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Open house set Dec. 11 for proposed VBT data center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent editor

Post cards have been sent out to neighbors of a 280-acre tract in Van Buren Township inviting them to a community open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.

This public meeting is being held to discuss a proposed data center to be built on property bordered on the west by Haggerty Road, on the east by Hannan Road, on the south by the I-94 North Service Drive, and to the north by I-275.

Ron Akers, Van Buren Township municipal services director, said representatives from DTE also will be there, along with the developers. He said this is not planned for all 280 acres because there are wetlands on site.

The post cards said the developer Panattoni will be in attendance to present the potential project and answer questions people may have regarding development of the site.

According to its website, the Panattoni Development Company was founded in 1986 and now is one of the largest privately held, full-service real estate developers in the world. Its U.S. operations are headquartered in Irvine, CA.

Reportedly, Panattoni was one of the developers seeking to build the Stellantis warehouse complex, which went with another developer and is now under construction on Ecorse Road north of Willow Run Airport in Van Buren Township.

Data centers are bringing pushback from residents around the state and the proposed site in Saline Township is bringing demonstrations against it.

The Michigan Public Service Commission planned a public hearing for Wednesday, Dec. 10, over DTE's application for

approval of contracts for a massive AI data center in Saline Township.

It comes after DTE tried to fast-track the contracts and avoid public hearings. But this is just one example of the ongoing fight over data centers in Michigan.

There are 57 data centers in Michigan, including 27 in Detroit, five in Ann Arbor, and one in Monroe.

A family in Howell Township that had requested rezoning to put a AI data center on its property, on Sunday withdrew its request due to opposition. It was due to be discussed at last Monday's Howell Township Board of Trustees' meeting, but rezoning is off the table for now.

Breanne Green, with Stop the Data Centers Livingston County, a leader in the movement to prevent data centers from flourishing, said the withdrawal of the request was a tactical victory but was not a final decision.

"The community will continue to show up, and we expect the township to protect residents and uphold the master plan. We're not backing down," Green said in a statement. "Residents spoke up, that's what made a difference. But it's also clear the developer plans to return as soon as they believe they have influenced the process or changed the board's mind. This is far from over."

This week a proposed data center for a vacant parcel on Inkster Road in Southfield was announced.

According to a report from WKAR in Lansing, a data center is a facility that hosts powerful computers. Those servers process and store massive amounts of digital data. Every time someone sends an email, scrolls Facebook or streams Hulu, that information is processed and stored in a data center.

Organizations use data centers as a central

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Photos courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Dept.

Santa came to town pulled by a Belleville Fire Department fire engine at the end of Saturday's Winterfest parade. Santa spoke with children after the parade and will be at the Belleville Area Museum from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 20.



The Van Buren Township Honor Guard presented the flags at the beginning of Saturday's parade.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter delays rezoning after lawyer notes Open Meetings Act violation

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent editor

At the beginning of the Nov. 25 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Jeffrey B. Schlussel, an attorney representing Carson-Fisher Group, asked the board members not to approve rezoning 90 acres, representing four of five parcels thought to be on the agenda before them.

He said he tried to find out exactly what the planning commission had recommended and asked for minutes of the Sept. 11 special meeting, but he said he was denied the minutes until after they were approved by the board. He said this is a sheer violation of the Open Meetings Act, along with other violations because minutes haven't been published in the required number of days on other meetings.

He said he checked the township "newspaper of record" and township minutes haven't been published there in a timely manner.

He said he sent a letter to the planning commission on Sept. 4 listing why it should not recommend rezoning of the property and he made sure the board members got a copy of that letter.

The minutes of the Sept. 11 meeting, now on the township website in draft form, states Schlussel spoke for the property owners, and said the 90 acres next to

Rawsonville Woods was always intended to be used as a unified residential area.

The township's planning consultant Joe Pezzotti submitted his rezoning analysis at that meeting and stated that there are currently 535 manufactured housing sites in Rawsonville Woods. The Master Plan Future Land Use map identifies the parcels in question as designated for future Rural Residential zoning, which would bring a low-density development as in one dwelling unit per acre.

At the Sept. 11 meeting, the commissioners approved recommending to the township board the rezoning of the MHP (Mobile Home Park) designation to RF (Rural Farm) for the following parcels:

- 81-071-99-0004-000
- 81-071-99-0007-000
- 81-071-99-0003-000
- 81-071-99-0006-000
- 81-071-99-0001-705

The ones attorney Schlussel objected to rezoning were the final four on the list.

After much discussion at the Nov. 25 meeting, the board voted unanimously to table the minutes of the Sept. 11 special meeting of the planning commission. The Sept. 11 minutes were put on the unfinished business part of the agenda of the Dec. 9 meeting.

(All the videos of regular board meetings were removed without notice from the township website as far as last April. Video

of the Sept. 11 planning meeting is on the website.)

In other business at the Nov. 25 meeting, the board:

- Approved the meeting dates for 2026 for both the township board and the planning commission;

- Voted 6-1 against closing the township hall offices during the holiday season with employees using four benefit bank days for Dec. 26, Dec. 29, Dec. 30, and Jan. 2. Treasurer Patterson cast the only yes vote;

- Approved a new construction checklist as submitted by Carlisle Wortman Associates;

- Approved purchasing eight vehicles for \$96,120 to be included in the 2026-27 budget, per the agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management as approved by the board of trustees;

- Heard resident Kay Harris say the board is changing the emblem of the township. Its current emblem says Sumpter is "country living at its finest," but there are already three to four junkyards in the township in residential areas. She said this is not "country living at its finest." She said people don't want to raise their kids in a junkyard. She said the township approves used-car sales, but the cars in these lots have no doors and the front ends are smashed in. She recalled someone coming to build a market in Sumpter and the township got a gas station;

- Heard Arcell Harris say that the property next to them at 25891 Sumpter Rd. no longer is Sammy's Auto (run by Hassan Nassar). Arcell said Nassar was given the exception because it was Sammy's Auto. The cars are still there and now it is under the name of Sumpter Property LLC. He said 100 cars are in the grass next to his home. He asked the board not to give final approval to the business next to his home until all the unoperational vehicles are removed. People aren't following the rules, he said. Sammy's cars are still there, he said. He showed the board pictures of all the unoperational cars in that lot;

- Hassan Nassar said the Savage Road location for his new business was his dream. He said the people going to the bakery drive on his property. He said an ordinance officer told him he cannot open there now because he has no license from the state. He said they now talk about asphalt behind his fence and to put the cars back there every night after he closes at 5 o'clock. He complained the bake shop sign is in the road right of way and blocks the sight; and

- Heard township manager Ken Marten say a new township website will go in place after the first of the year, he is looking forward to an urgent care in the downtown area, and he'd like them to schedule a workshop on the budget, possibly before the next meeting.

Data center

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location to build, run and deliver services as well as store and process the data.

The report said data centers are usually large, plain buildings that look like a normal warehouse on the outside. They can be loud – up to 96 decibels inside of buildings, which is louder than a lawnmower. People have reported hearing data centers from the outside, which sounds like a low buzz, and can be heard miles away in some cases.

These facilities can be traced back to the 1940s when early computing systems needed a lot of space. In the 1990s, microcomputers – like a desktop computer – were introduced and began filling the old computing system rooms. Those were called servers, and the rooms were called data centers.

The introduction of cloud computing in the early 2000s allowed organizations to access resources remotely, through the internet. The demand for data centers boomed, leading to the first hyperscale data center in 2006 – like the one proposed in Saline Township.

Today's surge in demand for data centers is fueled by emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, 5G, and edge technologies, WKAR explained.

VBT board votes to abandon part of drain that doesn't exist

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent editor

At its Dec. 2 regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted to authorize a petition to abandon a portion of the Wallace Drain behind Costco that doesn't exist.

Municipal services director Ron Akers said the former county drain on Costco property no longer physically exists. The board is asked to clean up the records by abandoning that part of the drain.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this is an example of bureaucracy at work.

"We have to abandon a drain that doesn't exist," he said.

In a written memo, director Akers explained that Costco is in the plan review process at Wayne County for the western expansion of their warehouse building on Belleville Road. The county requires that Costco obtain a Drain Abandonment Resolution from the township in order to abandon a portion of the Wallace Drain which is on the property on which they are expanding. According to the county, there is a portion of the county drain on the property that no longer physically

exists and is not serving the public utility function.

In other business at the 10-minute meeting, the board:

- Unanimously approved a METRO Act Telecommunications Permit for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC to use the Wayne County roads public right of way to install around 577,000 feet of underground and aerial fiber optic cable in all the residential and business parts of the township. The township should see an increase in annual payment made by the state to the township for telecommunication fees, Akers said;

- Unanimously approved the execution of Wayne County annual permits to allow work along county roadways, including sanitary sewer and water main inspection and maintenance; dust palliative, calcium and salt applications; sidewalk repair and replacement; and street sweeping;

- Unanimously approved the 2026 township holiday schedule (13 holidays) and the 2026 meetings of the township board. The regular meetings of Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, are canceled due to elections;

- Unanimously approved the second

reading and adoption of the Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan for the township Downtown Development Authority. The DDA was started in 1990 and will run to 2038. It was last amended in 2009; and

- Unanimously approved a resolution to opt out for 2026 of the state required 80/20 employee health care provision of 80% paid by the township and 20% by the employee, in order to keep going with the township's current program. Supervisor McNamara said the township is doing better for its employees. He said this annual opt-out requirement started 20 years ago. He said they have to have 90% of the board approve the opt-out to do more for the employees than the required 80/20. The township is using the EHIM model based on employee usage.

Clerk Leon Wright was absent and excused from the meeting.

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OPINIONS

Editorial:

Public invited to hear all about proposed VBT data center

A public meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Van Buren Township hall to discuss a proposed data center on 280 acres of property to the east of Haggerty Road and west of Hannan Road, north of the I-94 North Service Drive and up to I-275.

The postcards sent out to residents who live near the site say the township is putting on the meeting, but during the last meeting of the township board on Dec. 2, the meeting was not mentioned.

Developers quite often meet with the neighbors in a public meeting to explain what they want to do and get input from the residents. In other instances where this has happened with developers, the public later was told this meeting was between the developers and the neighbors to get the information out and make friends with the neighbors.

But, this postcard said the meeting is being held by the township, so you would have thought the officials would have mentioned it at the last meeting that was being cablecast and put on YouTube.

We can all understand that this is not going to be welcomed with open arms because of what's going on around the state with data center proposals. We got a phone call from an upset resident of Haggerty Sub. before the postcards even went out. Other calls are coming in.

We'll all want to know the details, so it's good to know about this public meeting. See you there.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

As I mentioned before, we got into a fender bender on Nov. 6 and before I knew it, our "slightly damaged" car was totaled by the insurance company. We changed the flattened tire and drove it over to Burhop Collision who accepted our car and provided us with a loaner to drive. Everyone there was very kind and kept us up to date on everything, including the unexpected decision the insurance company made to total our 2024 Edge.

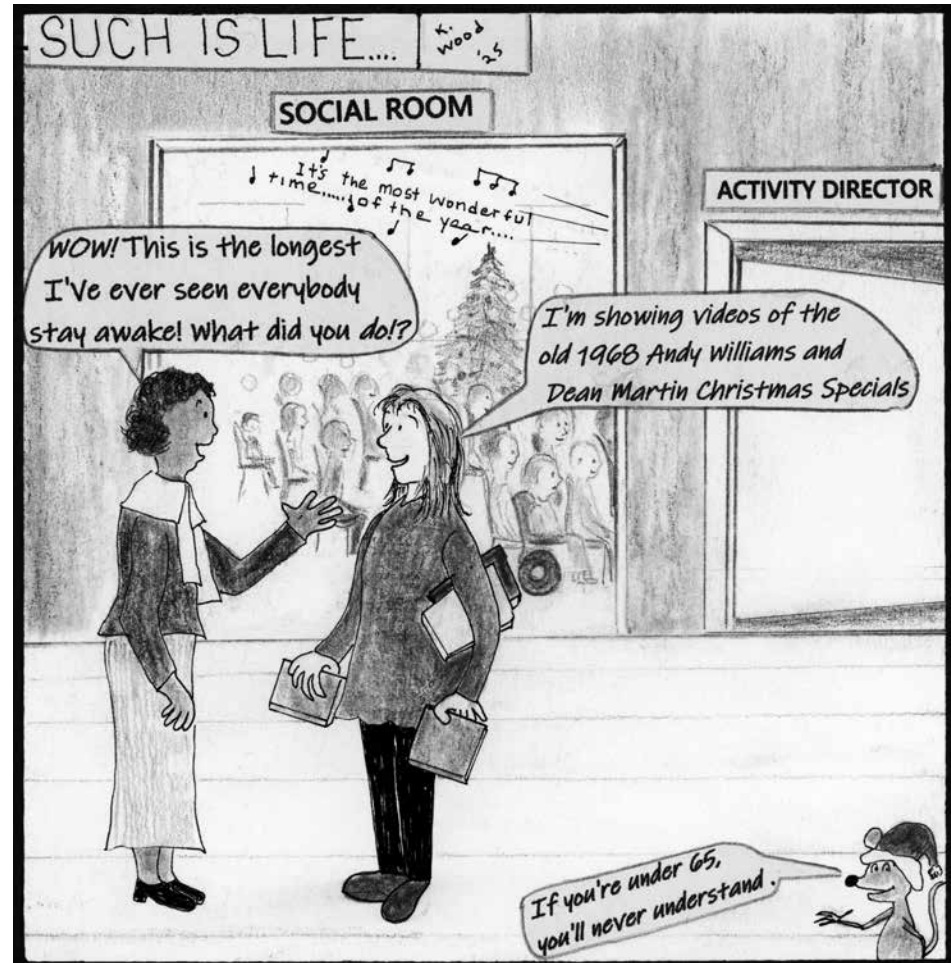
Now, we needed to lease another car, but it was Thanksgiving week by then with early deadlines and early everything. We asked Donnie Swinson, our longtime salesman at Atchinson, to just pick out a car for us and we'll come lease it when we had a minute. Donnie jumped into the task and got us a beautiful blue Bronco and we were able to get over to his office and lease the vehicle in a short amount of time in order to meet the driver from the print plant who was delivering *Independents*.

We want to thank everyone who was involved in getting us back on the road. It's so complicated, but all that was smoothed out by willing hands.

Former Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor told me he went to the county drain meeting in Sumpter for Lower Swan Creek. He lives in Huron Township and he knew his land drained into Swan Creek, a quarter of a mile away. He wasn't surprised at the addition to his winter tax bill for the drain cleanout. He went to Huron Township to complain, although he knew the township only billed him for what the county told them to.

He did learn that there is an extra line on the tax bill for maintenance of the drain. He wanted me to mention it because many people

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



didn't notice that on the bottom. He wonders if they are really going to maintain it after it's cleaned, since they haven't maintained it for at least 20 years.

While he was in a mood from the property tax bill, he read *The Detroit News* on Dec. 1 and saw that the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority is holding a public hearing at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, on its proposed budget and he may attend it although it is in Brighton. He cut out the public notice and brought it to me and we've republished it in today's paper. It doesn't say they want to raise their property tax millage rate, but it doesn't say they won't.

Chief Taylor said he's turning into a Reg Ion, who is known for speaking out locally on things he believes are wrong, especially in spending.

The Belleville Fire Department duty crew was put back in service on the Monday before Thanksgiving for four days a week. The city hadn't paid a fire chief for a year and for eight months there was no duty crew, but it said it didn't have enough to pay for five days a week, although now the fire department can staff five days.

After an attorney complained about violations of the Open Meetings Act to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees in an open meeting, the videos of all the board meetings since last April were taken off the township website. What is that all about? The minutes of a September planning commission

meeting the attorney wanted to review was put in draft format on the commission part of the website. Sumpter has never posted drafts of minutes before. We'll see what happens next.

At one of his court sessions last week, 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley said that after 50 years of the district court handling county prosecutions on Wednesdays, after the first of the year that will be changed to Tuesdays.

I used to go to court every Wednesday morning for years to cover felony cases from Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter. But that was before the new court building was constructed, COVID, and so many cases now being on zoom.

Since then, I'd catch what I could when the judges stream on YouTube and I always check the daily dockets to see what cases are being handled. Judge Oakley is the only one streaming these days, but it's possible to zoom into the other courtrooms as well.

Tuesdays are my deadline days and court will have to take care of felonies without me until after the paper is put to bed and is off to the presses in Davisburg.

Our weekly papers are delivered to our back door just before noon on Wednesdays and then the deliveries throughout the community begin on that day and conclude on the next.



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Letters

Christmas Message to Belleville Community

By Pastor Robert White, Grace Baptist Church

As the Christmas season returns to Belleville, our town once again glows with lights, laughter, and the warmth of neighbors coming together. From festive gatherings to community events, this time of year brings out some of the very best in us – generosity, joy, and a renewed sense of connection. Yet behind all the celebrations lies a deeper truth, a story that has shaped this season for centuries: the birth of Jesus Christ, the true reason for Christmas.

More than two thousand years ago in a quiet village, God stepped into our world through His Son. The angel declared, “For unto you is born this day ... a Savior; which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). That message brought hope to shepherds, peace to a troubled world, and joy that still echoes in our lives today. Christmas reminds us that God did not remain distant – He came near.

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” Matthew 1:23

As we walk through Belleville and take in the beautiful decorations, and the excitement of community traditions, let us also be mindful of the light Christ brings to every heart that welcomes Him.

“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

The lights that decorate our streets point us to the Light of the world. The gifts we exchange remind us of God’s greatest gift. And the joy that fills our community celebrations reflects the joy that Jesus came to bring to our souls.

In a season where we often hurry from place to place, may we each find a moment of quiet to reflect on the meaning of Christmas – God’s love revealed in a manager, God’s grace extended to humanity, and God’s peace offered to anyone who will receive it.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ

the Lord.

From my heart to yours, and from our church family to every home in Belleville, may the hope of Christ surround you, may His joy strengthen you, and may His peace guide you into the new year.

Merry Christmas, Belleville – and may God bless you richly this season.

Jennifer is one in a million at Garden Fantasy greenhouse

To the editor:

I called Garden Fantasy greenhouse to ask if they would re-pot my spider plant. One of the very nice ladies said yes, they do re-pot plants. Upon talking with her more about the plant, she made a suggestion instead of re-potting. Her name is Jennifer. I don’t know her last name.

She could have told me to re-pot it, and charge me, but she didn’t. I also took in another plant for her to look at and give me her expert opinion.

She took the time to look up info about it. She has always gone above and beyond for customer service. When I call with a question, even over the phone she is so helpful. Too bad there aren’t more Jennifers in customer service. She is one in a million and I will continue to patronize Garden Fantasy greenhouse because of her.

Thank you, Jennifer.

Shirley Hurt
Romulus

Editor’s Note: We called Garden Fantasy greenhouse and found the person in question is Jennifer Camilleri.

State Rep.’s team brings big donation to emergency food closet

To the Editor:

Thank you to Barbara Miller, retired Belleville attorney, for reaching out to State Representative Reggie Miller and her Team - Jackson Pahle, Finley Arnett, Sam Lundry, Senator Ranjeev Puri, Jim Miller, and Jeremy Herliczek who delivered food to the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, she and her team toured the food closet and with the help of nine food closet volunteers, sorted and shelved 10 turkeys, 15 hams, 30 pounds of hamburger, 30 pounds of pork sausage, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned fruit, vegetables, soup, yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, cereal, bags of marshmallows, and rolls.

This is a blessing for so many!

The Emergency Food Closet is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 through Jan. 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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Sumpter Township Senior Center is hosting its last Vendor Craft Show of the year on Dec. 13 and Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community/Senior Center, 23502 Sumpter Rd. You will have many times this month to pick up those last-minute gifts.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 the Belleville Central Business Community will have Santa at the Belleville Area Museum from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first half hour is a quiet time for special-needs children and adults but feel free to see all the beautiful trees and get in line. This will happen again next Saturday. See their ad in the paper.

In addition to the above don't forget the two bowling fundraisers on Friday and Sunday, it's the last weekend for the Van Buren Community Players play "A Christmas Story," the Christmas Concert at Bethany Bible Church on Saturday night and Sunday morning, and the Community Chorus Winter Concert on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Looks like another busy weekend.

This may be the last weekend for the Van Buren Community Players Christmas play, but they are already planning their next one. There will be open auditions for a dinner-theater play on Monday, Dec. 15, and Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Black Box Theater. Called "The Senior Speed Date," the performance dates are next February. This is just a reminder of the auditions.

Mark your calendar for next Thursday, Dec. 18. It will be the last Third Thursday with puppets until next April. I'll give you a complete list of the retail on Main Street that will have extended hours until 8 p.m. next week so you won't miss a thing.

Did you see the letter in last week's paper on keeping the right lane closed when the Denton Bridge gets reopened next spring? I have been thinking about emailing that same suggestion to Supervisor McNamara. Obviously people coming into the city have a major reading problem. When you see a sign that says "This Lane MUST turn right," get the heck over!! This is not and will never be a zipper lane. Also, I am hoping to never hear suggestions again about taking parking off the first block of Main Street or making it one way in and Liberty one way out. It is what it is and everyone should get used to it. Rant over!

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Obituaries



Donna Lynn Winkler

DONNA LYNN WINKLER

October 20, 1958 – December 2, 2025
Donna Lynn Winkler, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Trinity Health Hospital in Ann Arbor with her family by her side. She was born on October 20, 1958, in Detroit, MI to Peter and Betty (Mitchell) Berryman. Donna enjoyed canning and arts and crafts. She was avid about attending the Renaissance Festival every year. She also had a green thumb and loved to garden. Most of all she loved her family.

Donna is survived by her daughter Erica (David) Boughan of Belleville; grandchildren Travis (Jessica) Boughan, David (Emily) Boughan, Walter (Jewel) Waddell, Brandon (Brittany) Boughan and Justin (Cheyanne) Boughan; her great-grandchildren Luna, Chloe, Gerrett, Kayson, Tyler and Adalayah.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, sister Mary Jane, and brother Anthony Berryman.

Visitation for Donna will take place at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, on Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 4 p.m. until the time of service of 6 p.m. with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating.

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TRACY FRANCINE LAMPINEN

February 26, 1963 – December 2, 2025

Age 62, of Belleville. Survived by husband Norman; children Chrystal, Jessica, and Norman; siblings Melissa and Mary; grandchildren Shaylynn, Zoylee, and Matthew. Service was Dec. 9 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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OTTO BUTZIN

August 22, 1929 – December 5, 2025

Age 96, of Garden City. Survived by wife Sharon, son Kenneth, daughter Barara, brother Ernest, and nine grandchildren. Burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Jeffrey Allen Hagerman

JEFFREY ALLEN HAGERMAN

January 29, 1962 – November 28, 2025

Age 63 of Janesville, WI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2025 under hospice care with his sister Joyce and his longtime best friend Crystal McCarty at his side.

Jeffrey was born in Dearborn, MI to James H. Sr. and Mary Jane Hagerman. He grew up in Belleville, MI, and graduated from Belleville High School in 1982. Jeffrey moved to Janesville, WI, approximately 35 years ago.

Jeffrey is survived by his daughter Desirae McCarty and step-daughter Lisa McCarty, both of Janesville, WI; six grandchildren Daniel Jr., Ciarah, Allison, Gracie, Anna and Isaac; his sister Joyce Hagerman, brother John (Debi) Hagerman of Belleville and sister-in-law Sharon Hagerman of Canton, MI; one niece Nicole (Steve) Hodgkins; two nephews James J. (Jewels) Hagerman III and Joseph (Jamie) Hagerman; many great-nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his daughter Jazmine N. Rose in 2019; both of his parents; three brothers Baby Jay, James Jr., and Jerry; two nieces Jennifer (Hagerman) Gentz and Julie Hagerman; and his step-father Maris Piziks.

In keeping with his wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged with First Wisconsin Cremation.

Auditions set for 'Senior Speed Date' at VBT Community Center

The public is invited to become a part of a funny dinner theater play, "The Senior Speed Date." The Van Buren Community Players are holding open auditions on Monday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the VBT Black Box Theater.

Whether you are a seasoned actor or trying the stage for the first time, this is your chance to shine, said director Emily Lange. No prior experience is necessary. The cast consists of two female parts and five male parts, ages 40-80 years old.

Doors for the auditions open at 6:30 p.m., and auditions will begin at 7 p.m. You only need to attend one night, as the process will be the same on both evenings. Enter through the Van Buren Community Center entrance on the east side of the building at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

To help with preparations, the audition form, character descriptions, audition script selections and the rehearsal schedule can be found on the Van Buren Community Players Facebook page, or at www.vanburencommunityplayers.com.

Rehearsals will typically be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the VBT Black Box Theater, with a few exceptions. Performance dates are Feb. 14 and 15 at the same location.

Director Lange said the cast will create a new version of speed dating.

"The Senior Speed Date" is presented by arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts.



Photo courtesy of Joe King, owner of K Springer Media Management
On Saturday, Nov. 22, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the renovation and five-year grand re-opening of Crafted Beanery and Gift Shop at 381 Main St. with a ribbon cutting. From left are: Danyell Glover, Dinara Strikis, Steve Jones, Carmen Stovall, Jalyn Stovall (owner) Janice Gary (owner), Gary Marshall, Sarah Warring, and Michael Colunga.

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Ben has had some unsure moments around young children due to the noise and fast energy, so he may thrive best in a home with older kids or adults. With patience and the right introductions, he could adjust, but his ideal home will be one that understands boundaries and gives him space to feel safe.

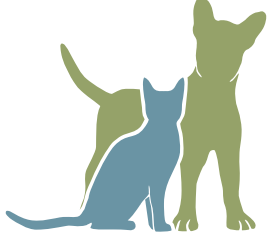

He does well with other dogs when introduced slowly and is very food-motivated, which makes training fun and rewarding. He's already graduated from a basic obedience class and knows sit, paw, and more! Walks are a favorite-he pulls a bit at first but quickly settles into a nice pace. Ben is also a dedicated ball chaser (though dropping the ball is still a work in progress!) and a huge fan of sniffing everything new. Scent games would be perfect for his curious mind.

Around people he trusts, Ben is affectionate and easygoing-he's comfortable being touched anywhere on his body and is a total cuddlebug. He's great in a fenced-in yard, but when left alone indoors he can get a little restless, so continued crate training will help him feel secure.

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2013	HONDA	4D	19XFB2F55DE002570	25-14036
2018	JEEP	SW	3C4NJDDB0JT401237	25-14233
2002	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BF28B22U214150	25-13782
2014	FORD	4D	1FADP3F29EL388526	25-11868A
2005	PONTIAC	2D	3G2JB12F35S119820	25-12944
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2013	FORD	SW	2FMDK3JC0DBB05286	5-11869
2016	FORD	4D	1FADP3K25GL378410	25-12540
2006	JEEP	SW	1J4HR582X6C223076	25-13844
2012	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA7CR105849	25-14048
1999	TOYOTA	4D	2T1BR12E4XC249379	25-14000
2006	MERCURY	4D	3MEFM08186R661083	25-14788
2002	MERCURY	4D	1MEHM55S62G612002	25-13475
2011	BMW	4D	WBAPK7C59BA821665	25-14019
2005	HONDA	2D	SHHEP336X5U500323	25-12438B
2013	CHEVROLET	4D	1G11B5SA3DF163514	25-12567
2019	MITSUBISHI	4D	ML32F3FJ7KHF04354	25-12666
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1125S3E9106713	25-11418
2012	DODGE	PU	1C6RD7NT8CS288650	25-11839
2011	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZC5E1XBF321808	25-11445
2001	HONDA	4D	JHLRD18691S026504	25-12342
2009	FORD	SW	2FMEK63C19BA28020	25-10507
2013	BUICK	SW	5GAKVDKD2DJ262900	25-11565
2018	MAZDA	SW	JM3KFADM6J0304436	25-10039
2016	DODGE	SW	1C4RDJDG0GC323031	25-13513
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1115SLSE9125880	25-13513

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Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: December 11th, 2025

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- **Friday, Dec. 12 through Sunday, Dec. 14** -- Van Buren Community Players present the play "A Christmas Story" at the Van Buren Community Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets: <https://vbtvbc.ludus.com>

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- **Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20** – Christmas photos with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14** – The Belleville Kiwanis is holding a bowling fund raiser beginning at noon at Lodge Lanes. Tickets are \$10 each and include two games, shoes, pizza and 50/50 raffle.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14** – The Belleville Community Chorus presents "The Spirit of Christmas" at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17** – Memory Café is at 11 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. A relaxed, informal, social event for those with memory difficulties and their caregivers. Snacks, crafts, conversation. Free.
- **Saturday, Dec. 20** – Christmas photos with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 4** – Chief meteorologist Joel Fritsma will tell all about the Michigan Storm Chasers at the Michigan Flight Museum, 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30. (734) 483-4030. \$10 per person for non-members; museum members free with registration.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY Counties of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne

The residents of the counties of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Board of Commissioners of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the Authority for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2026, on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, at the Authority's Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan, 48114-9058 and via Zoom.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection prior to the hearing at the Authority's Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan, 48114-9058, commencing Dec. 5, 2025, during regular business hours.

Amy McMillan, CEO
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

This was published as a public notice in the Dec. 1, 2025 edition of The Detroit News.

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 11-18-25 (1) THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN

Notice is hereby given that on **December 2, 2025**, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved **Ordinance 11-18-25 (1)**, adopting the **Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan** for the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The purpose of the Third Amendment is to update development activities, project timelines, and tax increment financing provisions within the DDA District in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended.

A complete copy of Ordinance 11-18-25 (1) and the Third Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan is available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours. The documents are also available on the Township's website.

For further information, please contact the Van Buren Township DDA Office at (734) 699-8915.

Published: December 11, 2025

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES - December 2, 2025

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to approve the amended agenda adding New Business item #3 To consider approval of Resolution 2025-38: Annual Exemption Opt Out for 2026. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025, Prepaid List of November 20, 2025, Prepaid List of November 27, 2025, Voucher List of December 2, 2025, Approval of a METRO Act Permit for Ezee Fiber, LLC, Approval of Resolution 2025-37: Authorizing Execution of Wayne County Annual Permits and Approval of the 2026 Holiday Schedule and 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None
C O R R E S P O N D E N C E /

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The opening of the Festival of Holiday Trees will take place at the Belleville Area Museum on Friday, December 5 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. This is a family friendly event open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2025-36: a resolution to authorize a petition to abandon a portion of the Wallace Drain. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the second 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. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Kelley, Martin, Boynton, Budd, and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2025-38: Annual Exemption Opt Out for 2026. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Kelley, Martin, Boynton, Budd, and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. 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 6:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority will hold informational meetings in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, otherwise known as the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act. At that time, an updated annual synopsis of activities of the authority will be shared. Informational meetings are for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year. They are not for the purpose of voting on policy, budgets, or other operational matters.

These meetings will be held at the Office of the DDA, located at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 on December 16, 2025 at the times listed below.

**December 16, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Office of the DDA, located at 10151 Belleville Road,
Van Buren Township, MI 48111**

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

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 235 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 30:

0312 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
xxxx – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
0656 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0755 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0824 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck/Tyler
0827 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
0936 – family trouble, Wildbrook Dr.
1050 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1230 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.
1309 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1349 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.
1352 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1406 – shooting, Pond Bluff Dr.
1423 – larceny, Freedom Way
1514 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1547 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1557 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1606 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1855 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2005 – mental subject, Martinsville Rd.
2008 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2129 – assist other dept., Borgman Ave.
2249 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Dec. 1:

0004 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
0225 – assist citizen, Park Estates Dr.
0410 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Rawsonville Rd.
0412 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0737 – vehicle lockout, Vernon St.
0810 – 911 welfare check, Milton Dr.
0911 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1046 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1143 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1139 – disorderly, Samuel Barton Dr.
1234 – larceny from auto, Pinewood Ln.
1317 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1344 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
1509 – abandoned auto, Preswick Ct.
1525 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville/Van Born
1606 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1637 – property check, W. Huron River Dr.
1627 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1707 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1716 – assist citizen, Dellor St.
1832 – welfare check, Purple Sage Ct.
1842 – vehicle lockout, Denton Rd.
1911 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1934 – civil matter, Belle Pointe Dr.
2006 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2002 – property check, Rawsonville Rd.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lindsey Dr.
2101 – intrusion alarm, Chinkapin Dr.
2033 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
2330 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 2:

0525 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
0618 – property damage accident, Van Born/Sheldon
0932 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1041 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood St.
1136 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1232 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1436 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1539 – sexual assault, Denton Rd.
1556 – property damage accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
1617 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1646 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
1702 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1722 – threat, Oak Ln.
1841 – domestic, Parkside Dr.
1849 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./

Robson Rd.

2101 – family trouble, Revere Dr.
2307 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
2330 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, Dec. 3:
0019 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Ash Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.
0436 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0534 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0650 – assist other dept., Stamford Rd.
0803 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1048 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1112 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1147 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1253 – assist other dept., Dewitt Rd.
1333 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Belleville
1332 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty

1402 – suicidal person, Sandalwood
1433 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1441 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1502 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – assist other dept., Main St.
1544 – property damage accident, Greenbriar
1751 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1816 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1930 – property damage accident, Beck/Tyler
1942 – property damage accident, Oak Blvd.
2045 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.
2107 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
2107 – property damage accident, Hull Rd./Bak
2133 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse

Thursday, Dec. 4:

0828 – welfare check, Park Estates
0858 – property damage accident, Elwell/Martz
0904 – trespassing, Rawsonville
1049 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1127 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1146 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1147 – suicidal person, Sondra Dr.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Walk Ct.
1300 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1414 – welfare check, Richmond
1612 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1640 – property damage accident, Haggerty/S. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2045 – hospice death, Hoeft Rd.
2055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2130 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville
2132 – welfare check, Wildflower Ct.
2247 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
2335 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
2358 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Friday, Dec. 5:

0007 – breaking & entering, Patty Ln.
0056 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville
0100 – assist fire dept., Village Green Ln.
0120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daniel Dr.
0239 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Water's Edge Ln.
0744 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0857 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0931 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1042 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1106 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1211 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.
1251 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1253 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1418 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1438 – welfare check, Brookside Dr.
1537 – harassment call, W. Huron River Dr.
1628 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1707 – family trouble, Bristol
1736 – property check, Parkwood Dr.
1856 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1900 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2059 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2135 – civil matter, Michigan Ave.

Saturday, Dec. 6:

0211 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.

0430 – noise complaint, Beckley Rd.
0500 – family trouble, Wildbrook Dr.
0732 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
0742 – intrusion alarm, S. Cumberland Dr.
1056 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville/Ecorse
1309 – family trouble, Bristol
1528 – assist other dept., Main/Liberty
1530 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1541 – PPO violation, Belleville Rd.
1658 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edwards Rd.
1812 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1926 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1931 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1938 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1951 – family trouble, Jackson St.
2013 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

Also, on this log are 69 traffic stops, three of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 30:

1015 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Dec. 1:

0951 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0957 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1037 – misc. complaint, Carmell St.
1050 – civil matter, South St.
1506 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1744 – traffic offense, Main St./South St.
2101 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
2132 – threat, N. Liberty St.
2346 – parking complaint, Second St.

Tuesday, Dec. 2:

0112 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
0712 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Sumpter
0908 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Main St.
1202 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1425 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 3:

1517 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1517 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1517 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1521 – property damage accident, Main St.
1712 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1715 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2118 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2118 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 4:

0038 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0806 – unattended death, W. Columbia Ave.
1113 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1134 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – fraud, Roland St.
1239 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2353 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Dec. 5:

0614 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
0913 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1931 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
2030 – trespassing, Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 6:

0049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
0246 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
0748 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
1029 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1245 – assist other dept., Belleville/Quirk
1526 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
1828 – property damage accident, Belleville Fire Station
xxxx – property damage accident, N. Liberty/Second St.
1931 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.

1910 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.

There are 94 reports on this week's log, 49 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 30:

0054 – suspicious vehicle, Texas St.
0813 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1021 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1503 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1855 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
1932 – welfare check, Texas St.
2011 – welfare check, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2038 – mental health call, Texas St.
2218 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.

Monday, Dec. 1:

0545 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0717 – motorist assist, Bemis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
0750 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0853 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0934 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Sumpter/Willis
1000 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Wear
1357 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
1457 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Harris
1839 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1907 – animal complaint, Creekside Dr.
2216 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
2228 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2302 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct.
2310 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 2:

0530 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0742 – 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Eyrvind Dr.
1101 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
1412 – assist other agency, Redwood St.
1659 – welfare check, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd.
1700 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1702 – assist other agency, Redwood Ct.
1808 – suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
1815 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.
2208 – suspicious vehicle, California/Utah Ct.

Wednesday, Dec. 3:

0022 – fire dept. assist, 488000 bl. Sully Dr.
0850 – family trouble, Utah Ct.
0939 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1044 – fraud complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1157 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
1218 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1310 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1436 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1530 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1839 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 4:

0048 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 49000 bl. Willis
0514 – property damage accident, Willow/Martinsville
0919 – family trouble, Utah Ct.
1141 – suspicious person, Willis/Sumpter
1247 – fire dept. assist, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1316 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1514 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1552 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1731 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.

1903 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1917 – property damage accident, Judd/Karr

1958 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

2335 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.

Friday, Dec. 5:

0452 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1342 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1514 – alarm, Arizona St.
1535 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville
2004 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Karr
2128 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 6:

0303 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Martinsville
0319 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0946 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1016 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1202 – traffic complaint/hazard, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1209 – civil matter, Virginia St.
1312 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1755 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1832 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Parade winners

Winning trophies in Saturday's Winterfest parade were:

- Grand Marshal Award: P&P Dance Centre
- Best Use of Parade Theme: Solid Rock Church
- Best Use of Lights: Faith Community Church
- Judge's Award: Belleville Yacht Club

Soup Crawl winners

On Friday night of Winterfest there was a Soup Crawl contest.

- Rusted Crow was the winner with Hungarian Sausage and Potato Soup.
- JT's Pub and Grub was second with Cheddar Potato Soup.
- Sam's Bar and Grill was third with Dill Pickle Soup.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Dec. 11** -- Boys Basketball vs. Romulus, Freshman 4 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.

• **Friday, Dec. 12** -- Co-ed Bowling vs. Wayne Memorial, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes

• **Tuesday, Dec. 16** -- Varsity Boys Swim vs. Flat Rock and Wyandotte, 6 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski
Athletic Secretary, Belleville High School


Upcoming Meetings

• 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

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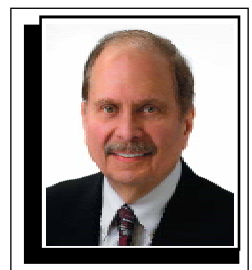
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