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Belleville to hire city manager, police chief

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman is retiring from his part-time position on Jan. 31 and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer is leaving her full-time position on Feb. 2.

The city council is working to fill both positions as soon as possible.

A special meeting was held Monday to go over the resumes of the 10 finalists for the city manager position. The names and addresses of the applicants were blacked out – redacted – so all council members considered were education and experience, as required on the job posting.

City Manager Kollmeyer said the city received close to 400 applications for the position, “and, they’re still coming in even though the deadline is past.”

The council now will send a questionnaire to each of the four finalists selected with a return deadline of noon, Jan. 17. Among the questions are the date they would be available and what salary is expected. Some, or all of those candidates will be invited to interviews beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, and going every 90 minutes until they are done.

The plan is then to have a Meet and Greet session for the final finalists to meet the public on Feb. 3, before the regular council meeting, at a place yet to be determined. Then, the plan is for the council to meet again on Feb. 4 to make a decision. All the meetings are open to the public.

Council members discussed the procedure and Kollmeyer told them that under the city charter they have to have an acting city manager and it would have to be DPW Director Rick Rutherford.

“There will be no police chief then and Rick is spread pretty thin,” said Councilman Ken Voigt.

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Photo courtesy of Richard Smith

On New Year’s Eve, at about 10:50 a.m., a car smashed into the side of a beer delivery truck parked in front of Hayward’s party store on Main Street at Denton Road, tying up traffic.

Soft opening of library in downtown Belleville delayed to Mon., Feb. 24

Mary Jo Suchy, director of the Belleville Area District Library, announced the soft opening of the new library in downtown Belleville has been delayed from the originally announced date of Feb. 8 until “around Feb. 24.”

Suchy said they are waiting for the main entry stair railing, but if there is any way they can open earlier than the 24th, they certainly will.

As of Jan. 17, the main library, previously called the Fred C. Fischer Library, will be closed until Feb. 23, or thereabouts.

Suchy suggests library users check the library’s website or Facebook page for updates to the schedule.

When the newly constructed library opens for the first time, there will be a Book Brigade to pass the last books from the old library to the new. The time and date for this is to be determined, but the public is invited to participate.

While the main library is closed as the move is taking place from the old to the new

building, the Sumpter Media Center will be the default pick-up location for holds. Or, library users may use neighboring libraries.

“I have been in contact with all of our neighboring libraries and they are happy to welcome our patrons during the time that our library is closed,” Suchy said.

She referred to The Library Network system and noted the closest shared system library is the Romulus Public Library.

The Ypsilanti District Library and Canton Public Library will also check out their materials to Belleville Area District Library patrons. Suchy said to be sure to take your library card and up-to-date photo I.D., if it’s your first visit.

She said the OverDrive and Hoopla collections of e-books and down-loadable audiobooks are available 24/7 with your library card.

Materials may be returned at the 167 Fourth St. location or at the Sumpter Media Center.

The Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. had a soft opening on Jan. 6 and will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 13.

The Sumpter Media Center will be
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Chase Alan Basham of Sumpter pleads guilty to eight porch theft charges

34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley approved a plea deal that dismissed half of the charges against Chase Alan Basham, 36, of Sumpter Township in exchange for guilty pleas for the other half.

Judge Oakley sentenced Basham to a year of non-reporting probation and restitution to the victims for stealing packages off their porches in Van Buren Township just before Christmas.

Basham was arraigned Dec. 22 by 34th District Court in Romulus on 16 misdemeanor counts after he was arrested in Van Buren Township.

On Jan. 2, Basham pleaded guilty to four charges of taking mail and four charges of larceny under \$200. In exchange, four charges of taking mail and four charges of larceny were dismissed, including a charge of larceny between \$200 and \$1,000.

Besides probation, Judge Oakley sentenced Basham to pay a total of \$908 in fines, \$763 of which was to be disbursed by the court to the victims as restitution. This will be paid in installments of \$95 a month, beginning Feb. 3 and paid in full by the time his probation ends.

He also is required to spend 12 days on the court work program in lieu of incarceration. Basham also is ordered to have no new offenses or his probation would be ended and he would be jailed.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said on or about Dec. 18, several larcenies of packages from residents’ porches had occurred in the areas of Roland Meadows, Andover Farms, and Country Walk subdivision.

Van Buren Township Police posted a Dec. 18 surveillance recording on Facebook showing a man carrying an empty box up to a porch on Cambridge Court in Country Walk subdivision and then leaving with a box that had been on the porch.

Police said he apparently knew of the Ring doorbell surveillance because he kept his face hidden. He was identified as driving a black Chevrolet Equinox Traverse that stopped near the home. The suspect was wearing a very distinctive jacket, police said.

Suspect Basham was charged with the thefts.



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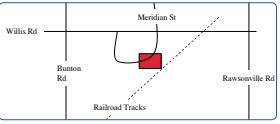
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

River of Life church to share celebration with the public Jan. 10-12

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The River of Life Church, which moved in September from 870 Savage Rd. in Van Buren Township into a huge facility at 16650 Sumpter Rd. that needed lots of tender loving care, is ready to be shown off to the public.

Pastor Eddie Marcum said Phase 1 of the renovations are done and the public is invited to tour the church from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10. He said most of the renovations, flooring, and painting was done on a volunteer basis by members of the congregation.

Phase 2, which will come in the future, will include opening the cafeteria, he said.

The public also is invited to the 6 p.m. worship service on Saturday, Jan. 11, and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, Grand Opening Ceremony that will feature a video on the history of the church.

Last fall River of Life, which needed a larger church because of a growing congregation, switched locations with Lighthouse Worship Center, which needed a smaller facility because of a fall in membership.

The Sumpter Road church is 34,000 square feet on almost 20 acres, just north of Bemis Road in Van Buren Township. The building includes a full-court gymnasium with a stage, a sanctuary, two kitchens, a dining hall, many offices and classrooms and a work-out room with parking for about 200 vehicles.

The Savage Road church is 4,889-square-feet in size on about 8.72 acres, just west of Martinsville Road.

Pastor Marcum said they planned to hold services in the gym for the first ten weeks so they can make some repairs, but it took longer.

He said the large church will be used for youth activities, community activities, special-needs services, and many more events.

Every year the church has held a free luncheon for first responders and that will continue, he said. Pastor Marcum said Van Buren Township Public Safety Department asked him to be chaplain and he said he enjoys it.

He said his daughter has a degree in teaching English as a second language and so that will be offered.

"We've been blessed with a good congregation and we are really growing," Pastor Marcum said. "And, we got a pretty good price."

He said his father Paul Marcum came to the Belleville area in 2002 and there were 10 members in the church on Savage Road. He brought 15 more with him. They went back to being an Assembly of God and now the church has close to 300 members.

Pastor Paul retired and turned over the church to his sons Pastor Eddie and Assistant Pastor Stephen.

Pastor Eddie Marcum said when they first came to Belleville it was August of 2002 and there were 25 members. Now, just 17 years later they needed a larger building, which is exciting, he said. Pastor Marcum said many family members take part in leading church activities, including his "retired" father.

He said they will be removing the pews from their new sanctuary and putting in comfortable chairs, which will save them money in insurance costs. Pastor Marcum said it has to do with bolted-down pews being considered by the insurance company as part of the building and moveable chairs considered as contents.

He said another church showed interest in the pews. Work also had to be done on the septic field.

In the summer of 2015, the Belleville Lighthouse Church, which then was located on Willis Road near Rawsonville in Sumpter Township, purchased the former Power Centre Church International on Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township.

Lighthouse needed more space and already had construction drawings to expand its Willis Road church when it decided to buy the larger Sumpter Road site which was for sale.

"Buying a much-larger existing church was a better choice than spending funds on expanding on our smaller facility," said then-Pastor Jim Lockard. "We ended up with almost twice the space with great amenities. The new building even has the benefit of handicap access, bathrooms and an elevator."

The Power Centre church, built in 2006 with seating for 400 on 19.06 acres, was listed for sale for \$1,675,000 after the church filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy on Feb. 20, 2013. A bank in Georgia lent the congregation \$6 million to build the complex.

Pastor Lockard told the *Independent* that Lighthouse was able to buy The Power Centre for \$850,000 with \$650,000 paid at first and \$250,000 more once the former church on Willis was sold.

Library

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open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday and from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

On Friday, Feb. 21, a Mardi Gras Celebration in the old Fred C. Fischer Library will begin at 6 p.m. for the public to say goodbye to the building that has served the community, before it is demolished.



Photo by Belleville Councilwoman Kelly Bates

CORRECTION: An incorrect picture of a co-winner in the Harbour Pointe subdivision category in the Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest was printed on the front page of the Dec. 26 issue. Councilwoman Kelly Bates provided this photo of 234 Harbour Pointe Dr., the home of the Eric Luke Family. She said she selected the two co-winners in Harbour Pointe and she chose 234 Harbour Pointe Dr. and 392 Light Tower Ct., which apparently had the correct picture printed. We regret the error. Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

Belleville Council

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Kollmeyer said when Steve Walters retired as city manager, the person hired to fill in until a new city manager was hired "just warmed the seat."

Councilman Jesse Marcotte said the council should have a contingency plan. He said if a person is selected on Feb. 4, there will be a background check and notice to the person's present employer, so the person wouldn't be in place until March.

Mayor Kerreen Conley agreed a professional usually gives four weeks' notice.

Councilman Marcotte said he would like the council to have a plan for someone to come in on a limited basis.

Councilman Tom Fielder said there are people out there who can do a responsible job on an interim basis. He referred to a man he knows who does this for communities.

Councilman Voigt said they need someone on hand, "in case something hits the fan."

Kollmeyer replied that in the city office "something is always hitting the fan."

Kollmeyer said Chief Berriman's last day is Jan. 31 and the city will be posting the job on Tuesday, Jan. 7, with applications due by Jan. 31. The part-time job of police chief will be posted on professional internet sites as well as placed on the city website, she said.

She said the selection has to go through the Civil Service Commission, as required by the city charter. She said Chief Berriman will select a panel of industry professionals, not from this area, to make the decision on the finalists – in public session.

Then the Civil Service Commission will sign off on the list and the person at the top of the list will be hired, Kollmeyer said. She said requirements for the job include seven years as a police officer, three years at sergeant or above, and much more.

She said the people responding will

probably be officers who have retired from their careers and won't need the benefits of a full-time position.

Mayor Conley asked council members to send any questions they would like to be asked at the interview sessions on Jan. 25 to Kollmeyer.

Conley reminded them she will be out of town for a week because of the U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meeting in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-24. She said that is why the dates of the council meetings in January were changed.

Friends of Library to hold annual business meeting on Jan. 11

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will hold their monthly board meeting at 10 a.m. Jan. 11, in the program room of the Fred C. Fischer Library, followed by the annual membership business meeting at 11 a.m. Members of the Friends of the Library and the public are invited to attend.

Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting will be available and presented by the secretary. The treasurer will present the annual financial report. Committee chairs will present annual reports for book sales, online sales, membership, public relations and programs.

Elections of officers for the 2020 board of directors will take place. The current slate of officers has been approved by the board for re-election. They are Donna Gilkey-Lavin, president; Katerina Tyner, vice president; Rika Regentin, secretary; and Manny Lavin, treasurer. Any additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

The 2020 Celebration and Annual Awards Meeting, "Find Your Place at the Library," will be held during National Library Week on April 25 in the new library.

OPINIONS

Editorial

We want to thank our supporters for keeping us going

Today we are having a celebration at our offices on Main Street to mark completion of 25 years of publication of the *Independent* – and the start of our 26th year. We wouldn't have been able to make it this long without the support of our readers and our local businesses – those businesses who give their hard-earned money to advertise in the paper, making them household names in the community. We thank them with all our hearts for their continued support.

When the dozen community investors in the paper first organized, the plan was to make a free, weekly paper that would let readers know what is happening – especially when it comes to their pocket books. And, we've been able to keep the paper free, again, with the help of community support.

We publish the obituaries, birth announcements, weddings, awards, and other community benchmarks as well, but most of all we keep an eye on the governmental bodies that make the decisions that effect our pocketbooks and we tell you all about it.

We introduce the candidates before elections and print their pictures so voters can consider their ballots at leisure before casting their precious votes.

We wouldn't be able to do this without your support and we are grateful that you read our paper and think about the information. This has always been for you – and we thank you for accepting us.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

One of our readers came into our office last week to ask when the shower in the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority new \$3 million Placemaking building is open to the public. He said it's a public building, so the shower can't be private.

He also wanted to know if towels and soap are supplied to the public or, "Do we need to bring our own?" Our reader, a Belleville businessman, would also like the DDA to post who is scheduled to use the conference room each week.

A reader suggested that the vacant Kmart on Rawsonville Road in Van Buren Township would make a good place for a U-Haul center. He pointed to the Kmart location in Wayne that is now U-Haul.

I asked Harold at Harold's U-Haul on Rawsonville Road, one of my newspaper drops, and he said he was wondering the same thing. He said he asked his boss about it.

Harold said he was told the shopping center that the Kmart was in is one unit, owned by one group. Kmart leased space there. He said in Wayne, Kmart owned the building and so it could sell it to U-Haul.

Of course, there are ways that U-Haul could get the former Kmart location – by leasing the space, buying the whole shopping center, or having the owner slice off that piece and sell it to them. No one is sure what will happen.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said in a public meeting months ago that he did not want to see a lot of trucks parked there at the entrance to his township. He said he wanted something grand to welcome people



into Van Buren Township.

Harold said a large U-Haul location at the former Kmart would not be good for his small business.

The Belleville High School Marching Band took part in a parade on New Year's Eve in Ybor City Historic District within the city of Tampa, FL. They were in Florida also to take part in the University of Michigan Wolverines vs. University of Alabama Crimson Tide football game in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando on New Year's Day. U of M lost, 16-35, but the students had a great experience.

On Sunday night, at the monthly Bugles Across America event at Belleville's Veterans Memorial it was windy and cold. VFW member Rick Dawson announced it was 74 days until spring, which was a warming thought.

About a week ago a semi and car collided on Belleville Road near Yost Road in the roadway that dips under the railroad track – the spot that occasionally floods and closes the roadway. The occupant of the car had to be freed from the wreckage. And, the fuel tank of the semi was ruptured and the fuel ran into the drain. Fire Marshal Dave McNally said the drain was more like a catch basin and Wayne County was able to pump it out before the fuel got too far.

My son said he thought that Van Buren Township's new Harris Park, just south of Aldi's on Belleville Road, was about the same size as Doane's Landing park in the City of Belleville. He said it's hard to see when he drives by because of all the traffic in that area. We went to look it over on Sunday and Harris Park is bigger than Doane's Landing, but it is a small park.

One VBT resident told me on Tuesday he can hardly wait for the DDA to announce its policy for use of the building on the site. Just what is it for besides private offices for two DDA officials and monthly DDA meetings?

Malissa Paquette, operations coordinator at the Sumpter Township Police Department, explained to me that the delay in the dispatch logs was due to the change-over to CLEMIS on Dec. 17 and the system is taking some getting used to, including the media logs. Well, they came close to deadline and they are a little mixed up for me, too, so we'll have to catch up – hopefully next week. We are able to print one of the missing weeks.

Hope you get a chance to stop by our open house today, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to get some coffee and sweets and gifts to help us celebrate our 25th year of service to the community.





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Letters

BHS sets senior, alumni wrestling night, Jan. 15

To the editor:

Join the Belleville High School wrestling team for our 2020 senior and alumni night on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Last year we had a great show of support from wrestlers and coaches spanning more than 50 years of Belleville wrestling and we look forward to continuing the tradition!

We encourage all former BHS wrestlers and coaches to attend and be recognized for their contributions to this wrestling family, and show your support for the 2019-2020 wrestling Tigers as they continue their pursuit of a state championship!

First whistle is at 5:30 p.m.

Belleville High School Wrestling Coaches and Team

Thursday drumming moves to 12:30 p.m.

To the editor:

A thank you and a reminder to all Sumpter drummers in the Thursday morning class.

First of all, I want to thank you all for the "endangered" poinsettia and the lovely candle you gave me for Christmas. You're all so sweet and thoughtful!

Second, I want to remind all of you that the Thursday drumming class will resume on Jan. 16 and the time has been changed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. I just know you're all going to love it because my energy level is MUCH greater in the afternoon, thus you'll get a much better workout! (Doesn't that sound like fun?)

Love you all and see you on the 16th.

Nancy Moore

CRAFT launching campaign to shut Fermi

To the editor:

Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT) announces the launch of our Campaign 2020 on Jan. 22. It starts at 6 p.m. at North American Indian Association (NAIA), 22720 Plymouth Rd., Redford 48239.

We encourage interested members of the community to attend and learn about the work CRAFT is doing to hold DTE accountable to the public, hasten the closure of Fermi Two and usher in a new, clean energy future.

There will refreshments and activities for children. Feel free to bring snacks or beverages to share. Bringing your own cup is always a help in reducing waste.

We acknowledge that we cannot trust agencies to protect our health and safety. In this New Year, CRAFT wants your help to move forward in raising public awareness to pressure DTE to close the unnecessary, dangerous, and dirty nuclear – Fermi 2 – and replace it with safe renewable energy. So, we are launching a new campaign and

calling for citizen involvement.
 Jessie Pauline Collins
 Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT)

Thank you for all the condolences on my loss

To the editor:

I want to thank all of the people who have sent their condolences for my loss of Joan. It is nice that people care enough to send them. Each one was greatly appreciated.

Thank you, again.

JC Honey

Honey Pest Control, Sumpter Township

Lions Club seeks input on Health Fair

To the Editor:

Belleville Area Lions Club is sponsoring an open meeting. The meeting will be at Ted Scott Campus (WCCCD) 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., in Rm B 210. Everyone is welcome: community, businesses, Lions etc. We are planning a Health Fair and want your input to what YOU want to learn about.

Suggestions so far:

- Small talks on different diabetes problem with others with same problems;
- Short speaker talks on various diabetes issues;
- Diabetes information, how to prevent or cure;
- Mental/Suicide;
- Vision;
- Where to get hearing aids; and
- Vendors/organization tables.

Stop by anytime. Kids are welcome. They often have the best suggestions. There will be a Lion there at all times -- talk with them, interact with others. We will try to get most suggestions represented. We would like this to be an annual event. What to volunteer for, volunteer with family, volunteer in planning. Put on April 4. Updates will be in the *Belleville-Area Independent* and on Facebook. You may at any time email to balclionjo@comcast.net.

Jo Ann Gardner

Lions Serving their Communities

Atchinson Ford delivers food, \$895 to food closet

To the editor:

On Monday, Dec. 30, Rod Kirchoff, an employee at Atchinson Ford, delivered to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church a large donation of food items and a check for \$895 from Atchinson Ford.

The food was donated by both employees and customers. A sincere "thank you" goes out to Craig and Medina Atchinson for organizing this event which will help feed the hungry in our community!

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Obituaries



Samantha Lynn Mills

SAMANTHA LYNN MILLS

(March 4, 1985 - December 29, 2019)

Age 34, of Romulus. Died peacefully at University Hospital on Saturday morning, December 29, 2019.

Samantha is the beloved wife of Christopher for nine wonderful years; loving mother of Averl and Kiern; dear daughter of Doug (Cheryl) Wysocki of Belleville, Valerie (Alan) Parsons of Ypsilanti; beloved daughter-in-law of Gerald Mills of Tecumseh and Ruth (Joseph) Francis of Romulus. Samantha is also survived by her sister, Kayla (Kevin) Taylor of Ypsilanti and many loving extended family and friends.

Born on March 4, 1985 in Ypsilanti, Samantha was a graduate of Belleville High School (*Class of 2003*). Her main focus in her life was her family, Christopher and the twins were the world to her. She will always be loved and truly missed.

Funeral arrangements for Samantha were held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, January 4, 2020 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. The Mills family greeted guests from 12 Noon. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are strongly encouraged for Averl and Kiern for a trust that will be in place in the near future for their education. Please make checks payable to Christopher Mills and put Averl or Kiern Mills on the memo line.



John Anthony Landoski

JOHN ANTHONY LANDOSKI

(March 28, 1932 - December 18, 2019)

John Anthony Landoski, age 87, of Sumpter Twp., died December 18, 2019. Beloved husband of Marion Landoski. Loving father of Terry (Ellen) Landoski, John (Cathy) Landoski and Debra Clor. Dearest grandfather of Nathan, Brandon, Scott, Anthony and Elizabeth and great-grandfather of Liam, Camden, Chase, Delaney, Charlotte and Caroline. He is also survived by his brothers Anthony Landoski and Clarence Landoski and his sister Imelda Knowles. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Clara Landoski, his sisters Laurine and Delores and his brother Frank. John loved sports, hunting, gardening and golf.

Services were held December 21, 2019 at the Michigan Memorial Home Chapel, Flat Rock. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association.

<http://www.heart.org>



Doris Walker Dandridge

DORIS WALKER DANDRIDGE

(October 5, 1940 - December 28, 2019)

Doris Walker Dandridge, 79, first female bus driver for D.O.T. in Detroit, MI in 1973. Passed away peacefully Dec. 28, 2019. Loving mother of Yema, Darnell, Traci, and Latonja. Dear sister of Gus Barksdale and a wonderful grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. A true Trail Blazer.

KAREN LEE BURNETT

(April 7, 1956 - January 2, 2020)

Age 63, of Ypsilanti, a longtime Belleville resident, died early Thursday morning, January 2, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (*Superior Township campus*).

Karen is the beloved aunt of Russell Burnett of Sumpter Township.

Ms. Burnett was a graduate of Belleville High School. Following her graduation, she was a longtime employee with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Karen in her spare time enjoyed painting and drawing and was known for being very artistic.

In keeping with Karen's wishes a simple cremation has been arranged. No public services arranged.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

SOMASUNDRAM PUCKREE PACHAI

(April 14, 1934 - December 26, 2019)

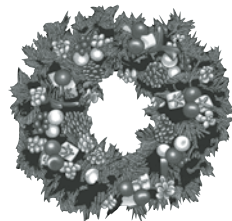
Age 85 of Van Buren Township. Born in South Africa. Survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews. Service was December 28, 2019, at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, followed by cremation. www.janowiakfuneralhome.com

THEODORE SCOTT

(September 28, 1935 - December 27, 2019)

Theodore Scott, 84, for whom the western campus of Wayne County Community College was named, died in St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He suffered a cardiac incident after leaving a holiday party the previous week and was hospitalized. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

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ORMER JEAN GREEN

(September 26, 1960 - January 2, 2020)

Age 59 of Belleville. Survivors include two children Sharnita Green, Cortez Green; 2 grandchildren; her father Robert Green, Sr.; 9 siblings. Funeral at noon, Jan. 10, at Janowiak Funeral Home Sumpter Chapel. www.janowiakfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries



Leora Mae Upon

LEORA MAE UPTON

(July 27, 1931 - December 29, 2019)

Leora Mae Upon, age 88, of Belleville, MI died peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday December 29, 2019.

Leora is the beloved wife of the late Frank (d. 1971), loving mother of Linda (Raymond) Price of Belleville, Gail (Rodney) Lapasin of Bellevue, WA, and Rob (Kate) Upton of Northville, MI; cherished grandmother of Eric, Matthew, Elise, Brooke and Jack.

Leora was born on July 27, 1931 in Detroit. She grew up in Melvindale before marrying and making Belleville her home. Leora had a long career in managing ticket sales and box office administration for many of the area's notable sports and entertainment venues including the historic Olympia Stadium and Tiger Stadium, Cobo Arena (TCF Center) and the Michigan International Speedway. She enjoyed the arts, travelling, gardening and spending time with her family.

A private family service will be held and she will be interred at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/mglc/donate

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Sylvia S. Farris

SYLVIA S. FARRIS

(December 25, 1933 - December 27, 2019)

Sylvia S. Farris, age 86, passed away Friday, December 27, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital, Wyandotte, MI. She was born December 25, 1933 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the late Samuel & Fatima "Faye" (Nasser) Hasson.

Sylvia was blessed with 3 sons: Douglas (Debbie) Farris of North Carolina, David (Diana) Farris of Belleville and Sidney Farris of Auburn Hills, MI; 4 grandchildren: Adam, Aaron, Sierra and Mikayla; sister Manafa Ankouny of Dearborn Heights, MI; brother Sam Hasson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; also several nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Sidney Andrew Farris on October 12, 2012, also a sister Marge Tupy.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 11 AM until noon at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Funeral Service was at noon. Pastor Douglas Burch officiated. Private interment was arranged by David C. Brown Funeral Home, and will be in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands, Romulus, MI.

www.davidcbrownfh.com



Connie J. Huff

CONNIE J. HUFF

(June 18, 1946 - December 28, 2019)

Connie J. Huff, 73, of Saline, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away on December 28, 2019. Connie was born June 18, 1946 in Barbourville, KY. Dear daughter of Stacey and Marjorie (Cantrill) Brown.

To cherish her memory she leaves, two children, Martha (Russell) Reed and Jessalynn Huff; her mother, Margorie Davis; two siblings, Horbin Brown and Terry Davis; an aunt Martha Wight; also eight grandchildren, Shelby, Montana, Kaylee, Gaige, Keira, Toni, Landon and Davis. Mrs. Huff was preceded in death by her father, her husband Walter E. Huff, and one sister Tammy Vanhook. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI. Burial at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI.

Online visitors www.cranefuneralhome.net



Raymond Davis

RAYMOND DAVIS

(April 22, 1948 - December 28, 2019)

Mr. Raymond Davis passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on December 28, 2019. He was born on April 22, 1948 in Corbin, Kentucky, a son of Hugh and Lorene Davis. In 1966 he was married to Lorraine Dolores Hess who preceded him in death on February 21, 2016.

Mr. Davis was a devoted Christian, rich in his faith. He was a loving husband, father and brother and grandfather. He showed kindness to everyone and was a devoted man to those he loved. He enjoyed sports, going to the horse track and playing Keno. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. Prior to his retirement he had been employed as a truck driver.

Raymond is survived by his loving children, Raymond Davis, Jr. (Frances Farkas), Michael (Kathy) Davis, and Michele (Ervin) Brooks. Adored brother of Danny Lee (Ida) Davis and Pamela Davis. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine, his parents, and 4 siblings: Hugh West Davis, Reba Faye Davis, Linville Bill Davis, and Charles Edward Davis.

In keeping with Mr. Davis wishes, a simple cremation has taken place. A memorial in Mr. Davis' honor will take place at a later date.

Please keep the Davis family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734) 697-9400.

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Obituaries



Milton Earl Olds

MILTON EARL OLDS

(September 12, 1944 - December 25, 2019)

Milton Earl Olds, 75, of Sumpter Township, died Wednesday, December 25, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne, MI.

He was born September 12, 1944 in Lansing, MI the son of Earl Olds and Martha Post. On February 1, 1964 he married Sherry Lennon in Mancelona, MI. "Milt" graduated from Bellaire High School in Bellaire, MI, in 1962.

Milt went on to complete an Apprenticeship with General Motors Hydramatic, Ypsilanti, MI, as a Machine Repair, Journeyman. He retired from this location after 40-plus years. He enjoyed sports, kayaking, dirt bike riding, golfing, and fast cars.

Milt is survived by his wife; two sons Vince Olds of Belleville, MI., and Brett Olds of Knoxville, TN; one sister Joan of Florida; grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Post Olds and father Earl Olds.

A celebration of his life will be held in the spring; information will follow. Memorial donations may be made to the family at 43181 Harris Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

His final words could have been, "I did it my way," said his loving wife.

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BILLY JOE JOHNSON

(December 1, 1936 - January 3, 2020)

Age 83, of Belleville. Survived by children Billy Johnson and Kathy Lamb of Belleville; 3 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brother Asbel Johnson. Served in Vietnam. Viewing Jan. 7 at David C. Brown Funeral Home and final services in Kentucky.

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STANLEY CARL BABIK

(April 3, 1928 - December 30, 2019)

Age 91 of Lewiston; born in Sumpter Township. Served in U.S. Army during Korean War. Survived by wife Audrey; sons Jerry and Ken; daughter Lynette Otto; 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; brother Felix. Services were Jan. 3 in Lewiston.

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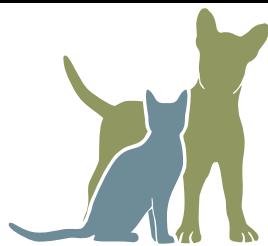


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MARY JONES-KABBOUT

(October 21, 1979 -- December 17, 2019)

Age 40 of Sumpter Township. Loved writing poems and stories and loved animals. Survivors include her mother Glenda Jones, 7 brothers, 4 sisters. Private family services held.

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SUSAN SHIRLEY HAMRICK

(March 24, 1947 -- January 5, 2020)

Age 72, of Ann Arbor. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday and Noon until 1 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 with a 1 p.m. funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

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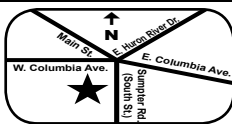


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• **Saturday, Jan. 11** – Belleville Area Lions Club is holding a planning meeting from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for a community Health Fair. People are invited to come and tell the Lions what they would like to have at their health fair. Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus,

9555 Haggerty Rd., Room B210.

• **Monday, Jan. 13** – The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Media Center in Sumpter Township is at 10 a.m. The Media Center is located directly across Sumpter Road from the Sumpter Township Hall. It is the new branch for the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 15** – BHS senior, alumni wrestling night begins at 5:30 p.m. at BHS. Show your support for the 2019-20 wrestling Tigers.

• **Saturday, Jan. 18** – Wild Game Dinner at Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., appetizers at 6:30 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. \$40 per person.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Jan. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board at 6 p.m.

• Monday, Jan. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools organizational meeting, 7 p.m. at BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 14 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m., in old library building.

• Wednesday, Jan. 15 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Crest Ford in nearby Flat Rock has announced that Mike Sturtz is their new General Sales

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Belleville Co-Op Senior Community Living on Sumpter Road near Owen Street is leasing apartments and is offering tours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon when you schedule an appointment. The residential complex is smoke-free, with

on-site laundry, and individual heating and cooling controls. To learn more and schedule a tour, call (800) 593-3052 or (734) 699-8676. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper and visit www.csi.coop.

Kids' Crafty Saturdays continue this Saturday, Jan. 11, with Harry Potter-themed crafts to make and take, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Van Buren Township Municipal Center on Tyler Road. The cost is \$5 per child, grades K through 5. To register, call (734) 699-8921.

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Belleville Community Chorus to begin spring rehearsals on Jan. 13

The Belleville Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for its spring concert season at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. This is the continuation of its 14th season.

The chorus, under the direction of Rachael Parr, invites all singers to join in, whether new to the group or those who have sung with it in the past. If you sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or you're not really sure, you're welcome to be part of this group.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. The singers perform a variety of choral music for the enrichment, education, and enjoyment of its members and audiences in the surrounding communities.

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 22:

0055 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0207 – disorderly, Carmell St.
1356 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2048 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.

Monday, Dec. 23:

0847 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1212 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1332 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
2106 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

0719 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
0752 – found property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
0932 – miscellaneous complaint, Edison Ave.
1013 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

0321 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1256 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1401 – PPO violation, E. Waterbury Ct.

Thursday, Dec. 26:

0004 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
1208 – welfare check, Main St.
1255 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1647 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1727 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2350 – assist fire dept., Main St.

Friday, Dec. 27:

0137 – noise complaint, Church
1049 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1350 – traffic offense, Liberty/Huron River Dr.
1413 – traffic offense, Cool Cone/E. Huron River
1528 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1815 – parking complaint, Fourth St. Square

Saturday, Dec. 28:

0345 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0814 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anaheim St.
2141 – trespassing, E. Huron River Dr.

Also on this week's log are 12 traffic stops.

Sunday, Dec. 28:

1922 – civil matter, 396 Main St.

Monday, Dec. 30:

0026 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
0801 – juvenile complaint, 125 S. Edgemont
0802 – juvenile complaint, 125 S. Edgemont
1008 – missing person, 500 N. Liberty St.
1419 – civil matter, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 31:

0950 – property damage accident, Main St./Liberty
1041 – property damage accident, Main St./Denton
1356 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/5th St.
1636 – property damage accident, 465 Main St.
2305 – assist fire dept., 103 Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 1:

0204 – parking complaint, 500 bl. E. Thornhill Ct.
0206 – parking complaint, 500 bl. W. Thornhill Ct.
1042 – assist fire dept., 110 W. Wabash Ave.
1529 – welfare check, 115 Carmell
1708 – civil matter, 301 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1805 – civil matter, 231 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1852 – civil matter, 231 S. Aberdeen Ct.

Thursday, Jan. 2:

0152 – welfare check, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.
0814 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Jan. 3:

0031 – assist fire dept., 228 S. Aberdeen Ct.
0926 – civil matter, 541 E. Huron River Dr.
1531 – intrusion alarm, 405 Main St.
1745 – 911 welfare check, 9 Capistrano Ct.
1945 – suspicious person/vehicle, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

2014 – disorderly, 496 Main St.

2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, 200 bl. N. Liberty

Saturday, Jan. 4:

0929 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd.
1106 – suspicious person/vehicle, 200 bl. N. Liberty
1323 – traffic offense, Sumpter/Hull
1805 – assist citizen, 326 Brain St.
2152 – suspicious person/vehicle, Capistrano Ct. / Menlo Park Dr.

Also on this week's log are 26 traffic stops.

“All you need in this life is ignorance
and confidence; then success is sure.”

– Mark Twain

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 15:

0202 – malicious destruction of property, Georgia
0207 – civil matter, 48000 Wear Rd.
0931 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1339 – fire dept. assist, Oregon
1415 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Ln.

Monday, Dec. 16:

0200 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1115 – driving while license suspended, Rawsonville/
Arkona
1145 – medical assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1250 – obstructing justice, 14000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1349 – alarm, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1535 – harassment, Second St.

1553 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1620 – ordinance violation, 8700 Meadow Springs

1623 – ordinance violation, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1635 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1700 – identity theft, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

0156 – medical assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

0158 – assist other agency, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz

0510 – death investigation, 12000 bl. Rawsonville

0730 – medical assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1034 – medical assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

1545 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville

1546 – reckless driving, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1614 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln. N.

1625 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1627 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville

1702 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. N.

1717 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

1819 – public relation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1841 – suspicious incident, Wayside Dr.

1923 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 18:

0004 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Willis

0017 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.

0335 – fire dept. assist, 20195 Karr Rd.

0528 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0821 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Paris

0821 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0906 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1019 – medical assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1020 – medical assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1022 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

1230 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Robson Rd.

1244 – medical assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1506 – suspicious incident, Oakville Waltz/Clark

1521 – reckless driving, Willis/Rawsonville

1625 – medical assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1644 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1809 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.

1842 – reckless driving, Rawsonville/Willis

1938 – property check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2010 – property check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2111 – property check, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

2233 – fire dept. assist, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2245 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2252 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 19:

1506 – fraud, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1555 – reckless driving, Judd Rd./Waltz Rd.

1714 – reckless driving, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1718 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln. N.

1738 – property check, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

1748 – subpoena service, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1804 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

1837 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

2138 – reckless driving, Sumpter/Bemis

2146 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Dunn

Friday, Dec. 20:

0137 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

0431 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

0704 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Robson

0912 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1054 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1123 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.

1125 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Willis

1241 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Savage

1329 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1335 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1442 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1617 – reckless driving, Judd/Sumpter

2352 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 21:

0557 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0816 – property check, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

0925 – subpoena service, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1048 – property check, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1110 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1213 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. N.

1335 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz

1530 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

1637 – property damage, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1759 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

2010 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Martz Rd.

2225 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2313 – follow up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Also on this week's log are 19 traffic stops and 10 miscellaneous details.

This dispatch log is one of the two not published for December and the one coming up. We will catch up, hopefully next week.

Obituaries



Marjorie Alma Gifford

MARJORIE ALMA GIFFORD

(June 18, 1921 – January 3, 2020)

Marjorie Alma (Rojem) Gifford was born before traffic signals were invented, before frozen foods and aerosol cans were available. There was no penicillin, no insulin, and few childhood immunizations. There weren't even ball-point pens.

Marjorie survived the Great Depression and graduated from Marlette High School in Marlette, Michigan. She pitched in for the war effort during World War II, a true “Rosie the Riveter.”

After her first marriage ended in divorce, she was a single mother with three children. She took factory, retail and housekeeping jobs, and fell in love again and had two children with her new husband. After too short a time, she found herself nursing him through his final illness and contending with single motherhood once more. Marjorie's third husband informed her the first time they met that he was going to marry her. He could not be dissuaded, even by the prospect of a ready-made family of five children. Soon it was a family of six children. After more than 30 years, she again had to cope with a husband's death.

Marjorie's career and calling arrived in her life by coincidence. She'd agreed to check out a nursing home for a family member, and the administrator “saw something special” about her and persuaded her to come to work there. Nearly 50 years later, Marjorie was still caring for elderly and infirm people as a home-care aide. She was in great demand, and she enjoyed

the challenge and satisfaction of helping those in need.

Through her third husband, Marjorie became deeply involved in Eastern Star. She progressed repeatedly through its leadership posts, earned the Grand Cross of Colors and served as MA of Rainbow Girls. She was proud of her 59 years of participation. She was also active in the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.

Marjorie was also a loyal churchgoer, establishing a presence at Belleville United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Michigan that lasted more than a half-century, and at which she served as an elder.

She also found time to indulge her passion for gardening, at one point creating an amazing iris garden atop a section of cement driveway. It was said she could make a Popsicle stick grow. She crocheted with immense skill and dedication — every family member had his or her own cozy afghan, and every new bundle of joy was bundled first in a “Granny-made” blanket.

A lifelong Michigander, Marjorie nevertheless enjoyed traveling, especially if she was behind the wheel. She allowed herself to be flown to south Mississippi in 2018 to visit one of her sons who'd moved there, and she found the new surroundings to her liking. For more than a year, she took in the sights and enjoyed the warmer weather.

Marjorie defied all the odds in September 2019 when, at 98, she recovered from surgery after she fell and fractured her hip. She was soon up and walking, but had lost her cherished independence.

On Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, Marjorie died. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Rojem and Gladys Rojem, RN; younger brothers Ricky, Walter and Don; younger sister Marie; daughter Sandra Fuester, daughter-in-law Sandra Gordon and granddaughter Shannon Gifford.

Those left to honor her memory are her younger sisters Pat Judson and Gladys Trimper; daughters Marilyn Fuester and Jeanette Wheeler (Bruce) Muszynski; sons Paul Fuester, Lawrence (Kim Anderson) Wheeler and William Gifford; grandchildren Edward Gordon, Kelly Daugherty, Julie (Eric) Simmons, Eric (Stephany) Muszynski and Tiffany (Aaron) Hanson; a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and many, many friends.

Visitation will be 2-8 PM Friday with a 7 PM Eastern Star Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Belleville Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Road. Rev. Kenneth Kaibel will officiate. Interment will follow in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Belleville Presbyterian Church.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 280 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 22:

0003 – noise complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0216 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
0712 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge Ct.
1053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94
1107 – parking complaint, Ironwood Dr.
1129 – family trouble, Daisy Blvd.
1430 – suspicious person/vehicle, Zachary St.
1444 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1731 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
1927 – all 4100 MICR codes (liquor), Belleville
1953 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2101 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2151 – harassment call, Lake Villa Dr.

Monday, Dec. 23:

0230 – motorist assist, Edison Lake
0421 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0912 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.
0916 – private property/property damage accident, Coca-Cola Dr.

1101 – animal complaint, Rayna Ct.
1117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, Chaney Ave.
1201 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

1318 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1318 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1444 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1518 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.

1647 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1701 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1824 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.

1834 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.

1857 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

1933 – family trouble, Anna Dr.

1932 – 911 welfare check, Brookside Dr.

2002 – suicidal person, Hamilton St.

2008 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Schooner Dr.

2029 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk

2042 – domestic, Meadows Ln.

2124 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2317 – traffic offense, Lohr

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Linda Vista Ct.

0259 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0622 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost

0729 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen

0817 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0850 – civil matter, Edgedale Dr.

0946 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.

1124 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1349 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1406 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

1426 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1916 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

2116 – animal complaint, Pine Dr.

2311 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

0031 – domestic, Denton Rd.

0112 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1044 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.

1227 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.

1244 – domestic, Maple Dr.

1301 – assist other dept., Belle Villa

1419 – suspicious person/vehicle, State St.

1635 – traffic offense, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.

1655 – suspicious person/vehicle, Nautica/Laguna

1958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

2048 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

2224 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 26:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull

0035 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.

0310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Ct.

0950 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1215 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.

1348 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.

1815 – civil matter, Hanover Dr.

1811 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
2038 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
2311 – civil matter, Bayshore Dr.

Friday, Dec. 27:

0029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.

0052 – harassment call, Sonrisa St.

0211 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0532 – hospice death, Sunset Pond Cir.

0618 – larceny from auto, Water's Edge Ln.

0740 – larceny from auto, Merle Ct.

0752 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

0756 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

0803 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

0848 – motorist assist, Hannan/N. I-94 Service Dr.

1046 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Martz Rd.

1236 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.

1240 – juvenile complaint, Oak Ln.

1348 – threat, Sumpter Rd.

1400 – noise complaint, Ecorse Service B Dr.

1451 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.

1454 – fraud, Revere Dr.

1455 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1538 – civil matter, Denton Rd.

1603 – civil matter, Lake Villa

1718 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1725 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.

1826 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.

1830 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1831 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.

2031 – noise complaint, Sugarbush

2108 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.

2252 – threat, Revere Dr.

2258 – assist other dept., Bog Rd.

2359 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 28:

0023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St. / Hamilton St.

0232 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Alden Ave.

0746 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.

0759 – assist other dept., Bog Rd.

1015 – shooting, Denton Rd.

1158 – domestic, Village Green Ln.

1506 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

1530 – family trouble, Denton Rd.

1547 – civil matter, Evelyn Ct.

1650 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.

1853 – civil matter, Western St.

1857 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville

1911 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 21 traffic stops, three of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Of the 360 calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 29:

0507 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ln.

0814 – personal injury accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.

0914 – larceny from auto, America

1020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water's Edge Ln

1238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

1253 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

1457 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1612 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.

1654 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lk.

2005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr. / Burlwood Ln.

2125 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy Rd. / Chloe Ct.

2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kouza Ct.

2159 – threat, Freedom Way

2305 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, Dec. 30:

0143 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.

0308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Dr.

0503 – property damage accident, Speedway

0904 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.

1004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.

1048 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood

1102 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1233 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd./South St.

1259 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1328 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.

1356 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1515 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.

1624 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

1627 – lost property/child, E. Huron River Dr.

1721 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

2033 – breaking & entering, Robson Rd.

2101 – harassment call, Savage Rd.

2102 – suicidal person, Lake Villa Dr.

2358 – malicious destruction of property, Maple

Tuesday, Dec. 31:

0214 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

0232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

0419 – animal complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.

0446 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.

0720 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

0812 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1031 – property damage accident, Old Rawsonville

1031 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.

1135 – property damage accident, Colony Ln.

1222 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.

1305 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1312 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.

1315 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.

1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.

1510 – shooting, Martz Rd.

1523 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

1550 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

1600 – domestic, Winding Pond Dr.

1604 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

1628 – missing person, Locust Dr.

1705 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

2036 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.

2052 – threat, Colony Ln.

2139 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2141 – follow up by officer, Locust Dr.

2258 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

2307 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

Wednesday, Jan. 1:

0000 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.

0143 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0341 – property damage accident, W. Huron River

0427 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.

0830 – threat, Hayes St.

1012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.

1046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1224 – malicious destruction of property, Revere

1227 – fraud, Hamilton St.

1252 – animal complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.

1312 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell Rd. / Reene Dr.

1335 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.

1337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

1355 – missing person, Landmark

1624 – domestic, Revere Dr.

1834 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1915 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Dr.

1946 – threat, Brookside Dr.

2033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards/Ecorse

2046 – suicidal person, Van Buren St.

2254 – disorderly, Rolan Meadows Dr.

2301 – breaking & entering, Spruce Ln.

2305 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 2:

0013 – family trouble, Robbe Rd.

0650 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Service A Dr. / Denton Rd.

0650 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.

0803 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.

1207 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.

1211 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty

1823 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1855 – repossession, Denton Rd.

2339 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

Friday, Jan. 3:

0111 – family trouble, Hamlin St.

0117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

0513 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.

0618 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

1000 – hospice death, Riggs Rd.

1003 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.

1005 – abandoned auto, Denton Rd.

1006 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1014 – suicidal person, Landmark

1217 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave./Denton

1344 – assist other dept., Old Michigan

1525 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.

1558 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

1601 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.

1647 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1652 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Tyler

1804 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.

1834 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton

1857 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.

1913 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

2020 – road hazard, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service Dr.

2052 – road hazard, E. Huron River/Haggerty Rd.

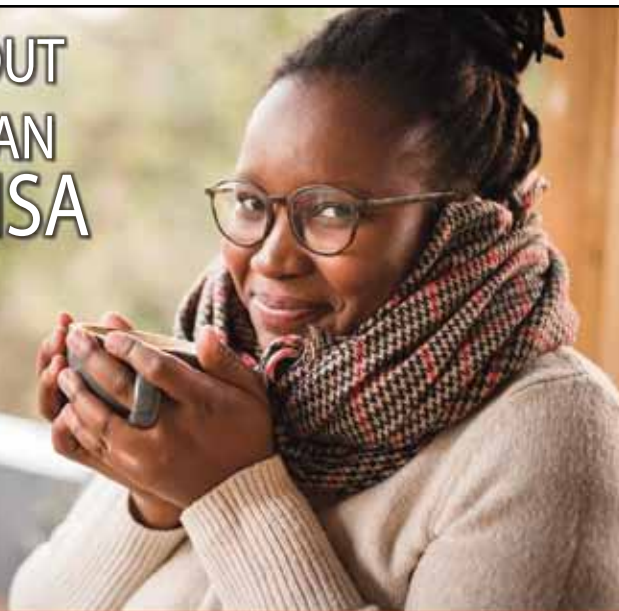
2127 – suicidal person, Ironwood Dr.

2237 – noise complaint, Sugarbush

Saturday, Jan. 4:

0933 – lost property/child, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

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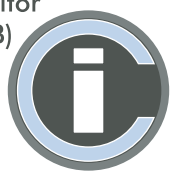
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