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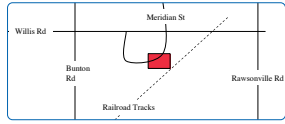
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Guiding Harbor: Foster care doesn't have a season

Guiding Harbor

By Jennifer Trotter



Foster Care doesn't have a season. I get calls and emails every day about kids needing a foster placement. One day recently, I was contacted about SIX different children between the ages of 9-17 needing a foster home. Children enter the foster care system at any time throughout the year, requiring consistent availability of foster families. The holidays are a busy time of year but imagine not having a place to celebrate and people to celebrate with.

There are approximately 10,000 kids in Michigan's foster care system. Foster care is a temporary living situation for children whose parents cannot take care of them. The Court makes the ultimate decision about whether a child is removed and then the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services places that child with an agency like Guiding Harbor. We provide support services to the birth family, and we work with the relative or foster family where the child is living.

Becoming a foster parent isn't for everyone, but anyone can find a way to help. Volunteer at an event, conduct a New Coat Drive and donate the coats to Guiding Harbor, or make a recurring monthly donation through our Giving From the Heart program.

Guiding Harbor works with kids in foster care ages birth to 21. We have a variety of programs to address their needs. Youth in foster care have experienced trauma. Research shows that trauma can alter the way a brain operates. Trauma can cause symptoms such as anxiety, depression, avoidance of emotions, and can skew perceptions of reality. Kids may develop negative behaviors that get their needs met, but these behaviors can be problematic. Some children need more intensive support than a foster family can provide.

At our Girlstown Residential program, staff are available 24/7 to guide youth and help them heal from their trauma. The program is highly structured and teaches effective coping skills, appropriate boundaries, communication skills, among other skills that help youth heal. Girlstown is the oldest and most well-known program that Guiding Harbor offers, successfully serving over 1,500 adolescent females since inception. We are committed to providing youth with the same life experiences as their peers. Our residents attend public schools and can get jobs in the area, which assists in cultivating relationships within

the Belleville community.

Your impact can be made now or later. Sponsor a youth to attend her prom, donate to her high school graduation party. Sponsor a holiday meal or a trip for the residents to go to the movies. Leave a legacy gift, this involves arranging charitable donations during your lifetime or as part of your estate planning.

When kids can't safely return home in a reasonable amount of time, the Court can terminate the rights of parents. This makes the child legally free for adoption. Typically, those children are adopted by the foster parent or relative that has been providing care for them. There are approximately 300 children in Michigan who do not have an identified adoptive family. Children and families are matched based on the family's ability to best meet the needs of the child.

Help us paint or do other beautification efforts because kids in foster care deserve to come to a place that is warm and welcoming. Donate school supplies, toiletries, or gift cards. Grant wishes from the Amazon Wishlist on our website.

As kids in foster care get older there are fewer foster homes willing to take in teens who have experienced trauma. Typical adolescent impulsivity, testing of limits, pressure to fit in amongst peers are behaviors that mischaracterize foster youth as troublemakers, defiant, and angry. This results in the youth experiencing placement changes and losing valuable time to learn critical life skills that will aid them in adulthood.

Guiding Harbor's work in Independent Living programs enables youth in foster care to make significant progress to overcome the challenge and achieve improvement in their well-being. Teaching life skills to these foster youth is the priority. When kids exit the system without critical life skills we see significantly higher rates of homelessness, substance use, incarceration rates, and early parenthood, than we do of their peers that have appropriate support.

Partner with us to provide work experience, mentorship, and life skills to teens aging out of foster care. Help older youth with financial literacy, cooking, car maintenance, or applying for college.

Guiding Harbor offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of children and their families during their time in foster care. Outcomes for kids in Foster Care are improved when we can reduce the number of changes they have to endure. Having services from one agency is much better than hopping around from place to place.

A youth in our Independent Living



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program told me that he didn't think anybody cared about him or what happened to him. I brought him to our annual fundraiser in November where he agreed we could tell his story. The room of 150 supporters erupted in applause and standing ovations for all he had endured. As he shared his dream of making music professionally, supporters began donating the cost for his time in a recording studio. This gesture left him nearly speechless. I assured him that evening that he has a community full of people pulling for him and his success, that we believe in him.

I know the Belleville community believes in these kids. You have shown us your commitment over the past 66 years. Thank you for all you have done for the children of Guiding Harbor. Thank you for allowing me to share the history of our story for the past few months on the pages of this paper. I can't wait to see what we can do together to continue to support the kids who need it most.

For more information about Guiding Harbor please visit guidingharbor.org and follow our Facebook page for ways you can stay informed.

Cozadd Foundation gives \$4,463.97 grant to Guiding Harbor

The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation has presented a \$4,463.97 grant to Guiding Harbor.

The grant is funding three endurance beds for Guiding Harbor's Girlstown Residential Program in Van Buren Township.

Endurance beds are designed specifically for behavioral and mental health facilities, are made from durable, tamper-proof plastic that is easy to clean and maintain, and will help ensure the safety and dignity of residents who may be at risk of self-harm.

Belleville Rotary Club president

and Cozadd Foundation board member Rachel Kozlowski, together with other members of the board of directors, presented the grant on behalf of the Foundation in the Charles B. Cozadd Room of the Belleville Area District Library.

The Charles B Cozadd Rotary Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, and for making distributions to tax-exempt organizations primarily in the tri-community area for such purposes. Grant applications can be found on the Belleville Rotary Club's website.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Jan. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. if needed

- Tuesday, Jan. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Joint meeting between the planning commissions of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter.
- Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Thursday, Feb. 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

We're completing 30th year of service to community

We are completing our 30th year of service to the local community. On Jan. 5, 1995, the *Belleville-Area Independent* published its first paper and has continued every Thursday since then.

On Jan. 5, 2025 we will mark completion of the 30th year of service and the start of our 31st year. We've seen a lot over the years and shared most of it with our readers.

Some readers we talk to say they have been reading the *Independent* their whole lives and they remember their parents showing them where to pick it up at the Red Apple restaurant or various gas stations.

The weekly newspaper was formed by about a dozen local residents who thought *The View* newspaper in town was biased in its stories. I was the only one they knew who had experience with newspapers. I had just moved back here from Colorado where I was Sunday editor at a daily paper. We've had the same editor for the entire life of the paper.

The investors, who are both Republican and Democrat in ideas, wanted people to know what was going on whether they could pay for a paper or not, so the paper has always been free.

Thank you for supporting the *Independent* over the years and sharing your letters, stories, and pictures.

We hope to continue to keep you informed for many years to come.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Our paper will once again pop up early next week. Things get a bit strange when the holidays are smack in the middle of our work week. We are cooperating with the schedule at Michigan Web Press in Davisburg which prints our paper and many others.

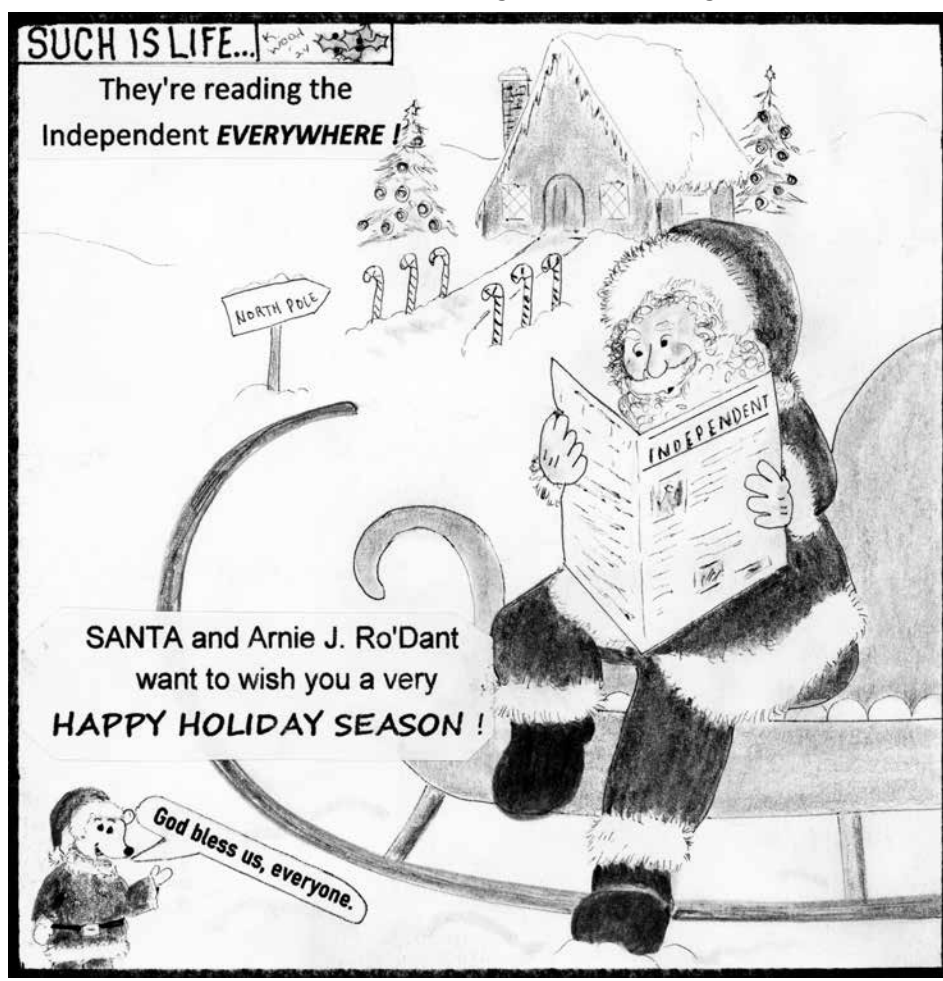
Our deadline for the Thursday, Dec. 26, paper was the previous Friday, Dec. 20. The deadline for our next edition on Thursday, Jan. 2, is noon on Friday, Dec. 27.

Our next paper will be delivered to us and on the streets at about 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, and thereafter.

After the holidays, we're back to normal, with Tuesday noon deadlines until we start hitting holidays.

Jennifer Trotter, CEO of Guiding Harbor (Girlstown) in Belleville and Van Buren Township, sent a note saying, "You'd be interested in knowing that I was contacted by a woman named Sara LeMoyne, whose friend is Mary McLaughlin. They read the article I wrote about the Liberty Street House. Sara LeMoyne's family were the original owners of that home. She shared some of the history from that house with me. She now lives in Novi. I just thought it was great to know that people were reading it!"

The original Girlstown house was at 330 N. Liberty St., opening in May 1958 and operating for almost two decades. When the house had to have extensive repairs to meet code, Girlstown moved to its Quirk Road location, just west of Belleville Road in Van Buren Township, and is called Loch Rio. The house on N. Liberty was destroyed by fire in 1978. Guiding Harbor



(Girlstown) has its business office on E. Huron River Drive in the city of Belleville.

The Reeck Road Bridge in Allen Park opened last week after several years of planning and construction.

Gives us hope for the Denton Road Bridge over Belleville Lake. Last week the bridge was cordoned off and a box put in the middle part to create a dry area for some of the work.

Looks like progress is being made. Completion date for the new Denton Road Bridge is 2026, at last report.

At the Dec. 18 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, Mayor Ken Voigt suggested they put an item on the January meeting agenda to get work done on the intersection at Denton / N. Liberty/ Belleville Road / Main Street, at the light just south of the Belleville Bridge.

He said they have a new Belleville Bridge going north and they soon will have another new bridge on Denton Road and, "The intersection looks like a third-world country." He said work should be done there while the Denton Road Bridge is down.

He also asked for an item to be put on the January agenda to create a plan for refurbishing the boardwalk at Horizon Park because it is in such rough shape.

According to a report from MLive's

Aaron McMann, five-star Belleville High School quarterback Bryce Underwood has been officially admitted to the University of Michigan, and began practice with the Wolverines on Thursday, Dec. 19, as the team prepares for its bowl game.

He officially signed to play with U of M on Dec. 4, which made him eligible for early enrollment. Bryce is getting his first taste of Michigan football as the Wolverines prepare for their ReliaQuest Bowl matchup against No. 11 Alabama on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31 / Noon ET).

Local residents said pictures showed Bryce in his Wolverine uniform and he looked great. He stands about 6'5" and weighs around 215 pounds, according to reports. And, he had been a BHS senior.

Bryce was the star of Belleville's recent Winterfest when he got the Key to the City right along with Santa. It has been reported he has since taken part in a toy drive for disadvantaged youth.

Bryce also reportedly has an online store featuring special T-shirts and sports cards. He recently had flipped from his almost year-long commitment to play for Louisiana State when the SIL at U of M offered him a total of about \$15 million to play at U of M instead.



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Letters
Community Center closure is ridiculous
 To the editor:
 Add my family to the list of those annoyed and dismayed to find out the VBT Community Center will be closed from before Christmas until after New Year's. I can't for the life of me see why anyone thought this would be a good idea.
 Anyone who's a parent knows how hard it can be to keep children entertained and active over this stretch. Locking us out of a facility we pay membership dues to use and tax dollars to fund is outrageous, to be blunt.
 In addition, it's also a missed opportunity to grow membership and earn new revenue. This is a gross mismanagement of a community asset and I hope the powers that be will allow common sense to prevail and allow the Community Center to remain open even if the operating hours need to be scaled back to accomplish that.
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Library to consult attorney over Wayne County penal fines
 By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor
 About a decade ago, someone with institutional knowledge retired from Wayne County and since then the libraries in the county have been overpaid and underpaid in court penal fines because the needed percentages being used were wrong.
 At the regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board on Dec. 10, library director Mary Jo Suchy said the library has recently been informed that it has been overpaid \$139,087.48 over the last ten years and needs to pay it back.
 She said representatives from the Library of Michigan met with library directors in Wayne County regarding their proposed solution to the underpayments and overpayments. Their goal is to have a solution that is fair and equitable to all of the libraries involved, Suchy said in a written report.
 "Our library has been both over and underpaid over the past ten years, however, our total overpayment is \$139,087.48," she said.

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The Library of Michigan proposes a repayment schedule where the owing libraries apply their future penal fine revenue to their overpayment and the Belleville overpayment would be completely paid off in four years.
 "We could also opt to repay all of the money at once, and we definitely have enough revenue in our fund balance account to accomplish this," she said.
 As time goes on, the libraries who are owed penal fines would be made whole.
 In order to move this solution forward, the Library of Michigan strongly encourages that the libraries involved participate in a settlement agreement and the Library of Michigan would need an affirmation from the Belleville library by Jan. 31, 2025 if they wish to pursue the agreement.
 The Library of Michigan also highly recommends that libraries involve their attorneys in this process and Suchy said the Library of Michigan has a list of attorneys knowledgeable in the situation that could be hired.
 Suchy said Belleville is going to get an attorney.
 She said there are 25 or 26 libraries in Wayne County. One library noticed a

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problem a couple of years ago and it was investigated.

“How do we know that is the correct figure now?” asked board member Dan Fleming.

Treasurer Tonya Stoudemire said that Wayne County is liable for making the mistake and Suchy said that all the libraries could get together on that.

Suchy said Belleville usually received about \$36,000 annually in penal fines.

Board members decided to look into the situation and get more information before making a decision at the next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14.

Suchy said she could get someone from the State Library to come out and talk to the library board.

The State of Michigan website notes: Michigan is the only state that constitutionally mandates the use of penal fines as a funding mechanism for libraries. Michigan has enacted statutes requiring that all fines collected for violations of the state penal laws are paid to the local county treasurer. The courts determine the percentage of each fine/fee that comprise “penal fines” and the percentage of each fine/fee that comprise court “costs.” The county treasurer receives the penal fines collected by the courts in that county. The county treasurer then distributes those penal fines to eligible libraries within that county on a per-capita basis using service population numbers supplied by the Library of Michigan.

In other business at the 42-minute meeting, the board:

- Honored board member John Juriga for his hard work and levity since this was his last meeting after not running for reelection. The board presented an artist’s sketch of him as a going-away present and had a special cake prepared to share. Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith has been elected to his seat and will be sworn in at the meeting on Jan. 14. Juriga said he was a Boy Scout and his first badge was Camping. He said he learned always to leave the campground better than you found it, and that’s what he tries to do;
- Set meetings for the year on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., except for the November meeting, which will be switched to Nov. 18 because of Veterans Day falling on the second Tuesday;
- Set the dates when the library will be closed in 2025, which includes New Year’s

Day, Martin Luther King , Jr. Day on Jan. 20, Easter Sunday on April 20, Staff Training Day on April 25, Memorial Day on May 26, Independence Day on July 4, Labor Day on Sept. 1, Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Nov. 27 and 28, Christmas Eve and Day on Dec. 24 and 25, and New Year’s Eve on Dec. 31. Board member Juriga asked if the Juneteenth holiday could be added. Suchy said they leave the library open, but plan special programs to observe that federal holiday. Treasurer Stoudemire said she liked the library being open and having a program;

- Heard Suchy report that she spoke with O’Neal Construction who will start meeting with contractors and putting together quotes for the automated doors and vape detectors in the public restrooms and for the installation of black stair treads on the circular stairs. The replacement flagpole light is on order, but there is a long lead time for that part, so that project will need to wait until the weather starts to improve in the spring, she said;

- Learned Ronda Reed with be retiring at the end of the year after 18 years of service. Carol Johnson will also be retiring in the near future, pending the sale of her house to move out of state. She has been with the library since 2004. Suchy said these two will be greatly missed; and

- Was advised the Friends of the Library are selling honey from the beehives on the library roof. Cost is \$10 per jar, with a limit of three per customer.

Absent from the meeting were chairwoman Sharon Peters and secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs. Vice chairwoman Linda Priest presided.

Michigan LEO grants 2025 awards, two with Belleville addresses

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has awarded \$42.7 million in Going PRO Talent Fund grants to 697 businesses across the state, including two with Belleville addresses.

Businesses will use the funding to train 8,089 new hires and 14,692 current employees starting in January 2025. Since its launch in 2014, the Going PRO Talent Fund has provided workforce development opportunities by awarding 7,480 grants to support more than 220,000 Michigan workers.

In Belleville the grants are for Autokiniton, \$35,326.70, and Local Marketing Pro, LLC, \$22,000.

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Belleville DDA considers big BBQ competition, block party for teens

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority at its regular meeting on Dec. 18 considered sponsoring a big barbecue competition. Members plan to attend a large competition in March in Livonia to see how it's done.

Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt, who sits on the DDA, said he ran into a woman that takes part in the big competitions with her husband nationally and they are certified barbecue event presenters. Mayor Voigt had passed the information on to DDA Director Steve Jones and Jones talked to her husband, Bob.

Jones said Bob, who is a judge in the competition, was excited about the possibility of having another big barbecue event in Michigan. He said there are a couple of thousand BBQ competitions nationally and a national competition.

The Belleville DDA will be able to talk to promoters in March and see how the event is run. Jones said the DDA wants to do it in the correct way so it is successful. He said he was told it takes a year to plan such an event.

He suggested the DDA do a trial run next fall to get experience.

DDA member Chris Donley said in the past he had suggested having a BBQ event with craft beers, but the DDA seemed to think having just BBQ was enough.

Jones will get more specific information on the BBQ event in Livonia and email it to DDA members. Several showed interest in attending that event.

The DDA also heard a report from DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, who on Dec. 10 met with Belleville High School assistant principal Brian Roberson and interested BHS student leaders to discuss the formation of a Youth Council in conjunction with the Belleville DDA and to plan a DDA-sponsored youth event.

BHS students Ivana Goff, president of the senior class, and Callie King, who had attended the Dec. 10 meeting, were also present at the DDA meeting on Dec. 18 to discuss the proposals.

Discussion focused on a Block Party on

the last day of school on Friday, June 13. Classes are dismissed at 10:35 a.m. that day, Ivana told the DDA. The event was suggested for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It was suggested that besides high school students, the event should include eighth graders who will be heading to the high school after summer vacation. The high schoolers could give information to the eighth graders on their new school.

Richardson-Williams said she has been talking about having an Alley Party for about two years. She said they want to call it a Block Party.

She said they want to have free Kona Ice, food trucks and food booths, live music or disc jockey, bounce house, backyard party games, rock painting, face painting, tables with information from BHS groups, art activities, BHS merchandise tables with T-shirts, bracelets, hats, and raffles, with free entry with a valid VBPS student ID.

The Block Party was proposed to take place in the alley between The Crafted Café and the Belleville Area Public Library or another place with lots of room.

The event would promote more positive engagement and interest in the downtown area, according to notes taken by assistant principal Roberson. It also would generate a list of students interested in being on a Youth Council for the city of Belleville.

Jones suggested it could be held in the new parking lot behind the former hardware store. Mayor Voigt suggested half of the library parking lot and the Fourth Street Square could be used.

Jones added the possibility of Victory Park or Village Park.

Mayor Voigt said they could close down Main Street between Third and Roys streets.

Jones said once they find out exactly what they want to do, the DDA can decide where to do it. Mayor Voigt said then they could figure out a budget for the DDA.

Richardson-Williams said after the holidays she'll talk with the BHS principal and assistant principal. Mayor Voigt offered to help as a volunteer on the committee that will be set up for the event.

In other business at the one-hour-16-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Briefly discussed the DDA Director Job Description prepared by a committee made up Mayor Voigt, vice-chairman John Winter, and DDA member Donley. Jones said he received the draft copy a few hours before the meeting, but he would email it to everyone. The DDA members were asked to review the job description for possibly taking action at the next meeting;
- Heard Jones give a 15-minute 2024 DDA Report. Reports to the public are required by state law twice a year;
- Heard Jones report that the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has improved its website with many interactive graphics with information

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The Belleville Rotary Club's Cozadd Foundation presented a check for \$20,939.15 to Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke to pay for a Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System. The LUCAS equipment is on the table at left and fire fighters demonstrated how it works. Behind the table, from left, are Sumpter Fire Chief Rick Brown, 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin (a member of the foundation board), Fire Lt. Jamie Goode, foundation Vice-President David Parrott, foundation board members Ray Eissinger and John Juriga, Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke, Sumpter Clerk Don LaPorte, and foundation Secretary/Treasurer Keith Bruder.

Cozadd Foundation gives almost \$21,000 grant to Sumpter FD

The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation presented a grant of nearly \$21,000 to Sumpter Township Director of Public Safety Eric Luke on Dec. 17 at the Sumpter Fire Station.

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- P&P Dance Studio won the Most-Enthusiastic Award;
- The Seventh Day Adventist Church won the Best Use of Lights Award;
- Belleville Faith Community Church won the award for Best Use of Theme; and
- The Grand Marshal Trophy was presented to the Belleville Yacht Club for its rendition of "The Polar Express."



Photos courtesy of Chris Donnelly
The Belleville Yacht Club won the Grand Marshal Award in the Dec. 7 Winter Fest Parade in Belleville. It was presented by one of the Grand Marshals, Aleisa Pitt. The theme of the parade was Classic Christmas Movies and the BYC entered its "The Polar Express" float. Holding the trophy is Anton Van De Ven.

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Photos courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Dept. The Belleville Community Chorus held its annual winter concert on Dec. 8 at Belleville First United Methodist Church.



The Belleville Area Museum had a wide display of decorated Christmas trees for its annual event. Some trees were donated and the money earned from their sales helps the museum.



Cast members of the "Miracle on 34th Street" presentation pose with Santa on Dec. 15 at the Van Buren Community Center.



This was one of the 27 dogs at the Santa Paws event on Dec. 4 at the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority office at Harris Park.



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Keystone board president promises to look at discipline policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Steven Harsant, president of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors, told grandparent Tom Griffin that the board will review the school's discipline policy as requested.

"We'll take a look at it and get back," Harsant said.

Griffin had waited until the end of the Dec. 12 board meeting where he was able to speak on issues that weren't on the official agenda. Griffin is a longtime member of the Belleville community and he spoke on behalf of his 13-year-old granddaughter Chloe, who is in her eighth year at Keystone and sat next to him in the meeting room.

He said she was suspended for three school days and removed from the cheer group. Griffin said he felt the discipline was rough for the offense, which was not specified.

He said he met with principal Jorvana Drain and agreed with the suspension. Drain told the board it was the student's second Level 5 offense.

Griffin said his granddaughter is an A/B student and it would be great for her to be back on the cheer team.

He said he looked at the policy on suspension and a student is kicked out the front door and the door is locked behind

her. There's no counseling, he said.

"I would like the board to review the policy," Griffin said. "The student's well-being is not taken into account. I would like you to look at it."

He said his granddaughter takes part in cross country and the Science Olympiad and, "She loves this school."

He repeated that they agreed on the suspension, but to be taken off the cheer team is too much.

Principal Drain said for the student's first Level 5 infraction, they didn't do this, but for the second Level 5, they did.

"It was a mild infraction for a girl just 13," Griffin said.

Level 5 is described in the Student Handbook as a Gross Misdemeanor, which is an act of misconduct that is a severe violation the the Student Code of Conduct or the student engages in persistent disobedience.

In other business at the 45-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard National Heritage Academy representative Andrew Roth urge board members to write or call their state legislators concerning Senate Bills 943-947 brought by Canton Senator Dana Polehanki that are unfriendly to charter schools. The bills are some of those being hurried to passage during the current Lame Duck session. "Simple writing is

effective," he said, adding he will send them a link to a sample letter. He said legislators who visit NHA schools "get it and turn into supporters";

- Heard Roth said the board could consider putting the \$66,396 in board funds into an interest-bearing account. He said the account is bringing about 4% now, "But don't quote me on that." He said you have to have at least \$20,000 to open that account and they do;

- Was informed the Fall Engagement Survey Summary for employees was positive. The question "How happy are you working at NHA?" had a score of 86 at Keystone, with the average NHA score at 74. The score for that question at Keystone

for the fall of 2023 was 90;

- Were advised that retention possibilities are being reviewed now, but no decisions are made until May;

- Heard Principal Drain report that Keystone during its annual food drive collected 2,052 items to donate to the City of Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellow Holiday Assistance Program. She said they were once again amazed at the generosity of the Keystone families. The annual drive is organized by the National Junior Honor Society members and Ms. Robinson and Ms. Patton;

- Was informed there will be no school for winter break Dec. 23 to Jan. 3;

Court Watching

Jessica Ryan Pruett

Jessica Ryan Pruett, 36, of Sumpter Township was video-arraigned while in custody on a bench warrant issued in 2021 for failure to appear for a court date. She was charged with driving while license suspended and no insurance on July 21, 2021 in the city of Belleville. A remote show cause/arraignment/pre-trial was set for Dec. 18. She failed to appear so a warrant was signed for her arrest.

Eva Hiwot Gary

Eva Hiwot Gary, 28, of Sumpter Township was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence -- second-offense notice on Nov. 9 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond is \$25,000. There is to be no contact with the victim and child exchange will be in a public place. Her probable cause conference was held Nov. 20 and then a probable cause conference on Dec. 18. A live, in-person preliminary exam was set for Jan. 22.

Barrage Dashone-Lamar Ontay-Scott

Barrage Dashone-Lamar Ontay-Scott of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned in custody by Magistrate Hindman on Dec. 12 on charges of deliver/manufacture narcotic or cocaine (more than 50 grams), delivery/manufacture of controlled substance, possession of less than 25 grams of narcotic or cocaine (GBL), possession of controlled substance (GBL), and retail fraud second degree on Dec. 10 in Van Buren Township.

A probable cause conference was set for Dec. 23 and personal bond was set at \$5,000. He is not to return to Walmart and he should have no drug use.

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Belleville DDA

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for its members, which includes Belleville. Donley asked if it reports on where people are visiting from and Jones thought it did;

- Approved pre-paying \$19,800 by Dec. 27 for the 2025 campaign in four quarterly issues of Van Buren TODAY magazine, as well as pull outs in the Canton, Livonia, and Northville / Plymouth / Lyon editions. Donley, chairman of the DDA marketing committee, arranged the order. He said Community Publishing and Marketing salesperson Mark Fisher is very flexible;

- Removed from the agenda a proposal to replace the city clock in the Fourth Street Square for more information;

- Approved taking the lower price quote for fixing the wall at the former hardware store. No one could remember the exact price that had been discussed at the Nov. 20 meeting. At the November meeting Jones reported the city engineer believed the lower cost option would be an effective solution and it would be under \$50,000. Voigt asked if they don't need to put in a new footing since the present footing is over 100 years old. Jones said they'll have someone cut the floor to inspect the footing and Voigt said to cut it in a couple of places. Jones said at the Dec. 18 meeting that they drilled in several places and there is a sturdy footing. The DDA, which purchased the hardware store, is seeking the proper repair of the wall that is next to the former drug store wall, but not connected;

- Approved designation of Chase Capital Improvements Account for the parking lot project. Budget committee chairperson Denise Baker, who also is DDA secretary and a CPA, said the committee met with Kelly Howey of Plante Moran and this needs to be done as part of the budget balance sheet before the audit;

- Heard Mayor Voigt ask for two things to be put on the January meeting agenda. The first was a plan to refurbish the boardwalk at Horizon Park because it is in rough shape. Also, he asked that Jones put on that agenda extension of the streetscape to improve the intersection between the two bridges. He said they have a new bridge going north and they soon will have another new bridge on Denton Road and, "The intersection looks like a third-world country." He said it should be done while the Denton Road Bridge is down;

- Heard DDA member Mike Gatteri suggest that a contest with incentives for holiday lights for businesses in the DDA district. He said places like Rochester have great lights downtown and this should be discussed; and

- Heard Donley say he will be out of town on business for the next two meetings and wondered if he could attend the meetings by zoom. Jones said it was difficult to do when they meet at the library, like they did that evening, but it was easy at city hall.

Absent from the Dec. 18 meeting were chairperson Alicia McGovern, and DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner and Kelly McWilliams. Vice-chairman John Winter presided over the meeting.

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Sumpter closes Dec. 10 meeting with a prayer by Treasurer Patterson

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of the 44-minute Sumpter Township regular meeting on Dec. 10, Treasurer Bart Patterson said that he had been thinking about it for a while and knows the U.S. Congress and Senate open and close their meetings with prayers and he'd like board members to consider that for Sumpter.

He said a year and a half ago, when he first came on the board, he mentioned it. He would like to see it somewhere in the meeting, he said.

"Mary [Ban] reminded me tonight when she said 'Jesus is the reason for the season,' so I'd like to request that sometime in our meetings we have prayer," he said, thanking Ban for the reminder.

The board was enthusiastic about the request to add prayer to the board meeting and Supervisor Tim Bowman invited Treasurer Patterson to say a prayer right then and he did.

Patterson asked God, among other things, to help the board members in their big responsibility "to guide and lead our township."

Then, the last regular meeting of the year closed on a happy note.

In other business at the 44-minute meeting, the board:

- Set a special meeting for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, to consider approval to file application for MEC Fiber Optics consideration and to consider approval of the collective bargaining joint healthcare selection for the 2025 Healthcare Package.
- Treasurer Patterson and Trustee Tim Rush said they couldn't attend the special meeting, but the rest of the board said they

could so a quorum was expected;

- Heard Mary Herring, a resident since 1969, congratulate the new board and tell them she's seen administrations come and go and she wanted them to build upon the successes and failures of the past. She wished them luck as they moved forward. Herring said she was on the Parks and Recreation Commission for 16 years and she offered a challenge to the new members of Parks & Rec to listen to the people to learn what they want. She said the township has an under-used community center. She said they used to have youth basketball and adult volleyball in the gym and maybe they could have square-dance lessons in the gym. She said she also hasn't dropped the idea of getting a dog park in the tri-community, since so many people live in mobile home parks and apartments. She also praised Police Chief Eric Luke for working to get the police department accredited. She said the township has a lot to be proud of with the police department and, "They serve us well";

- Heard Mary Ban agree that the police department is top notch and Parks and Recreation is improved. She asked if the township will have Sumpter Fest and Trustee Rush said it's on the table but it will take several steps to get back where it was. Ban said she missed having the usual Christmas tree at township hall this year but the community center's senior party had beautiful decorations and "a real good party." She said former employee Karen Armatis was there giving full support. She said there were no board members there and she said she knows they all have jobs, but, "You missed a real good party." Then she reminded them that "Jesus is the reason

for the season";

- Heard Chief Luke announce there was a three-way tie for the intersections with the most crashes during November: Rawsonville and Bemis, Rawsonville and Willis and Sumpter and Willow;

- Heard Rush announce that he finally got through to the government representative for Comcast and the previous Thursday a technician came out and now Governmental Channel 12 is all cleaned up. He said they could use a new coder, but he thinks the township shouldn't spend the money since Comcast will be installing new coders in the next year or year and a half;

- Heard Clerk Donald LaPorte announce that the fire department's old rescue truck was put out for auction and the department's new Ford Expedition truck is now outfitted and in service. He said shows where some of the township's federal ARPA funds went;

- Approved warrants totalling \$187,269.83, which included an IDR electronic modified payment with penalty of \$2,461.80;

- Passed a resolution approving the three 2025 Wayne County annual permits for emergency repairs, annual maintenance work, and other things;

- Approved and filed Rob Young's attorney report since he was not present;

- Approved a resolution for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 of 2011, since the township qualifies under the provision for exemption as provided in the Act;

- Removed from the agenda appointments to the Board of Review, without explanation;

- Approved appointing Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson, Trustee Matthew Oddy, Deputy Campbell, Deputy Herman, and Chief Luke to be the interview committee for the Human Resources Specialist position;

- Approved paying all the warrants through Jan. 3, 2025, with Trustee Frazier asking that copies of the warrants be sent to

board members as soon as available;

- Approved posting and interviewing candidates for the full-time staff position of Human Resources Specialist;

- Approved the payout of final benefits for Karen Armatis in the amount of \$1,869.42;

- Approved hiring Wyatt Behrendt as a seasonal, part-time DPW worker effective Jan. 6, 2025 at the AFSCME rate of \$23.33 per hour up to 29 hours weekly, pending completion of background and drug screening;

- Approved hiring Lucky Gunter as the Director of Water, Sewer, and Public Works pending completion of background and drug screening at pay of \$90,000 annually and direct the township manager and attorney to draft the employment agreement;

- Approved sending the Acrisure proposal for the 2025 medical, vision, and dental employee benefits and monthly premium costs to the joint CVA committee for selection at the meeting to be held on Dec. 11 which then will go to the Dec. 12 special meeting;

- Accepted the proposal of Midwest Pavement for the maintenance of the fire hall parking lots at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 to be paid with ARPA funds or other funds available. The stripes will be painted in the spring;

- Approved paying the 50% downpayment of \$19,200 to Pristine Roofing LLC using ARPA funds;

- Approved the final payment to Midwest Pavement for the campus parking lots for a total of \$241,900 using ARPA funds;

- Approved, with regrets, the Dec. 11 resignation of Dawn Hadiuyk as payroll clerk and elections specialist. It was reported she had a new job in the field she was working to be a part of; and

- Removed from the agenda the closed session as it relates to employee matters.

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VBT planners postpone action on 5-acre Martz / Elwell irrigation pond

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Dec. 11, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission postponed a request to dig a five-acre irrigation pond on 30 acres of property at Elwell and Martz roads.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission as board liaison, said she thinks the board should act first on whether to allow the excavation and removal of 93,000 tons of soil and then the commission could decide on the details of an irrigation pond.

Both approvals are necessary for the irrigation pond to be dug.

At a recent meeting, the township board postponed action on the pond since it had questions for applicant Todd Waller and Waller was not present, although they were told he would be there. They asked staff to set up a township board meeting that Waller could attend in the future to answer their questions.

Director of municipal services Ron Akers told the full story. He said Waller applied in 2021 for a pond and it was approved. He applied again last spring. There was discussion and the township's legal counsel said the township's process was correct.

Director Akers said the township does allow ponds on Agricultural property and the excavating permit is to be approved by the township board. The township attorney said this is proper procedure and the township will review that ordinance in 2025.

Akers said the applicant has met the ordinance and the Right to Farm Act. It will be 16' deep and will have 12' of standing water. It is not considered mining, Akers said.

He said it is adjacent to a residential neighborhood so fencing is recommended. The excavation must be approved by the board and a soil erosion permit obtained from Wayne County.

Waller was present at the planning commission's Dec. 11 meeting and he said he made the request with the farmer and they own a house together.

He said he did the same job on Hull Road in 2021. He got approval for two ponds, but they only wanted one pond.

"It's not going to flood anyone else" and it's been dry the last couple of years, he said. He said he wants to grow golfcourse sod. He said the farms 40 acres in Augusta Township, 100 acres in Sumpter Township and 37 acres in Van Buren Township.

He said with the Hull Road pond he set up a back-road route so trucks could take back roads to Bemis and then to Haggerty or Rawsonville roads.

He said Van Buren didn't have an irrigation ordinance and they set it up for him. He said he hasn't looked at the consultant's letter on his project because he knows all about irrigation ponds.

Treasurer Budd said Waller has owned that property for a year and why did Waller have that particular farmer ask for irrigation, since he won't be the one growing the sod that needs irrigation.

Waller said the present farmer is growing winter wheat.

Budd asked about a barn for pump equipment and he said he knew about pump equipment and didn't need a barn.

Budd asked Waller about not coming to the township board meeting to discuss his request. He said he didn't know about it. Budd said he was informed. He said he's told a lot of things.

Budd made a motion to postpone Waller's request until he clears things up with the township board.

He said he missed the meeting and he has other meetings, since he is the new supervisor of Augusta Township and he has things to do there. He asked if this means he has to go to the board first and then come back and do this over again with the commission and he was told that was correct.

Vice-chairman Jahr said if the township says he is allowed to excavate, then the commission will see to it that he does it properly.

"They need to clarify if it's a mining operation first," commissioner Jackson Pahle said.

"There are two separate ordinances, but they are tied together," Akers said.

"I've been trying to do this for over a year," Waller said.

Jahr said there is a lot of missing information.

Waller replied, "I just done this job" and Jahr replied it would have been nice of him to provide the township with that information.

Jahr seconded Budd's motion to postpone and it was unanimously approved by the board. The item is expected to be on the township board's Jan. 21 meeting at 6 p.m.

Akers said the township received two bits of input on the project. One neighbor, Elliott Compton, is in favor of approval and one, Rodney Taylor, is concerned about the mining and has FOIAs from Washtenaw County where Waller dug a pond without a permit and was cited by Augusta Township which was then dismissed by the court.

Waller said if the Van Buren Township meeting

is the same night as the Augusta meeting it might be a problem. It was determined the meetings do not conflict.

At the end of the discussion on the pond, after Waller had left the meeting, a woman in the audience who said she was a neighbor, asked to be informed of the next meeting on this pond and Akers took her phone number.

In other business at the two-hour-and-20-minute meeting on Dec. 11, the commission:

- Reelected Brian Cullin as chairman, Jeffrey Jahr as vice-chairman, and Medina Atchinson as secretary. Primary liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals is chairman Cullin and secondary liaison is vice-chairman Jahr;

- Approved the 2025 meeting schedule with the removal of the Jan. 8 meeting. The commission agreed it would be too soon after the winter break for the staff to prepare that meeting;

- Heard Donovan Smith of McKenna discuss a Housing and Zoning Implementation Plan. His work on housing is paid for by a \$45,000 grant to the township as part of the 2023 Michigan Housing Plan. Jahr said does this mean the township is incentivized to update its zoning ordinance and Smith said that was true. Smith said, "By the time this is done, you'll be ready to update your Master Plan, which should be done every five years." Smith said in the upcoming new year he will discuss middle housing needs and proposed zoning ordinance changes will be presented. Smith said 51% of township residents are renters. Budd said the population is older and developers are building two-story homes and there is a gap. Smith said seniors spending more than 30% of their income

on housing makes them "home-burdened";

- Approved the preliminary site plan for Costco Wholesale's request to build a 54,000-square-foot dry depot addition and parking expansion at 5860 Belleville Rd. A note is required on the site plan referring to the noise ordinance. Also, changes to the landscaping, fence height, and parking lot changes were approved. Recommendations for truck driver signage for their routes and fliers with that information. Fishbeck engineer Paul Kammer said there is a significant amount of wetlands on the site and they are working on an EGLE permit for mitigation. They will have an enclosed storm water retention, to be reviewed and approved by Wayne County;

- Discussed the Belleville Road Overlay District proposed height (moving 40' maximum to 50') and setback ordinance changes. Gage Belco of McKenna said he looked at Lake Orion, Grosse Pointe, and Birmingham who have taller buildings. "Looks like we're a little behind," said secretary Medina Atchinson. "We have to move ahead. I'm all for it." A public hearing will be set, but no date was scheduled; and

- Discussed a Non-Residential PUD Ordinance Draft and set no date for a public hearing. Information from the township attorney was received just that afternoon, so it needs to be reviewed. The information on the Commercial/Office / Industrial Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning will be reviewed at the next meeting and Jahr warned, "It's long. It's long." Serving on the PUD committee were Jahr, Bernie Grant, and Peter Creal.

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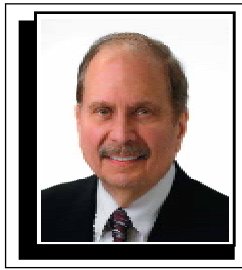
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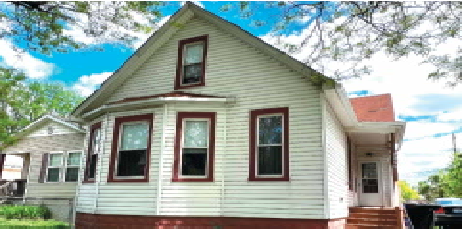
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