prisoner transport, Huron Twp. PD
1937 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Ray Ln.
2053 – 911 hangup, Butternut Dr.
2224 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0013 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0838 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1005 – family trouble, Nevada St.
1047 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
1207 – reckless driver complaint, Karr/Willis
1248 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1833 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1923 – follow-up investigation, First St.
1950 – suspicious circumstance, E. Arizona St.
1045 – suspicious vehicle, Delaware St.
2154 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2203 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
2205 – family trouble, California St.
2325 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter

Thursday, Feb. 2:

1526 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1815 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1922 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1933 – reckless driver complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis
1951 – follow-up investigation, First St.
2041 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Reed
2120 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2352 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

Friday, Feb. 3:

0020 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
0535 – larceny, Texas St.
0805 – 911 hang up, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0857 – citizen assist, Colorado St.
1224 – flee & elude police, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1440 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1809 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd Rd. / Sherwood Rd.

2012 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2201 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 4:

0639 – animal complaint, Bohn Rd./Judd Rd.
0705 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
0902 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1153 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1215 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1324 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1348 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
1352 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1449 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1628 – civil matter, Oregon St.
1828 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
1957 – family trouble, Utah Ct.
2100 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.

Also on this week's log are 164 patrol checks, 63 traffic stops, and 9 misc. details.

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Belleville High School senior Molly Cote has signed to play soccer and further her education at Madonna University. She plans to study graphic design. With her is her family Bob, Carina, and Grace Cote.

- Feb. 9 – Tom Griffin
- Feb. 12 – Nora Hemphill, Tina McGlynn
- Feb. 13 – Irene Rouster
- Feb. 15 – Amanda Bielski
- Feb. 17 – Gabe Rehahn-Bonior
- Feb. 18 – Flare Delgado

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BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Feb. 9** – Boys Swim/Dive vs. Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Feb. 10** – Boys & Girls Bowling vs. Dearborn, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes; Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Franklin, 7 p.m., Hall of Fame Induction Night at half time
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14** – Girls JV Basketball vs. Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Churchill, 7 p.m., Senior Player night
- **Wednesday, Feb. 15** – Varsity Wrestling Regionals, 5 p.m.

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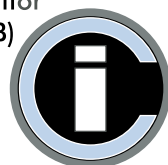
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