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The Belleville High School varsity football team – the Tigers -- will play the Fordson High School team of Dearborn – the Tractors -- this Saturday, Nov. 13, on the BHS field for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's regional championship. Kickoff is 1 p.m. Tickets are NOT sold at the gate, said BHS Athletic Secretary Diane Kiessel. Those interested in attending the game can purchase tickets online at <https://gofan.co/app/events/425469?schoolId=MI9892> and show the ticket(s) on their mobile devices at entry. This picture was taken Nov. 5 after BHS defeated Canton 41-0 for the 2021 District Championship.

VBT Planners approve final site plan for new Subaru test track

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Subaru Research and Development, Inc., at 50255 Michigan Ave. on the former 80-acre Harold Smith farm in Denton, received a combined preliminary and final site plan approval to construct a 1,900-foot-long vehicle testing roadway on its property.

At the Oct. 27 zoom meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power explained that the test track was in the original plans for the 63,574 square foot facility that was approved in 2018 and was largely complete in the summer of 2020. The track required a separate site plan review process.

Ryan Plum from Subaru Research and Development and Jeremy Schrot of Spaulding DeDecker and Mike Freckelton explained the project and said there is less storm water at the site than their original plan.

Vidya Krishnan, VBT's principal planner

from McKenna, said the track is allowed by right under the M-1 zoning. It ends in a cul de sac on the southwest corner of the project and three vehicles can be tested at the same time with speeds mostly 25-30 mph, up to 80 mph. The south side of the site is the CSX railroad and the east side is screened. Sound will be from 72 to 85 decibels. Testing will be done from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and headlight testing until 10 p.m.

The north side of the site is along Michigan Avenue and it was explained the Michigan Department of Transportation did not want sidewalks there since traffic goes 50 to 60 mph and it is not safe for pedestrians.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the depth of the test track is 2.5 inches, which is less than standard. He said he is an engineer and the industry standard is 3 inches.

Paul Kammer, the township's engineering consultant from Fishbeck, said it's a quality thing, more than anything else. It's

not a condition. His comment in his report was just a comment as an engineer, not a condition.

Schrot said MDOT allows 2 inches to 3 inches and they are right in the middle.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson made the motion, and Commissioner Jahr seconded, to grant preliminary and final site plans subject to conditions, including an additional review from Wayne County to make sure the drainage is still adequate. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Kali Barr was absent from the meeting.

DTE Energy rezoning

After a public hearing, the commission also recommended approval of a rezoning to the township board of trustees for a 2.14-acre site at 42061 Ecorse Road, on the south side of Ecorse, between Haggerty Road and Kirkridge Park Drive, for DTE Energy.

Christopher Becker, the engineering manager for design of the substation and the applicant on behalf of DTE Energy, asked for the rezoning from C-1 General Business District, to M-1 Light Industrial.

He said they wish to build a 120 to 13.2 kV substation to support existing electrical distribution system and provide for growth

in the area.

Director Power said the rezoning request will facilitate a later application for site plan review for a substation on the property.

Planner Krishnan said the vacant wooded lot is master planned for office and abuts the IRC corridor to the south and west. On the east is a warehouse. She said although the ITC corridor is zoned residential, no homes will be built there. She said there is a county drain along the north and west sides of the property and one employee will come for maintenance and it will add no traffic. She said this is not spot-zoning.

Krishnan said the M-1 zoning requires a setback of 50 feet and C-2 is 75 feet.

Becker said the wetlands in the southwest corner has EGLE requiring the moving of the substation closer to Ecorse Road, so they are seeking the smaller setback.

He said it is a small substation for DTE and plans call for a small house for the power distribution center. ITC has a small house in the southeast corner, he said. He said the drive into the site will be extra wide in order to get the delivery truck onto the site quickly and not disrupt traffic on Ecorse Road, which is two lanes at that point. It will also help in the future when

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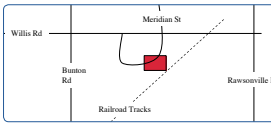
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Van Buren Township board does away with work-studies for 2022

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There will no longer be Monday afternoon work-study sessions scheduled for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees before the Tuesday regular meetings in 2022.

At the Nov. 2 meeting of the VBT board via zoom, the board unanimously approved the board meeting schedule for 2022 as part of the consent agenda.

At the end of the meeting, Trustee Reggie Miller said she hadn't noticed when she voted for the schedule that work-study sessions had been eliminated and she was in disagreement with that.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara replied that the board can always add that if the board desires.

"They became rehearsals of board meetings," Supervisor McNamara said.

"That's what the MTA told us," Trustee Miller said, referring to the Michigan Township Association. "It is a rehearsal, a time for the board to hear public comment."

Clerk Leon Wright said it is the duty of the board to ask questions.

"Work-study was not a rehearsal," he said. "It was meant to hear comments." He said the board had a consultant and found the work-study had been used inefficiently.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she agreed with Trustee Miller on the work-study.

Trustee Miller said the work-study sessions have been eliminated from the schedule and board members can think about it for a couple of weeks and add it to the agenda in the future.

The 2022 meeting schedule listed meetings at 6 p.m. at township hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except for in January when there will be one meeting on Jan. 18. In August, budget review sessions are set for Aug. 15 and 16, following the only other meeting of the month on Aug. 2.

The VBT board hasn't held a traditional work-study meeting since the Dec. 16, 2019 meeting. Work-study meetings have been held recently – on Oct. 4, Oct. 18, and Nov. 1 – only for the purpose of going into closed session.

In other business at the one-hour-and-40-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the personal services agreement with Lawrence Luckett as the Director of Public Services, replacing Matthew Best who resigned to take a job with Pittsfield Township. Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said Luckett comes from the City of Detroit bringing 26-plus years of governmental services, serving in a mayor-appointed position as the assistant director of maintenance and prior to that as the general manager of facility maintenance. He has a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan

University. She said he is a very educated person and his skills cover significant areas spanning from transportation, budgeting, overseeing construction and renovation projects, personnel management and coordinating departmental efforts. He has been a resident of Van Buren Township for 11 years and said he would work hard for the township and start on Monday (Nov. 8), if approved. "I'm here to make sure the township keeps moving forward." The salary for this position was posted as \$85,000 in the new budget;

- Approved the 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed general fund budget and the 2022 salary schedule and, in another motion, the 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed Water and Sewer Fund Budget. The public hearings on the funds were held at the last meeting on Oct. 19. At the Nov. 2 meeting, revisions to the 2022 salary schedule were: Residential Appraiser raised from \$56,000 to \$60,000; Public Safety Administrative Assistant from \$56,444 to \$60,000; and Planning & Economic Development Director from \$80,000 to \$85,000;

- Approved the 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budgets, including Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-911 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Long-Term Debt Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund. The public hearings on the funds were held at the last meeting on Oct. 19;

- Approved a special land use request and related site improvements by General Development Company LLC, on behalf of Belleville North Marsh Ventures LLC, to construct a 59,820-square-foot facility for Kenworth Trucks on 20 acres on the North I-94 Service Drive between Dewitt and Morton Taylor roads between Camping World and National RV. Treasurer Sharry Budd asked for and was granted the right to be recused from the discussion and the vote on the property because the Budd farm rents some of the acreage involved for its farming. After the vote, Treasurer Budd returned to the meeting and said the farm will be losing 10 acres for planting corn and soybeans and this will not affect the produce stand;

- Discussed whether to start meeting in person again, instead of by zoom. Board members did not vote on this, but informally agreed to continue with the previous decision to meet by zoom until the end of the year. Trustee Miller said, "I agree. Wait until after January to see how everything works out." Supervisor McNamara said they had to cancel the senior volunteer event because of COVID going through the senior citizens. He said,

again, he would really rather be meeting in person, but he agrees with his board to wait;

- Was informed Ryan Nichols, the cinematographer who worked in the communications department, is leaving to take another position. He was thanked and wished well in his new job;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that the Michigan Senate is making a decision on short-term rentals, such as for Airbnbs, that would allow the township to have no oversight in the matter. He suggested the residents call their senators with their opinions;

- Learned the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sent a letter to the township saying the result of the recent dam safety inspection found nothing needed immediate attention and French Landing Dam passed the inspection;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara tell of a letter he got from a resident who took his kids trick or treating in Haggerty Sub and his son took a hard fall. He said some of the sidewalks there are like walking up steps. McNamara said the township is coming next summer to work on sidewalks there;

School Board approves second bond sale, as approved by voters

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$9 million in bonds was passed by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

This is Series II in the three bonds planned after voters approved up to \$35,490,000 million in bond sales for school buildings and sites on Nov. 5, 2019. The Series II bonds, in \$5,000 denominations, will be General Obligation Unlimited Tax bonds.

The resolution states the bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%, but not less than 1%, per annum, payable on Nov. 1, 2022 and then semiannually thereafter on the first day of May and November in each year through 2045.

Series II construction focuses on projects for Owen, Tyler and Savage Schools and this was explained in detail at the Oct. 25 meeting by Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa.

Projects for Owen will include renovating classrooms, replacing corridor lockers, upgrading the mechanical system, upgrading PA and fire alarm systems, and expanding the parking lot to include a dedicated bus loop.

This construction will take place over the summer of 2022, with work on some areas

- Heard Clerk Wright announce the administrative offices will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. He also thanked Bob and Marie Krouse for putting flags on veterans' graves in the township again, which they have been doing for 20 years. Also, he said, the township is working with redistricting to redo the precincts. He said no precinct can have more than 3,000 voters and they will be sending out mailings to every voter in the township and their precincts may change. He said Haggerty School is closing and that is where Precinct 8 had voted. He said that precinct will be changed to Edgemont Elementary School; and

- Was reminded the last week this year to get yard waste out for pickup is the week of Nov. 22.

Closed-door session

On Nov. 1 at 4 p.m., the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a work-study session to hold a closed-door session via zoom to discuss the strategy and negotiations of the POLC (Police Officers Labor Council) collective bargaining agreement.

to begin in April.

At Savage and Tyler new playground equipment and mechanical system upgrades will be installed. Both schools will have more projects in Series III projects coming in the future.

Series I bonds were used mainly for construction of the Early Childhood Development Center, which is complete and will be occupied in January.

In other business at Monday's one-hour meeting, the board:

- Approved an agreement with the Van Buren Educational Support Team, where the paraprofessionals and bus aides will receive a \$2 per hour raise and the previous 50-cent-per-hour raises for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are void. All other groups in VBEST will receive a 50-cent-per-hour raise and will continue to receive the previously agreed upon 50-cent-per-hour raises for 2022-23 and 2023-24. Also, any new paraprofessional hired with experience will be allowed to enter at the wage scale equal to their years of experience and their start date will be used for bidding seniority. Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said these changes were necessary in this new hiring climate;

- Heard building presentations from

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Zoom meetings wear thin for those who want to speak

We received two complaints recently from people who wanted to speak at township zoom meetings and were not allowed to talk although they pushed the little "hands raised" that was supposed to get them a moment on line.

The one who wanted to talk to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees about the museum, was very disappointed that she was ignored. The one who wanted to talk to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees about how it was selling its properties also was disappointed that he didn't get to speak. Maybe these were technical glitches. Another person complained that he did get to speak in Sumpter, but the official minutes said there was no public comment.

Everybody prefers having meetings face to face so everything is out in the open. Board members at both townships say they would rather have the people come in person to the meetings.

But there is a concern about COVID-19. Sumpter has had a few problems at township hall and Van Buren had one of its class teachers having to quarantine because of her being exposed. That caused the whole senior appreciation dinner to be canceled.

Everyone is looking forward to the new year and, hopefully, a fresh start with in-person meetings where people can speak face to face and there are no technical glitches that cut them off.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

John Delaney is furious that the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees has eliminated work-study sessions where the public can ask questions about agenda items and talk back and forth in a relaxed atmosphere. He said this has "totally violated the trust of the residents."

He said in the past he was accused of grandstanding by asking questions on camera during the regular meeting. He said he changed his method and asked all the questions he wanted at the work-study session and didn't act up on camera.

He said in work-study you can talk back and forth. The agenda now is set up so people have to ask their questions or make their comments on agenda items *before* the board considers those items.

"Now, you have to have insider knowledge on what they will discuss," Delaney said last week. He called the board's decision to do away with work-study sessions completely as "immoral or unethical."

Janet Miller of Belleville sent us the scam letter she received so we could warn other senior citizens. She pointed out the postmark was from Canada, the letterhead was from Texas, and the check for \$2,524.50 was from New Mexico.

The letter was an "Award Claim Notification" that told her she won \$250,000 in the contest organized for all customers of Walmart, Sears, Home Depot, Safeway, etc. She was advised to call her claim agent at the 800 number provided to make arrangements for delivery of her certified check by FedEx or UPS. The enclosed check was to cover the \$2,000 processing and insurance fee which she will be required to pay before her big prize can be sent to her.



She knew it was a scam and sent the information to us. We've heard of this kind of scam where the person cashes the check and sends them \$2,000 and then the scam check bounces and the victim is left with \$2,000 out of their bank account and no big prize. Some seniors have fallen for this and it didn't end well.

A Van Buren Township senior citizen came in to complain that the speed signs erected on Haggerty Road to alert drivers to their speed, don't work. He said it never lights up when he drives by.

I told him I'd been told it only lights up when you go over the speed limit. So, he went back out and drove 60 mph past the sign and it still didn't light up. I talked to VBT Police Chief Jason Wright and he said the batteries just last a couple of weeks and they probably need to be swiped out. He'll get someone to check.

He said these signs have a lot of functions and can catch what happens and collect data while the sign isn't lit. Usually, they just set them to show the speed. He said they have been all over the township this summer and when the signs were requested for Haggerty, they were moved over from Ashbury subdivision.

We received a news release from the deputy city manager about the winners of the scarecrow contest and we had a hard time finding the one from the Girl Scouts. The scarecrows have no signs of any kind on

them and no award ribbons. I called School Board Secretary Darlene Gerick because I knew she was in a leadership position over a number of scout troops in this area. She gave me the phone number of one of the leaders of the winning troop, which is at Keystone Academy. I wanted to ask her which scarecrow was theirs.

She said they couldn't have received a prize since they never turned in their entry. She said the girls in her troop are from Kindergarten to second grade in age and although they did their best their scarecrow fell apart. Its pieces are still in her house, she said.

When I sent a report on this to Gerick, she replied: "They won for the best Invisible Scarecrow."

On Monday a City of Belleville resident who wished not to be identified brought in this statement: "Mr. Marcotte, I would have called the gas company first when you smelled gas or called 911 to have them call the gas company and then the fire department. I keep the gas company phone number handy. They would have been there in less than 10 minutes. Don't blame Brian." This was in response to last week's story: "Mayor Pro Tem called fire department for help, nobody came."



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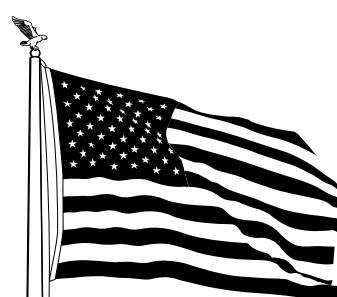
The winter and holidays are fast approaching us. The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family. But it can be a difficult time for anyone who is missing a loved one that has died. The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread. Whether your loved one died recently or decades ago, the holidays can bring up powerful memories that may trigger your grief. We would like to help you.

We at the David C. Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center are hosting a special remembrance memorial ceremony for the community. The "Tree of Remembrance" is a time to reflect and give honor to our loved ones during this holiday season.

We invite you all on Monday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. to the Brown Family Center for this heartwarming ceremony. Light refreshments will be served inside the Brown Family Center at 6:30 p.m. and then the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. The ceremony will take place outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Please bring a weatherproof ornament to hang on the tree. Each person will have the opportunity to speak the name of their loved ones and place their ornaments on the tree.

The Brown Family Center is located at 678 East Huron River Dr., just two blocks east of the David C. Brown Funeral Home. Please keep in mind that we provide free grief support throughout the year at the Center, either individually or within a small group. Please call (734) 697-5090 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Belleville Residents: Nov. 11 is Veterans Day

To the editor:

Belleville Residents: A reminder!

Today, Thursday, Nov 11, is Veterans Day. It is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on Nov. 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. Originally called "Armistice Day," Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans" and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919.

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. Many companies offer free meals to Veterans. Google "veterans day free meals" for info on free or discounted meals for all veterans with proper ID.

Nov. 11 of each year is the day that we ensure ALL veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

Show your respect and pride for our veterans who live on your street by displaying a flag in front of your home. Thanks to a generous donation from Manns Lumber and labor from Contract Welding, we will have a supply of FREE refurbished flags in front of my home, 48 S. Biggs, Belleville. Take one and join all our neighbors with a display any American city would be proud of.

As an added note, you can further honor our veterans by attending one or both of the following events.

- A special short VFW ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. TODAY, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park. All are invited. Bring the whole family.

- A special event open to the public, flag disposal of 1,000-plus flags that are worn, tattered, faded, stained or otherwise unsuitable for public display. This event will be held at the VFW Post 4434 on Bemis Road at 4 p.m., Nov. 11. If you have flags that need to be permanently retired, bring them with you.

Pete Pitzen, Chairman
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Obituaries



Walter Carl Goeckel

WALTER CARL GOECKEL

(August 8, 1940 - October 26, 2021)

Walter Goeckel, age 81, passed away Tuesday October 26 at his home in Bonita Springs, FL. Born on August 8, 1940 to Walter and Marie, he was a 1958 Romulus High School graduate. He married Carole Maze, built a home in Romulus, where they raised their 2 sons, Walter and Richard.

Walter was a die maker by trade, and retired from GM Hydramatic in Ypsilanti. He enjoyed many sports, including baseball, softball, hunting, boating, golfing, bowling, snowmobile riding and dirt bike riding.

Walter is survived by his wife; his sons Walter of Gladwin, MI, and Richard of Taylor, MI; his sister Ellen (Ray) Kurnik; three grandchildren, Olivia, Walter Jr., and Brendan; and three great-grandchildren, Thomas, Skyler, and William.



Lois Mae Ashcraft

LOIS MAE ASHCRAFT

(March 26, 1930 - November 6, 2021)

Lois Mae Ashcraft, age 91, died on November 6, 2021 at Vibrant Life Senior Living in Superior Township, MI. Lois Mae "King" Ashcraft was born March 26, 1930 in East Pittsburg, PA the daughter of George and Mary "Smith" King.

After graduation in 1948 from the former East Huntington HS Lois worked at the Frick Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, PA. She then moved to Belleville, MI in 1961. She worked for Dr. Gerald G. Miller for 25 years before retiring.

In 1983 she married Edward "Ed" Lundin and he preceded her in death in 1993. In 2005 she married William "Frank" Ashcraft and he also preceded her in death in 2009.

She was a member of the Community Methodist Church in Romulus. For the past two years she resided at Vibrant Life Assisted Living in Superior Township. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Besides her parents and both husbands, she was preceded in death by one brother George Robert King. Surviving is one sister Donna (Bob) Barker, niece Susanne Ott-Carr, nephew Michael (Jessica) Ott, niece Caitlyn, nephew Jay Allen, two step-daughters Mary (Frank) Evans and Vickie (Gene) Cook, a "bonus" granddaughter Linda (DJ) Williams, with 2 "bonus" great-grandkids Ryan and Jenna. Special friend Autumn Horvath. Several great-great nieces and nephews.

Lois will be laid to rest at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Cemetery in Tarrs, PA.

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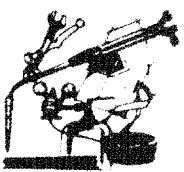
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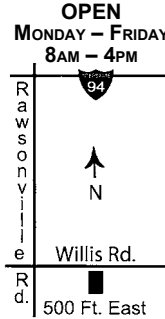
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Obituaries



Albert Gwitt

ALBERT GWITT

(September 5, 1937 – November 6, 2021)

Albert Gwitt, age 84, long time Belleville, MI, resident, passed away early Saturday, November 6, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born September 5, 1937, in New Boston, MI, son of Anthony James and Minnie Emily Bertha (Kapanka) Gwitt.

He retired after 42 years of service at Lower Huron Metropark. Al and his friend Stan, loved to stop by his son's home for a beer, every day on their way home from work. Mr. Gwitt loved the outdoors, especially time spent at his second home in Oscoda, MI. His yards were always perfectly manicured. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and campfires by the lake. He would often be found on his pontoon with his captain's hat on. He also loved taking his 1975 Ranchero to various car shows with his grandsons. Until his health slowed him down, Al would often enjoy tinkering in his garage. Whether it was here, or up north, most evenings, he would enjoy driving around looking for deer.

Mr. Gwitt is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Judith Ann (Carey) Gwitt; his loving children: Roseanne Colwell of Belleville, MI, Shawn Thompson of Westland, MI, Albert (Sharon) Gwitt of Belleville, MI, and Lisa Kitchen of Ypsilanti, MI; five cherished grandsons: Joshua & Jason (Jackie) Colwell, Albert Gwitt, Jr., and Scott and Cody Kitchen; two adoring great-grandsons: Brian and Luke Colwell; also his loyal American Eskimo Abby; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sons-in-law: Brian Colwell, Joseph Thompson, and Mike Kitchen; a brother James Gwitt; also three sisters: Lorraine, Ruth, and Grace.

Visitation was set for 2-8 PM Wednesday and 10-Noon Thursday, November 11, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Funeral Service will be 12 Noon Thursday with Deacon Peter Cornell officiating. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

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FRANCIS CULLEN DeWITT

(March 29, 1952 – November 3, 2021)

Age 69, of Canton. Survived by daughter Patricia Gears, 2 stepdaughters, grandson Cullen Gears, sister Helen Schultz, brother Tom DeWitt. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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LARRY NOLFF

Word has been received of the November 6, 2021 death of Larry Nolf in his home in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. He graduated from Belleville High School with the class of 1954.



Curtis Keith Tidwell



CURTIS KEITH TIDWELL

(January 18, 1950 – November 5, 2021)

Curtis Keith Tidwell, age 71, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday evening, November 5, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born January 18, 1950, in Detroit, MI, son of James and Maxine (Walker) Tidwell.

He graduated from Belleville High School and then proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for two years. He retired from General Motors Hydromatic plant after more than 30 years of loyal service. He enjoyed bowling, playing baseball, softball and loved to be outdoors hunting and fishing with his grandchildren.

Mr. Tidwell is survived by his daughter Tracey Sullivan of Belleville, MI; son-in-law Brian Sullivan of Romulus, MI; three grandchildren: Amanda Ingle of Belleville, MI, Jeffery Ingle of Monroe, MI, and Stephanie Sullivan of Romulus, MI; three great-grandchildren: Colton Ingle, Jayden Nardi, and Jaxson Ingle; his mother Maxine Graham of Hernando, Florida; a sister Debbie (Fred) German of Willis, MI; brother Toby (Barb) Tidwell of Beverly Hills, Florida; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father James Tidwell, his bonus dad Charlie Lee Graham, a sister Brenda Barrett, his wife Valerie Marie Tidwell, a sister Brenda Barrett, also a nephew Andy Hackworth.

Visitation was 2-8 PM Tuesday, and 10-11 AM Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Funeral Service was at 11 AM Wednesday. Pastor Joseph Stuve officiated. Interment was in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his family.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 rise to 79, positive tests at 4,534

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code rose to 79 as of Monday, Nov. 8, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 4,534 on Monday, Nov. 8, up from 4,424 on Monday, Nov. 1.

On Monday, Nov. 8, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 3,039 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 573 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 922 positive cases, 15 deaths.

The Van Buren Public School District reports as of Friday, Nov. 5, there was a total of 107 positive cases in the district since the beginning of school on Aug. 30.

School Board

(continued from page 3)

McBride, Owen, and Edgemont schools;

- Approved the resignation of Sarah Igonin, a teacher at McBride Middle School, after two years of service as of Nov. 6, for a job opportunity;

- Approved the hiring of teacher Cynthia Labor for Edgemont Elementary as of Oct. 27, teacher Carley Duey for Tyler Elementary as of Nov. 10, teacher Kori Buford for Belleville High School as of Nov. 15, and special-education teacher Kris Mysliwiec for Owen Intermediate as of Nov. 15;

- Approved termination of Lristin Dewey from the Transportation Department on Oct. 21 after six years of service; the termination of Audrey Rappe of Special Services on Nov. 1 after zero years of service; the resignation of Kyle Price of Plant Operations for a job opportunity on Oct. 30 after less than one year of service; the resignation of Patricia Mocerri of Food Service after six years of service on Oct. 28 for a job opportunity; and the resignation of Matthew Wegienka of Plant Operations on Nov. 29 after four years of service for a job opportunity;

- Heard School Supt. Kudlak say the high school's Air Rifle Team competed in Ohio with many teams from different states and at least two of the team members did very well in preliminary results;

- Heard Jason Salhaney, principal of Owen School, say that sixth-grade science camp was to begin the next day. Later in the meeting, parent Angela Mears said she thought there were no field trips this school year. She wanted students to be able to take

the usual trip to Washington, D.C. Supt. Kudlak explained the district's thinking in not allowing that this year; and

- Heard Board President Amy Pearce say her husband is an airline pilot and belongs to a group that is offering Aviation STEM for high school in a four-year aviation program aimed at operating drones or becoming a pilot. She said 800,000 new pilots will be needed by 2030 and she will get more information to present to the district.

BHS Tiger Drama presents 'Rumors' by Neil Simon Nov. 19, 20

The members of Belleville High School's drama group are presenting "Rumors" by Neil Simon on Nov. 19 and 20 at the Belleville High School Auditorium.

The show begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, and at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 20.

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Community Art Show is this weekend at Belleville Yacht Club

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will present its 12th-annual Community Art Show this weekend at the Belleville Yacht Club.

The opening reception for the art show will be Friday, Nov. 12, from 7-9 p.m. It is the time to meet the artists. Prize winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded in five categories: 3D/Upcycled, 2D, Photography, Children Ages 6-12, and Teens Ages 13-17.

Public viewing continues on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show is open to the public and free of charge.

A People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the show. All attendees will have a chance to choose the piece of art they like the most.

Prize winners will be judged by two professional artists.

Tracy Hill is a self-taught artist specializing in mixed-media painting. Tracy spent 15 years as an art instructor for Pre-K through 8th grade in both the public and private schools systems. She also owned her own art and pottery studio, Picasso's Playhouse, where she gave private lessons focusing on drawing, painting, hand-building and wheel-throwing to children of all ages for eight years before moving to Michigan. She has done commissioned pieces for the Oprah Winfrey Show and various celebrity

clients. Hill currently resides in Novi.

Mike Giammarco studied graphic design at Henry Ford Community College and has spent the past 25 years working behind the scenes in the music industry. Giammarco takes pride in being head of venue security while also designing tour signage, merchandise, and credentials for the tours. He has worked for the likes of Kid Rock, The Eagles, Aerosmith, Future, The Jonas Brothers, and many more. Giammarco resides in Harper Woods.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.

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Steve Jones, Amy Henry win four-year seats on Belleville City Council

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In the Nov. 2 election, Steve Jones, 49, of 371 Church St., and Amy Henry, 52, of 45 Potter Dr., won four-year terms on the Belleville City Council. Jones got 258 votes and Henry got 50 votes.

They will fill the vacant seats now held by Tom Fielder and Jesse Marcotte who did not seek reelection.

Jones was the only one filing to be on the ballot and Henry filed as a write-in candidate and her name was not on the ballot.

Jones got 23 votes in Precinct 1 from those voting in person and 26 in Precinct 2 in the in-person votes. He also got 102 absentee votes in Precinct 1 and 107 absentee votes in Precinct 2, making 258 total votes.

Henry got eight votes in Precinct 1 from those voting in person and six in Precinct 2 in the in-person votes. She also got 23 absentee write-in votes in Precinct 1 and 13 absentee write-in votes in Precinct 2, making a total of 50 write-in votes.

Clerk Brianna Hootman said the write-in votes were hand-counted. There were a total of 65 write-in votes and 50 of those were for Henry. The other 15 did not count because no one else filed as a write-in candidate.

Belleville had 3,368 registered voters as of Nov. 2, with 1,542 in Precinct 1 and 1,826 in Precinct 2. The 323 total votes cast

represented about 10% (.0959) of the total voters.

Jones and Henry will take office on Dec. 6 after being sworn in by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley.

Sumpter election

On Nov. 2, Sumpter held an election in two precincts for the Huron Schools Millage Renewal proposal. Votes were 55 yes and 29 votes, according to Sumpter's unofficial results.

According to the Wayne County Clerk's office, the Huron Schools' proposal passed with 1,497 yes and 669 no votes.

Romulus City election

On Nov. 2, Romulus City voters elected Robert McCraight as mayor with 2,483 votes over Alan Lambert, with 1,732. McCraight earned 58.64% of the votes for the office. Current Mayor LeRoy Burcroff did not run for reelection.

Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg was unopposed and received 3,415 votes (98.93%). Treasurer Stacy A. Paige also was unopposed and received 99.11% of the votes.

There were 12 candidates running for the seven council positions and the following won, according to unofficial totals posted on the Wayne County Clerk's Office website. They are incumbents:

- John Barden, 2,530
- Virginia Williams, 2,433
- Tina Talley, 2,333
- William Wadsworth, 2,204
- Celeste Roscoe, 2,102
- Kathy Abdo, 2,100
- Eva Webb, 2,022

Others running were Allen Wilson, 1,662; Harry Crout, 1,630; David Hotz, 930; Shakeel Ahmed, 851; and Dwight Helms, 658.

A Romulus Charter Amendment passed with 3,058 yes and 863 no votes. The proposed amendment read:

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Clarification: Director Laurain responds to Belleville FD incident

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said members of his department had a meeting on Monday about the story on page three in last week's *Independent* about Belleville Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte who called for help from the city fire department and "nobody came."

Van Buren Township handles police, fire and emergency dispatch for the City of Belleville under a paid agreement.

Director Laurain questioned the "eight-minute automatic-aid response" described by Councilman Ken Voigt, a retired city police officer, with city Fire Chief Brian Loranger agreeing. Laurain said there has been no such directive in his long tenure and he said Sgt. Louis Keele agreed it had never been in his long tenure, either.

Also, the statement that Van Buren Township dispatch holds off calling the fire department for five to seven minutes and the call goes to police and HVA first isn't true, Laurain said.

"All fire calls are dispatched in a timely manner," Laurain said. He noted that during the COVID crisis the township's police weren't dispatched to medical runs at all to cut down on the number of people potentially getting exposed to the virus.

He said VBT does have an automatic aid policy and sends its fire department when there is a working fire at a governmental, educational, business, or multi-level structure. This is different from mutual aid that is requested, he said.

"We're doing a good job here," Laurain said of the dispatch and fire department at the township.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief David McNally said the CAD system referred to by city Fire Chief Loranger is a system called BRYX that sends information to the monitor screen in the station and to individual phones to alert fire fighters to just who has responded as coming to the call.

Chief McNally said the dispatcher has to click the system and attach it to the call, putting "a truck" onto the map, and he has

no idea if that was done in the Oct. 24 call by Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte.

Rosemary Otzman, editor



Nov. 12 – Michelle Littleton, Angela Samyn, Nevaeh Robinson

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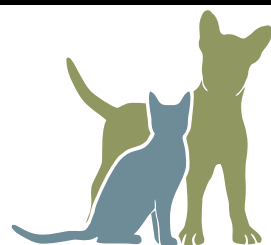
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This is a picture of the full Belleville City Council on Nov. 1, the first time they all had been together in person since zoom meetings started. From left are Councilwoman Kelly Bates, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte, Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Councilmen Ken Voigt and Tom Fielder. There is one more meeting for this council, on Nov. 15. Council members Marcotte and Fielder did not run for reelection. The two newly elected councilmembers, Steve Jones and Amy Henry, will be sworn in by 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley at the Dec. 6 meeting.

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City of Belleville announces winners in scarecrow contest

On Oct. 29, judging took place for the 2021 Scarecrow Contest in the City of Belleville.

There were nine entries.

“Choosing the winners was a difficult process because all of the scarecrows were exceptional,” said Tim McLean, Deputy City Manager/DDA Director. “The work

that residents and business owners put into their scarecrows demonstrates a very high level of community pride in Belleville.”

This year, there were no entries in the Families / Individuals Category. These organizations were selected as the winners for other three categories:

- Business: Edward Jones
- Organization (Adult): Belleville Police Department
- Organization (Youth): Girl Scout Troop 75917

“Congratulations to the winners and a

huge thank you to all of the participants,” McLean said.

Editor’s Note: On Monday we received the following explanation from McLean: “We did receive an entry form for the girl scouts. However, it appears they opted not to do one. As they would have been the only entry for the ‘Youth Organization,’ they would have won by default. Since they opted not to do a scarecrow, we had no entries for ‘Youth Organization.’ Apologies for any confusion.”



Independent photos by James Otzman

This scarecrow is in front of Edward Jones on Main Street. It is the winner of the Business category in the City of Belleville’s Downtown Development Authority’s scarecrow contest.



This scarecrow won first place in the Adult Organization category. It stands at City Hall and features a nametag for Dave Robinson, Belleville’s City Manager and Police Chief.

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VBT Plan

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the substation will be replaced. He said DTE will be seeking no variances.

Kojaian preliminary site plan

The commission also approved a preliminary site plan for Kojaian Van Buren Acquisitions, LLC, to construct a 66,450 square foot speculative industrial building and related site improvements at 6615 Haggerty Road.

The property is on the east side of Haggerty, north of Ecorse Road and south of Van Born Road and is zoned M-1, Light Industrial.

Director Power explained that there had been a proposed site plan approved for the property in 2018 by Neapco Driveline, but plans changed and the owner of the property decided to pursue construction for a potential manufacturing or light

industrial tenant. Not Neapco.

Krishan said the owner decided to change its building for a speculative user. She said five different tax parcels have been combined to make the 5.31-acre site with two curb cuts. There will be cross access to the adjoining Neapco site for fire protection, she said.

Tony Antone from Kojaian company said they took Neapco to Romulus because it was growing and needing space.

"This building could end up being for them," he said.

Antone also said they are going to have to focus on getting Haggerty Road repaved, referring to its disintegration.

Director Power said Haggerty Road paving is a priority of the township.

Updates

Director Power said a student at Wayne State University, Ashley Harris, wants to ask questions about being on the planning

commission and he asked members who will agree to talk to her to send him an email.

He said because of the holidays there

are just two meetings left before the end of the year: Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. He also reminded commissioners they are required to have two training sessions per year.

LDFA will owe Van Buren Twp. more than \$4 million by end of year

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Van Buren Township loaned the township's Local Development Finance Authority \$1 million in March and another \$775,000 on Sept. 1.

Both "advances" were necessary to supplement existing LDFA funds in order to meet the bond obligations due on April 1 and Oct. 1, said VBT Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham in a memo to LDFA chairman Michael Dotson.

As detailed in the loan agreement, the LDFA has agreed to pay interest on the township's shortfall payment until they are reimbursed at an annual interest rate equal to the average interest rate that the township is earning on the investment of its general fund monies, Bellingham explained.

He provided a spreadsheet detailing the

running total of the loan and a projection through the end of 2021, when the total with interest will be \$4,189,873.33.

Bellingham said the interest rate being charged on the "advances" has decreased significantly due to the historically low interest rates being earned on the township's money market and pooled savings accounts. The interest rate shown on the spread sheet is 0.100%.

He said the annual budget continues to focus on debt service and legal fees related to the ongoing litigation with Visteon Corporation. The updated budget for 2022 has minimal other expenses.

LDFA second vice-chairman John Delaney asked if they had heard anything from Kaveh Kashef, the township's attorney on the Visteon law suit, and Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they had a meeting with him and LDFA vice chairman Doug Peters, a retired attorney, was invited.

Chairman Dotson said he will talk to those who met with Kashef and they'll decide if there is a need for a legal update.

Also, at the 21-minute, zoom meeting on Sept. 14, the LDFA board:

- Held its informational meeting as required by Public Act 57. Two sessions outlining the 2020 LDFA Synopsis of Activities are required each year, said Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman. He noted in his synopsis that due to economic conditions, the LDFA is not capturing sufficient tax revenue to cover the bond payments and due to the shortfall, which occurred on Oct. 1, 2019, the LDFA was loaned \$700,000 on Sept. 4, 2019 to assist with the payment. And then, in 2020, the loans were \$900,000 in March and \$800,000 in September. The advances will continue going forward until the bond obligation is fulfilled; and
- Studied the proposed 2022 LDFA budget prepared by Bellingham, which is almost the same as 2021.



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Court Watching:**Belleville resident bound over to circuit court on 10 drug, firearm charges**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Oct. 25, after holding a preliminary examination on the charges, 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley found there was probable cause to bind Timothy Ryan

Frye, 37, of Belleville over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. Frye was due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on Nov. 8.

Frye is charged with three counts of controlled substance, second offense (double penalty); two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, two counts of possession of ammunition by a felon, and four weapons counts on April 14 in the City of Belleville.

The case was brought by the Western Wayne Narcotics team made up of eight police officers.

Michigan State Police Trooper Keller, who was part of the team, testified that Frye was taken into custody after a traffic stop of his black Ford Fusion. A warrant was served for a search of his apartment on Wexford Street.

The officer listed what was found in a black backpack in Frye's vehicle trunk. That included an automatic pistol with the registration numbers obliterated, a black Taurus handgun, a loaded magazine, narcotics, methamphetamine, magnetic boxes that are used to hide under and in vehicles to evade detection, and a monster can with a screw-off lid with a void within

for hiding substances. He also said there was a digital scale and pick, and a non-firearm weapon (silver, double-edge brass knuckles with a blade). He also listed 173 Xanax, 37-plus oxycodone, and 55 grams of methamphetamine.

Under cross-examination, the officer testified the vehicle was pulled over within a couple blocks of the Wexford Street residence.

Det./Sgt. Amy Smith of the Van Buren Township Police Department, who has been assigned to the MSP Narcotics Team for the last three years, testified how the substances were field-tested.

Defense attorney Jonathan Hordos said the search warrant doesn't name the vehicle for a search, just the property. Among other objections, he also pointed out that nobody identified defendant Frye as the person who was pulled over and had all these things in his vehicle. Those present to testify could not identify him and it was all here-say, Hordos said.

Judge Oakley agreed that nobody said, "That's the guy." He paused the preliminary exam while the prosecutor called Belleville Police Department to get Officer Bart Devos to come in to testify.

Officer Devos testified he retired from the VBT police department and was working for Belleville Police Department on Aug. 8.

He said he was on patrol and had a communication from Amy Smith concerning the search warrant and he conducted the traffic stop. He said he stopped the black Ford Focus with one person in the vehicle. He pointed to Frye as the driver. He said he assisted in the search of the vehicle when the gun and drugs were found.

Under cross-examination he testified that he had met Frye before. When asked if he had a body cam, Officer Devos said he has a brand-new body cam that came in four or five months ago.

He testified he had been warned that Frye was possibly armed and dangerous, so he was looking for a weapon after he handcuffed him and put him in the back of his car.

Judge Oakley said he now had probable cause to bind Frye over to circuit court.

Jason Allan Armstrong

At his probable cause conference on Oct. 13, Jason Allan Armstrong, 34, of Van Buren Township had his live preliminary exam set for Dec. 6.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier said she would get the digital evidence needed in the case to give to the defense attorney. Her motion in the case concerning his weapons was denied by 34th

District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley.

Armstrong is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm, and domestic violence on Dec. 29, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

Prosecutor Fortier said the defendant's firearms were given to his employer. She said she has a picture of Mr. Armstrong pointing a gun and asked defense attorney James Amberg if he wanted to see the picture. Amberg declined, saying it was from a video and he needed to see the whole thing, not just one shot, which could be misconstrued. He said his client wasn't pointing it at anyone and could be just holding it.

Fortier said the defendant has easy access to firearms because of his employment.

Amberg said Armstrong is a federal agent and veteran and a victim of Mrs. Armstrong. He said his client had to turn in his service weapon because of these charges and now he's on desk duty. He said Armstrong is usually flying around the world picking up nefarious criminals and bringing them back. Amberg said his client has been the victim of a series of false accusations by his former wife.

A charge of domestic violence against Armstrong last year was dismissed by Judge Green after a hearing and a motion by defense attorney Amberg.

Armstrong is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Barney Bernard Sullivan

Barney Bernard Sullivan, 42, of Highland Park was arraigned by zoom from the Wayne County Jail by Judge Martin on July 20 on a felony charge of domestic violence-third offense in Van Buren Township on June 26. Court attorney Dan Bitar served as defense attorney for the arraignment and told the judge that Sullivan is an actor in California and came back to Michigan and is living with his mother in Highland Park.

Judge Martin noted the Van Buren Township police requested a \$10,000/10% bond for him and no contact with the victim. Bitar said Sullivan had posted \$10,000/10% bond to Wayne County Circuit Court and was ordered to be on GPS tether for another domestic violence charge. Judge Martin ordered \$10,000 personal bond for Sullivan and no contact with the victim. His probable cause conference was set for July 28.

On July 28, Judge Oakley set Sullivan's zoom exam for 11 a.m., Oct. 18, and at that time he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 1, which was delayed until Nov. 4.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ypsilanti will be holding a Holiday Festival Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on church grounds at the Holy Family Center. The event will feature crafters, bake sale, gift baskets, 50/50 with door prizes, and a holiday luncheon with soup and sandwiches, drinks, and snacks. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper. The event is presented by the St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women.

The Bake Shoppe in Belleville on Savage near Bemis Roads is taking Thanksgiving orders now through Sunday, Nov. 21 for pies, cakes, breads, rolls, cheesecakes, donuts and much more. They'll be closing at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th, but will reopen on Saturday, the 27th. Call (734) 699-2236 to place an order and see their ad in today's paper.

Belleville Tigers football continued its

march to Ford Field with a 41-0 victory over Canton at BHS on Nov. 5 to advance to the State Quarterfinals. Belleville improved to 10-1 and will host Dearborn Fordson (9-2), a team that they edged out 21-19 during the regular season back on Sept. 24. The game will take place this Saturday, Nov. 13, beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets are not available at the gate and must be purchased online. The link is <https://gofan.co/app/events/425469?schoolId=MI9892>. The winner will advance to face the Macomb Dakota/Sterling Heights Stevenson winner next weekend in the Division One semifinals. Good luck, Tigers!

Our thoughts go out to the family of Barbara Gibbs (Gibbs Sweet Station New Boston) who passed away Nov. 4 in North Carolina, where she moved following her retirement in 2019. The ice cream shop has since been reopened and remodeled by the Dr. Joseph "Doc" Richert Family, another local name with a rich history of serving the New Boston community for decades. The fact that it remains an ice cream store (with coffee) is the topping on this ice cream story. My favorite memories of Gibbs were the mechanical bell that dinged in the door jamb when you walked into the place, the creaking wooden floor and the local history plastered in frames featuring newspaper headlines, photos, and antiques of it being once a general store. Gibbs collected ice cream scoops, too, and there had to be hundreds of them displayed that got your attention. Gibbs sold Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream out of Carleton, which is still the ice cream of choice being served today at Doc's Ice Cream & Coffee. Love local.

Be sure to check out the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 12th-annual Community Art Show this weekend, which returns as an in-person event Nov. 12-14 at the BYC on East Huron River Drive. Admission is free and open to the public starting Friday evening, from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.bacaart.org.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 896 6542 3972 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Delayed Arrival: Trustee Boynton (6:17 p.m.) Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Deputy Supervisor Selman, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Communications Specialist Nichols, Consultant Krishnan, Representatives on behalf of the Kenworth Truck proposal, and a maximum audience of twenty-eight (28).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Session Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021, Closed Session Minutes of October 18, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021; Prepaid List of October 21, 2021; Prepaid List of October 28, 2021; Voucher List of November 2, 2021; Approval of the 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent/Excused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The Township Administrative office will be closed Thursday November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran Day, thanked Bob and Marie Krouse for placing and maintaining flags on Veterans graves for well over 20 years, thanked Communications Specialist Nichols for his service and wished in best of luck in his new career, announced Michigan State Senator's will be taking action on short term rentals to allow up to 30% of Van Buren Township residents to rent their properties without any local Township regulation, announced the FERC results of the French Landing Dam safety inspection indicating the dam passed with no areas of concern identified, announced yard waste pickup ends the week of November 22, 2021, read an email from a resident in Haggerty Subdivision regarding the poor condition of the sidewalks throughout the subdivision, announced the Clerk's Office is working on redistricting of all voting precincts in Van Buren Township in conjunction with the State Redistricting and all voters will be receiving new voter Identification cards and announced Haggerty school will be closing and the Township will be unable to use it as a polling location, a new polling location will be established at Edgemont Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None. Trustee Boynton joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Miller moved, Wright seconded to open discussion on returning to in person Board of Trustees meetings. Board

members were in consensus to continue remote meetings through the end of 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2021-22 the 2021 Amended and 2022 General Fund Budget and 2022 salary schedule Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Martin moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2021-23 the 2021 Amended and 2022 Water and Sewer Fund Budget. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved; Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2021-24 the 2021 Amended and 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budgets (Downtown Development Authority, Local Development, Finance Authority Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-9-1-1, Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Long Term Debt Fund, Capital Improvement Fund). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Budd requested to recuse herself from New Business item #4 due to her personal interest in the subject property.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to allow Treasurer Budd to recuse herself from discussion and voting on New Business item #4 (the special land use request and related site improvements by General Development Company LLC, on behalf of owner Belleville North Marsh Ventures LLC, to construct a 59,820 sq. ft. facility for Kenworth Trucks). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

Miller moved; Wright seconded to approve the special land use request and related site improvements by General Development Company LLC (on behalf of owner Belleville North Marsh Ventures LLC) to construct a 59,820 sq. ft. facility for Kenworth Trucks. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Recused: Budd. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the personal services agreement between the Township and Lawrence Luckett for the Director of Public Services. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Deputy Supervisor Selman thanked everyone involved in working on the Budgets.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Trustee Miller voiced her dissatisfaction with the elimination of scheduled Work Study Sessions in 2022 and Trustee Frazier concurred. Trustee Boynton did not feel all Work Study Sessions should be removed from the schedule. Clerk Wright reiterated that he was not in any way trying to imply Board members should not ask questions when commenting on new business item #4 and disagreed with the need for scheduled Work Study sessions in 2022 favoring sessions as needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Sumpter Planners set two public hearings on ordinance amendments

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its 33-minute zoom meeting on Nov. 4, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission set two virtual public hearings for 7 p.m., Dec. 9, to get public comment on two proposed ordinance amendments.

Jon Enos of Carlisle Wortman was present as planning consultant since the township's former consultant Chris Adkin went to work for another firm in Jackson.

Enos said the text amendment recommended for allowing outdoor vehicle sales in a light industrial district would permit auto repair and vehicle sales in the same district.

Enos said he recommends the dealership as a special use, conditional use, that would require each such request to be approved by the township board.

"We don't want it to be a junkyard," he said.

The car sales use was requested by Adil, who owns 50425 Bemis Rd., that was approved as a slaughterhouse and now is doing auto repairs, as well. Once the text amendment is approved, he will apply for selling cars.

"These kinds of uses tend to get a little busy," Enos said. "We can revoke special use."

Trustee Matt Oddy, who sits on the planning commission as board liaison, said the township has an auction business that sells cars and that property wraps around

Fox Auto and touches this property on Bemis.

Commissioners thought they were holding a public hearing on the text amendment and voted to send it on to the board with a recommendation for approval.

But it was determined that this meeting was not advertised as a public hearing, but only a public meeting, so a public hearing was set for Dec. 9.

The agenda for the Nov. 4 meeting had mistakenly listed both Item A, the zoning text amendment, and Item B, the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance, as public hearings.

Trustee Oddy introduced Item B, the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance, which is to establish, regulate, and specifically define the permitted locations for registered Primary CareGiver Operations being conducted under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008 within Sumpter Township.

These are changes to Ordinance sections 4.15.2, 5.16.2, and 6.55.

Oddy said this item came to the board at the recommendation of township attorney Rob Young who sat quietly during the zoom session, as Oddy continued.

He said a portion of this was repealed by the board a couple of years earlier because there had been lawsuits on the provisional center part and the Michigan Township Association recommended townships repeal that portion.

He said this is not to be construed as opting into the MMFLA (Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act of 2016).

Oddy said there have been positive court cases that encouraged reinstatement of the zoning ordinance where the township can state where caregivers can grow outside of their primary residences and that would be in an industrial zoned property.

He said they would need to set a public hearing so the township can get this back on its books.

Oddy said attorney Young would send out some new versions and meanwhile they would put out notices for a public hearing in 30 days. The commission can discuss the changes and get public input and then approve acceptance by the board.

He said what they are proposing is what every community, whose ordinance he read, is doing and putting it in industrial-zoned property.

He said this may be superceded by the state which is considering changes to the law.

[Van Buren Township amended its

ordinance as well by approving the second reading on Dec. 1, 2021, but it restricted caregivers to keep grows in residential areas only, under strict guidelines using up to 300 square feet of the dwelling or 20% of the home.]

Young thanked Oddy for explaining the item and said this item was referred to the planning commission by the township board for the commission to look at. He said this is not opting in but giving more control by municipalities about where they let these grows be.

The commission also approved planning commission meeting dates for 2022. They were told they were quarterly, similar to last year: Feb. 10, May. 12, Aug. 11, and Nov. 10.

The commission approved the minutes of its last meeting, which was on June 10.

Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Richard Pokerwinski. Daniel Watson, who was identified as an "Alternate" on the agenda, voted as part of the commission.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 11** – Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Horizon Park, Belleville. Includes speakers, prayers, rifle salute, ROTC from the high school. Put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4434, and Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post 167.

• **Friday, Nov. 12** – 7-9 p.m., opening reception for the 12th-annual Community Art Show at the Belleville Yacht Club, sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Meet the artists and judges. Prize winners in five categories will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Free.

• **Friday, Nov. 12** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m.

Bingo party held at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Parish Activity Center (school building). Bingo prizes awarded are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Raffle prizes. Info: (734) 697-2061

• **Saturday, Nov. 13** – Public viewing of the BACA Art Show at the BYC, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

• **Saturday, Nov. 13** – Cheer on the Belleville High School team as it vies with Fordson High School for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's regional football championship. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at the BHS football field. Tickets can be purchased online only at <https://gofan.co/app/events/425469?schoolId=MI9892>. Show the ticket(s) on mobile devices at entry.

• **Sunday, Nov. 14** – Public viewing of local art at the BYC, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

• **Friday, Nov. 19** – Tiger Drama presents "Rumors" by Neil Simon at the BHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each at the door.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 249 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 31:

0012 – overdose, Lancaster Dr.
0016 – noise complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr. / Tavistock Dr.
0139 – family trouble, McKinley St.
0205 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0312 – property check, Lighthouse Dr.
0415 – assist citizen, Oak Ln.
0957 – welfare check, Alden Ave.
1045 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
1319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1442 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1530 – traffic offense, Amanda Dr.
1540 – dumping complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1823 – property check, Walden Woods
1836 – property check, Charter Club Estates
1841 – property check, Andover Farms
1844 – traffic offense, Wildbrook Dr./Savage Rdd.
1859 – property check, Harmony Ln.
1937 – family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.
1946 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2002 – threat, Lighthouse Dr.
2121 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 1:

0141 – family trouble, Buchanan St.
0329 – missing person, E. Huron River Dr.
0624 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
0805 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0910 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1100 – animal complaint, Truman
1149 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1210 – follow up by officer, Denton Rd.
1258 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1432 – ordinance violation, Parkwood
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1444 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1503 – larceny from auto, Kahla Dr.
1532 – harassment call, Hamilton St.
1604 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1632 – fraud, Florence Ln.
1705 – 911 welfare check, Lancaster Dr.
1721 – harassment call, McBride Ave.
1816 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
1906 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
1914 – property damage accident, E. US 12/Ecorse
2041 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2137 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2300 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
2342 – family trouble, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 2:

0031 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0219 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0410 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0751 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
0916 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.
1001 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.
1022 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1044 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1116 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
1436 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1704 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1711 – assist other dept., Main St.
1714 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
1743 – suicidal person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1839 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1900 – harassment call, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1902 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2011 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2121 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
2132 – domestic, Holly Ln.
2138 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
2228 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
2353 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 3:

0029 – juvenile complaint, Sylvia Dr.
0516 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0611 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0621 – assist other dept., Colony Ln.
0641 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
0656 – welfare check, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service
0813 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook
0843 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0853 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0918 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0940 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0943 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0946 – private property/property damage accident, Maurice Dr.
1214 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1233 – private property/property damage accident, Reedgrass Ln./Tallgrass Ct.
1305 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1450 – threat, Holly Ln.
1536 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Old Denton Rd.
1838 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2130 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2346 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
2350 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 4:

0329 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0716 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
0736 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0935 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1327 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1424 – assist citizen, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1447 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1454 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1528 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1706 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1739 – parking complaint, Wildbrook
1917 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1919 – property check, The Parks of Belleville
1920 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1931 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1028 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
2132 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rock Creek Dr.
2148 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2255 – unattended death, Ironwood Dr.
2317 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2326 – overdose, Bemis Rd.

Friday, Nov. 5:

0321 – mental subject, Rawsonville Rd.
0454 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0734 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0800 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0800 – mental subject, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Springwood
1102 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1119 – vehicle impound, Ponderosa Trl.
1323 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
1411 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1440 – overdose, Denton Rd.
1443 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1513 – animal complaint, Millington Ct.
1612 – shooting, Bemis Rd.
1629 – neighbor trouble, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
1657 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1812 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1951 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2332 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 6:

0002 – private property impound, Harbour Club
0147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0737 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Hannan Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1123 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1124 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1205 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1406 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1516 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1557 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1603 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1612 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1612 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1657 – property damage accident, Greenwood Dr.
1750 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1915 – harassment call, Salem Ct.
2009 – animal complaint, Filmore St.
2107 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
2214 – neighbor trouble, Chatsworth Dr.

2303 – welfare check, Lake Pointe Pass
Also on this week’s log are 38 traffic stops, five of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 31:

1335 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1544 – assist other dept., Main St.
1725 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.
2219 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.
Monday, Nov. 1:
0327 – civil matter, Carmell St.
0408 – welfare check, Henry St.
0827 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
0952 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
1009 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
1149 – mental subject, Henry St.
1546 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
1557 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1618 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1624 – traffic stop, N. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
1651 – property check, Denton Rd.
1745 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1823 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1834 – traffic stop, Main St.
2035 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr

Tuesday, Nov. 2:

0004 – civil matter, Henry St.
0907 – animal complaint, Main St.
1001 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1022 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr.
1028 – fraud, Main St.
1107 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1233 – property check, Harbour Pointe Sub.
1352 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1433 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1707 – traffic stop, Main St.
2041 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
2117 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Bay Pointe
2118 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
2231 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./W. Columbia Ave

Wednesday, Nov. 3:

0443 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0545 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0556 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0952 – assist other dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
1033 – property damage accident, N. Biggs Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
1534 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1602 – assist citizen, Main St.
1728 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Clarence St.
2050 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.

Thursday, Nov. 4:

1125 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
Friday, Nov. 5:
0209 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
0507 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0614 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.
1508 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1629 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1639 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
2028 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2221 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2329 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 6:

0224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1334 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1355 – traffic stop, N. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
1407 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1726 – traffic stop, Tuscon Manor
2028 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

There were 32 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 31:

0137 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0156 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
0242 – noise complaint, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

0321 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
0405 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0817 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0907 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1052 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1100 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd. / Greenmeadow
1125 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1127 – traffic complaint, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
1139 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1230 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1242 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell
1245 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.
1411 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter
1725 – property damage accident, Judd Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1942 – suspicious circumstance, Bohn Rd./Reed
2249 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Nov. 1:

0618 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0936 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1112 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Bemis
1152 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1222 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1242 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1318 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Deborah Ct.
1328 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1627 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1713 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1740 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1925 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
2204 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 2:

0016 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0030 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0835 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1001 – neighbor dispute, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1115 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1447 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1558 – lost property, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1615 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1739 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2014 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2231 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 3:

0537 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
0624 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1148 – traffic complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1150 – follow-up investigation, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1549 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Judd
1649 – hunting complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2324 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 4:

0037 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
0218 – fire dept. assist, Birch Ct.
0859 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1129 – suspicious vehicle, Clark Rd./Judd Rd.
1702 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1729 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Fenster
1839 – family trouble, Delaware St.
2224 – fire dept. assist, Harris Rd./Savage Rd.
2355 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Friday, Nov. 5:

0935 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
0954 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1025 – citizen assist, out of township
1123 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1312 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1407 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1421 – neighbor dispute, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1503 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1616 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1814 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1915 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1958 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
2150 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
2230 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 6:

0358 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0416 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Harris
0813 – traffic complaint, Judd Rd./Rawsonville
0819 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1200 – suspicious person, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz
1357 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1438 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1518 – shots fired, Martinsville Rd./Willis Rd.
1613 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1643 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Jacqueline Dalzell becomes Certified Funeral Celebrant

Jacqueline Dalzell, grief counselor and public relations specialist for David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, recently attended a three-day workshop to become a Certified Funeral Celebrant. The training was held at the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA) in Columbus, Ohio.

The Funeral Celebrant training is a new approach to personalized funerals presented by Doug Manning and Glenda Stansbury of the InSight Institute. By the end of 2019 they had trained more than 4,100 funeral celebrants throughout the United States and Canada.

A Funeral Celebrant is a lay person, a member of the clergy, or a funeral director who has been trained in the specific area of conducting funerals for families who wish to have a personalized and individualized funeral service experience.

Society has become much more mobile and much less tied to the church, Dalzell said. Many people are not affiliated with a religion or theology, and do not have clergy on whom to call in times of death, she said.

Also, many people are not comfortable with a traditional religious funeral ceremony. Therefore, the need for Funeral Celebrants has become more apparent, she said.

This practice is used widely in New Zealand and Australia. In some cases, Civil Celebrants, who are licensed by the government in those countries, perform over 50% of the funerals and weddings. Doug Manning, one of the leading speakers and authors in the bereavement field, toured these countries several years ago, and brought back the idea that people in the

United States and Canada needed this option.

The three-day training included people from all over the country who will either offer these services to families who come to their funeral homes or individuals who will contract with firms to offer these services to the community.



Jacqueline Dalzell

Celebrants offer personalized funeral services, life tributes, memorial services, and graveside memorials. They meet with the family to help them design a service that reflects the life and attributes of their loved one. Dalzell will offer this option to families who choose David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Rep. Bellino initiates change to help dialysis patients continue care

A solution brought forward by State Rep. Joe Bellino to ensure dialysis patients continue to have access to in-home treatment was signed into law Oct. 29 by the governor.

Rep. Bellino, R-Monroe, said a change in state law made last year to cut down on fraudulent prescriptions in response to the opioid epidemic had unintentional consequences for Michigan residents who undergo home-based dialysis treatment.

"Dialysis provides a lifeline for many Michiganders, and I want to make sure no one experiences an unintended interruption in treatment," Rep. Bellino said. "This solution will make sure dialysis treatment providers can continue to offer care to patients in the comfort and protection of their own homes."

Dialysis treatment clinics are already exempt from the strict e-prescription requirements. House Bill 4659 simply adds in-home dialysis treatment to the list of exemptions.

Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township, among other communities, in Lansing.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1757 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1802 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1903 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Also on this week's log are 99 patrol checks, 24 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

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