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McWilliams, Brown named grand marshals

Kelly McWilliams and Randy Brown will serve as grand marshals of this year's lighted Winter Fest parade at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4.

Both are local business owners and active members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Their selection was announced on Sunday by chamber president and CEO Michael Kole.



McWilliams said both McWilliams and Brown are assets to the 48111 community and will jump in to help whenever they are needed.

McWilliams was born and raised in Belleville/Van Buren Township and graduated from Belleville High School in 1985.



Brown followed in her mother Jeanette Messer's footsteps and opened a salon at 36 Main St. in Belleville and in 1997 accomplished one of her dreams by opening Team Designs Hair Salon at 530 W. Columbia Ave. Team Designs just celebrated 24 years in business.

In 1987 Kelly married Peter McWilliams and they celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary in June. They have three children, Whitney (Craig) Beaubien, Matthew (Lauren) McWilliams, and Jacalyn McWilliams and two grandchildren Beau and Cameron, with a third expected in January.

When their children were younger they were very active in the Cougar's football organization. They enjoyed traveling to

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts reported a great turnout for its 12th-annual Belleville Community Art Show. It was held at the Belleville Yacht Club, Nov. 12-14.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts announces Art Show winners 2021

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts held its 12th-annual Community Art Show Nov. 12-14 at the Belleville Yacht Club. BACA was pleased with the record attendance to the show.

A special thank you goes to the judges of the artwork for the show: Tracy Hill, art instructor, and Mike Giammaro, graphic designer.

BACA congratulates the winners as follows:

- **2-Dimension:** 1st – Gracelyn Hurst, 2nd – Cheryl Wagner, 3rd – Kimensch.
- **3D/Upcycled:** 1st – Ed Good, 2nd – Jerry Valentine, 3rd – Chris Sheldon.
- **Photography:** 1st – Terrah Steward, 2nd – Gary Washington, 3rd – Chris Sheldon.
- **Teens (Ages 13-18):** 1st – Mavaya Saldana, 2nd – Aaliyah Awad, 3rd – Mavaya Saldana.
- **Children (Ages 6-12):** 1st – Katherine Gregory, 2nd – Kylie Ion, 3rd – Bea Riley.
- **People's Choice:** Gracelyn Hurst, "Taii" and Tim Marsh, "Resurgence."

Winners in all six categories were awarded ribbons and cash prizes. More

photos of the winning artwork can be seen on Facebook at Belleville Area Council for the Arts – BACA.

Guest judges gave ribbons to the following artists: James Chudzinski, awarding Jean Morris; Collette McClinton, choosing Sheena Awad; Kevin McNamara, picking Gracelyn Hurst; and Mary Jo Suchy, selecting Noelle Douglas. BACA thanks the Art Show Sponsors: Waste Management for Upcycled/3D Category, Charlene & Mike Renaud, Jean & Kerry Morris, The Pumpkin Factory (Linda LeBlanc), Keith and Ginger Bruder, Sumpter Collision (James Chudzinski), Ed Good, Cynthia and Tom Price, Michele Montour, Kathryn Wood, A Design Line (Angie Renaud) and Neil and Thelma Griffin.

BACA appreciates and thanks the Belleville Yacht Club and Garden Fantasy on Main for their contributions to the show. Programs were printed with the cooperation of the Belleville Area District Library and Montour Designs. Fliers were provided by A Design Line.

The organizing committee members were Rhonda Dutton, Ed Good, Thelma Griffin, Elaine Gutierrez, Jean Morris, Cynthia Price, and Kathryn Wood.

-- Elaine Gutierrez
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

VBT approves license plate recognition project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain told the township board at its regular meeting via zoom on Nov. 16 that his department has been talking about license plate recognition technology for two years.

Flock Safety technology is a game-changer, he said of the company chosen to receive the \$75,000 contract. He said what Flock can provide for law enforcement at reasonable cost will allow his department to solve crimes faster and to get others involved.

"We have major crimes that happen in Van Buren Township," he said, noting the Flock package has network sharing with other departments that helps track suspects down and make arrests.

VBT Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman said at the May 18 township board meeting approval was given for license plate reading technology. The request for proposals went out in September and there were five prospective bidders. He said the lowest quote is not always the best and after considerable evaluation by the review team and in consultation with Director Laurain and Police Chief Jason Wright, Flock clearly separated itself from the pack.

Deputy Selman said reference checks on Flock found them "impeccable in their service. And it was even more than we expected." He said it empowers the police department to be very proactive.

Selman said the township is not purchasing the equipment and there is no extra cost for installation. The program has access to other Flock cameras in other communities.

The plan is for 30 cameras at strategic locations and the cost is \$2,500 per camera per year for a total of \$75,000.

At an upcoming meeting, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority will consider a request for reimbursement to the township for license plate recognition cameras used in the DDA District.

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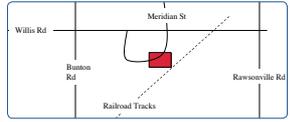
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Sumpter OKs buying BolaWraps, speed signs with forfeiture funds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its Nov. 9 zoom meeting unanimously approved two purchases using police department drug forfeiture funds.

Three BolaWrap restraint units at a total cost of \$4,068.65 were recommended by Public Safety Department Director / Police Chief Eric Luke.

In a memo to the board, Director Luke said this request originated following a call earlier this year when one of his sergeants broke his thumb, damaging the joint while taking a combative subject into custody. The injury resulted in an almost four-month medical leave.

"I believe if available on that call, the BolaWrap device would have kept that injury from occurring," Luke said.

He explained that BolaWrap is a device that discharges an eight-foot Kevlar cord with tiny barbs on each end. When used at a distance of 10-25 feet, the cord wraps around the subject's body one to three times, creating a temporary restraint that allows officers to apply traditional restraints in a more-controlled manner.

Luke said the company has come out and demonstrated the equipment twice and he and his trainers agree it has its place in their goal of de-escalation and better officer safety and is something that should be implemented.

He told the board that he went to a conference in October 2019 when this technology had just come out and he's been watching it since then. Luke said the old model included a .380 round and you would hear a gunshot, but now it's all electronic and Sumpter would get the new model.

He said 20 to 25 other departments in Michigan are using this. It is used before doing the taser which causes pain and brings pain compliance. This keeps someone from moving their arms or legs and the shock of being wrapped out brings compliance, he said.

Sumpter police started using bodycams back in 2013 long before other local departments purchased bodycams. He said if the BolaWraps are approved, Sumpter will be the first in this area to begin using this technology.

The other forfeiture-fund purchase approved was two Evolis Radar Speed Signs at a total cost of \$5,779. Luke said officers can't be everywhere when citizens complain about speeders and this is regarded as a "traffic-calming tool."

The battery-powered portable radar signs, with LED displays, are securely attached

to the speed limit signpost at each end of a given zone and record the speed of all vehicles traveling past in any given period and this can be turned into charts through the software.

He said the data collection is typically done with the sign in place but the display off and the data is used to confirm whether there is a speed issue. If so, the LED is turned on which studies have shown to help correct driver behavior with an average of 25% in speed reduction.

The LED display is programmable for both vehicle speed and a message underneath. He said the two units will be moved around the township as needed.

Luke said Van Buren Township has such signs on Haggerty Road north of Bemis to slow people down in the area of the curves. He said a Sumpter resident complained that people are driving 90 mph on Wear Road all day and so they will record the speeds there and report to the person who complained.

He said most people who go too fast just aren't paying attention to their speed. Luke said these signs are not cameras and no one will get a ticket in the mail. He said it is like Doppler radar for weather.

In other business at the Nov. 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved purchase of Fleet Management software from Verizon at a cost of \$20 per truck per month, at about \$1,440 a year for all six trucks. The technology reports where workers are, determines downtime, shows which roads were plowed, and helps reduce vehicle maintenance;

- Approved the Municipal & Community Credit Contract with SMART for 2022, with \$9,386 provided for van/bus operations;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Tyrone Borden to the planning commission effective Oct. 15, with a term to expire Oct. 14, 2024;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Daniel Watson to the planning commission effective Nov. 14, with a term to expire Nov. 13, 2024;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Jane Stalmack to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the planning commission, effective Nov. 14, with a term to expire Nov. 13, 2024;

- Approved appointing Jeff Biles as backup electrical inspector through Nov. 9, 2022. Regular electrical inspector Jeff Dommer had a death in his immediate family and Trustee Peggy Morgan said the board sends condolences;

- Removed from the agenda approval of a contract with Michelle Thornsberry of



Among those hanging more than 60 veterans' banners in downtown Belleville on Nov. 6 were eight-year Marine Corps veteran Thomas Bates, in front, and Sam Villa on the ladder. Others in the group who put up the banners were Dennis Brooks, David Brooks, Kelly Bates, Robert Kenyon, Roy Szyndlar and Jim Patton. The Veterans' Banner project is sponsored by the City of Belleville under the leadership of Councilwoman Kelly Bates.

Sumpter Township as part-time Human Resources Consultant because she has time constraints and wouldn't be able to complete the duties;

- Received the monthly ordinance report for October as presented by Director Luke. Luke reported seven active investigations, 24 total active court cases and seven new-issues cases. Investigations closed/completed were 236;

- Heard Supervisor Tim Bowman commend Administrator Cole and Director Luke for getting a \$31,000 FEMA grant for COVID-related expenses;

- Was advised by Supervisor Bowman that Pfizer vaccines and boosters will be available at the community center from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. That is also the day for the drive-up, free-food distribution for Forgotten Harvest at the community center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Forgotten Harvest comes to Sumpter on the second and fourth Mondays and always needs

more volunteers;

- Approved township attorney Rob Young's report, which included a resolution appointing the township administrator as authorized signer on "day-to-day stuff" for the MERS retirement account;

- Heard complaints about the *Independent* from Trustees Rush, Oddy, and LaPorte, Supervisor Bowman, and attorney Young. Bowman asked if the township couldn't outlaw the paper and Young said there is freedom of the press and you can't outlaw the paper; and

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst report that the Nov. 2 election held for residents in the Huron School District went very well and she thanked the election workers and those who exercised their right to vote. She also said that residents have been sent to the clerk's office for information and most information there needs to be requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

There's much to be thankful for

It's a heart-warming project to count your blessings. These are some the things we are thankful for this Thanksgiving:

- The gazebo in Victory Park that was repaired at the expense of the Belleville Rotary Club and now glitters at night with holiday lights put in place by Rotarians and friends;
 - The hard-working police, fire fighters, and EMS protecting public safety and health in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter;
 - The teachers and counselors who surround our children -- our future leaders -- with knowledge and care, and their parents who make sure they get to school on time, properly fed, clothed, and rested;
 - The school bus drivers who pick up and deliver our children, watch out for their safety, and turn in those drivers who ignore the flashing red lights;
 - Those who work to feed the hungry in our community with free food on set days throughout the year as well as those who watch out for the elderly next door to help when needed;
 - Those who serve their communities in governmental units, making tough decisions for health, safety, and welfare. Also, those who keep an eye on them to make sure everything is honest and forthright and have the courage to speak up when it's not; and
 - Our advertisers and readers who support this newspaper that is writing the first draft of local history, week by week.
- We are thankful,

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville High School football team (12-1) has made it to the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals and will play Rochester Adams (13-0) at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit for a Division 1 state championship.

The BHS team beat Sterling Heights Stevenson last Saturday, 40-26, to make it to this final matchup. The Tigers lost in the state semi-finals for three consecutive seasons and now they have a chance to be state champs. Go, Tigers.

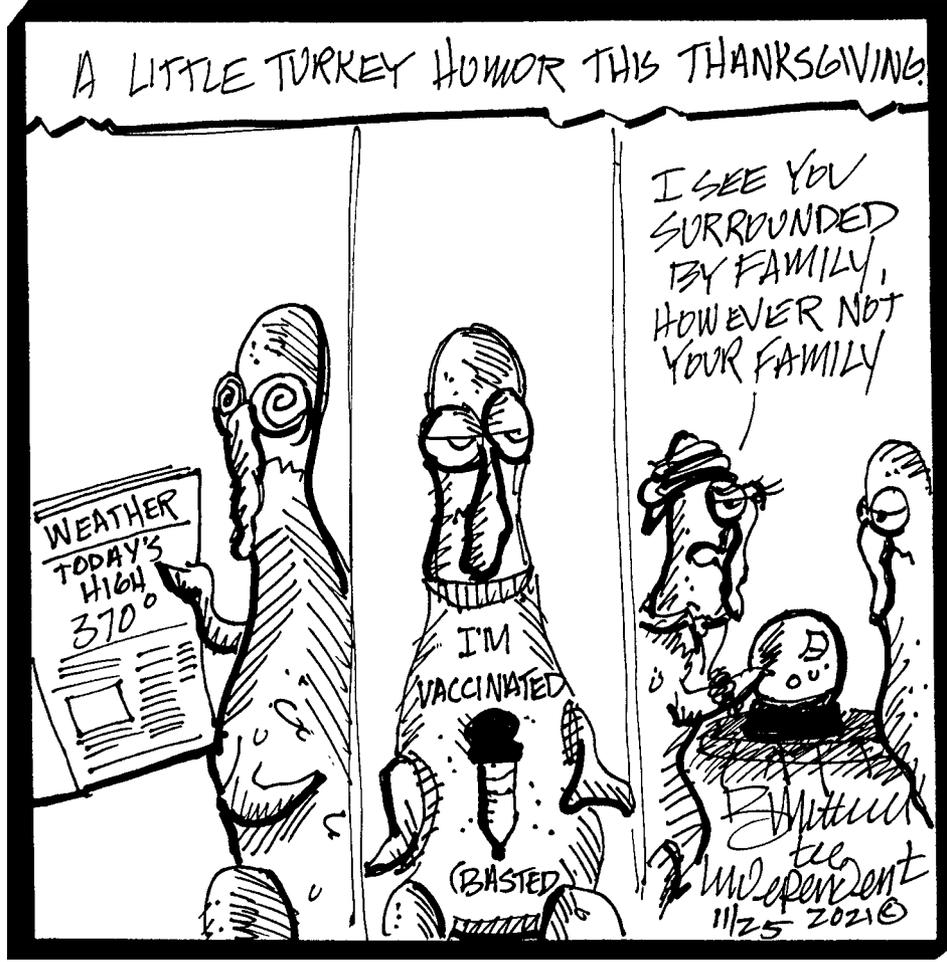
Enrica of Enrica's Golden Needle on Main Street in downtown Belleville, said a woman was pacing outside her business on Saturday waving her middle finger in the air. Then the woman came in and asked Enrica if she agreed with what was in her window.

The woman referred to the upside-down American Flag in the window of the business she shares with the leather shop. Enrica said she told her she does agree because our country is in distress.

Enrica said the woman told her she doesn't know what she's talking about since this is the freest country in the world. But Enrica said the woman wouldn't recognize her freedom of speech.

Enrica said the woman said because Enrica was originally from Italy that she shouldn't criticize the United States. Enrica said she loves the United States as much as she loves her home country. Enrica said she speaks four languages and worked for the U.S. military for many years without pay. She has a right to have an opinion.

Ken Smith at Douglas Carpets on Main



Street said he felt disappointed in the teenager he helped. After the boy asked to use the business' restroom last week, Smith felt sorry for him and invited him to do so.

After the teen spent a longer than usual amount of time in the restroom before he left, Ken got suspicious. He checked out the restroom and found strange letters written on the sink, toilet, and wall. He said they were similar to those written on the business' back door along the alley.

Ken is a military veteran and knows among incidents in life this is not a big deal, but he is saddened and disappointed in the teen. He called me so other businesses would know what happened.

We publish stories on all the wonderful things teenagers do in our community, so this is just an unwelcome blip to report. This kind of activity doesn't fit in with City Manager/Police Chief Robinson's goal of having the City of Belleville look like Disneyland: sharp and clean.

We had a comment on our website about last week's editorial on police saying to lock our cars.

Cameron Rogers wrote on Nov. 20: "Don't lock your cars. Instead, stop leaving money and valuables inside them. Why don't lock? Because many thieves will instead BREAK your window if it's locked. Then you wind up with a bill to replace said window. I'd rather my door be unlocked and car looted than have to pay

hundreds of dollars for a window." That's another way of looking at it.

The Toys for Tots volunteers are short of people, but we finally got our special box for toy donations delivered on Friday. Some generous person already had brought a box of toys, so we were able to get them placed into the big Toys for Tots box to get the season started. They'll be picked up by a Toys for Tots volunteer Dec. 13 or 14.

Some readers have told us they are happy to see some of our local senior citizens are living to be 103 or more with all their faculties and it gives them hope for their own lives.

We send our best wishes for quick recoveries to local Realtor and VBT DDA member Carol Bird and Savage Elementary teacher Constance Genevieve Riggs, both of whom broke their hips in recent falls necessitating hip replacements.

Breaking a hip is a very painful thing to deal with and we wish them well in their recoveries. Recover they will.



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Letters

Angel of Hope ceremony set Dec. 6 at Hillside

To the editor:
 Each year on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. around the world parents that have experienced the death of a child gather around the Angel of Hope statue in their area to remember their child. The death of a child – no matter how long their life – is different than any other death. As parents, we are not supposed to outlive our children.
 In 2002, with the support and generosity of the Belleville and Van Buren communities, an Angel of Hope statue was purchased and placed at Hillside Cemetery. Each year since, the Angel of Hope ceremony has taken place on Dec. 6.

If you have experienced the death of any of your children, please join us for this moving ceremony. We will gather around the statue, hear the names of our children spoken, and receive a flower to keep or place at the foot of the statue.

If you would like to have your child's name included in the program and spoken aloud, please contact Patricia Monroe by Dec. 1 at the Brown Family Center at (734) 697-5090.

The Brown Family Center provides no-cost Grief Counseling to anyone in the community that is struggling following the death of a loved one.

Patricia Monroe, Grief Counselor
 David C. Brown Funeral Home
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Food Closet thanks Boy Scout Troop 231

To the editor:
 On Saturday, Nov. 13, Boy Scout Troop 231 held a community food drive. Twenty boxes and 80 bags of food were donated to the Emergency Food Closet held at Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St.

To date, 1,543 bags of food have been distributed to clients. Sixty-eight clients are new this year. Thanks to your effort and support, we will continue to feed the hungry in our community!

If anyone is in need of food, we are open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
 Emergency Food Closet

WORRY - or - WORSHIP

Belleville Tax & Accounting saved me

To the editor:
 It has taken me way too long to put this letter in the paper. I had a situation where the Ford Motor UAW was doing a canvas of people who were getting their spouse's medical benefits.

They sent out a questionnaire to all employees and retirees to find out if their spouses were still eligible. If they could not prove that they were, their benefits would be cancelled -- medical and dental.

Of all the information that could be used to prove their eligibility, there was not one I could use. The one that I could use was proof I was still married and supply the last three years of income tax information to show I was married and filing separately.

To make a long story short, Belleville Tax and Accounting Services, Inc., at 152 Main St. in Belleville, came to my aid. After weeks and weeks my proof of eligibility was being faxed. In 10 days I called and was told I was still eligible.

The tax people were very helpful. I visited their office many times. The main person helping me was Kathy and she was really very knowledgeable, smart, and knows her stuff. So, if you need someone to do your taxes, here is the place to go. And, they are a Belleville business. Shop in Belleville.

Kathy Niemann
 Belleville
 P.S. When I finally got to talk to a real live person at the union, I was told they did this every so often because so many people were lying and cheating. Some people had even passed away and someone was still getting their medical benefits. That's why the proof of eligibility was so tough.

Sumpter Township and the First Amendment

To the editor:
 Apparently writing about your opinions in editorials in the local newspaper is tantamount to treason when it comes to the Sumpter Township Board. If the Belleville *Independent* reports anything that the local Sumpter Township Board doesn't like they start opining for controlling the content that is published in the paper. Have these people not heard of freedom of the press within the First Amendment of the United States Constitution?

Lately it seems that if you disagree with anything that elected leaders believe in, they either spin the subject so much that you forget what you were talking/asking about in the first place or they claim you're lying or ununiformed.

Sure, I agree there are some places that do have fake content, however most of the time the people that have fake content tell you to believe them or trust me. I'm not here to tell you to believe or trust me, I'm here to wake the public up so that they do their own homework, and it sounds like you are, thankfully.

Apparently, my last editorial caused
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“hysteria” because I am alerting the public to things that are going on in the Sumpter Township community. However, it started off with Trustee Rush claiming that the owner of this fine paper is using people like me to publish “their own beliefs.”

Let me assure you Trustee Rush, this is my opinion and you're more than welcome to discuss this with me anytime over a pint or email. In fact, I've emailed most of the board with questions I had regarding the recent township property sale with no response from any of you. So, if you want a dialog, I'm more than welcome to it, in fact you can use the very same paper I'm using to make responses. But it's more than that isn't it?

Such as Matt Oddy's claim that I didn't attend or make public comment during the board meeting but during the workshop, so I was incorrect by saying they excluded my comments. Thank you for the semantics! Yes, it was during the workshop, but all the previous workshop and board meetings have been recorded and uploaded to YouTube. It was just awfully convenient how during the Oct. 12 meeting happened to cut off all the questions I had during the meeting, oh I mean workshop. My mistake.

This whole zoom meeting stuff is a debacle anyways, keeping the public away from in-person meetings is a power-hungry tyrant's wet dream. How else do you pass or plan things that you don't really want any comment from the public regarding?

I know COVID is a dangerous virus, but the rest of us plebes out here in the real world are showing up in person at work or the store wearing our masks, taking our zinc and vitamin D to try and stay healthy. I think these zoom meetings are dangerous because it allows our leaders to become detached from the public. They should immediately go back to in-person meetings so that this dialog to clear up the acts would occur. Then maybe the record would “get set straight.”

I understand that the board believes they don't have the power to stop Republic from doing anything regarding the deep well. And according to Trustee Rush is going to be of mile below the drinking water, “nowhere” near it, also the township uses city water so what's the worry. Detachment, that's the problem.

Not all people use city drinking water. Some of us plebes have their own wells and, yes, use them, so it is a rational concern. How detached from the community are you? How does informing the public create hysteria? Even if there is nothing that the board could do about stopping a deep well, why go along with them? I thought Sumpter Township had a big-shot lawyer, that we pay good money to, so if there was an actual concern, something like this, maybe he could try to place an injunction on or something or try to get us a seat at the table.

But I understand he's too busy meeting with the board about selling these properties to focus on something that might be an actual problem. With the latest PFAS issues from Wolverine Worldwide that has practically contaminated all southern Michigan why sit

back and act like this is the great plan then claim I'm a kook?

You folks don't know me personally. I have a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and from my practical experience sometime things go wrong, calculations are off, and failures occur. If you are concerned about your tap water, because I'm not here to publish a “reckless” editorial but here to inform and give my opinion. There is a database of tap water contaminates you can go and examine

at www.ewg.org/tapwater/. Plug in your zip code and click go. It's a nifty tool.

Another thing that also sticks out to me in these meetings is the claim that it's dangerous to transport the trash pile runoff water over the road like it is a new risk that we don't have today. Nuclear waste is transported through my home state of Missouri weekly on the interstate. Moreover, in a time of inflation and job loss, I'm sure there are some truckers out there that enjoy having

their jobs. So, acting like it's some kind of bad thing to have semi-trucks going over the road is kind of abhorrent to me.

Demonizing trucking as something that is bad for the environment while claiming shoving a bunch of trash pile runoff water of a mile under the surface of the earth is a good idea sounds oxymoronic to me. But, I digress.

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Obituaries



Diana Marie Farris

DIANA MARIE FARRIS

(September 18, 1963 – November 15, 2021)
Diana Marie Farris, age 58, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Monday, November 15, 2021, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her family. She was born September 18, 1963, in Augsburg, Germany, daughter of Donald James & Erika (Neuner) Hodgkinson.

Diana graduated Carlson High School, class of 1981. She attended Michigan State University where she received her veterinarian technician certificate. She worked for an emergency veterinarian in Allen Park, MI, for several years. She also worked for the University of Michigan in the microsurgery research lab. Mrs. Farris attended Bethany Bible Church, Belleville, MI. She loved animals and was a 4H leader for many years. She started the Two by Two Ranch with her llamas, and she liked horses and dogs as well. She was a member of the Michigan Llama Association. She loved traveling, especially to see the oceans and lakes, and was particularly fond of Mackinac Island. Mrs. Farris also enjoyed crafting and loved attending craft fairs.

Mrs. Farris is survived by her husband of 26 years, David M. Farris; two daughters: Sierra Farris of Point Arena, California, and Mikayla Farris of Oley, Pennsylvania; her parents Donald & Erika Hodgkinson, a brother Donnie (Shirley) Hodgkinson, all of Caro, MI; her beloved Bernese Mountain Dog, Sequoia; also numerous extended family, and friends.

To honor her wishes, her remains will be laid to rest on Mackinac Island. A Private Celebration will be held. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Memorial contributions may be made to: Michigan Llama Association, Sante Fe College Teaching Zoo, University of Findlay Western Equestrian Studies, Saving Grace Miniature Horses, Star Service Dogs, or to K-LOVE 89.1 FM Radio Station.



Walter Paul Radisovich

WALTER PAUL RADISOVICH

(April 7, 1944 – November 16, 2021)
Walter Paul Radisovich, age 77, a long-time Sumpter Township, MI resident, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. He was born April 7, 1944, in Romulus, MI, son of Walter Stanley & Rose Irene (Smolen) Radisovich.

He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1962. He completed his apprenticeship at Henry Ford College and went on to become a machine repairman at GM Hydra-Matic in Ypsilanti, MI, and retired after 34 years of loyal service. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. He was a loyal, hardworking, determined, and strong family man. He was a jack of all trades, who enjoyed farming and dancing, especially Polka and country.

Walter is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Loretta (Huziak) Radisovich; 6 children: Bridget Radisovich of Belleville, formerly of Saline, MI, Walter (Dorothy) Radisovich of Nevada, Texas, Monica (Fred) Kominars of Grass Lake, MI, Angela (Glen) Caron of Amherst, New Hampshire, Annette (Chris) Burnett of Howell, MI, and Mark (Kim) Radisovich of Mio, MI; 15 grandchildren: Evan, Grant, Robert, Kaitlynn, Haley, Natasha, Samantha, Hannah, Luke, Sophia, Olivia, Carter, Lucy, Aaron, and Aalyson; 4 great-grandchildren: Carter, Addison, Jezebel, and Ensley; and a sister, Betty Ostrowski of Belleville, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Sunday, November 21, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. His Funeral Mass was Monday, November 22, 2021, at 11 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Father John Kiselica as Celebrant. The family greeted guests at church one hour prior to Mass. Interment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 79, positive tests at 4,866

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code stayed at 79 as of Sunday, Nov. 21, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count before the *Independent's* early Thanksgiving deadline.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 4,866 on Sunday, Nov. 21, up from 4,678 on Monday, Nov. 15.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were:

Van Buren Township, 3,274 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 603 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 989 positive cases, 15 deaths.

The Van Buren Public School District reports as of Friday, Nov. 19, there was a total of 172 positive cases in the district since the beginning of school on Aug. 30.

There were 32 positive cases the week of Nov. 15-19, down from 33 the week of Nov. 8-12.

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Obituaries



Brenda Faye Williams

BRENDA FAYE WILLIAMS

(May 19, 1939 – November 7, 2021)

Brenda Faye Williams, age 82, a lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away on November 7, 2021, on Hospice, at home surrounded by family. She was born May 19, 1939, in Detroit, daughter of Terry Samuel Williams and Ruby Frances (Fears) Williams.

Brenda was a very faithful woman who put her strength in the word of the Lord. She was a devout Christian and practiced Sabbath-keeping her whole life. She attended the United Church of God in Saline and her love for her parents and family could not be measured as it grew each and every day. She was a true student of the Bible, which included learning it all her life, reading scriptures, and recognizing her church as her family.

Brenda attended Cleary College and worked in the medical rehab field. She worked at Rainbow Rehab and loved to take care of people. She truly loved to help others. Her kindness and desire to help were apparent all her life, and in the lives she touched.

Brenda is survived by her brothers Terry Monte Williams of Kinde, Michigan, Theodore Charles (Debbie) Williams, Michael Allen Williams, Allen Williams, and granddaughter Maria (Ali Hazimeh) Reina of Belleville, MI. She was predeceased by her daughter, Brenda Faye Williams-Reina, and granddaughter Milan Elaine Douglas-Reina.

Funeral Services were Monday, November 22, 2021, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI, with visitation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a service at 1 p.m. Pastor Michael Phelps of the United Church of God in Saline officiated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Grand Marshals

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Whitney's softball games, Matthew's football and baseball games and Jacalyn's cheerleading competitions. Kelly said she never missed a game.

McWilliams' great passion is giving back to her community especially the schools. At the start of every school year she donates backpacks and school supplies to the district. She served on the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation for a number of years and now serves on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. As part of the DDA she helped bring music and food trucks to the Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street Place on three Wednesdays last summer.

In her free time she enjoys Belleville Lake, playing pickle ball, traveling or enjoying friends at the Belleville Yacht Club. She is known for her party-hosting skills by her family and friends.

Brown, owner of Gardner's Choice and Randy Brown Landscaping in Van Buren Township, lives in Sumpter Township and is a lifelong community member. He graduated from BHS in 1981 and from Michigan State University in 1985, where he studied landscape architecture.

This is the first time in more than about 15 years that he will not serve as announcer for the holiday parade. He has been an active member in the community and has served in many community groups in the past. During one of his terms as president of the chamber, Brown brought in the crazy idea of having a lighted parade and fireworks, which are now a staple in this community.

Brown played a part in the chamber's first Lake Fest this year. After hearing the multiple complaints that people could not even see the lake from Horizon Park, another wild idea was put forth - bring in the goats! Brown's idea not only cleaned up the park but saved the community nearly \$25,000 in landscaping costs.

His work with the Belleville Central Business Community helps bring many events families enjoy in the city and surrounding areas, Kole said.

Always available for support, and not scared of hard work, Randy is one of those

behind-the-scenes supporters. His trucks dot the landscape moving bales of hay, parade barriers, signs, and anything that is needed for the CBC events.

Whether it's the Easter Egg Hunt, Harvest Fest, Taste of Belleville, or many of the other downtown activities, you know Randy is not far away, Kole said.

More Letters

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Rush continued and said, "Yeah we've got a couple of unhappy families with the sale of this commercial properties, but we have to look at what is in the best interest of the community." SO, "the best interest" in the community is putting commercial buildings in people's front yards? What's next? Use eminent domain and start taking people's houses like they tried to take the "little pink" house in Connecticut? Isn't it in the best interest of the community to take residential homes and turn them into commercial districts because that will increase the size of their kleptocracy?

I've also had a big problem with this best interest of the community idea. What if 51% of the community got together and decided it was a good idea to take your property?

It would still be theft and rights of the individual are supreme within our county. I understand community is important but when you won't take the considerations of the folks that live adjacent to these properties with some weight it's very irritating.

If you want positive press don't try putting commercial real estate in people's front yards when they specifically asked you not to. I loved Sumpter when I moved here, because of your motto "Country Living at its Finest." Now that we are going to start building commercial buildings in people's front yards for the community's good next they'll start building sidewalks in people's front yards for bike paths and then try to tell you that you still live in the country.

News flash. You're no longer in the country but little Ann Arbor or Belleville Lite. Does the public really want to see this community turned into this? I know I don't.

Corey Blue
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Art Show winners



Katherine Gregory, at right, won first place in the category for children 6-12 years of age. Her winning watercolor was named "Hollow." At left is Kylie Ion who won second place for her drawing of "Ron Wesley" from the Harry Potter series. Third-place winner Bea Riley was not present to receive the award for her paint-pour-with-glitter piece.

Photos by Rosemary Otzman



Mavaya Saldana won both first place and third place in the category for teens ages 13 to 17. She shows off her first-place charcoal drawing called "Stereotypes." Her third-place winner was a colored-pencil drawing called "Faith." Second-place winner Aaliyah Awad was not present for the awards. Awad's second-place award was for the photograph, "Melody Road."



Terrah Steward won first place in the photography category with "Judd Road." Not present for the awards were Gary Washington who won second place for "Cross the Bridge" and Chris Sheldon who won third for "Autumn Palette."



Ed Good won first place in the 3-D category with "Ride the Wave." Not present for the awards were Jerry Valentine, who won second with "Auto Repair" and Chris Sheldon who won third with "Grace - Beauty Renewed."

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Gracelyn Hurst, left, won first place in the 2-D category with her acrylic "Taii." At right is Kim Ensich who won third place with her encaustic collagraph on paper called "Explore Both Sides." Cheryl Wagner was not present when that award was passed out. She won second place for her watercolor, "Pears."



Each year the W.H.A.T. (We Have Artist Talents) group presents a display with a theme. This year the theme was flowers.



Cheryl Wagner won second place in the 2-D category with her watercolor "Pears." She said this was her first watercolor painting and she painted it just a few weeks earlier.

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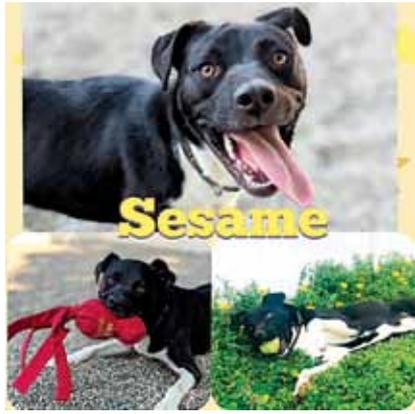
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From left, newly elected Belleville Councilman Steve Jones, Councilman Ken Voigt, and Tony Attard paused in front of the Belleville Area District Library while installing some of the Belleville Bass sculptures around the City of Belleville on Nov. 6. The fish sculptures are a project of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Van Buren Township agreed to host placement of five of the total ten sculptures.

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For your convenience, printable forms are also available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Just print, fill out, sign and bring them to the Police Dept. front desk by Dec 3rd at 3pm.

Program is open to Belleville City and Van Buren Township residents only (Sumpter Twp. has their own Goodfellows program).

Families may apply immediately, or pick up forms and apply later anytime 24/7 until Dec 3rd at 3pm.

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Ryan Elswick of Flock Safety was present to explain the project. He said there is no infrastructure and the technology works off solar panels and connects to the internet. The camera is four pounds and smaller than a football. They are flexible on installation and if there isn't a light pole, utility pole or traffic pole to use, they can put up their own pole. On light poles and traffic poles they can be connected to the power in the pole.

Elswick said the camera records temporary plates, no plate, covered plates, bumper stickers and other items on the back of the vehicle and takes two lanes per camera. Any time a stolen car enters the township police are alerted and vehicles connected with Amber Alerts are relayed to police laptops immediately. He said there are 500 or more cameras in the Michigan area.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this is an upcropping from the Egypt Covington case three years ago where there were fuzzy pictures of vehicles. He said the township couldn't afford cameras at the time.

Supervisor McNamara said Riverview has sealed its borders with 30 to 40 cameras and VBT will be the first in Western Wayne County to get the cameras.

"We finally found a solution that fits," McNamara said. "... we're not going to allow it (crime) to creep into our

neighborhoods. It's a no-brainer. With the price it's a double no-brainer."

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she sees the benefit, but she's not in favor of Big Brother watching you. An invasion of privacy.

McNamara said this is not facial recognition technology.

Elswick said the cameras can't determine race or the number of occupants in a vehicle. It is pointed at the back of the vehicle and is automatically deleted after 30 days out of the cloud. He said it can't be used to enforce speeding or running red lights. It's for people wanted for serious crimes only.

Trustee Reggie Miller said the township should have a policy in place when the technology gets here so it can't be abused.

McNamara said they have a couple of months and the township has time to put a policy in place. Elswick said his company has copies of policies in place that he could share.

McNamara said the township could loan cameras to homeowners associations who are experiencing problems, but Trustee Miller said that would take away from what the township is doing. She asked if the township would have enough cameras to share.

"We have two or three extra cameras," McNamara said.

"Then we're looking at faces and I'm against that," Miller said.

Trustee Don Boynton said they were talking about the outside of the vehicle and

now they're looking at a person.

"We can set it all up in our policy," McNamara said.

Elswick said the cameras do not capture people. They produce still photos of vehicles and people are not an option.

Trustee Martin said, "Let's let them do the vehicles and stop talking about it."

"I'm tired of yahoos coming into our township and causing trouble," McNamara said.

The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Flock Safety, with Trustee Frazier voting, "reluctantly, yes."

The \$75,000 cost of the project was approved coming out of general fund balance.

In other business at the two-hour-and-eight-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council for patrol and dispatch from Jan. 21, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2025. The present contract expired at the end of 2021. POLC president Adam Byrd thanked the board on the vaccination agreement and said the union as well as the board had a hard discussion and got to middle ground and came to a decision. The board had three closed-door sessions during contract negotiations;

- Approved a final settlement with Blue Country Walk LLC, T&M Asphalt Paving, SR Jacobson Development Corporation, Van Buren Township and Country Walk II Condominium Association and Country Walk IV Condominium Association as described by Supervisor McNamara who said the township was "tossing in" \$25,000 to settle, with Trustees Martin and Miller voting no and Trustee Boynton recusing himself because he lives in Country Walk. McNamara said there was a memo of understanding to complete the roads and some of the companies involved are not there anymore. They had to determine what roads were done and which were not done and they came to an agreement. He said basically everyone was getting sued. Trustee Martin said he was going to vote no because he's tired of developers dragging their feet in developing and then getting others to pay. McNamara said the bond wasn't there and they had to cut a deal with a new group and cut a deal with the homeowners' association. Clerk Wright said he wants to get it over with, although he feels as passionately about this as Trustee Martin about developers not finishing, going away, and telling the township what they can't do. Trustee Miller said she'd vote no because, "I don't

think we should pay one dime. Enough is enough." She said to have them go away and get it off the books is not enough of a reason for her to vote in favor of this;

- Discussed having work/study during 2022 and agreed to scheduling them at 5 p.m. on the same Tuesday as the 6 p.m. regular meeting and cancel them if not needed. This will be presented formally to the board for a vote;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Jeff Jahr and Brian Cullin to the Planning Commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2024;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Ron Merritt II and Benjamin Ross to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2024;

- Approved establishing Edgemont Elementary School, 125 S. Edgemont St., Belleville, as a polling place for precinct #8, since Haggerty School, the former polling place, is completely closing in the fall of 2022 and cutting off all utilities. Clerk Leon Wright said after the first of the year all voters will get new voter ID cards mailed to them and some may vote at new precincts. Under the law a maximum of 3,000 voters can be at one precinct and two precincts have exceeded this and so precincts are being adjusted. Also, the new state districts are being redrawn by the State Redistricting Commission;

- Approved the first reading of the rezoning of 42061 Ecorse Rd. from C-1 (general business) to M-1 (light industrial) to make way for a new electric substation for DTE;

- Approved a water tap agreement with the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) for 7029 Rawsonville Rd., owned by Jason and Whitney Pinter, since the VBT line is much farther away than the nearby YCUA line;

- Approved an exemption from the requirement for tapping into a sewer line for a parcel at 43801 I-94 South Service Drive because the sewer line is more than 1,100 feet from the proposed house on Belleville Lake. The request was signed by Joseph Scarrow and Melissa Kufel. Wayne County has already approved a septic field for the location;

- Approved a employment agreement with Joel Sabin as GIS technician for the Water and Sewer Department at a salary of \$70,000. Sabin had resigned to work from home on another job because he thought the one-hour drive from his home in Jackson to VBT to work was too long. After working

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- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Congratulations to Randy Brown (Gardener's Choice) and Kelly McWilliams (Team Design) for being named grand marshals at this year's Winter Fest Parade, which is set for Saturday, Dec. 4 here on Main Street. It will be interesting if Randy will be riding in the parade like grand marshals traditionally do, while co-hosting the parade under the tent and microphone as he does every year so wonderfully with co-host and sidekick Steve Jones. Say, Steve was also just selected as a new Belleville City Council Member, who as a group usually walks the parade route, too. Perhaps they will have wireless headsets. Maybe they'll ask me to hold the microphone for a second while they fire drill in and out of parade vehicles when they pull up to the parade stand. I'll have to be prepared though, perhaps borrow a few Dad jokes from my brother just in case. I'm certain they will pull it off though as this dynamic duo makes a great team, like peanut butter and jelly or like

hot cocoa and marshmallows. Randy could be the marshmallow, of course. I know it's going to be fun to have the parade back downtown with an action-packed weekend coming up as we all know Winterfest didn't happen last year because of COVID. Thanks to Mike Kole of the Belleville Chamber and its member sponsors for an event that's promised to be something like we've never seen. Looking forward to it. Also, a big thank you to Janet Millard and the Belleville Central Business Community for allowing me to illustrate their coloring book again this year. Be sure to get yours from Santa. Watch this newspaper for more details regarding Winter Fest.

Michigan fresh-cut Christmas trees have arrived at Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road. Choose from Pine and Fraser Fir and if you're into the fresh thing, Garden Fantasy sells wreaths, poinsettias, grave blankets, cemetery cones, fresh herbs and indoor plants and they accept custom orders. They're open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 697-1765 and check out their ad in today's paper.

The fresh-cut Michigan trees have also arrived, as they do each season, at GMS's lot on South Street in the City of Belleville.

The Belleville Area District Library's Homegrown Knowledge Series continues Thursday Dec. 9, with the History of Willow Run, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Cozadd Room B inside the library. Pre-registration isn't required for the free program but encouraged. Go to the library's website at www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

I declare this week as Orange and Black week here in our community, because for the first time in school history, the Belleville Tigers football team will be playing in the state finals. It's this Saturday, 1 p.m. at Ford Field. The Tigers (12-1) defeated Sterling Heights Stevenson 40-26 last Saturday in the division one semi-finals and will face Rochester Adams (13-0) on Bally Sports Detroit. Here's the slate: there's eight divisions in high school sports here in Michigan, and Bally Sports will be broadcasting four games this Friday and four on Saturday. Tickets

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Saturday, Nov. 27**– The Write Stuff Writers group meets the last Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. All aspiring writers can enjoy the camaraderie and support of other area writers and hone their skills with fun writing exercises and prompts. Contact Tara McCann at tmccann@belleville.lib.mi.us for more information.
- **Thursday, Dec. 2** – Winter Fest: Ladies Night Out, 6-9 p.m., Pop-Up Shops on Main in Activities Tent on Fourth Street Square
- **Friday, Dec. 3** – Winter Fest Holiday Party, 6-11 p.m., in Activities Tent on Main Street, with entertainment
- **Saturday, Dec. 4** – Winter Fest activities include ice skating, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Snow Maze, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Animal Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Kids Crafts, 2-4 p.m.; Jingle Bell Run, 4-5 p.m.; lighted parade, 5-7 p.m.; fireworks, 7:15 p.m.; and live entertainment, 8-11 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 4** – Enjoy the sounds of the season at a Hymn Fest Sing-along at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Fellowship to follow.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Boy Scout Troop #793 Holiday Wreath Sale, Fourth Street Square, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Winter Fest activities

include ice skating, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fourth Street Place, Snow Maze, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Holiday Market on Main, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Skating with Santa, 2-4 p.m.

- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Horizon Park in Belleville. Brief ceremony to honor military personnel alive and dead includes "Star Spangled Banner" and "Taps."
- **Monday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope outdoor ceremony at 7 p.m. to remember the death of a child. The Angel of Hope statue is at Belleville's Hillside Cemetery. If you would like your child's name included in the program and spoken aloud, call Patricia Monroe by Dec. 1 at the Brown Family Center, (734) 697-5090.
- **Thursday, Dec. 9** – The Belleville Area District Library's Homegrown Knowledge series presents "History of Willow Run" with Barry Levine at 7 p.m. Homegrown Knowledge is a monthly lecture series sponsored by The Friends of the Library, featuring the knowledge and passions of local community members.
- **Saturday, Dec. 11** – Free pictures with Santa at the Belleville Area District Library, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.
- **Monday, Dec. 13** – Coffee hour with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri from noon to 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Tell him your concerns.
- **Saturday, Dec. 18** – Free pictures with Santa, at the Belleville Area District Library, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

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Businesses, park buildings tagged with graffiti in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ken Smith of Douglas Carpet said three teenage boys were on the sidewalk outside his business on Main Street in downtown Belleville on Nov. 17 and one came in the store and asked to use the bathroom.

Smith said he knew there weren't many places in that part of town that had public restrooms, so he let the boy use the restroom. The other two boys waited outside.

The boy was in there awhile and then he left. Smith decided to check the bathroom and found writing in ink on the sink, the wall, and the top of the toilet tank. He said

it was hard to write on the cement-block wall and the letters are garbled.

Smith said he was disappointed. He gave the boy a chance to use the bathroom and this is how he is repaid.

He said it's the same type of writing as the spray paint on his garage door facing the alley, the house next to the bank, and the building in the alley behind Friends Carpets.

He said when he called Belleville police he was told they have been having trouble with teens also writing inside the rest room at Victory Station and plugging up the toilet there.

Smith described the white teens on foot

as not yet 16 years of age, "because if they were 16, they'd be driving."

"Over the summer we had sporadic issues with graffiti and damage to the fixtures in

all of our parks' bathrooms. The last one happened to be at Victory Park," said Belleville City Manager / Police Chief Dave Robinson.



VBT

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from home, he decided the drive wasn't so bad, after all, and he wanted to come back;

- Heard Trustee Martin ask drivers to stop for school buses. He said there is a rash of people doing this and, "If you're doing it, stop it. You're going to run some poor kid over." Later in the meeting he asked for turn signals at the Tyler / Belleville Road intersections because traffic is not yielding and there are lots of "near-misses." He said near-misses are not recorded in traffic studies. McNamara said it is the second most-dangerous intersection in the township. Wright said they should tell Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous their concerns and he can take this forward;

- Heard Wright say the last two weeks in VBT there have been 179 new COVID cases and 32 new cases in the City of Belleville. He said unvaccinated people are still giving it to vaccinated people. He said there is a public servant in the hospital right now battling COVID. He said people have to get vaccinated. Trustee Martin said Michigan is a hot-bed for COVID and he

wished to repeat the words said by Wright;

- Heard McNamara announce the board of trustees gave him approval to extend leaf pickup for two weeks, until Dec. 10. Clerk Wright said the township offices will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving; and

- Heard John Delaney speak at the beginning of the meeting and the end of the meeting about the importance of work shop so constituents can "know how the sausage is being made" by listening to the discussions preceding formal votes. Delaney also quoted studies that agreed "jabs" cause positive COVID results and, he said, two million tests were recalled last month because they were giving false positive results. "I listen to the news and I haven't heard that," Clerk Wright said.

Closed-door session

The board held a closed-door session via zoom at 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, to discuss negotiations and strategy in the Police Officers Labor Council collective bargaining agreement. The board also discussed an attorney-client privileged communication during the closed-door session.

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More Letters

Zoom meetings being edited; apathy & blight

To the editor:

The present Sumpter Township administration ran on a platform of draining the swamp. The only thing getting drained are the taxpayers' pockets (tax dollars). They must be replaced as they are the ones that make the decisions on how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent that affect us all. We must also prohibit the power that's used to vindictively prosecute and silence individuals that disagree with decisions of individuals in elected and non-elected positions.

Further, we must stop the greed and incompetence that prevail and are growing like cancers in this small community. Taxpayers are losing their homes to foreclosures and the coronavirus pandemic, but it seems these are overshadowed by greed and apathy. We would think that this would be unconscionable in a civilized society. There must be consequences for the apathy in their decision process.

We are also proposing a law in Lansing,

which if enacted would prohibit anyone that is recalled to not be eligible to run for any political office for eight years.

We must immediately stop Sumpter Township from editing public, virtual, and zoom board meetings. We, the paying taxpayers, have a right to hear and talk without interruption or the microphones being muted. What are they afraid of? My fellow taxpayers and citizens, we must join together and stop this behavior. You must report this abuse to any and all of their telecommunication or print providers as well as federal authorities.

I get constant calls about the conditions in our beloved township. Many are about the blight, unsafe structures, weeds, and trash thrown about in individual yards and ditches. We have two paid ordinance officers collectively making over \$110,000 yearly. Where are they? I'm sure they show up every two weeks to collect their tax-supported paychecks. They work for the hard-working men and women of Sumpter Township, Michigan, as do all the other employees.

Your Elected Sumpter Township Precinct Delegate,
Honorable Ronald Barrington Robinson



This house is on Willis Road about one mile west of Sumpter Road on the north side of the road. Letter writer Robinson reports it has been like this since the fire months ago. It is a real eyesore and dangerous to our public and especially our children that live in the neighborhood, he said.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 846 0681 4893 at 6:0 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Deputy Supervisor Selman, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Public Safety Director Laurain, Water and Sewer Director Saums, Representative from Flock Safety and a maximum audience of twenty-nine (29).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

Added the following item to the consent agenda: Approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and P.O.L.C. Patrol and Dispatch January 1, 2022-December 31, 2025, the following item to New Business #1: Approval of the final settlement agreement between Blue Country Walk LLC, T&M Asphalt Paving, SR Jacobson Development Corporation, Van Buren Township and Country Walk II Condominium Association and Country Walk IV Condominium Association and moving New Business item #5 to New Business Item #2 with all remaining items following sequentially.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Session Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021, Closed Session

Minutes of November 1, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2021; Prepaid List of November 4, 2021; Prepaid List of November 11, 2021; Voucher List of November 16, 2021; Approval of the reappointments of Jeff Jahr and Brian Cullin to the Planning Commission with terms to expire 10-1-2024, Approval of the reappointments of Ron Merritt II and Benjamin Ross to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire 10-01-2024, and Approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and P.O.L.C. Patrol and Dispatch January 1, 2022-December 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Announced yard waste pick up has been extended with the last pick up day of December 10, 2021, the Township Administrative offices will be closed November 25, 2021 and November 26, 2021 in observance of Thanksgiving, reminded all residents to stop for school buses, announced Covid numbers are up over the past two weeks reflecting an infection rate of 1% of the Van Buren Township population, announced Michigan is a hotspot with infection rates on the rise, and encouraged residents to get vaccinated.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Resident encouraged the Board to re-establish scheduled Work Study Sessions in 2022 and was open to flexibility of date and time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Boynton asked to be recused from New Business item #1 due to his affiliation with the subject property.

Frazier moved; Miller seconded to recuse Trustee Boynton from any/all discussion and voting on New Business Item #1 due to his affiliation with the subject property. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier,

Martin and Miller. Boynton: Recused. Motion Carried.

Budd moved; Frazier seconded to approve the final settlement agreement between Blue Country Walk LLC, T&M Asphalt Paving, SR Jacobson Development Corporation, Van Buren Township and Country Walk II Condominium Association and Country Walk IV Condominium Association. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, and Frazier. Nays: Martin and Miller. Recused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Miller seconded to approve the agreement with Flock Safety for the License Plate Recognition project and an amendment to the 2021 amended budget line item 101-301-819-000 in an increase of \$75,000 from General Fund balance to show a final balance of \$195,230. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Frazier seconded to approve establishing Edgemont Elementary School as a polling place in accordance with MCL 168.662. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Miller moved; Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-16-21 (1) to rezone Parcel # V-83-041-99-004-001 (42061 Ecorse Rd) from C-1 (General Business to M-1 (Light Industrial). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Item # 5 was acted upon out of order with the remaining items addressed sequentially. Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2021-28 an exemption from Section 86-35 of the Township Code of Ordinances requiring connection to available public sanitary sewer for parcel #83-085-99-0011-000 (43801 S. I-94 Service Dr.). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried. Miller moved; Boynton seconded to approve

Resolution 2021-27 Request for the proposed water tap for parcel #83-122-99-0005-701 (7029 Rawsonville Rd.). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Job Description and Personal Services Agreement between the Township and Joel Sabin for the GIS Technician position. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Discussion on scheduling Work Study Sessions for the 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Consensus to schedule work studies at 5:00 p.m. prior to Board of Trustees meetings on Tuesdays with the understanding the meetings would be cancelled if not needed. This item will be included on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: Resident reminded the Board that Work-Study sessions are also for public comment, not just for the Board, and believes Covid numbers are going up due to the number of vaccines administered. Union President for the P.O.L.C. thanked the Board for working with the union to reach as mutual agreement as it pertains to Covid vaccination requirements in the workplace.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: Trustee Martin requested that the Public Safety Department and the Board of Trustees focus on getting improvements made to the intersection of Belleville and Tyler Road as it continues to be a major safety concern.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved; Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: November 25, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 252 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 14:

0144 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0316 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0355 – property check, Country Pond Estates
0416 – property check, Wildbrook
0538 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Jackson
0735 – disorderly, McKinley St.
0828 – property check, Springwood Blvd.
1012 – domestic, Ecorse Rd./Kirkridge Park Dr.
1137 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1143 – suicidal person, Beckley Rd.
1224 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1415 – larceny from auto, Van Buren St.
1445 – family trouble, Gilmore St.
1446 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1830 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1846 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1858 – abandoned auto, Jackson St./Arthur St.
1909 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
1914 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
2002 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2027 – welfare check, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
2057 – traffic offense, Van Born/Haggerty
2121 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2119 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.
2146 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Nov. 15:

0116 – property check, Southport Apartments
0128 – domestic, Maple Dr.
0244 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
0322 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0426 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Snow Rd.
0444 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0612 – larceny from auto, Jackson St.
0713 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0728 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.
0753 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0922 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
0926 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
0936 – larceny from auto, Madison Dr.
0949 – larceny from auto, Jackson St.
1137 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1334 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1356 – missing person, McBride
1631 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
1634 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1713 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1725 – 911 welfare check, Jeremy Rd.
1724 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1744 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
/ E. U.S. 12
1848 – road hazard, Savage/Country Walk Blvd.
1854 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1904 – juvenile complaint, Marlowe Ave.
1933 – 911 welfare check, Ash Dr.
1958 – missing person, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
2024 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
2043 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2114 – threat, Rose Blvd.
2307 – property check, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 16:

0003 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0316 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0528 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
0559 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St. / McBride Ave.
0833 – ordinance violation, Riggs Rd.
0911 – parking complaint, Andover Dr./Fairfield
0922 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0948 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
1053 – animal complaint, McKinley St./Wheeler
1116 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1248 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1252 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1516 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1534 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1647 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hamilton St.
1824 – neighbor trouble, Turnberry Ct.
1948 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
2030 – road hazard, Beck/Ecorse
2046 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
2151 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
2339 – property check, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 17:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Hancock Ave.
0117 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0141 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0156 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0645 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0912 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1017 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1124 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1201 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1208 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1342 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1457 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1646 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1813 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1821 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1840 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Thursday, Nov. 18:

0044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
0326 – property check, Southport Apartments
0928 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
1222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1230 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1447 – animal complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
1459 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1542 – property damage accident, Belleville/E I-94
1601 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1609 – missing person, Brookside Dr.
1716 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1830 – property damage accident, Edwards Rd.
1854 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1902 – follow up by officer, Pebblebrook Dr.
1926 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2017 – family trouble, Jeremy Rd.
2147 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
2337 – domestic, Willow Way

Friday, Nov. 19:

0022 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0258 – welfare check, Montague Ave.
0325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
0504 – property check, Southport Apartments
0628 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0641 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0842 – misc. complaint, Parkwood
0937 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1017 – suicidal person, oak Blvd.
1028 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1032 – operating while intoxicated, Bayshore Dr.
1221 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
1239 – hospice death, Alden Ave.
1342 – breaking & entering, Beckley Rd.
1343 – animal complaint, Bentley Dr.
1817 – breaking & entering, Belmont Dr.
1902 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1906 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1929 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2936 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2002 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2058 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.

Saturday, Nov. 20:

0025 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
0041 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0110 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
0420 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0442 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
0556 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0823 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0948 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
1115 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, McKinley St.
1158 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.
1236 – parking complaint, Stoneybrook Ct.
1247 – welfare check, Harmony Ln.
1315 – abandoned auto, Ironwood Dr.
1332 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

1359 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St. / McBride Ave.
1515 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1626 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1635 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd.
1742 – domestic, Clayton Rd.
1747 – animal complaint, Tyler/I-275
1926 – breaking & entering, Pond Bluff Dr.
2023 – parking complaint, Stoneybrook Ct.
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
2131 – assist other dept., Beverly
2158 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2221 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2252 – property check, Southport Apartments
Also on this week's log are 28 traffic stops, with one of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 14:

0035 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0717 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa
1323 – missing person, Santa Clara St.

Monday, Nov. 15:

0109 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
0225 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park
0555 – property damage accident, Denton/Main
0741 – property check, Denton Rd.
0840 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0907 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Hull
1008 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1115 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Main St.

1126 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1224 – civil matter, N. Liberty, Apt. 6

1407 – domestic, W. Columbia Ave.

1820 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.

2036 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

2210 – traffic stop, Clarence St./E. Huron River

2312 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Biggs Ave.

2327 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.

Tuesday, Nov. 16:

0019 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
0316 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/S. Biggs Ave.
0336 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
0758 – property check, Denton Rd.
0903 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
0924 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
1032 – private property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.

1111 – missing person, Santa Clara St.

1357 – traffic stop, Roys St./Main St.

1410 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.

1424 – traffic stop, Third St./Main St.

1542 – domestic, Loza Ln.

1731 – property check, Denton Rd.

1822 – traffic stop, Main St.

1958 – traffic stop, Main St.

2019 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe

2102 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.

2205 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.

2217 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.

2321 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.

Wednesday, Nov. 17:

0523 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0555 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0654 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
0835 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Liberty St.
0844 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1314 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1541 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1934 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2315 – traffic stop, Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 18:

0915 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.
1410 – misc. complaint, Edison Ave./W. Columbia
1453 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1855 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2044 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Edgemont
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Dr.

Friday, Nov. 19:

0441 – vehicle lockout, Church St.
0913 – assist citizen, W. Thornhill Ct.
1034 – misc. complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1044 – larceny from auto, N. Liberty St.
1104 – misc. complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.
1517 – private property/property damage accident,

W. Columbia Ave.

1634 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.

1637 – civil matter, Main St.

1749 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.

1852 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.

1907 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park

1916 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park

1951 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

2001 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2021 – traffic stop, VB Plaza

2022 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2039 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

2050 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2102 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

2116 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

2223 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.

2224 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

2231 – welfare check, Wexford St.

2255 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main

2312 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2313 – traffic stop, Angola St./E. Huron River

Saturday, Nov. 20:

0035 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

0337 – traffic stop, Main St.

0347 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

0433 – family trouble, Carmell St.

0740 – property check, Denton Rd.

1347 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

1500 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

1501 – traffic stop, Madelon St.

1536 – traffic stop, Fourth St./Main St.

1630 – civil matter, Carmell St.

1837 – animal complaint, Roys St./Church St.

1853 – property check, Denton Rd.

1938 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

1948 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

2011 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Biggs

2132 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.

2141 – domestic, N. Liberty St.

2342 – assault & battery, Belle Villa Blvd.

There were 49 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 14:

0019 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
0155 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0837 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0846 – death investigation, Kansas St.
0908 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Victoria
0934 – assault, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1006 – property damage accident, Edgewood Dr.
1046 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1317 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1451 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

1724 – 911 hang up, Washington St.

1857 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr. / Rustic Ln.

2034 – citizen assist, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.

Monday, Nov. 15:

0121 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
0844 – juvenile complaint, Virginia St.
0926 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1019 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
1202 – assist fire dept., 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1224 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1313 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1314 – death investigation, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
1543 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1601 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1835 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1912 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2033 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
2120 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2226 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
2356 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2357 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Tuesday, Nov. 16:

1149 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1310 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1310 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1405 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1428 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1619 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sherwood
2029 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
2353 – shots fired, Edgewood Dr.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Wednesday, Nov. 17:

- 0837 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
- 1112 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
- 1138 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1243 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
- 1434 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
- 1450 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1530 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis
- 1631 – traffic complaint/hazard, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1649 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 2018 – mental health call, Greenmeadow Dr.
- 2321 – 911 hang up

Thursday, Nov. 18:

- 0212 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Wiemer Dr.
- 0657 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0844 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
- 0850 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1105 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
- 1541 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
- 1646 – assault, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1709 – hunting complaint, Willow/Sumpter
- 1721 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2025 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Nov. 19:

- 0223 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Carleton West
- 0450 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0720 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0835 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
- 0857 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1345 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1406 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- 1452 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1546 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
- 1638 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1753 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

- 1800 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
 - 2210 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willis
- Saturday, Nov. 20:**
- 0119 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 0507 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 - 0759 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 - 1000 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 1049 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
 - 1443 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 - 1515 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 1526 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 - 1822 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
 - 1826 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 - 2024 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
 - 2136 – disorderly person, Magnolia Dr.
 - 2241 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 2344 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
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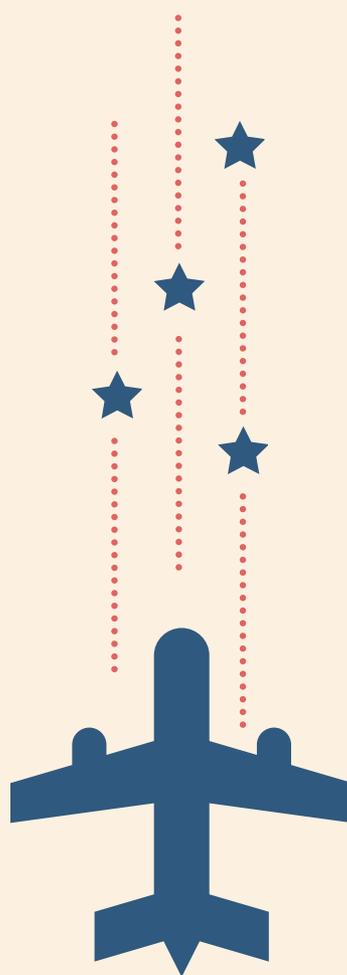
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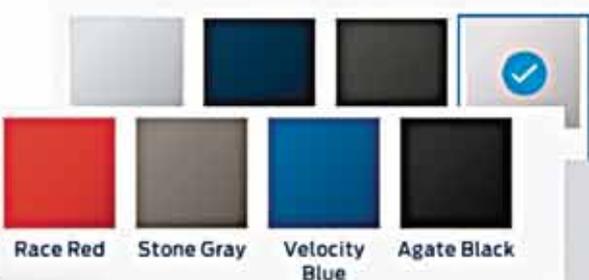
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