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VBT Community Players to present 'A Christmas Story'

The Van Buren Community Players will present Philip Grecian's adaptation of "A Christmas Story" at the Community Center Black Box Theater on Dec. 5-7 and 12-14.

Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the midwest in the 1940s follows nine-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher, and even Santa Claus. The consistent response: "You'll shoot your eye out!"

All the elements from the motion picture are here, including the family's temperamental exploding furnace; Scut Farkas, the school bully; the boys' experiment with a wet tongue on a cold lamppost; the Little Orphan Annie decoder pin; Ralphie's father winning a lamp shaped like a woman's leg in a net stocking; Ralphie's fantasy scenarios; and more.

"This production of 'A Christmas Story' is such a fun project for everyone involved," said director Martin Jacobs. "The cast and crew in the community theater are deeply dedicated to producing this show, infusing the experience with energy and enthusiasm. The cast loves bringing the beloved characters to life, and the crew enjoys designing creative sets that capture the holiday spirit".

The cast of this show includes the

following local actors: Nick Szczerba of Trenton as Ralph (the adult), Ella Convery of Van Buren Township as Ralphie Parker (the child), William Owen of Dearborn as The Old Man, Tiffany Darby of Taylor as Mother, Lauren Broughton of Taylor as Randy, Ryann Lacey of Van Buren Township as Miss Shields, Joel Yuhaz of Van Buren Township as Flick, Rory Peets of Wayne as Schwartz, Emilie Crosby of Van Buren Township as Esther Jane Alberly, Avery Warner of Whittaker as Helen Weathers and Laila Tapp-Hall of Ypsilanti as Scut Farkas. The ensemble includes Aaron Davis of Canton and Debbie Matt, Samuel Bingle, Heidi Leads, Hayden Lacey, and Sherrie Saksewski, all of Van Buren Township.

Performances are Dec. 5-7 and 12-14 at the Black Box Theater, inside the Van Buren Township Community Center at 46425 Tyler Rd. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$16-\$20 each and can be purchased online by going to www.vbtvbc.ludus.com or in person at the Community Center desk from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. For ticket assistance by phone, call (734) 699-8921. If there are any remaining tickets, they will be available for purchase at the Community



From left, William Owen, Lauren Broughton, Tiffany Darby, and Ella Convery

Center Desk one hour prior to show time. For group sales (10 or more tickets) use code, Buy10 on general tickets to receive a discounted rate of \$15 per ticket before fees.

For more information on this show and all upcoming shows, visit www.vanburencommunityplayers.com, email vanburencommunityplayers@gmail.com, or call (734) 796-7900.

Lionel Vincent found guilty of murdering VBT mother, daughter

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Lionel Lamont Vincent, 52, guilty of one count of first-degree, premeditated murder and not guilty of a second count of first-degree murder. Instead, he was found guilty of a second, lesser count of second-degree murder. The jury trial lasted two weeks. Sentencing is this week.

He originally had been charged with two counts of first-degree murder. He was on

trial for stabbing to death a mother and her 14-year-old daughter in Van Buren Township on July 25, 2021. At trial it was revealed there were more than 15 stab wounds on each victim.



Vincent

Yachanda Snipes, 45, who had dated

Vincent, and her daughter Daraca Leatherberry were found dead inside their apartment in the 46000 block of Lake Villa Drive within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex.

The jury verdict was announced on Oct. 31. Sentencing is Nov. 24.

Vincent was brought from Lakeland Correctional Facility in Ionia by the Michigan Department of Corrections

for his preliminary exam at 34th District Court in June 2022. He was being held on pending charges of violation of probation on a previous charge.

Now retired Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said at the time that Vincent was the suspect from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met. Det. Long said the state

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Celebrating 100-year-old Sophie Zoller, parade Grand Marshal

One of this year's Winterfest Parade Grand Marshals is Sophie Zoller, who has not only lived through a century of change, but helped shape decades of Belleville's story. Turning 100 years old this year, Sophie remains an active, joyful, and beloved member of the community.

Sophie and her late husband, Harry Zoller, moved to Belleville nearly seven decades ago in 1957. "We wanted to live in the country," she recalled. "Harry had started working at the Ford Rawsonville Plant and Belleville seemed like the perfect place to build our life."

Over the years, they did just that -- raising a family, making lifelong friends, and pouring themselves into the heart of the community. Today, Sophie's legacy continues through her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who carry forward the same love for Belleville that she and Harry shared.

If there's been a Belleville event, organization, or club over the past several decades, chances are Sophie has been a part of it. Her resume of community service reads like a history of Belleville:

- Longtime member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, later the Belleville Area Women's Club, and now the Ladies of the Lake, where she still attends monthly dinners.
- Deeply involved in St. Anthony's Parish as a room mom, member of the Mother's Club, and later a Parish Council member and committee volunteer.
- Helped create the Belleville Centennial Quilt, now proudly displayed at the Belleville Area District Library.



Sophie Zoller

- A major force behind the first Strawberry Festivals, chairing booths and leading volunteers at St. Anthony's, especially her famous pie booth, which she ran for years.
- Held leadership roles in the Belleville Moose Lodge and Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post 4434, serving as president and officer in both.
- Founding member of the BBC Striders walking and running club.
- Worked as an election official and precinct chairperson for many years.
- Active participant in local bowling and golf leagues, including at Lodge Lanes and Pine Creek Golf Course through the Senior Center.
- Member of several quilting groups throughout the region.

When asked what inspired her to stay so involved, Sophie's answer is simple and heartfelt: "I love living here. It's important to be a part of the community you live in, to give back and make it even better."

For Sophie, Belleville's charm has always been its people and its small-town warmth. "Friends, the country setting, the small-town feel, that's what makes Belleville home," she said. "It's the sense of community you can't get in a big city. Everyone knows someone, and everyone looks out for each other."

Her favorite memories reflect that spirit, from marching in the Christmas and Strawberry Festival parades with the VFW and Women's Club, to walking the Mackinac Bridge 19 times. She fondly remembers the Taste of Belleville, especially walking the bridge as part of the celebration. "I've always enjoyed being part of the action," she said.

Of all Belleville's beloved festivals, the Strawberry Festival holds a special place in Sophie's heart. "When it first started, it was a chance to show off our community and celebrate together," she said. "Now I also love the Harvest Fest in October, it still brings people together in that same spirit."

Sophie has also been a familiar face at Winterfest over the years, often decorating her car and joining the parade. "Throwing candy and seeing the children's faces always made me smile," she said. "It's just so much fun to be part of something bigger."

When Sophie reflects on her life in Belleville, her pride shines through. "I'm proud of many things," she said, "but especially running the elections and being involved in so many community activities. I just love Belleville. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else."

When she learned she had been selected as a Grand Marshal for the 2025 Winterfest

Parade, Sophie was overwhelmed with joy.

"Excited!! I felt so honored. I couldn't believe I was chosen. It's such a great honor, and I'm so looking forward to it."

Even at 100, Sophie's vision for Belleville's future is vibrant and forward-thinking. "I hope our community continues to grow," she said. "It would be wonderful to see a theater, and more restaurants but still keep the small-town charm intact. We have such a wonderful community."

And her message for the season is as timeless as her spirit:

"Merry Christmas! I hope our community will always stay friendly and open to newcomers. Without them, we don't grow in spirit and love. I hope Belleville continues to be the amazing place it is today. I love this town."

Sophie still enjoys visiting her favorite local spots: Garden Fantasy on Main for flowers, Victory Park for memories with her grandchildren, The Bait Shop for shrimp and fish, Johnny's on the Lake and Egan's for a great burger. "Pretty much anywhere in Belleville is wonderful," she said. "It's such a unique and special town."

Sophie grew up on a potato farm in Posen, MI, and came to Detroit in 1947 to work at Timken Axle, all on her own. "I was a farmer's daughter who didn't even know how to drive when I moved to Detroit," she said. "But I figured it out!"

Sophie said the spirit of Winterfest reflects everything she's loved about Belleville for the past seven decades: "It's about people coming together to celebrate our town. It's such a happy time to be in Belleville. I'm just so proud to be part of this community."

Pastor Bob and Becky White named parade Grand Marshals

This year, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce honors Pastor Bob and Becky White from Grace Baptist Church as Grand Marshals of the 2025 Winterfest Parade, a tribute to two lifelong residents whose dedication, kindness, and faith have helped shape the heart of the community.

For Pastor Bob and Becky White, Belleville isn't just where they live, it's where their story began. "Becky and I have lived most of our lives in Belleville," Pastor Bob said. "We both attended elementary school and South Junior High, where we met in the seventh grade -- the very first year the school opened. We graduated from Belleville High School in 1970."

Their families first came to the area in the early 1950s, when Bob's father, Jim, began working for Eastern Airlines. Decades later, Belleville remains not just their home, but the place where generations of their family continue to grow and thrive. Their three daughters Rachael, Natalie, and

the late Emily and grandchildren, Evelyn and Madelynn, all called Belleville home as well.

As the longtime pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Bob has spent decades serving the people of Belleville both spiritually and personally. His involvement spans countless community efforts, including the Van Buren Health Advisory Committee, V.F.W. Memorial Day and Veterans Day services for more than 30 years, and the Brown Funeral Home "Tree of Remembrance" program.

Behind the scenes, he's been a steady hand in many of Belleville's special events often helping quietly, without seeking recognition. "Since Belleville is our hometown, I want to see it thrive," he said. "We love our community and want to help in any way we can."

When asked what makes Belleville feel like home, Pastor Bob's replies easily. "It's been home for over 60 years. Our family



Pastor Bob and Becky White

grew up here. I know many of the older residents, and it's always good to reminisce about the past."

Among his fondest memories are being part of the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremonies, celebrating Grace Baptist's 50th and 75th anniversaries,

and reconnecting with a mentor -- James Richendollar, a beloved Belleville coach, teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools who helped shape his early path toward education and ministry.

For the White family, Belleville's greatest treasure is its people. "It's that small-town feel," Pastor Bob said. "People here share a common goal, helping each other through difficult times and working together for growth."

That spirit shines brightly during community traditions like Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and of course, Winterfest. "I always enjoy the Christmas season," he said. "People seem happier, more generous. There's something special about how the spirit of giving comes alive."

For Pastor Bob and Becky, Winterfest is more than just a celebration, it's a reflection of what truly matters. "As we gather for this most wonderful time of the year, I

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Volunteers in tri-community are a great treasure

There are a great many of events in the tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter, with even more coming up for the holidays.

Most of these couldn't be done without the many willing volunteers in the community that step forward to offer their time and talents.

Some of the volunteers have been serving for years and are getting older and finding less energy to expend. They continue anyway because many times they do not see younger volunteers waiting to step up.

Younger people have children to care for and elderly parents to attend to. They are occupied with family outings and athletic events. Of course, they are not able to volunteer for events. No time.

As the years roll by, parents have fewer responsibilities until the grandchildren start arriving. That's when the volunteering begins – and often the grandchildren are in tow and learn what it's like to help people without remuneration at their grandparent's knee.

Students also get a taste of volunteering, but they get school credit for their work. It's not the real thing, but it's a taste.

This Thanksgiving we thank all the volunteers who serve without pay to provide events and food and other things for those in our community.

The tri-community is a very special place that is very full of very giving people. Thank you all.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We appreciate all the people who have been dropping by with donations to help keep our paper going. Some mail donations and some come right in and give me cash in hand.

Local papers are so important to the health of a community and we are so happy that people recognize this.

We are very thankful for you all at this Thanksgiving time.

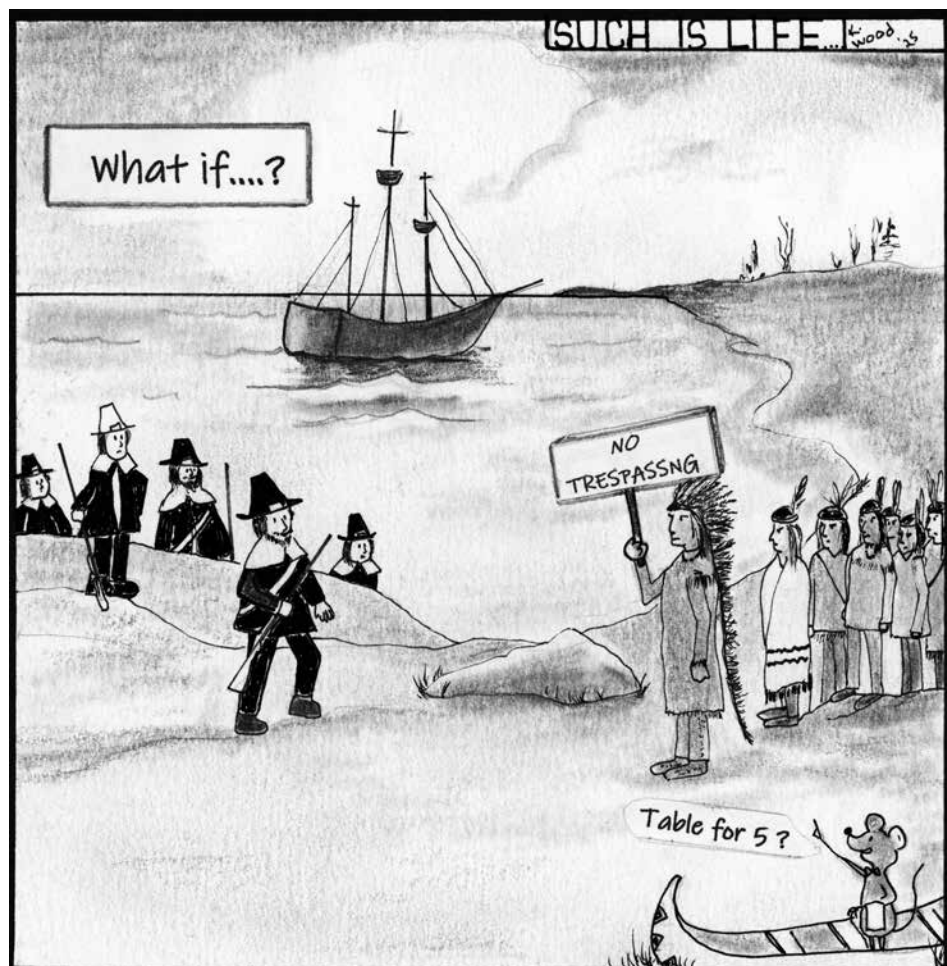
The Winter Fest fireworks on Dec. 6 at the west end of the Denton Road Bridge scheduled for from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., will actually begin later than what was approved by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Nov. 18.

The Angel of Hope ceremony, that is on Dec. 6 every year across the county, this year is during Winter Fest and it starts at 7 p.m. The Angel of Hope event is at Hillside Cemetery right next to where the fireworks are being staged, so the fireworks are going to be delayed. They were thinking 8 p.m. or so. Don't give up on the fireworks.

The exotic bird shop expects to open before Christmas in the former location of Denny's restaurant at Lakeside Shopping Center. They will be moving over from where they are now located next door. That building, which was a Chase Bank branch before it became a bird shop, may be turned into an exotic fish shop.

When the library's lighting control vendor was onsite for another project, it also readjusted the timer for the lights in the second-floor quiet study room. Library director Mary Jo Suchy said when people

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



are studying they often don't move and, the lights were going off because they weren't moving.

A Van Buren Township man and his wife had been charged with more than 60 shopliftings a few years ago. Finally, they took plea deals and repaid the store for its losses.

Mike Long was the detective on the case. The old case recently came to my attention and I asked him the details when I saw him at 34th District Court last week. He is retired now and works as a court officer. We deliver *Independents* to the court each week.

He said that the man started it as a game, stealing small items at Aldi's by shuffling things around at checkout so that the items would escape going through the scanner.

Soon, his wife joined in. Sometimes they would go to Aldi's more than once a day. But, the store manager caught them and provided the surveillance tapes for the prosecution. It was a game.

Last Thursday when we were delivering papers in the city of Belleville, we noticed semis, loaded with heavy pieces of asphalt, coming away from the Denton Road Bridge where they were getting their loads and driving across Main Street onto North Liberty Street. Semis aren't supposed to travel that residential street. Some went around to Fifth Street and then to Main.

Those huge vehicles take up a lot of the roadway on city streets. Scary.

But, there is a lot of scary driving when we deliver. We see many vehicles driving in the dark morning hours with no headlights. We don't see them until they are very close.



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Letters

Democratic Club sets holiday dinner on Dec. 5

Greetings All,

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club cordially invites you and your families to join us at our annual Holiday Dinner, Friday, Dec. 5. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti (2 miles west of Rawsonville Road).

Tickets are available online and at the door at \$25 each or \$45 a couple and includes dinner by Veronica's Catering – city chicken, baked chicken, red skin potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert, beer, wine, set-ups and a door prize ticket. Opportunities to win prizes in our raffle and a silent auction will add to the festivities!

This is a fantastic opportunity to kick off the holidays with lots of fun and good fellowship and show your support for making a change in 2026!

Though tickets will be available at the door, we encourage you to purchase your tickets ahead of time (for planning purposes) at: <https://donorbox.org/swdc-holiday-party>

We hope you will join us. We look forward to seeing you Friday evening, Dec. 5, at UAW Local 898.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving,
Debbie Chamberlain, correspondence secretary
Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club

Correction:

Organization actually is Rank MI Vote

Alex Yerkey, the communications director of Rank MI Vote, informed us that while we listed the name of their organization as Bridge the Divide it actually is Rank MI Vote. In last week's paper we published the announcement for an event to be held at the library on Nov. 24.

Yerkey said, to clarify, Bridge the Divide is the name of the 50-city town hall tour that Rank MI Vote is doing to educate Michigan voters about the proposed ballot initiative to bring Ranked Choice Voting to Michigan.

We regret the confusion.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Musings

By Janet Millard
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As promised, this paper has the complete list of Winter Fest activities. Look for the Belleville Central Business Community's Buzz the Business Dog in the parade, and don't forget to bring the little ones to the library after the parade to meet with Santa and pick up a stocking. You may also take pictures with Santa to commemorate the occasion.

You are lucky that there are so many opportunities to get that special gift prior to Christmas. Winter Fest will have their Thursday Night Popups in both the Fourth Street Square and Place. Then Sumpter Township will have a Holiday Craft/Vendor Show on Dec. 12 through 14 in the Community Center.

Your last chance for Holiday specials with popups will be on Third Thursday in December with extended shopping until 8 p.m.

There is not much time for you to purchase tickets to see the Van Buren Community Players present "A Christmas Carol." The first weekend in December will, as always, be a very busy time with so much to do. The play, at Van Buren Township Community Center runs on Dec. 5 through 7 and Dec. 12 through 14.

On Friday, Dec. 5, the Belleville Area Museum kicks off its Festival of Holiday Trees and Wreaths with a Night at the Museum from 6 to 8 p.m. with refreshments. The event is open to the public. During Winter Fest you may stop in to see the beautiful trees on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 6, the museum will host a Holiday Ornament Workshop at the library from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no fee but pre-registration is required at vanburentwp.recdesk.com. The spaces fill quickly. Call 699-8921 if you need more information.

Do you have an item for this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Birthdays

Dec. 2 – Susan Duff

Dec. 3 – Pam Johnson, Simona Miller, John Duff

Dec. 4 – Amber Brendtke

Dec. 5 – Justin Juriga, Rachael Christian

Dec. 6 – Diane Sloan

Dec. 7 – Peggy Breen, Cheryl Parent

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Friday - December 5th

Soup Crawl

Time: 6pm - 8pm
Location: Start at 4th Street Square

Night at the Museum Holiday Party

Time: 6pm - 8pm
Location: Belleville Area Museum

Santa Dance Party w/ DJ Richendollar

Time: 8pm - 11pm, *All ages welcome until 9:30pm
Location: 4th Street Square

Saturday - December 6th

Jingle Bell 5K & Fun Run to benefit VBPSEF

Time: 10am
Location: Van Buren Park

Holiday Village Activities

Time: 11am - 5:30pm
Location: 4th Street Place

Food Trucks

Time: 11am - 9pm
Location: 4th Street Place

Inflatables + Tubing Slide

Time: Noon - 5pm - Weather Permitting
Location: 4th and Main St.

Wildlife Safari Animal Shows

Time: 11am & 2pm
Location: 4th Street Square

Saturday - December 6th - continued

Carriage Rides

Time: 11am - 4:30pm
Location: 4th and Main St.

Music by Sweet Willie Tea

Time: 11am - 4:30pm
Location: Main St. Stage

Redemption Music

Time: Noon - 2:00pm
Location: 4th St. Place

Funk Opus Band - Live Music

Time: 3pm - 5pm
Location: 4th St. Place

Annual Light Parade - A Very Retro Christmas

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Location: Main Street

Santa at the Library

Time: After the parade
Location: Belleville Area District Library

Winter Fest Fireworks

Time: 8pm - Weather Permitting
Location: View from Downtown

Silent Disco w/ Live DJ

Time: 8pm - 10pm, all ages
Location: 4th St. Place

Mad Mad World - Live Music

Time: 8pm - 11pm, *all ages welcome until 9:30pm
Location: 4th Street Square

Sunday, December 7th

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Time: 10am - 1pm
Location: 4th Street Square

Carriage Rides

Time: 10am - 12:30pm
Location: 4th and Main St.



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Obituaries



Michael Ray Horvath

MICHAEL RAY HORVATH

December 29, 1943 – October 18, 2025

Devoted husband, father, grandfather.

Mike, 81, of Belleville, passed away October 18, 2025. He was born December 29, 1943 to Elmer and Jean (Dunham) Horvath from Plymouth, MI.

After graduating from Plymouth High School, he served his country in the United States Army for 2 years. He met and married the love of his life Lynda from Belleville, MI, sharing 56 years of marriage together.

He worked for several years at Ford Motor Company and then he was employed by Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury painting cars until retirement. He was a very hard worker and provider.

Mike loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting and trips to Canada.

Through his journey of 81 years, he touched many lives with his wisdom, humor, stories and unwavering spirit of perseverance.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Jean Horvath, his wife Lynda Horvath, brother-in-law Cliff Perry, sister-in-law Cheryl Sineveck, and brother-in-law John Sineveck. Mike is survived by his children Rene'e (Mark) LeClair, Michael (Melissa) Horvath, Bryan (Michelle) Horvath, Brad Horvath (Stephanie Sharpe), Tonya Horvath (Ryan Scherz); his grandchildren Marriisa (Sam) Parham, Blaine LeClair, Cole (Deanna) Horvath, Hunter Horvath, Madison Horvath, Ava Horvath, Sophia Horvath, Chase Horvath, Parker Horvath, Colin Schuman and Carson Schuman; and his sisters Sue (Arlen) Wallace, Linda Wilkin, Sherry (Gene) Strickland, and sister-in-law Glenda Perry.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 21, at 11 a.m. at Faith Community Church, 894 East Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI.

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Beverly Ann Yurchak

BEVERLY ANN YURCHAK

February 21, 1944 – November 13, 2025

Beverly Ann Yurchak, 81, passed away peacefully, Thursday, November 13, 2025 after a battle with vascular disease and dementia. She was born February 21, 1944 in Detroit, MI, to Guy M. Cox and Alma (Lindemann) Cox.

Beverly was a very independent soul, creative, multi-talented, industrious, with very strong convictions. She was known among her closest family and friends for her childlike silliness, sense of humor, and great laugh. She cared deeply for her community, playing various roles within her political party at the local, state, and national levels. She enjoyed playing softball and coached Little League girls' softball. She was proud to be one of the original investors of the *Independent* newspaper in Belleville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Lawrence Cox, and her husband Ronald J. Yurchak in 2019.

She is survived by her children Angela (Mark) Kirkpatrick of Monroe, Allan (Laurie) Yurchak of Marietta, GA, and Amie (Brian) Summers of Georgetown, KY; grandchildren Amber Schmenk, Lauren Hryniewiecki, Chloe Yurchak, Zachary Yurchak, Travis, Awbree and Andrew Summers; great-grandchildren Flynn Hryniewiecki, Scarlett and Violet Haley, and Kathleen Summers; and sister Marilyn Galea of Plymouth, MI.

She will be missed by all her family and friends. The family is planning a Celebration of Life after the holidays.

Beverly will be interred with Ronald at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

MARVIN CANUP

June 14, 1935 – November 14, 2025

Age 90 of Belleville and formerly of Gaylord. Survived by children Marion Ibach and James Canup, siblings Alton Canup, Darlene Gasper and Midian Downing; grandchildren Mark and Nicole, and a great-grandson. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 1 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 15 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed

Obituaries



Judy Ann Corder

JUDY ANN CORDER

January 29, 1943 – November 16, 2025
Judy Corder of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and formerly of Wayne, Michigan for many years, passed away on November 16, 2025, in hospice care surrounded by her family. She was born on January 29, 1943, in Wayne, MI, to Harvey and Nora (Thornberry) Chapman. She worked for many years as a server and bartender at many local restaurants before retiring. Judy was a Christian and woman of faith. In her spare time, she enjoyed yard sales and shopping. She was always decorating for the holidays both inside and in her yard. Judy loved her animals as well, very fond of her pets. She will be dearly missed. Judy is survived by her children John "Rusty" (Kim) Burlett of Harrison, MI, Shelly (Susan Burden) Burlett of Belleville, MI, and Kimberly Ann Sternberg, of Ypsilanti, MI; her siblings Janet (Dennis) Hamilton of Belleville, MI, Harvey "Buzz" (Alaina) Chapman of Taylor, MI, and Kathy (Dan) Kemeter of Belleville, MI; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband David Eugene Corder, grandson Cody Sternberg, brother Kenneth Chapman, and sister Jean Barker.

A visitation was Wednesday November 19, 2025, at The David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI, 48111 from 11 a.m. until the time of service of 1 p.m. Pastor Dan Kemeter officiated. A burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, 46785 Denton Road, Belleville, Michigan, 48111.

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JAMES 'JIM' BULLOCK

(April 17, 1944 – November 17, 2025)
James "Jim" Bullock, age 81, of Ewing, Virginia (formerly of Belleville, Michigan) passed away peacefully and surrounded by his loved ones, on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Born April 17, 1944, to the late Harold and Beulah Bullock, Jim devoted his life to being a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He was a United States Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War. Jim would later go on to retire from Detroit Edison Electric Company, having dedicated many years, as a sub station operator. He was a long-time member of Myrtle Masonic Lodge #89 and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Belleville, Michigan.

Other than his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Patsy Baker.

Survivors include his loving wife of sixty years, Mary Clonce Bullock; three sons, Shawn (Kathy) Ortega, Harold (Elizabeth) Bullock and James Bullock; one brother, Dave (Cynthia) Bullock; three grandchildren, Jake Ortega, Jessica Bullock and Jackson Bullock; three great-grandchildren, Amari, Joy Lynn and Paul III; and a host of special nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Arnett & Steele Valley Chapel, of Harrogate, Tennessee, on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 5PM-8PM. Masonic services will be conducted courtesy of Martin Station Lodge #188 of Martins Station, Virginia, immediately following the visitation.

Funeral services with Military Honors, will be held, at the funeral home, on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 2PM, with Rev. Paul Clonce, officiating. Music will be by Tommy Belcher.

Interment to immediately follow funeral services at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, Virginia with friends and family to serve as pallbearers.

Arnett & Steele Valley Chapel of Harrogate, Tennessee is honored to serve the James "Jim" Bullock family.

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• **Thursday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 30** – Black Friday Sale at the Michigan Flight Museum Gift Shop, 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport, (734) 483-4030. Free admission all weekend. Explore the collection of unique, aviation-inspired gifts. Black Friday Sales have 25% to 50% off on multiple items.

• **Sunday, Nov. 30** – Pictures with Santa, 1-3 p.m., featuring Rachel Leonard Photography. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund. Romulus VFW Post, 39271 Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 3** – "The First to Fly: Fifty Years of Flight Before the Wright Brothers" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Michigan Flight Museum at Willow Run Airport as a part of its Historic Presentation Series. Speaker Kirk Haas will look at the dreamers and innovators who paved the way for modern aviation. Cost is \$10 for non-members and free for museum members with registration. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The museum is at 47884 D St., Belleville 48111, (734) 483-4030.

• **Friday, Dec. 5** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club's annual holiday dinner is at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. Doors open at 6, dinner served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and \$45 per couple.

• **Friday, Dec. 5** – Night at the Museum Kick-off Party to the Festival of Holiday

Trees from 6-8 p.m. Free and open to the public. Enjoy light snacks, festive drinks, and holiday music and get first look at the holiday trees.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6 through Tuesday, Dec. 23** – Festival of Holiday Trees at the Belleville Area Museum. Hours are: Tuesdays, 12-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6** – Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation is holding its Jingle Belle 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run through Van Buren Park on the Iron Bell Trail at 10 a.m. Early bird special is \$25 per runner. After Nov. 30 it's \$30 per runner. \$15 is for the fun run race. Walkers welcome.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6** – Holiday Ornament Workshop, 1-3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. No fee. Preregistration required online at vanburentwp.recdesk.com. Information: (734) 699-8921.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6** – The annual Angel of Hope ceremony is at 7 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery. The national remembrance is for families who have lost a child at any age. There will be a reading of names and tolling of the bell for each name read. Call Brown Funeral Home at (734) 697-4500 to add a name or to get more information. It is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather.

• **Sunday, Dec. 7** – The public is invited to the "Sing Noel" chorus concert by the Belleville Lakeside Singers at 5 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Admission is free. There will be a collection of Christmas favorites followed by cookies and refreshments. Information: Jane Vesche, (734) 740-4165.



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First things first, mark your calendars! Rich's birthday was on Nov. 12, so if you happen to bump into him, please make sure to wish him a very happy one. He was born back in 1946, hailing from Beacon, NY.

Rich's life story is truly remarkable and speaks volumes about the man he is today. Growing up, he faced some incredibly tough challenges at home, which instilled in him a deep desire to protect others, especially women, and a personal commitment to never drink alcohol himself. Despite these early struggles, his father served our country as a correctional officer for 32 years.

You might be surprised to learn that Rich has had an absolutely fascinating career path! In the early 1960s, a friend convinced him to try out for football in New York City. Can you believe it? He ended up playing in the NFL for five years during the Vietnam era – three years with the New York Jets, one with the Dolphins, and another with Boston. But his commitment to service didn't stop there. He actually left the NFL to enlist in the Air Force, proudly serving our country for nearly four years.

After his military service, life continued to unfold in exciting ways. He met his wonderful wife in 1968, and they tied the knot in 1973, building a loving marriage that lasted three decades. His father-in-law, whom Rich deeply admired, helped him open his own men's clothing store, Hopewell Men's Store, which he successfully owned for 17 years. Rich and his wife also opened their hearts and home, adopting their son, Matthew, in



Rich Pietrogolla

1982. Matthew later blessed Rich with two beautiful grandchildren, bringing even more joy into his life.

Rich is a true health and fitness advocate! He's been a certified fitness trainer for over 20 years, helping countless people across seven states (including creating "The Slim Down" program while living in Texas) achieve their health goals. It's truly inspiring, especially considering he's had emergency stomach surgery and open-heart surgery just last year, yet he still dedicates time to working out every single day! When he moved to Michigan a decade ago, he spent about four years as a caregiver, explaining that staying in great shape allows him to better assist others.

It's clear that Rich has an incredible zest for life and a heart of gold. He reads his Bible daily, is always ready to lend a hand, and shared with me how thankful he is for all the wonderful support he receives from the VA.

So, the next time you spot Rich Pietrogolla out and about, please don't hesitate to stop, say hello, and maybe even share a quick chat. He's truly a kind soul, and Belleville is lucky to have him among us!

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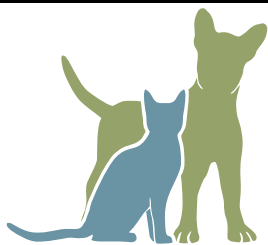
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VBT approves DDA amendment, Morton Taylor paving project

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent editor

After a public hearing on Nov. 18, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan for the VBT Downtown Development Authority. This is the first reading of the ordinance, with the second reading and final approval to be at the Dec. 2 meeting of the township board.

DDA director Merrie Coburn explained that the township's DDA was established in 1990 and the development plan was approved and expires in 2038. This is the third refreshing of the plan since 1990. The last amendment was in 2009. The district has remained the same size and there is no plan to change its size.

"The district has had a lot of growth since 2009 and the third amendment will reflect that with added projects and costs, revised cost estimates of projects that have not been completed to reflect the rise in costs, updated maps and updated tax capture revenue spreadsheets," she said.

Coburn presented a list of high-priority projects, with the Belleville Road widening at the top, sidewalk and nonmotorized improvements and maintenance, Belleville Road improvements from I-94 to Tyler, Belleville Road streetlights from Tyler

to Ecorse, and concrete joint repairs on Belleville Road. Other projects were listed as medium and low priority, along with ongoing annual projects.

She said that there are 1,161 residents in the DDA district and Public Act 57 requires a citizens' council of seven to be formed if there are more than 100 residents in the district. The council is made up of those residents or those closeby the district, so the council was formed. It has met three times to consider the amendment.

During the public hearing, Reg Ion said he would like to have a hard copy of the amendments. He said there was a lot of money spent on the landscaping at Ecorse and Belleville roads but the snowfence that used to be between Ecorse Road and the South Service Drive is gone. He said when they plow Ecorse, now the snow goes onto the Service Drive where he lives and he has to plow it out. He also said there is no longer grass cutting along the Service Drive. He said they should spend more money on the residents in the township, instead of on businesses. He said the airport bought the Saratoga property on Ecorse and is now offering it for development. He said he is not in favor of the Stellantis development now under way on Ecorse.

Another speaker, who said he lives on

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Morton Taylor and the North I-94 Service Drive, asked about paving Morton Taylor Road, which was on the agenda. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township wants to pave Morton Taylor Road north of Tyler Road, but not in his area yet. He said the township had an agreement with a developer to pave that part of Morton Taylor, but the township got money from Wayne County to split the cost. McNamara said VBT residents have the lowest taxes in Wayne County.

In other business in the 68-minute

meeting, the board:

- Approved adjusting a 2025 road paving budget item from \$0 to \$850,000 for the first payment for the Morton Taylor Paving Project to pave Morton Taylor between Tyler and Ecorse. McNamara said the cost is being shared with Wayne County and, "That's how we got Haggerty Road." The total cost is expected to be \$3.5 million and the township will pay up to \$1.7 million and the county will pay anything over. The township will pay \$850,000 in 2025 and \$850,000 in 2026. He said the township is asking the residential developer on the northwest corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor to kick in a couple of \$100,000s;

- Approved a fireworks display permit application from the Belleville Yacht Club for Michigan Fireworks Club on Saturday, Dec. 6, with a rain date of Sunday, Dec. 7. It will be staged on Denton Road just west of the Denton Road bridge, the place it had been staged over the past three years. This event is part of Winter Fest;

- Witnessed a presentation on the design plan developed by contractor PEA Group for the front entrance area of Van Buren Park. Trees are being cleared next to the sled hill and along the South Service Drive. A bunny hill will be put in next to sled hill for young children. A new community garden area is planned to the west of the drive with a 23-car parking lot, pavilion, and tool shed. There will be a fence and piers along the drive, along with a fitness area, no-go zones for wildlife, a gate to the maintenance area, native plantings, and other park amenities. McNamara said none of this is budgeted, but if you don't have a plan, no one will give you money. "We're reloading the barrel to go after some more money," he said, noting a long list of grants

received by getting a plan first;

- Heard clerk Leon Wright state that the township hasn't raised taxes at least since 2008 when he first got here. He also said the township had about \$50,000 in health care cost savings over six months by utilizing EHIM's model based on employee usage instead of a standard 20% cost to employees;

- Heard a resident of Crowley Road ask about the drift race track on Robson Road. McNamara said it's in court now and the race track owner is fighting it. He said the case is expected to move forward in the next year since this is the busy holiday season; and

- Heard resident Reg Ion say there has been a lack of maintenance at Van Buren Park and the trees and shrubs having to be cut back are because of ten years of neglect. He said the American flag at the park was on the ground and he reported it, but doesn't know if it's been picked up. "I have yet to see a damn bicycle on the Iron Belle Trail," he said. He said the water tower should have been built in Van Buren Park. He suggested they start testing the water and soil at the park. McNamara said it's been tested and it's good. He said he's concerned about the flag comment, also noting the grant money is not tax money. Ion replied, "It's still my tax money."

Belleville DDA forms committee to make progress on projects

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent editor

A committee was set up of Belleville Downtown Development Authority members at their Nov. 19 meeting to make progress on the hardware store at 458 Main St. that it purchased in October 2023 along with the property it purchased at Third and Main at the same time.

Volunteering for that committee were Phil Miller, Mike Gatteri, and Sabrina Richardson-Williams. President of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Dinara Strikis asked if a member of the public could join in and she was placed on the committee, as well.

Steve Jones, DDA Coordinator/interim city manager, had put several items on the agenda concerning the former hardware store that he has named the "WhereHouse Project." He had proposals for new art on the windows, finishing construction, flooring, and interior paint.

The DDA approved Jones' request to spend \$1,000 to have an artist scrape off the old paintings on the WhereHouse windows and replace that with winter scenes by the same person who did the windows at the Rustic Crow. When pressed, he said the artist who will get \$1,000 for the work is Gerina Rohman.

On July 17, 2024 the DDA voted to pay another artist \$3,000 to paint the present

pictures on the windows. On Feb. 19, 2025, the DDA approved \$44,480 to fix a wall at the hardware store.

Jones also suggested some kind of sealing for the floor that is bare now that the old tiles have been torn out. And, he said, the bathroom project has to be done. He said he could get two carpet square quotes for the next meeting, and they will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Or they could go with cleaning the floor and painting it for about \$2,500 or grinding it and putting on clear epoxy for \$1,500.

Miller said they would need quotes from more than one vendor.

DDA member Donley said they don't know how the space is going to be divided. He said they shouldn't spend money on painting "until we know where we're going."

"I agree," Jones said. "Make it adaptable at the lowest cost so it looks finished enough."

DDA member Miller asked what the timeline is for completing the hardware store upgrade and Jones said, "As soon as possible."

DDA member Beaubien asked, "What is our vision?"

Board chairman John Winter said the plan was for pop-up shops.

"I thought by Christmas we'd have

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Belleville DDA

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some popup shops," said treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

Jones said with the change in management at the city, he has had longer days, referring to not having enough time to do everything.

Donley said the DDA has people to sign up for tasks and have time to do it.

DDA member Mike Gatteri said they could send out a group email to ask for help. He said they need a clearly defined timeline and a committee could do that. Otherwise, it kind of gets pushed under the rug.

Jones said he put the name "WhereHouse" to signify "where you come to start your business." He said some community groups asked if they could have space to hold meetings there.

Donley said the building is still for sale so there are several options on the table.

Miller said a commercial project wants a white box. He said the committee can look at the longterm strategies and midterm strategies. Have an incubator up and running for 18 months to see how it goes. They could look into a four or five-year plan.

Jones said he got an email from the county about granting money for industry, such as micro manufacturing, metal work, businesses and he will look into that.

Donley said to share that with the committee.

Miller agreed and said they'll get the committee together and set up a plan. He said he recently became a real estate agent and that has other information available.

Winter said the report from the committee will be put on the January agenda.

In other business at the one-hour-19-minute meeting on Nov. 19, the DDA:

- Approved a \$20,000 façade grant for Hayward's Liquor Store, 573 Main St. The work had been discussed at a recent DDA meeting that was held without a quorum. Jennifer Kouza, business owner, and Rad Greaves, contractor, told of their plans to upgrade the building that was built in 1932 or 1934. Greaves won't know what roofing will be put on until he opens up the roof and see how much weight it can carry. He would like to use slate tiles that he has on

hand and would donate to her project, but they are heavy. They were asked to keep the city informed on what is decided. Kouza said the work has to be done by March when the number of customers increases;

- Learned Beaubien had gone door-to-door along Main Street and from 12 to 15 businesses had signed up for a \$1,000 grant each for Christmas lights. She reported that since the grant can only be used to purchase lights and related items and not for labor to put them up, each will get less than the \$1,000 allocated, so there will still be money left in the allocation. They voted to uncap the maximum number of businesses in the program because there is money left;

- Heard Gatteri, who suggested the grants for lights, say since there is money left, they can use some of the grant funds for the hardware store holiday lights, draping red and green lights from floor to ceiling. Miller said they shouldn't use grant money for the hardware store and Jones said they could pay for it otherwise; and

- Heard secretary Denise Baker say she had a problem with the finance report because items are not posted properly and everything is lumped together. She said she will work with Jones and the staff to get it posted right. Miller asked for a trial balance and Jones didn't know about that and said he would find out. Miller suggested using POs, but Baker said an invoice number goes to the account and a PO is another step. Jones said he will work on this.

Sumpter planners recommend OK of special land use for Nassar's used car lot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent editor

After more than two hours of comments in and after a public hearing on Nov. 13, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the township board of special land use for outdoor sale and display of used automobiles at 17450 Savage Rd. for the property's new owner Hassan Nassar.

Commissioner Daniel Watson was absent

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Sumpter Plan

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and excused from the meeting.

The commission also unanimously approved special land use for Sumpter Properties, LLC, a used-car lot at 25891 Sumpter Rd., which had been requested by Nassar, who now is pulling out of that business to go to his new business on Savage Road. The new owner of the Sumpter Road property is pursuing the legal approval of that lot.

The commission also unanimously approved the site plan for 25891 Sumpter Rd., which had been requested a year ago. Neighbors say he has been operating without the legal approval for all that time, bringing in cars and, at one point, stacking them up in the back of the property.

In other business at the two-hour-and-20-minute meeting, the commission:

- Discussed draft ordinance language for the Wetland Mitigation Bank. The language is not complete. Township trustee Matthew Oddy explained that EGLE (the state's department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) had approved a wetland mitigation project behind a mobile home park on Willis and put it in without notice to the park. He said the township has lots of wetlands and Crosswinds Marsh is the largest wetlands park in the state. He said the township doesn't want good farmlands to be put into wetlands. Wetland banks are where wetlands are legally transferred from areas that don't want wetlands;
- Discussed and then approved revisions to the Solar Ordinance;
- Approved the meeting dates scheduled for 2026;
- Tabled until the Jan. 8 meeting a request for special land use for a veterinary surgery suite at 40030 Willis Rd. because the applicant was not present. This had been discussed at length at a previous meeting. Commissioner Nicole VanAssche said she has been thinking about it and the township should encourage businesses in homes. She said maybe it could be open one day a week;
- Removed from the agenda without comment a request for rezoning of five parcels from MHP to RF or R1; and
- Discussed an Augusta Township man's plan for his newly purchased property on the southwest corner of Willis and Sumpter roads. He said he has upgraded the inside of the former Art's Appliance for a business and wanted guidance on how to use the former car repair shop on the corner. He said he is considering a custom welding shop or auto detailing by appointment. Trustee Oddy suggested he come in and talk with Joe Pezzotti, the township's planner, to get an idea of what would work with the zoning. The man said he did that a couple of times and said Pezzotti said to come to the commission. He was told to work with the planner to come up with options.

Public Hearing

The lengthy public hearing on the former Hughes repair shop at 17450 Savage Rd.

at the beginning of the meeting started with engineer Justin Novak of Wyandotte, Nassar's consultant, explain that Nassar wants to do outdoor auto repair, add a greenbelt, and put in a privacy fence.

Township planning consultant Pezzotti in his report on the request said this business has been an auto repair shop for some time. It has commercial zoning to the north with outdoor storage, no major site changes, and two entrances on Savage Road. The required trash containers are not shown on his site plan and must be added, he said.

He said 30 parking spaces are required and they are shown on the plan as places for cars for sale. The township also needs to see the required 10% landscaping on the plans.

He recommended that the commission send the special land use approval to the township board for final approval, with stipulations that there would be no outdoor storage of discarded parts and Wayne County would approve the plan.

Judy Graves of 17600 Savage Rd., just south of the site in question, said her home was built in 1861 and is one of the original buildings in Sumpter. It was the original

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES -- November 18, 2025**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, IT Director Barbaza, Director of Community Services Renaud and an audience of twelve.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025, Prepaid List of October 23, 2025, Prepaid List of October 30, 2025, Prepaid List of November 4, 2025, Election Inspector Payroll List for November 4, 2025 Special Election, Prepaid List of November 6, 2025, Prepaid List of November 10, 2025, Voucher List of November 18, 2025 and Approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application for a fireworks display by Belleville Yacht Club on Saturday, December 6, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, December 7, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. to receive public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 11-18-25(1): Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Van Buren Township DDA. Motion Carried.

Two residents commented on the DDA plan.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to close the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Clerk Wright announced approximately \$50,000 in health care savings cost to the Township over 6 months by utilizing EHIM's model based on employee usage instead of a standard 20% cost to employees; Light up the Park will take place Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Harris Park with the tree lighting ceremony to take place at 6:30 p.m.; and a presentation took place on the design plan for the front entrance area of Van Buren Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): A resident asked for an update on the drift track, and a resident commented on Van Buren Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve of adjusting the Capital Outlay Road Initiative projected 2025 budget line item (227-000-871-005) from \$0 to \$850,000 for the Morton Taylor Paving Project. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-18-25(1): the adoption of the Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Van Buren Township DDA. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Sumpter Plan

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stagecoach stop in Sumpter Township. After she and her husband bought the property, they carefully maintained it.

She said the used cars parked right along their property line makes the aesthetic value of the property go way down. She said before the new use, it was a repair

shop that was family owned and that family cared about this community. They didn't leave cars overnight in front of their building and put them behind the fence for the night.

"It breaks my heart," she said, noting their property value will go "down the toilet."

The business' hours will be 9 to 5, but it's a residential area and people get off work at 5 p.m. and go looking for cars,

she said. She said Nassar said there will be no additional lighting and that is good. But having the cars in front isn't good. The way the late Jim Hughes did it with putting them behind the gate "was lovely."

She said, "I don't want that next to my house." She said Hughes told her he would put in a privacy fence, but he died before he could do that. "I love the Hughes family."

Next speaker was Cheryl Norden, from

The Bake Shoppe, just to the north of Nassar's new property. She had many questions. She said when she wanted to have storage on the two acres attached behind the property for her bakery, the township had turned her down. She said she had been asked how many vehicles she would have, but they have not asked that of Nassar's property.

She asked if they will be fixing cars to be sold? Are they selling parts on the open market? What about the scrap? What about a traffic-flow analysis? What if a car battery explodes? The way the cars are being delivered is not acceptable, she said. The hauler pulls up to the garage door and lays on the horn, she said. Traffic is stopped by a person on the road to get the hauler on to the property.

She said it lowers the property values and is intrusive to the area. She said Hughes put the cars away at night. She said she doesn't want this to turn into a chop shop, like the ones at Willis and Sumpter, Rawsonville Road, and now here.

Commission chairperson Jane Stalmack asked her to stop talking and Norden refused, saying she got a letter from the township asking her to come in and give her views at the public hearing and she's giving her views. She brought along a poster with pictures of the cars at Nassar's location at his Sumpter Road location.

Next speaker was Joseph Meadows who said he lives at 17770 Savage and he is next door to what has turned into a \$2.5 million federal remediation project. The yellow tapes keep people from going on that property since it contains lead contamination from many years ago from the Huron Valley Steel plant.

He said he is a veteran and he came to Sumpter in 2012 and now there is contamination on one side and used cars on the other. He said Nassar is a nice man. Meadows said he now has turkey, deer, and raccoon in his back yard and they will be gone. The smell of burning oil is in his backyard. It's the aesthetics, he said.

Damon Schultz of Willis Road said Nassar will bring a nice, legal business to the community. He told those who complain about living next to commercial zoning that they knew that property was commercial.

Ron Watson of Riggs Road said he has known Nassar for ten years and he is part of the community. "He's going to make that business great," Watson said, adding he hopes Nassar will work on car repairs.

Steve Memering of Bemis and Willis roads said, "I back him 100%."

Christina Meadows, 17700 Savage Rd., said Nassar's business will be open from 9 to 5, but people look for cars after work and on weekends. She said there will be a lot of signage and lighting.

"I'm breathing a lot of smoke," Meadows said. "I'm hearing a lot of gunshots late at night, all days... My dogs are going crazy, my neighbor's dogs are going crazy ... It should remain residential by the park... The business is not there yet and we're seeing fights already ... People we don't know are coming in."

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 321 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 16:

0053 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr.
0142 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0151 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0250 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0821 – assist other dept., Sylvia Dr.
0920 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0926 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1014 – welfare check, Anna Dr.
1056 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.
1222 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1309 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1335 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
1355 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1415 – misc. complaint, Jackson St.
1425 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1429 – welfare check, Freeport Ct.
1455 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1639 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1643 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1812 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1829 – property damage accident, Savage/Country Walk Blvd.
1832 – domestic, Riggs Rd.
1857 – personal injury accident, Morton Taylor Rd./

Robson

1914 – breaking & entering, Holly Ln.
1951 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1955 – juvenile complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
2104 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
2128 – domestic, Alden Ave.
2132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 17:

0323 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
0748 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.
0815 – road hazard, Van Born/Sheldon
0855 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
0857 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1156 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1228 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
1302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville

xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1426 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
1450 – assist other dept., Meadows Cir.
1610 – welfare check, Belleville/Van Born
1711 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1855 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1918 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2130 – threat, Borgman Ave.
2202 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
2317 – fireworks, Tyler/Walden Blvd.
2337 – road hazard, Denton/Michigan Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

0124 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Denton Rd./ Denton Rd.
0331 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
0849 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
0848 – welfare check, Belleville/Tyler
0915 – vehicle lockout, Arthur St.
0944 – property damage accident, Belleville
1031 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville
1056 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Elementary
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1107 – hospice death, Edwards Rd.
1131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse
1142 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
1210 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1358 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1551 – animal complaint, Kent Ln.
1858 – PPO violation, Tyler Rd.
2145 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service/Oak Ln.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

0109 – property check, Village Center Dr.
0119 – repossession, N. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – repossession, Victoria St.
0315 – animal complaint, Parkside Dr.
0511 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0721 – fraud, S. Sadie Ln.
0750 – civil matter, Vernon St.
0859 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
0859 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
0950 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.
1014 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1107 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1212 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1225 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1249 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Robson
1321 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
1435 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1504 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1632 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
1710 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1837 – shooting, Martz Rd.
1903 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2039 – fireworks, Jackson St.
2245 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 20:

0046 – 911 welfare check, Shelley Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Maple Dr.
0406 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0651 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
xxxx – repossession, Briarwood Dr.
0737 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0905 – property damage accident, Belleville
0912 – property damage accident, Belleville
1007 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Woodgrove Dr.

1138 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1311 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1320 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1436 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1451 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Meadows Cir.
1643 – parking complaint, Nautica Dr.
1852 – breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
1856 – parking complaint, Milton Dr.
1937 – threat, Freedom Way
2131 – assist other dept., Ecorse/Belleville
2205 – family trouble, Bog Rd.
2222 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
2313 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Nov. 21:

0132 – disorderly, S. Woodbury Dr.
0323 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Milton
xxxx – repossession, Wildbrook Dr.
0519 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0557 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0740 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0808 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0855 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
0934 – PPO violation, Marina Dr.
0925 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1045 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1104 – neighbor trouble, Belleville Rd.
1111 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1203 – family trouble, Freeport Ct.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arthur St.

1503 – domestic, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1546 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville

1659 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1820 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1801 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1857 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
2007 – welfare check, Ecorse/Belleville
2200 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
2325 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 22:

0038 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0309 – disorderly, E. Schooner Dr.
0818 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.
0836 – assist other dept., Haggerty/S. I-94 Service
0933 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1026 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
1142 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1208 – welfare check, Tompkins St.

xxxx – private property impound, Patty Ln.
1407 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1434 – 911 welfare check, Tavistock Dr.
1518 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Assembly St.
1827 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service/Beck Rd.
2014 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2037 – motorist assist, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
2046 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2110 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2219 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Castell Blvd.

2335 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Also, on this log are 156 traffic stops, 19 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 16:

0002 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0536 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
1839 – welfare check, Santa Clara St.

Monday, Nov. 17:

0112 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – repossession, Anaheim St.
0152 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0924 – private property impound, South St.
1312 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Angola St.
1313 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Huron River Dr.
1408 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1414 – property damage accident, Main St.
1426 – property damage accident, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1551 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

1008 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1031 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1057 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1106 -- vehicle lockout, Main St.
1506 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1838 – property damage accident, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.

1959 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

0303 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1225 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1244 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1312 – vehicle lockout, Astor Blvd.
1415 – fraud, South St.
1516 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1906 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 20:

0730 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1153 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1625 – misc. complaint, Victorian Ln.
1947 – follow up by officer, Owen St.
2115 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.

Friday, Nov. 21:

0030 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1156 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1426 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
1805 – civil matter, Main St.
1927 – 911 welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
2226 – assist fire dept., Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 22:

0146 – property check, Denton Rd.
0213 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter/Owen
0457 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1249 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1304 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Biggs Ave.
1403 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South/Henry
1734 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
1913 – 911 welfare check, Church St.
2105 – parking complaint, South St.

There are 115 reports on this week's log, 68 of which are traffic stops.

“You have to be odd to be number one.”
— Dr. Seuss

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 16:

0158 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0321 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis
0327 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville/Willis
1046 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1208 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1359 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1411 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/

Bemis

1447 – 911 hangup, Idaho St.
1732 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1804 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2010 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2142 – fire dept. assist, Ohio St.

Monday, Nov. 17:

0045 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
0738 – citizen assist, Nevada St.
0928 – fraud complaint, Edgewood Dr.
0951 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1059 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1111 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1235 – citizen assist, Edgewood Dr.
1250 – suspicious person, Stonecrest Dr.
1322 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1434 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1538 – assist other agency, Oregon St.
1627 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1659 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1705 – welfare check, Utah St.
1709 – alarm, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1735 – assist other agency, Second St.
1749 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1827 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

1846 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Elwell/Judd

1903 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
1917 – 911 hangup, Judd Rd./Sue Ln.
2021 – recovered runaway, Second St.
2319 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
2350 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

0244 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0827 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
0917 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1102 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1209 – civil matter, Colorado St.
1319 – larceny complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1607 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1826 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1912 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1943 – fire dept. assist, out of township
1947 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2049 – L3504/special unit, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2357 – operating while intoxicate arrest, Rawsonville/Willis

Rawsonville/Willis

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

0049 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Karr
0647 – assault, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1030 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1146 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1207 – follow-up investigation, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.
1406 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
1517 – harassment complaint, 26000 bl. Karr
1800 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.
1846 – subpoena service, Mulberry Dr.
1933 – citizen assist, Utah St.
1942 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2144 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 20:

0211 – welfare check, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
0333 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0456 – suspicious circumstance, 9400 bl. Rawsonville

0832 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0920 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0955 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1155 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1252 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
1316 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1741 – subpoena service, out of township

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1938 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2138 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Judd
Friday, Nov. 21:
0038 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0130 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
0637 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0729 – suspicious person, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
0806 – 911 hangup, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
0828 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/California
0829 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0938 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Willis
1226 – fraud complaint, 39000 bl. Willow
1439 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood Dr.

1601 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.
1709 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Willis
2031 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Harris
2234 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter

Saturday, Nov. 22:

0315 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd/
Sherwood
0432 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis/
Lohr
0702 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0712 – welfare check, Nevada St.
0749 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0855 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow
0911 – juvenile matter, Birch Dr.
1233 – subpoena service, out of township
1327 – follow-up investigation, Arizona
1830 – subpoena service, out of township
1905 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Harris
2105 – civil matter, Tamarack Dr.
2118 – animal complaint, Alaska St.

2338 – traffic complaint/hazard, Brookview
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traffic stops and 11 misc. details.



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Grand Marshals

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want to remind everyone that Christmas is more than a holiday," he shared. "It's a celebration of hope, peace, and love given to us through the birth of Jesus Christ. That's what brings true joy to our hearts and our community."

The Whites and the family of Grace Baptist Church, extend this message: "As our town sparkles with lights, laughter, and music, may we also let the light of Christ shine in our hearts. Christmas isn't just about the season we celebrate -- it's about the Savior we worship. Merry Christmas, Belleville!"

When they're not serving or celebrating, the Whites say they enjoy relaxing at Horizon Park, where they can watch the lake, wildlife, and beautiful sunsets right from across the street.

Bob and Becky were high school sweethearts. "We were both 20 when we married in 1972," Pastor Bob said. "I wanted to get married in June, but Becky didn't want our certificate to say she married a teenager. So, we waited until two days after my birthday!"

When the couple learned they had been chosen as Grand Marshals, they said they were genuinely moved. "We were humbled and excited," Pastor Bob said. "We're very grateful to those who suggested and approved us. WOW."

"Our hope for Belleville," Pastor Bob said, "is that we continue to grow together. We're all different, but we all share this community. Let's keep reaching out, helping each other, and moving forward -- together."

Murder

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held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police investigation. He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Vincent was paroled Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and rape, using a weapon to commit a felony and various other weapons charges, in Oakland County. He was convicted in a jury trial.

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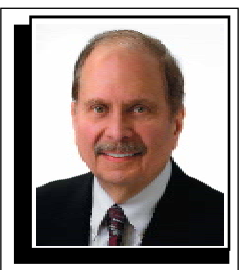
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