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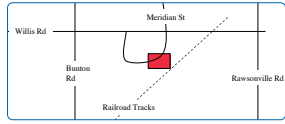
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council honors fire fighter Collette McClinton for 22 years

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Collette McClinton was honored for her 22 years of service to the paid-on-call city fire department as she retires.

First, Police Chief Kris Faull presented an engraved plaque praising her professionalism and courage as a fire fighter.

Then, Fire Chief Brian Loranger, who is still on a leave of absence from the chief's position following his grandchild's birth, presented McClinton's regular fire helmet marked F-5, for her to keep. She promptly put it on and posed for a picture with Chief Faull, Chief Loranger, and other members of the fire department.

She said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve, "But the body is getting a little bit older."

She said the fire fighter position is paid on call and almost a career, and she also has her own career.

"Two careers. It's a lot," she concluded.

In other business at Monday's almost two-hour meeting, the council:

- Read the list of winners of the holiday lights contest. Nobody was present to receive the awards and there were no awards ready to present;

- Approved the city council meeting schedule for 2025. Meetings will be on the first and third Mondays of each month with some exceptions for holidays. There are Tuesday meetings scheduled for Jan. 21, Feb. 18, April 22, and Sept. 2. There will be only one meeting in January. On Nov. 5, voters approved giving the council power to set the time and dates of meetings, so the council set the meetings for 6:30 p.m. instead of the 7:30 p.m. in the charter;

- Approved the new purchasing policy that allows department supervisors to spend up to \$2,500 with approval by the city manager; city manager may spend up to \$5,000 on one-time purchases only, with recurring costs to be approved by the city council; purchases of \$5,000-\$9,999.99 to be approved by city council with quotes provided by the administration; and purchases of \$10,000 or more required to go through a bidding process. On Nov. 5 voters approved updating that part of the city charter;

- Approved the mayor's appointments to the planning commission. To fill the vacant seat, he named Alvis Brigis, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2025. He also reappointed Becky Hasen, John Juriga, and James O'Keefe to terms that expire Dec. 31, 2027;

- Approved a time clock system from Andrew's Technology with BS&A interface for employees at a total cost of \$34,345 over five years with leased equipment. City



Collette McClinton announced her retirement from the paid-per-call Belleville Fire Department after 22 years of service and on Monday she was celebrated at the city council meeting. Police Chief Kris Faull presented a plaque of appreciation and Fire Chief Brian Loranger presented her F-5 helmet, which she promptly donned. From left are Chief Faull, Chief Loranger, McClinton, Second Fire Chief Chris Zweng, and Fire Lt. Rich Lanskroner.

manager Jason Smith said the city has to enter everything by hand now, then this goes to the department heads, and then it goes to BS&A for payroll checks. He said a problem with incorrect hours is not a huge issue with salaried employees, but with hourly workers it is. He said right now it is pretty much on the honor system. Some employees wait until the end of the week to fill out their hours, he said. Smith said it will take about 90 days to get started, which includes time for training. He said if it doesn't work out for some reason, the system can be canceled with 30 days notice;

- Approved purchase of 15 road closure barricades from low-bidder Poco Sales at a cost of \$3,525. Smith said following Winterfest it because apparent new Type 3 barricades were needed. He said the current barricades are old, made in-house, and do not reflect light as they should. Mayor Ken Voigt said the city has been dealing with them for 45 years and, "They're junk, they're rinky-dink, a pain in the butt." He said the barricades should not be left out and should be picked up after each use and they might need a dedicated trailer for that;

- Approved accounts payable and departmental expenditures over \$500, including: \$22,109 to Advanced Roofing for the fire department roof; \$1,863.04 to Axon for the police department; \$1,868 to CMP Distributors, Inc. for ballistic vest

/ equipment for the police department; \$3,120 to R&R Fire Truck Repair for the fire department; \$1,579.12 to Sunbelt Rentals for water main shutoff repair; and \$1,500 to Washtenaw Mutual Aid Association for the fire department;

- Went into an almost hour-long closed-door session to discuss collective bargaining for tentative agreements with the POAM and GELC unions. The council reconvened in public session and did not make any motions on the contracts and went on with the meeting;

- Heard city manager Smith announce city hall will be closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 6 for holiday vacation. He announced the city did not get the SMART grant. The audit is almost done and it has been found the city was under budget last year by \$200,000. He said he will be attending the Michigan Municipal League's conference in late January and he has been asked to be in a leadership position;

- Heard councilman Randy Priest ask if any of Winterfest was caught by Channel 4's Skycam on top of city hall, and received no answer;

- Heard Mayor Voigt say that Winterfest was well done. The soup crawl sold out in half an hour and 13 restaurants took part. He said he volunteered with the soup crawl and the carriage rides and the carriage had a steady stream of riders. The mayor

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

thanked McClinton for her service and thanked the Rotary for lighting the gazebo at Victory Park. He reported he testified on two of Senator Camilleri bills, 936 and 1052, on hazardous waste. He said the bills passed the committee. He said he told them that a worse place couldn't be found for hazardous waste than the Van Buren Township site which is next to 21% of the world's fresh water. He also reported they are getting prices to repave High and Liberty streets in the spring, now that they have money, and the city is planning to do in-house repairs with its staff as far as tree cutting and concrete work for sidewalk repairs; and

- Heard Chief Faull thank the fire department for the great dinner it offered at the end of Winterfest. Second Chief Chris Zweng said it was 100% paid for by the fire fighters themselves.

The council used an updated agenda that removed, without public explanation, a social media presentation from K Springer Media and a recommendation from city manager Smith to hire Springer's firm to serve the city. Also removed in advance of the meeting without public explanation, was an agenda item to purchase a 2024 Chevy Colorado from Bachman Chevrolet for \$35,695 plus \$500 for delivery to be used as the new DPS Director's vehicle.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Music, prayers bring Christmas season to life

The Belleville Community Chorus held its recent Christmas concert at First United Methodist Church before a loving crowd.

The chorus also sang a mini-concert at the Belleville Rotary Club meeting last week, with many of the old Christmas carols presented and the audience joining in on "Silent Night."

The chorus brought music to other events throughout the community as well and we thank them for bringing the spirit of the season to us.

Sumpter Township resident Mary Ban asked the township board to remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season," as she does every year. That comment prompted Township Treasurer Bart Patterson to ask the board to put prayer into its meetings, like at the beginning or the end or both or somewhere else.

He emphasized that Jesus is the reason for the season and he's been wanting prayer added to the meetings since he joined the board. He pointed out the U.S. Congress and Senate open and close their meetings with prayer.

These comments were at the end of the meeting and Supervisor Tim Bowman invited Patterson to close the meeting with a prayer - and he did.

Music and prayers bring the Christian holiday into proper focus, as we remember the reason for this season. Thank you to those who help us remember.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A senior citizen from Van Buren Township said he was astounded to learn that the township's beautiful, new community center will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1. He said people using the exercise equipment will not be able to exercise for almost two weeks.

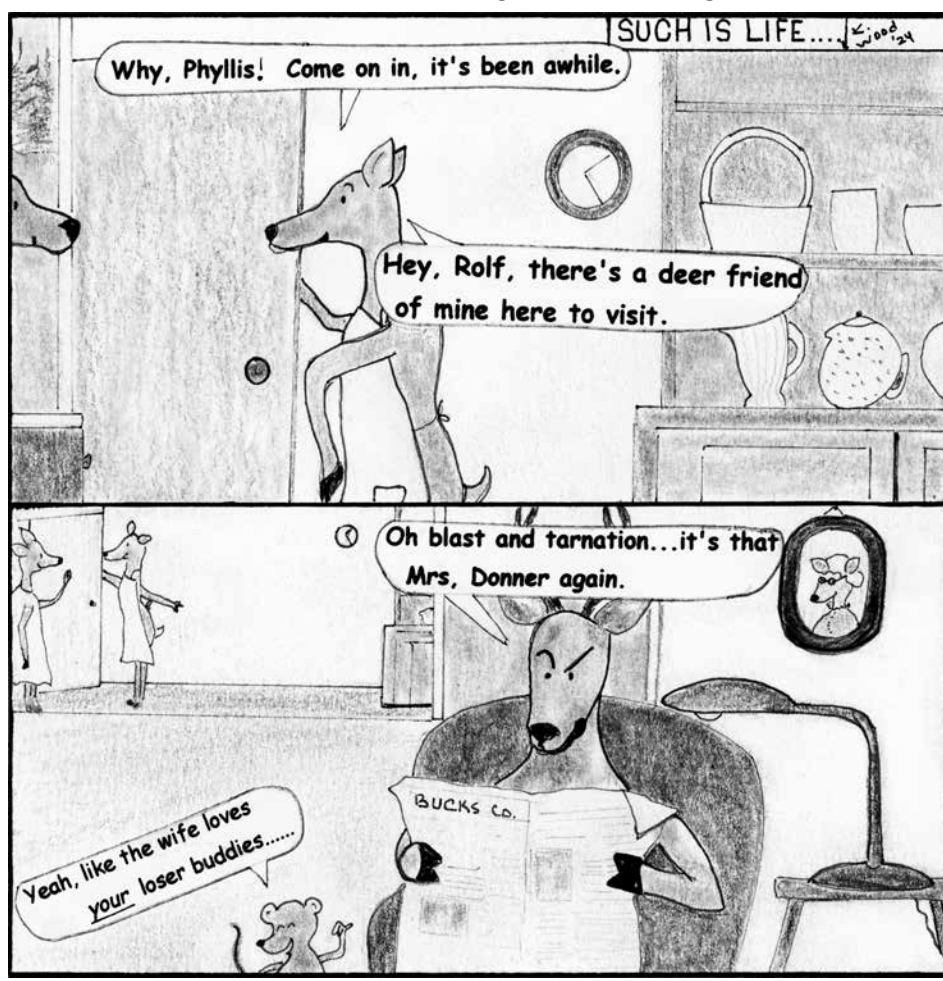
Also, because the Meals on Wheels food is prepared in the community center's kitchen, there will be no Meals on Wheels during the holidays in Van Buren Township. He is a volunteer and he is livid. He said he found that Meals on Wheels is cut off for that time throughout Wayne County.

He said he went over to the Romulus Athletic Center and found the center will be only closed on Christmas Day, with some other days having special hours, but open.

The man said he had finished exercising one morning and wanted to go pay his taxes, but he couldn't just go down the hall to the township offices because the door was locked between the community center and the township hall. He had to go out and walk around to the front door of township hall to pay his taxes at the end of the same hall he started out at in the community center.

He said, while he's at it he would like to mention that it is expensive to use a meeting room at the community center for a brief meeting, while at the Belleville Area District Library you can reserve a meeting room without cost.

"We need a DOGE program in Van Buren Township," he concluded. He referred to President-elect Trump's new department to cut waste of taxpayer dollars: Department of Governmental Efficiency, to be run by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy.



A reader from Van Buren Township said she got a call from Xfinity (at least that's what it said on the caller ID) with a great offer. They will give you 50% off service for three years if you pay for your first year upfront. All you have to do is get your Target gift cards and call back with the number.

She was ready to take them up on the offer until they hit the Target gift cards routine. She wanted to share this scam with our readers. We suggested she tell her story to Van Buren Police, as well, so they will know about it.

She said there are alternative utilities which are perfectly legitimate and cost less, but if you don't renew after a year, your costs go up. She said they send you a letter reminding you to renew, but most people just ignore the letter and then get higher bills.

The reader wanted to know if anything was going on with the court case to stop radioactive waste from being brought into Van Buren Township and said, as far as we knew, it had been filed in circuit court and then sent on to federal court, where it was considered and then sent back to circuit court.

We do know that the attorneys are working on the case, since VBT raised its line item for the case in 2024 from \$40,000 to \$150,000. Other communities have thrown money in for the case, as well. The

attorneys are doing well.

Our reader suggests we put a spot on our front page to keep track of how long it's been since they filed suit, like we did for the Belleville Area Museum closure and now the Denton Road Bridge rebuilding.

A reader in Westlake apartment complex said the power for them was off for five and a half hours on Dec. 9. She said nobody seems to know what happened. She said the power was out at Meijer for several hours that day, as well. She said there was no accident and it wasn't storming. She is irritated that nobody knows.

She said it reminds her of the drones out East that nobody seems to know anything about.

Our papers will be popping up early for the next two weeks because of the scheduling we need to follow at the print plant that prints our paper.

We'll have our deadline for the Dec. 26 paper at noon on Friday, Dec. 20, and the paper will be on the streets at about 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, and thereafter.

Our deadline for the Jan. 2 paper is noon on Friday, Dec. 27, and it will be delivered to us around 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, and out on the streets immediately. After those two weeks, we're back to normal.



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Photos courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications. Santa gives a cool welcome to one of those coming to meet with him at the Belleville Area Museum last Saturday. Santa is surrounded by the museum's Holiday Tree display and has plenty of stockings to give out courtesy of the Belleville Central Business Community. He will be back at the museum on Saturday, Dec. 21, from noon to 4 p.m., with photos for special needs of all ages from 11:30 a.m. to noon.



Santa Paws pictures were taken at the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority headquarters at Harris Park on Dec. 4 and 11. A total of 27 dogs came for their pictures with Santa.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• Friday, Dec. 20 – Retirement celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. honoring 34th

District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green for 30 years of dedication to the communities covered by the court. The courthouse is at 11129 Wayne Rd., Romulus.

• Saturday, Dec. 21 – Photos with Santa at the Belleville Area Museum, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

• Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township, will hold a Christmas Eve candle lighting service at 6 p.m. Pastor Willie Smith said they will be singing Christmas carols, having a very brief message, lighting the advent candle of Christ and then have refreshments and fellowship. "Please join us for this celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," he said.

• Friday, Dec. 27 – Van Buren Eagles at 9961 Beck Rd. presents dinner at 5 p.m., meat raffle/auction at 6:30 p.m., followed by Flaunt Love, a two-person band.

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Van Buren board OKs raising 2024 lawsuit attorney fees to \$150,000

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Dec. 3 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board approved an amendment to the 2024 Amended Budget to change the attorney fees for the Wayne Disposal (Republic) litigation filed Oct. 15 from the original \$40,000 to \$150,000.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the extra money to pay attorneys is to come from the general fund balance.

The law suit against Wayne Disposal (Republic Waste) on accepting radioactive waste had been moved to federal court. It is brought by the cities of Belleville and Romulus, Canton and Van Buren Townships, and Van Buren Township Fire Chief, with each municipality paying a share of the cost. Wayne County is an Intervenor Plaintiff.

On Nov. 22, U.S. District Court Judge Brandy R. McMillion granted the plaintiff's motion to remand the case back to Wayne County Circuit Court and denied the defendant's motion to dissolve the amended temporary restraining order and for an expedited decision.

At its Dec. 3 meeting, the township board also approved amendments to the 2024 VBT election office wages.

In other business at the 34-minute township board meeting, the board:

- Presented a proclamation to honor Trustee Sherry Frazier who did not run for reelection. Supervisor McNamara read the proclamation and then the board gathered for one last group picture. This picture included her son, William, who has been elected to her former seat on the board. Treasurer Sharry Budd said she served with Frazier on the school board, saw her when she worked at the library, and then

she was on the township board with her;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce the death of VFW Commander Robert Krouse. He said Krouse's wife had put flags on veterans' graves in the township's cemetery for at least the 18 years he's been in office;

- Postponed action on Todd Waller's request for the excavation, removal, and off-site hauling of up to 93,000 cubic yards of soil to create a 4.88-acre pond for agricultural purposes on his 30 acres of property at 47990 and 48196 Martz Rd., just west of Elwell, until Waller can meet with the board. The board wants to ask some questions, but neither Waller, or a representative, did not attend that night's meeting as requested. Waller had presented an affidavit from John Kloc, a farmer that said he was farming the property at 47990 Martz Rd. Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said his review appears to show the applicant has met the conditions of township ordinances for the excavation. The planning commission has yet to approve the pond permit. Waller's request was postponed at the Nov. 19 meeting for more information. Waller is the recently elected supervisor of Augusta Township. Augusta sued him last spring over a pond he dug on his property in Willis without a permit. The court ruled in his favor. Clerk Leon Wright said he wanted to be sure the township was not violating Waller's rights and director Akers said the township had not denied the request, only asked for information, so the board was within its rights;

- Approved the purchase of an F-150 crew cab truck for the Water and Sewer Department in the amount of \$45,759. It will be added to the Water and Sewer fleet

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DOUGLAS ALAN HAMPTON

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Douglas Alan Hampton, age 69, life-long Belleville resident, passed away at his home, on Saturday, December 14, 2024. He was born January 7, 1955, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Robert James & Geraldine Annette (Snelson) Hampton. Doug graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1973. He worked for Van Buren Public Schools for 36 years before he retired on July 23, 2010 from the grounds-keeping department. He enjoyed archery, hunting, and most recently loved watching movies on the Turner Classic channel. Doug was also a football fan. He loved watching the Detroit Lions and Michigan State games.

Mr. Hampton is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Carol Lynn Deming-Hampton; daughter Jennifer (Lionel) Wallace of Ypsilanti, MI; four sons: Tommy Stouse of Romulus, MI, Jeramie Zupancic of Newport, MI, John (Christina) Zupancic of Cadillac, MI, and Jarrod Zupancic of Arizona; 15 grandchildren; mother-in-law Beulah Deming of Mancelona, MI; brother Steve (Rhonda) Hampton of Pittsfield, MI; sister Karen Akans of Belleville, MI; 6 brothers- and sisters-in-law: Norman Deming and Wendy (Andy) Clark, both of Belleville, MI, Jeanne (George) Torok of Dexter, MI, Marilyn Deming of Florida, Allen (Laura) Deming of Mancelona, MI, and Raymond (Jennifer) Deming of Belleville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers: Michael and Bruce Hampton.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734)697-4500.

A Celebration of his life will be planned and announced ahead of time. Memorial contributions may be made to Doug's family and would be appreciated.

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LORAIN LUCY RICKERT

(September 2, 1925 – December 15, 2024)
Age 99. An original Rosie the Riveter. Survived by sister Carolee Ebied, niece Diane (Richard) Priebe of Belleville. Funeral mass at 10 a.m. Dec. 19 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston.

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JONATHAN GANT, SR.

(January 25, 1955 – December 5, 2024)
Age 69. Viewing is Friday, Dec. 20, at C&H Community Home for Funerals, 411 S. Adams St., Ypsilanti. On Saturday, Dec. 21, family hour is 10 a.m. and service is 11 a.m. at Abundant Harvest Church, 51185 Willis Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

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since some of the vehicles are approaching 15 years of age. McNamara said the township recently got rid of 30-40 vehicles that were old and some not running;

- Removed three agenda items regarding approvals for Pulte Homes project at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads. Akers said they will come back at another time;

- Approved paying \$24,850 to Fishbeck to provide engineering services for North Shore and Beckley Road pump station replacements to be paid from the Sewer Capital Outlay Fund. The generators need to be replaced since they are approaching their lives. McNamara said when the generators failed, the township had to hire generations at \$30,000 a day. He said the former 100-year floods are now 5-year floods;

- Approved the 2025 board meeting schedule and the 2025 township holiday schedule;

- Approved the METRO Act Permit for 123.NET, which showed the new above-ground and underground conduit installations for the new fiber lines. The Metro Act was adopted by the state in 2002 and requires municipalities to conform to state-standardized regulations regarding the processing of telecommunications permits;

- Approved 2025 Wayne County annual permits for maintenance, restoration, and special events; and

- Approved the Downriver Utility Wasterwater Authority (DUWA) Second Amended Articles of Corporation that needs to be approved by the 13 communities involved.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
 Independent Advertising Director

Well, I think that Santa will be flying off to the North Pole after his final visit to the Belleville Area Museum on Dec. 21. However, I certainly could be mistaken. I don't think we have ever had this many opportunities in past years to sit on that Jolly Old Elf's knee. Anyway, on Saturday, special needs people will be with Santa from 11:30 a.m. to noon and then everyone from noon until 4 p.m. Santa will hear those many wishes from area children.

The Van Buren Education Foundation is planning its major fundraiser for Feb. 1, 2025. It is themed the "Wild, Wild West Winter Celebration" and will include dinner, drinks, dancing, and gaming. It will be held at the BYC again this year and they are looking for baskets and donations for their silent auction. There also needs to be people to attend this fun event and support the Foundation's efforts. This is your heads-up to hold that date and contribute and/or attend this worthy event.

Really, people, I am tired of drivers zooming out of nowhere into the middle lane and not knowing their plans. Are they planning on cutting me off or sitting until there is a space for them to squeeze into? That middle lane is for left turns, not if you are going right! It is against the law and someday you will be seen by the right police officer who will take the time to write you a ticket. Please be patient and don't give me a heart attack!

This is my last chance to say have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy your holiday time off work. Our paper will publish as always during the holidays, just a little earlier than normal each week.

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Leonard and Doreitha Armstrong, Aleisa Pitt were Grand Marshals

Grand Marshals for the 2024 Winter Fest parade were Leonard and Doreitha Armstrong and Aleisa Pitt.

Leonard and Doreitha Armstrong

Leonard and Doreitha Armstrong have lived in the Belleville area since 1975 and they raised both their sons here. Leonard II graduated from Belleville High School in 1984 and William in 1980 and both have moved out of state.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were both teachers who ended up retiring as administrators. They built Armstrong's Funland, LLC in 1979. They ran the business along with their two sons, and they have consistently maintained a loyal customer base by staying true to their mission of providing a wholesome, affordable, and fun entertainment environment for families.

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The Armstrongs have enjoyed attending plays, concerts, and traveling. They both love to meet new people. They love the Belleville area and are very thankful for all the amazing people they have met over the years.

Doreitha Armstrong could not attend the parade because she is very ill.

Aleisa Pitt

Aleisa Pitt is an educator in the Van Buren Public Schools district where she has dedicated 47 years to teaching and leadership. Pitt was the principal at Tyler Elementary School for 15 years and has come back after retirement to keep on educating. She is filling in for the Early Childhood Development Center Strong Beginnings Family Liaison person who is on maternity leave for a year. Then, Pitt will retire again.

Pitt said she worked with the most amazing staff, parents and students at Tyler when she was principal. It wasn't unusual to see her rolling around the school on skates, or being taped to a wall, or sitting on the school roof as "The Elf on the Shelf." She said she loved it all!

She is married to Gary Pitt and is a mother of two sons: Kyle and Adam. Pitt cherishes her role as a grandmother to five grandchildren, enjoying time with them, especially at the lake.

Her love of education extends beyond the classroom. Pitt is actively involved in the community, believing that strong ties enhance the educational experience. She is known for her collaborative spirit and her ability to connect with students, parents and staff alike. Aleisa's long-standing tenure and dedication made her a respected figure in the district where she continues to inspire generations of learners.

In her free time, Pitt enjoys traveling and playing golf.

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Sumpter OKs moving slaughterhouses to special land use in Industrial

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Nov. 26 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board unanimously approved the planning commission's recommendation to remove slaughterhouses as a special land use in the Agricultural zoning district and make it a

special land use in the General Industrial District.

Township attorney Rob Young got up to speak from the audience where he said he now sits since the new clerk changed the rules.

Young said he left the resolution the board was being asked to approve at his office by mistake. He said he will bring the resolution

to the clerk's office so it can be published in the appropriate way. It would be in effect 30 days after publication, he said.

In other business at the 31-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the recommendation from the planning commission for text amendments to Section 3.3, Special Land Uses, which gives

the township board final approval on Special Land Uses;

- Removed from the agenda consideration of the bid submitted by Brutsche Concrete Products for a 40-niche columbarium for \$16,098.43, and the bid submitted by Universal Home Works for the columbarian foundation and courtyard pad, with no price given, with both paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds or other available funds;

- Approved the Nov. 19 recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Committee to appoint, pending final background checks, James Savich as chairman, Mary Ann Rowland as co-chair, Nicole VanAssche as treasurer, and Anita Honey as secretary. It was announced longtime members had stepped down and Richard Pokerwinski had back surgery Nov. 25. Trustee Tim Rush said there were 14 people at the meeting, the most he's seen in a long time. He said COVID had put a damper on activities in the township and they want to do things, with Trustee Honey wanting to head up Bingo. The next meeting of the committee was set for Dec. 9, Trustee Rush said;

- Approved sending the Fire Department's 2009 Ford Rescue Truck to Insurance Auto Auction;

- Approved the amended Western Wayne County Police Mutual Aid Agreement, dated Oct. 28, and adopted Resolution 2024-19;

- Approved payout of the final benefits bank time for former financial director Scott Holtz in the amount of \$5,789.75;

- Approved paying C&S Construction for the completed community center doors with ADA-assist replacements at a total cost of \$29,500, paid with federal ARPA funds or other available funds;

- Approved paying \$39,800 to Diversified Excavating for the completed township parks, roadways, and lots, paid with ARPA funds or other available funds;

- Approved paying PPM Landscape \$22,600 for the completed Graham Park forestry project, paid with ARPA funds or other

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A pilot CAV lane is currently open on westbound I-94 from Belleville to Rawsonville roads. The proposed project would extend the CAV lane on I-94 from Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Washtenaw County to M-10 (Lodge Freeway) in Wayne County.

The environmental assessment document is available for public review and comment at www.Michigan.gov/CAVProject. Printed

copies of the EA document are also available for public review at designated locations listed on the project website. Comments must be emailed, submitted online or postmarked by Dec. 19, 2024.

Comments can also be submitted online, by email to MonsmaM@Michigan.gov or by mail to: Monica Monsma, Van Wagoner Transportation Building, B245, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI 48933.

The purpose of the proposed CAV project is to improve the corridor with smart road technology, improve pavement conditions and operations, and equip the existing inside general-purpose lane with technology that enhances road operations and supports CAVs. Vehicles will be able to enter the lane through access points, which are breaks between physical separation that are at least 2,000 feet long to allow for merging.

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Sumpter Twp.

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available funds;

- Approved paying CRG Electric \$4,860.75 for emergency response and repair on election day, Nov. 5, and Nov. 6 at the community center. It was reported the main line to the

service utility box was fried and that was caused by non-compliant bulbs in the whole gym;

- Approved the updated planning and zoning fee schedule;
- Approved the township board and planning commission meeting dates for 2025;
- Heard township manager Anthony Burdick

report the search for a DPW director is going well and they have a candidate, and a part-time seasonal DPW worker will be in place after Jan. 1. The DPW worker who was injured and out on workman's compensation will have an update on whether the worker will be able to come back. He also reported at the Dec. 10 meeting the board will be asked to approve the benefits care package for 2025. He said the township has over-obliged ARPA funds by more than \$38,400, so it is eligible to receive the total \$984,000 from the federal government;

- Heard Treasurer Bart Patterson say the

highest interest the township received ever had been \$67,000, but this year it has been \$800,000. He also noted that the township no longer has a cemetery committee and asked Burdick to find a way to continue on with all the work that has been done at Martinsville Cemetery. He referred to the resignation of the financial director and the loss of the former deputy clerk, who made up the committee; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban welcome new trustees Frazier and Honey and asked the board members to listen to the constituents who have elected them. She said she looks forward to a great four years.

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 2, 2024 - 7:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Bates	Present
Julie Kissel	Present
Jeremiah Beebe	Present
Randy Priest	Absent – Excused

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentations
 - i. None.
- b. Citizen Comments
 - i. None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. November 18, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting
- b. Communications
 - i. MMRMA Monthly Acknowledgements
- c. Council Follow up list
- d. DPS Report

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates approving the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- a. Resolution 24-034 Authorization to join WAMAC
- MOTION:** Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to adopt Resolution 24-034.

Motion Carried.

- b. Resolution 24-035 Resolution to Support of HB 4274 and 4275

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Bates to adopt Resolution 24-035.

Motion Carried.

- c. Resolution 34-036 Board and Commission Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve Mayor Appointments of John Winter and Denise Baker to DDA.

Motion Carried.

- d. K. Spinger Media – Proposal for City Social Media Item tabled; presentation to be made

- e. Snider Electric Quote to update DPS electrical in break room

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to accept Snider Electric Quote for DPS electrical in break room.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

- f. Time Clock System

City Manager discussed how system would work and the need. Discussion took place, City Manager to bring other options/quotes to council.

- g. Council Meeting 2025 Dates and Time Discussion

Motion by Beebe, Supported by Kissel to set Council Meeting dates to first and third Monday of the Month at 6:30 PM.

Motion Carried.

h. City Purchasing Policy adjustment discussion. Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to set purchasing policy as limit for City Manager \$5,000, Department Heads \$2,500 with City Manager approval. Any purchase over \$5,000 to be approved by Council, any purchase over \$10,000 to be sent for bid.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Voigt	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- i. City Works will be on site December 3, 2024 for training.
- ii. Bridge Demo underway, Wayne County estimates 2026 for completion.
- iii. Meeting with Kelly Howey and Brian Camiller for financial status.
- iv. Consultants for Fire Department meeting with Chief Faull-Schlund Thursday, December 5, 2024.
- v. December 10, 2024 SEMCOG meeting to discuss solid waste disposal.
- vi. Moved to Michigan Class, this will benefit the cemetery fund.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. **Bates**
 - i. Winterfest upcoming weekend.
 - ii. Holiday light judging.
 - iii. GO BLUE! (In reference to UM Football winning over Ohio State)
 - iv. Looking forward to new council meeting times.
- b. **Beebe**
 - i. Nothing to add this evening.
- c. **Kissel**
 - i. Lights on Friday and Saturday.
 - ii. Planning Commission survey is available. The Planning Commission will review on 12/12/2024 meeting and the second survey will be available.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- i. Looking forward to Winter Fest Parade, Santa, Winterfest and light judging
- ii. Pleased to be with Michigan Class.
- iii. Belleville High School Jazz Band has concert December 5, 2024.
- iv. Discussion on \$50,000 Grant from NFC to pass on opportunity at this time.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident of Victoria Commons, Ruth Kessel gave thanks to DPW Director and staff for the maintenance of sidewalks and trees, everything looks nice.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Deputy Clerk Bellingham

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Public Notice

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF LAKE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Orders No. 2024OP002188, 2024OP002187
James Justice Hammond
vs.
Makayla Danielle Tew**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, Makayla Danielle Tew, that this case has been commenced in this court by the petitioner against you for ORDER OF PROTECTION and other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court in the Lake County Courthouse, Waukegan, Illinois, on or before DECEMBER 27th, 2024.

A JUDGEMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. Publish: Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2024

Public Notice

**IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE
OF HAROLD GLEN CARRIGAN,
DECEASED
CASE NO.: 15-0263**

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing is hereby set on January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Court of Colbert County, Alabama on the Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of Harold Glen Carrigan, deceased.

DEBORAH BELL PASEUR
Attorney for petitioner, Matthew W. Coats
Administrator
1847 N. Wood Avenue
Florence, AL 35630
(256) 766-3131

Publish: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2024

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On December 27th, 2024, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing and Storage**, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1999	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1NE52MXX6182830	24-12342
2005	FORD	SW	1FMYU94175KC71935	24-13190
2022	ZHNG MOPED	CY	L5YACBPZ6N1137157	24-13088
2008	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N78W212042	24-12511

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2011	VOLKSWAGEN	4D	3VWDZ7AJ1BM382415	24-12796
2014	FORD	4D	1FADP3F27EL318491	24-11253
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	3GNDA23P16S550514	24-9674
2024	WOLF	4D	L5YACBPB1R1135213	24-13050
2004	FORD	4D	1FAFP55SX4G125765	24-13083
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB58K389225840	24-13746

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: December 19th, 2024

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 272 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Dec. 8:

0009 – 911 welfare check, S. Adams
0024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0141 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park condos
0146 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0201 – assist other dept., I-275/I-94
0243 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd.
0251 – motorist assist, McBride Ave./Haggerty
0310 – malicious destruction of property, Andover
0320 – malicious destruction of property, Hardwood Dr.
0359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vine St. / Hardwood Dr.
0703 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1001 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1049 – larceny from auto, McBride Ave.
1125 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hamilton St./Hayes St.
1130 – fraud, Briarwood Dr.
1233 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1157 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
1259 – repossession, Belleville Rd.
1303 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1308 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.
1309 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1315 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1347 – civil matter, Tallgrass Ct.
1412 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1424 – 911 welfare check, Fret Rd.
1436 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln./Harbor Ln.
1553 – breaking & entering, Maurice Dr.
1638 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Timberland Dr./Van Allen Ave.
1652 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1728 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Belleville
1828 – neighbor trouble, Patty Ln.
1828 – 911 welfare check, Bog Rd./W. Adams
1910 – civil matter, Chatsworth Dr.
1927 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
2026 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
2140 – mental subject, Daniel Dr.
2226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Dec. 9:

0022 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0045 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Brandi Dr.
0757 – intrusion alarm, Bog Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Gilmore St.
0821 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.
0927 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0943 – assist fire dept., America
1035 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1353 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1440 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd.
1454 – assist fire dept., Brookview Dr.
1458 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1505 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1515 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1540 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1633 – intrusion alarm, Amanda Dr.
1711 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1813 – welfare check, E. Adams
1954 – 911 welfare check, Ash Dr.
2332 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
2344 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Maude Ct.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

0111 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.
0443 – domestic, S. Adams

0713 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0723 – mental subject, Daniel Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Westlake Cir.
0938 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
xxxx – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Sheldon Rd.
1007 – private property impound, Martinsville Rd.
1016 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1212 – lost property/child, S. Woodbury Green Dr.
1216 – welfare check, Freeport Ct.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1221 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1259 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
1253 – assist fire dept., Hamilton St.
1402 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1411 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
1506 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1525 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1534 – animal complaint, Cedarhurst Dr.
1549 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1707 – intrusion alarm, Wildflower Ct.
1849 – road hazard, Michigan Ave.
1933 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

2014 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.
2030 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2203 – suicidal person, Alden Ave.
2300 – 911 welfare check, Daisy Blvd.
2300 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

0207 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0654 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
0800 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0823 – animal complaint, Fay Dr.
0841 – intrusion alarm, Beck Rd.
0935 – juvenile complaint, Jackson Ct.
xxxx – repossession, Lenmoore Ave.
1141 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Village Green Ln.
1240 – disorderly, Water's Edge Ln.
1247 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1352 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Robson Rd.
1401 – larceny, N. Bellridge Dr.
1441 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Walden Dr.
1455 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Kirkridge Park condos
1552 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.
1630 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1627 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1708 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.
1811 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hamilton St./Hayes St.
1842 – sexual assault, Lighthouse Dr.
1931 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1959 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2021 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
2220 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2336 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.

Thursday, Dec. 12:

0301 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0326 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
0331 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0401 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0827 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
0902 – domestic, Mantauk Ct.
0931 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
0953 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1029 – 911 welfare check, Hoefl Rd.
1142 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1327 – mental subject, S. Adams
xxxx – welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1457 – property damage accident, Fay/Sondra
1520 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1648 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1856 – harassment call, Bog Rd.
2011 – suicidal person, Ayres Ave.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
2044 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2126 – harassment call, Birch Dr.

2216 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2310 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Dec. 13:

0031 – motorist assist, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River
0139 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession Andover Dr.
xxxx – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0758 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
0759 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
1005 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1034 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1241 – domestic, Ironwood Dr.
1310 – fraud, Rock Creek Dr.
1349 – trespassing, Michigan Ave.
1353 – animal complaint, Freedom Way
1438 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.
1448 – suicidal person, Brandi Dr.
1611 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1506 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1525 – domestic, Andover Dr.
1641 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1657 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1756 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1831 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1831 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1848 – 911 welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.
1919 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1923 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1945 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
2022 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2107 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.

2055 – intrusion alarm, Meadows Cir.
2117 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
2211 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2240 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2309 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 14:

0311 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0335 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0429 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0919 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1242 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1314 – larceny, Huron River Dr.
1318 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1353 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1516 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1542 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1542 – assist fire dept., Farm Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1842 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1628 – hospice death, Edison Lake Rd.
1643 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
xxxx – unauthorized driving away of auto, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1819 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2034 – assist other dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
2219 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2240 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd.
2301 – domestic, Dorchester Dr.
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 66 traffic stops, 27 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 8:

0326 – assist other dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.

Monday, Dec. 9:

0626 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Villa Blvd./Sumpter Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1022 – larceny, South St.
1034 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
1112 – fraud, Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

0351 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Light Tower Ct.
0918 – larceny from auto, Light Tower Ct.
1434 – follow up by officer, Harbour Pointe Sub.
1448 – larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

0106 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.

0643 – property damage accident, Main St./Fifth
0905 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.

2350 – assist other dept., Belleville/Harmony Ln.

Thursday, Dec. 12:

1031 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. / Madelon St.
1254 – 911 welfare check, Estrada
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

2306 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.

Friday, Dec. 13:

0014 – welfare check, Main St.
0638 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
0839 – found property/child, Belle Villa Blvd.
1002 – intrusion alarm, High St.
1144 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1427 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1724 – motorist assist, Belleville/Harmony Ln.
1731 – operating while intoxicated, W. Columbia

Saturday, Dec. 14:

0804 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Estrada Dr.
0811 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
0940 – civil matter, Main St.
1003 – larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1310 – larceny, Main St.
1357 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd.
1551 – misc. complaint, Owen St.
1805 – assist fire dept., Main St.

2130 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

There are 107 reports on this week's log and 72 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 8:

0832 – breaking & entering report, 21000 bl. Clark
1143 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1700 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Arkona
1735 – suspicious person, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1844 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1908 – motorist assist, Willow Rd./Rawsonville
1911 – neighbor dispute, Texas St.
1926 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2245 – medical assist, Edgewood Dr.

Monday, Dec. 9:

0404 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0412 – neighbor dispute, Colorado St.
0950 – welfare check, Alaska St.
1229 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1410 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1617 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Clark
1645 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1704 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1748 – suspicious vehicle, Nevada St.

1815 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

1935 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

0017 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0355 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0731 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.
0902 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
1010 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1133 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1457 – traffic complaint/hazard, Second St.
1623 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1817 – neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2045 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Bohn
2054 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2056 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
2203 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
2346 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.
2352 – animal complaint, New Mexico St.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

1209 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1435 – property damage accident, Sherwood/Wear
1614 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1815 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1925 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2203 – traffic complaint/hazard, 39000 bl. Willow
2311 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Thursday, Dec. 12:
 0200 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Harris
 0904 – subpoena service, Timberlane Dr.
 0943 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
 1058 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1453 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1537 – family trouble, Idaho St.
 1858 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1919 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 2018 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 2159 – 911 hang up, Nevada St.

Friday, Dec. 13:
 0404 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
 0453 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
 0740 – family trouble, Tulip Dr.
 1108 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville Rd.
 1420 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Savage
 1523 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1746 – 911 hang up, Second St.
 1823 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 14:
 0355 – welfare check, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
 1032 – larceny, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1130 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
 1156 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Dr.
 1513 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
 1554 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1746 – family trouble, Nevada St.
 1931 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
 2032 – suspicious person, Texas St.
 2244 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 2322 – assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
 Also on this week’s log are 218 patrol checks, 83 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Dec. 19** – Girls JV and Varsity Basketball vs. Livonia Churchill (JV 5:30 p.m.; Varsity 7 p.m.)
 - **Thursday, Dec. 19** – Boy’s Varsity Swim and Dive vs. Livonia Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
- Jamie Cichowski, Athletic Secretary

“There are three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus. He doesn’t believe in Santa Claus. He is Santa Claus.” Bob Phillips

Driver charged with being drunk in crash that killed VBT woman

Brandon Christopher Smith, 23, of Wyandotte was video-arraigned in custody of Van Buren Police on Nov. 15 after turning himself in on a warrant that was issued the day before. He is charged with operating while intoxicated causing death on May 18 in Van Buren Township.

34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman set Smith’s probable cause conference for Nov. 27 and bond at \$10,000/10%. He is to wear an alcohol tether and cannot possess mood-altering substances including alcohol. Defense attorney is Gabi Silver.

On Nov. 27 his probable cause conference was held and another conference set for Dec. 11 and then Dec. 18. On Dec. 11, attorney Silver said most of the discovery has been received and reviewed.

was treated at the scene and transported to Trinity Health – Ann Arbor Hospital for evaluation. On Sunday, Smith was listed in stable condition at the hospital with minor injuries.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data and secure physical evidence and Haggerty Road was closed to traffic for several hours.

On Saturday, May 18, at about 7:40 p.m. the VBT Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to Haggerty Road, south of Savage Road, for a two-vehicle, head-on collision.

Man pours gasoline on himself, sets self on fire in VBT trailer park

On the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 11, a 50-year-old male doused his body in gasoline and lit himself on fire. He was outside, between mobile homes, on Ponderosa Trail in the Belleville Manor mobile home park, just north of Meijer shopping center.

The preliminary investigation showed that a black 2016 Dodge Ram truck was traveling northbound on Haggerty Road and collided with a 2015 Jeep Compass that was traveling southbound on Haggerty.

Van Buren Township Deputy Chief Jason Monte said, based on the evidence located at the scene, the man suffered from severe mental health issues.

The deceased’s family has been notified, Deputy Chief Monte said.

The Dodge Ram rolled on its side as a result of the accident and the Jeep Compass slid into the drainage ditch on the west side of Haggerty.

34th District Court to say goodbye to Judge Tina Brooks Green on Dec. 20

The driver of the Jeep Compass was identified as Phylicia Zeestraten, a 34-year-old Van Buren Township resident. Zeestraten had to be extricated from her vehicle and was fatally injured in the accident. She was pronounced dead at Trinity Health – Ann Arbor Hospital, according to a news release from Lt. Kenneth Floro of Van Buren Township police.

After serving 30 years on the 34th District Court, Judge Tina Brooks Green is retiring.

A special retirement celebration to honor her decades of dedication and service to the people of the five communities served by the 34th District Court will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. Light refreshments will be provided.

There were also two passengers in the Jeep Compass with Zeestraten. Dejuan Garrett, a 29-year-old Van Buren Township resident, and five-month-old Melodi Garrett were both treated at the scene and transported to Trinity Health – Ann Arbor Hospital where they were listed in stable condition with minor injuries.

The 34th District Court is located at 11129 Wayne Rd., Romulus, and serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron. It also serves Metro Airport and Lower Huron Metropark.

Teresa Patton has been elected to take Green’s place on the bench.

The driver of Dodge Ram truck was identified as Brandon Smith of Taylor. Smith

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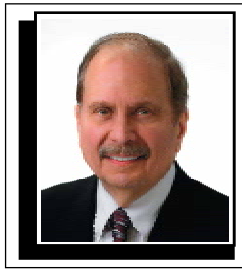
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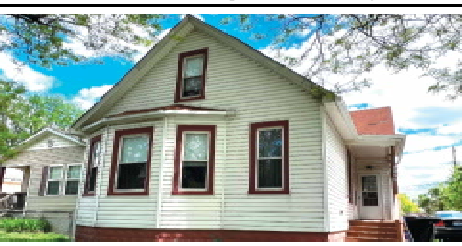
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