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Voters approve bond for Van Buren Schools

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In Tuesday's election, voters in the Van Buren Public Schools district approved a \$35,490,000 bond issue for 30 years to build an early childhood learning center and update schools and properties.

The total tally was 3,419 yes votes to 2,674 no votes.

The school district spreads over five municipalities and the question was on the ballots in the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Canton Township, and Ypsilanti Township.

- In Belleville the vote was 381 yes and 225 no;
- In Sumpter Township it was 257 yes to 377 no;
- In Van Buren Township it was 1,963 yes to 1,399 no;
- In Canton Township it was 603 yes to 509 no; and
- In Ypsilanti Township it was 215 yes to 164 no.

Belleville returns

In the City of Belleville, Mayor Kerreen Conley was returned to office unopposed garnering the most votes for a candidate on the ballot: 452.

Winning the two seats on the council were two newcomers: Ken Voigt with 404 votes and Kelly Bates with 375 votes. Incumbent Jack Loria earned 273 votes and write-in candidate Aafrika Broadus Poole earned 8 votes.

The advisory vote on the proposed City Public Safety Special Assessment was 348 yes votes and 262 no votes. The council is expected to vote at its Nov. 18 meeting on a special assessment of two mills. The special assessment vote needs to be taken annually and the council says it is needed for 10 years. The assessment is expected to bring in \$90,000 the first year it is levied.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Barbara Miller was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She was one of the organizers of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the promoter of cultural events in the community for more than 25 years.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts announces Art Show winners

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts celebrated the 10th year of the Belleville Community Art Show by presenting awards of appreciation for outstanding members.

Jean Morris received a plaque for helping organize the Art Show Committee and contributing her artwork for all 10 years.

Neil and Thelma Griffin received an award for their leadership of the 2018-2019

Community Art Fish Project. Ken Voigt received recognition for his outstanding contribution in presenting Music Lakeside for 10 years straight. Voigt acknowledged John Juriga and Steve Jones, who have been a part of Music Lakeside from the beginning.

Barbara Miller was presented with The Lifetime Achievement Award. Miller was one of the organizers of BACA and has been the promoter of community cultural programs for more than 25 years. In 2019 she was instrumental in bringing back the Missoula Children's Theater. For 2020 she is organizing trips to the opera, The Purple Rose and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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VB T man arrested in killing of wife

At 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Van Buren Township Dispatch received a call from a man stating his father who resides in Van Buren Township just called and told him he killed his mother.

VB T Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain said officers responded to the 7000 block of Fay Drive in Belle Point subdivision and located the victim, a 62-year-old VB T female, deceased from what appeared to be a gunshot wound.

The site is in the subdivision immediately northeast of the Belleville / Ecorse road intersection.

With assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, the husband/suspect was located a short time later traveling westbound on I-94 in Berrien County and was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was being held in the Berrien County Jail pending pick up by VB T police Tuesday morning.

Director Laurain said Tuesday morning that this incident is believed to be domestic-related. The name of the victim was being withheld pending notification of other family members. The name of the suspect was withheld pending charges.

Police arrest 2 in armed robberies at Hungry Howie's, Walmart

A male and female were arrested at the Red Roof Inn on Saturday after they were suspected of pulling off two armed robberies earlier that morning.

Van Buren Township Police Lieutenant Charles Bazzay said that within two hours of the robberies, they had the two in custody.

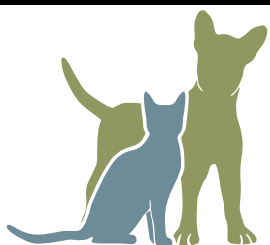
Lt. Bazzay said at 1:13 a.m. Saturday, Hungry Howie's was robbed with a gun seen and money taken. The robber was wearing a hoody and a Halloween mask, according to a witness.

At 4:24 a.m., a cashier at Walmart was robbed by a person fitting the same

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District 6400 Governor John Chambers, at left, with honoree Joyce Rochowiak, and Belleville Rotary President Rachel Kozlowski



District 6400 Governor John Chambers, new Rotary member Patti Monroe, and Belleville Rotary President Rachel Kozlowski



Judge David Parrott and Rotary District 6400 Governor John Chambers



Bill and Valerie McNeece of Haiti Outreach Missions accepted the grant for this project.



Marsha Hanoian, left, and Gabby Burton accepted the grant for Friday Fill-up.

Belleville Rotary Club celebrates Oct. 15 as night of grants, awards

On Oct. 15, the Rotary Club of Belleville provided financial grants to three worthy entities, recognized the contributions of current members, and installed a new member to the club.

"Friday Fill-up," represented by Gabby Burton and Martha Hanoian, received a check for \$500 to help provide children in food insecure households an extra boost of nutrition: a backpack with 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 snacks, plus an item to help the family stretch their food budget through the weekend. Friday Fill-up is headquartered at Trinity Episcopal. Those interested in helping in any way are encouraged to visit <http://www.trinitybell.org/friday-fill-up.html>.

The Belleville High School Robotics

Club, represented by teacher and Robotics Club advisor Aaron Lang, received a grant for \$1,000 to provide a new motor and parts for the robot the club is building for this year's competition. The local Rotary has a history of investing in the futures of Belleville area students, annually providing scholarships to local students and donating dictionaries to third graders throughout the district. Those graduating students interested in applying for one of this year's seven scholarships may obtain an application at <https://www.bellevillerotary.org/>.

A third grant of \$5,000 was given to Bill and Valerie McNeece of Haiti Outreach Missions which provides clean water filters

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

More pictures to be printed in upcoming weeks

The last few weeks have had many contest winners announced – from the Rotary Club awards to Halloween costumes in downtown Belleville, scarecrows in the downtown, and the annual Community Art Show.

We were there to take pictures of all the winners, but our little newspaper doesn't have enough space to publish them all at once.

We will print the winners of all those contests in the upcoming weeks – heading right up to the pictures from Winter Fest. It may take a while, but these are important photos since they are our local residents – many of whom haven't been seen in our pages before.

We try to give as much news as possible each week – concentrating on pocket-book issues. Those decisions that touch your hard-earned money are very important and you need to know about them.

We've found that court watching also is important for residents to know what's going on in their neighborhoods and how our justice system handles the offenses.

And, the letters are important, and the obituaries, and on and on. One reader says the most important news item to her is what orphan is up for adoption at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

It's all important and we try to balance out the space we have. All this is to say, please be patient. Your pictures are coming.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Thursday morning, after 10 a.m., when we were delivering *Independents* to businesses in downtown Belleville, traffic on Main Street was interrupted by a series of fire and police vehicles heading south over the Belleville Bridge, through red lights, and downtown Belleville with sirens blaring.

Several people on my newspaper delivery route asked if I knew what was going on because all the activity frightened them. It must be really bad, they told me.

After I got back to the office, I called Van Buren Township Fire Department and Fire Lt. Doug Doty told me it had been a traffic accident on Hull Road. No injuries. The emergency vehicles did get held up by a train, he confirmed.

Several people who came in to pick up papers told us that they saw a train had been holding up traffic on South Street, including fire trucks and police cars.

We received a call from one of the victims of disbarred attorney Tom White. The caller told of a strange letter she received from someone who had served in the prison with White at St. Louis, MI. She wanted to know if anyone else received such a letter.

She said it was from a man who said he was in prison for shooting his daughter's husband and he expects to get out in two years. He knew specifics about our caller and wanted to start up a friendship. She's assuming that White gave him the information.

She said she was taking the letter to her local police department to make a report.

We received a call from a reader who said



she and a friend were having an argument that was getting heated. It was about whether the voters turned down any request by the Belleville Area District Library. She said voters did turn down a request and her friend said they didn't.

So, I dug out my stories on the library and found in the 2014 August primary election voters from Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter turned down – with a 3 to 1 vote -- a request to fund building of a 45,000-square-foot library on the DNR property in Van Buren Township at the north side of the Belleville Bridge.

Library officials met with the voters who said they wanted their library to stay in the city. The smaller, 30,000-square-foot library is now being built in the city. A library branch is almost ready to open in Sumpter.

The woman who called said she is a widow and while the library may be useful to people with small children, she gets her information from the internet on her cellphone. It's hard to pay the taxes that keep going up, she said. She said she wishes there could be a break for older citizens who have been paying taxes for so many years. She said in VBT, on her 10 acres, she paid over \$5,000 last year and sometimes that's hard for her to come by.

Barber Bob recently retired from cutting hair at his barber shop across the street from the *Independent* offices, but on the afternoon of Halloween, he was back with some

family members. They quickly decorated the front of the shop for Halloween and got ready to hand out candy for the trick or treaters that were coming. He said he didn't want to disappoint the kids.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Melly Marcotte brought the newborn son of her and Councilman Jesse Marcotte to his first city council session. Aidan Xavier Marcotte was born Oct. 13, so I figure he was 22 days old. And, although he looked a little grumpy at being taken from his comfortable chair to come to a meeting, he was quiet and polite. His mother said he likes to sleep during the day and be up at night and they are trying to change his habits.

Another person who is upset with the long wait at the local Secretary of State office said he blew up there on Tuesday when he went there for something and saw only three people working behind the seven desks although many people were waiting for service. He said he berated the manager and then went home and made two calls to Lansing complaining about the long lines in Belleville. We've heard many such complaints about our Secretary of State office.



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Letters

Fly the flag: Nov. 11 is Veterans Day

To the editor:

This is a reminder to Belleville residents and all my South Biggs Street neighbors.

Monday, 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 I.D.

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, I will have a supply of FREE refurbished flags in front of my home (48 S. Biggs). Take one and join all my 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 11:50 a.m., Monday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park. All are invited. Bring the whole family; and
- Veteran's Day Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9, 4:30 until 8:30 p.m., at the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, 45476 Harris Rd., corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. This is a fund raiser for the Fisher House Michigan, \$10 per person and \$5 children. Active duty military and veterans eat free.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville resident
Life member VFW Post 4434

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God willing, if I am elected to be the supervisor of Sumpter Township, I will cut expenses and save money. I will ask my board members to approve a project for the senior citizens of Sumpter Township to build an apartment complex with a gym and cafeteria.

My next project will focus towards the young adults and securing them within the township. Too many people are leaving Sumpter because there are no future careers or opportunities.

I want to benefit the people directly and leave a positive legacy from me before I depart the township board. Whatever money I can save and recover, every penny, will go back into Sumpter Township. We have wasted 30 years on the current administration with no direct benefit felt by the citizens of Sumpter. I propose to finish everything in the next four years because I will not run for a second term. I will also work with the fire department to upgrade and improve the equipment.

I would like to take the time to thank you for all the support and well wishes. This will be my last letter of 2019. You can put your trust in me that I will never lie to you if you put me into this position. I promise to bring Sumpter Township forward for a better tomorrow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years in advance.

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Rotary

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The grants were funded through the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation.

After these awards, Rotary District 6400 Governor John Chambers honored

34th District Court Judge Parrott for reaching another milestone in his contributions to the Rotary Foundation and Joyce Rochowiak was given the "Doing the Right Thing" award in recognition of her service to the community and especially to Rotary in Belleville.

To top off the evening, the club installed its newest member Patti Monroe from Brown Funeral Home Services.

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Brown Funeral Home has earned the Pursuit of Excellence Award in the past.

This award is presented by NFDA annually to firms that have demonstrated a

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Traverse City was one of only five firms internationally who received the Best of the Best Award, recognizing them for the most novel and innovative programs in the nation.

In addition, A.H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe Woods was recognized with a Special Certificate of Honorable Mention.

More Letters

The city could only benefit from prayer ...

To the editor:

I read this article several times. Each time I tried to discern any hostility, negative demeanor, etc., from those requesting to pray for our city. I could find nothing but an innocent request.

On the other hand, the rather terse responses from those in attendance appeared rude at best, sounding dismissive, and very ungrateful.

Unless I have misread the article, or it was inaccurately reported, would it not have been more gracious to accept a prayer, thank the persons for their interest in our city, and send them on their way?

I personally believe that the city could only benefit from prayer, of any deity, or it certainly would cause no harm. And, we would not have offended the visitors to our community!

We all need to be respectful of others regardless of whether or not we share their ideology.

Phyllis Schrecengost, local resident

Editor's Note: The writer refers to the story "Belleville gets offer from couple who wants to pray for them, help city" that was published on page 11 of the Oct. 24 *Independent*.

Write a note to thank Theresa Moore

To the editor:

I just wanted to add a few words of gratefulness about Mrs. Theresa Moore who headed Adopt a Child Size for over 30 years. It is sad to see that she has stepped down because of illness. She has helped so many families that it's hard to count them.

I would like to see how many people will say thank you for the help that she provided for them. Write a little note to the

paper and say thank you. You don't have to leave your name. Your thank-yous will be received with heartfelt thank you.

Giving Mrs. Theresa Moore your gratitude will be like a million dollars. Let her know that her contribution to society has not gone unheralded.

Thank you for responding to this message. "Give thanks while the recipient can read your gratitude."

Marian Caldwell
Ypsilanti/Belleville

Still time to become a charter donor to library

To the editor:

A big "THANK YOU!" to the tri-community from the Belleville Area District Library (BADL)!

A year ago, we invited everyone to leave a "Legacy @ Your Library" by making charter donations for enhancements to the new building. We have been so very gratified by the response. Our community rose to the occasion and we have been able to slightly exceed our goal of \$400,000 in donations and pledges!

Donations large and small have come in from those who want to build in their support for this library that will serve the entire community for generations to come. Because of that generosity, we are able to include the building's special features that had previously been threatened by escalating building costs.

Our charter donors are such an important part of the community story behind the new library. It is not too late to be included. Charter donations to the library will be accepted until the end of 2019. Please contact BADL at (734) 699-3291 for more information.

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Sharon Claytor Peters, chair
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More Letters

VBTHalloween Candy Loop draws 800 children

To the editor:

It was a rainy, chilly evening but guests were quickly dried and warmed once inside the Van Buren Township Hall for the annual Halloween Candy Loop. Over 800 children of all ages attended the spooky fun

event dressed in an assortment of costumes from superheroes, pretty princesses to hairy, scary monsters, all who received sweet treats from various businesses and organizations.

Not only did guests show up to receive treats, various food items were donated to share with local food banks.

It was a spooktacular event for all!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made this event possible: Supervisor McNamara, Trustee Miller, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier, Van Buren

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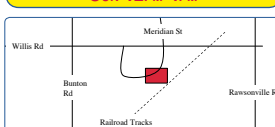
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TCF Bank, Atchinson Ford, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, Jitterbugs Elite Dance Inc., Van Buren Township DPW and last, but not least, Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation staff.

Looking forward to more tricks and treats next year!

Jennifer Wright, Director
Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation

Thanks to all who helped with art show

To the editor:

What a wonderful and successful Community Art show we had this past weekend. So many talented people in our area entered their art work for display and sales at the 10th Annual Community Art Show held at the BYC.

Categories were 2D, 3D, Photography, Mixed Media, Youth, and Recycled. A special table was set up in remembrance of 4 past artists.

Thank you to everyone who entered and who attended to celebrate 10 years of Community Art and Lakeside Music here in the Belleville area. Special thanks go to our judges Barbara Heller and Sally MacMullan. And our guest Judges Mary Jo

Suchy, Judge David Parrot, John Watkins, Donna Hall, Kevin McNamara, Rachel Koslowski, and Kerreen Conley.

We would also like to thank our sponsors Waste Management, Charlene and Mike Renaud, Jean and Kerry Morris, Neil and Thelma Griffin, Kelly C. Johnson PhD, Sumpter Collision, and Michele Montour.

Special thanks to Twisted Rooster, Garden Fantasy on Main, Judith Weed and Shirley Duprey, Belleville Area District Library, Dawn Pluff, and Michele Montour for all their help.

Please watch for coming events from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts in the coming months.

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Art awards

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts gives a special thank you to the judges of the artwork for the show: Barbara Heller, Director and Conservator of Special Projects for the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Sally Mac Mullan, local artist and former Hazel Park art teacher.

The winners are:

Adult 2-Dimension:

- 1st – Diane Matz, “Flight of the Butterfly”
- 2nd – Bernard Grant, “Riley 3”
- 3rd – Elizabeth Dobbs, “Into the Dark”

Adult 3-Dimension:

- 1st – Diane Eissinger, “Metamorphosis”
- 2nd – Loel Gnadt, “View in a Bowl”
- 3rd – Tim Marsh, “Interdependent”

Adult Photography:

- 1st – Gary Washington, “Crash”
- 2nd – Reg Ion, “Fourth Street Square”
- 3rd – Allen Brooks, “The Magic of Autumn”

Teens (Ages 13-18):

- 1st – Mercy Scott, 15 years, “Fall Cabin”
- 2nd – Aeris Tabor, 13 years, “Soul”
- 3rd – Richard Ernest, 16 years, “Love”

Children (Ages 6-12):

- 1st – Kylie Ion, 9 years, “Rapunzel”
- 2nd – Megan Mulvenna, “Lovely Holding Hands”
- 3rd – Brooklyn Nelson, 9 years, “Butterscotch”

Recycled Recreated:

- 1st – Steve Paulsen, “Mr. Goodlife”

- 2nd – Thelma Griffin, “A Country Scene”
- 3rd – Rhonda Dutton, “Christmas Time”

People’s Choice: Noelle Douglas, “Lunch Break at the Lake”

Winners in all 18 categories were awarded ribbons, cash prizes and special DIA goodie bags from judge Barbara Heller. Photos of the winners and their art can be seen on Facebook at Belleville Area Council for the Arts – BACA.

Guest judges were: Donna Hall, Rachel Kozlowski, Kevin McNamara, Judge David Parrott, Mary Jo Suchy and John Watkins.

BACA also thanks the Art Show Sponsors: Waste Management for Recycled Recreated Category, Jean & Kerry Morris, Mike & Charlene Renaud, Neil & Thelma Griffin, Belleville Bariatrics (Kelly C. Johnson, PhD, LP), Sumpter Collision (Jim Chudzinski), and Montour Designs (Michele Montour).

BACA appreciates and thanks the following businesses for their contributions: Garden Fantasy on Main, Egan’s Pub and Twisted Rooster. Programs were printed with the cooperation of the Belleville Area District Library and Montour Designs. Postcards were designed by Hobo Press.

More than 100 works of art were displayed at the Belleville Yacht Club over last weekend. One of the highlights of the show was the category Recycled Recreated, sponsored by Waste Management for the second year.

Elaine Gutierrez



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

Posing for a picture at the “Recycled Recreated” category of the art show are, from left, Elaine Gutierrez of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts; Kathleen Klein, Community Resources Representative for Waste Management; and BACA president Mendie Russell. Waste Management sponsors the “Recycled Recreated” category.

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VBT robberies

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description.

A witness saw the man running out of the store into the parking lot and followed his vehicle to get a license plate number. When police arrived, he gave them the plate number and a VBT patrol officer found the vehicle at the Red Roof Inn.

When the female from the room identified came out for a cigarette, police took her

into custody and then arrested the male.

Lt. Bazy said police got a search warrant and then recovered the money and the firearm from the room. He said the firearm had been stolen in Washtenaw County.

The two robberies were considered two different cases, since they had escaped the first robbery and the clock starts again on



Laster

the second robbery, Bazy said.

The Hungry Howie's case got its warrants approved first by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and later Monday the warrants for the Walmart robbery were approved.

The male, Michael Lynn Laster, 24, of Van Buren Township, was charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm for the Hungry Howie's case and another charge of armed robbery and felony firearm for the Walmart case.

The female, Tamara Tashia Elam, 25, of Ypsilanti was charged with one count of armed robbery for the Hungry Howie's robbery and one count of armed robbery for the Walmart robbery.

Sentences on the charges could go as high as life in prison.

The two who were in custody were arraigned by video by 34th District Court on Tuesday. The prosecutor had asked for \$50,000 bond and tethers if released. Judge Brian A. Oakley released them on \$25,000 personal bonds, but they must qualify for GPS tethers. Also, Laster must live outside Van Buren Township.

The probable cause conferences are set for Nov. 13 before 34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin and the preliminary exams are set for Nov. 20 before Judge Oakley.



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Belleville City Council sets public hearing on ordinance change

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council has set a public hearing at its next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, to consider an ordinance regulating penalties for juveniles who violate city ordinances.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman explained that the city has been writing tickets for juveniles under the local ordinance and the local ordinance doesn't cover that. There is a direct request from the judges at 34th District Court to amend the ordinance or they will throw out the tickets they have, he said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the court is holding up action on the present tickets until this ordinance is passed.

The ordinance reads: "Any person under 17 years of age convicted of a violation of the city ordinances under the discretion of the Prosecutor may be guilty of or responsible for a municipal civil infraction (except violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code) or misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not more than \$500 in the discretion of the court regardless of any penalty provisions that may be stated in any

specific ordinance of the city."

After the public hearing, the council may pass the ordinance.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting on Nov. 4, the council:

- Presented awards to the Scarecrow Contest Winners: Centric Learning Systems (Business Category), Bella Boo of Bellaville Transylvania (Families/Individuals), Women of the Moose #1135 (Adult Groups/Organizations), and Tyler Elementary School (Youth Groups/Organizations). It was pointed out they all were first-time winners;

- Approved for another year the Flags in Horizon Park project of the Kiwanis Club of the Belleville Area. The fund raiser had 13 sponsored flags this year that are put in place to mark holidays throughout the summer. Don Johnson of Kiwanis said their last holiday to mark this year is Veterans Day on Monday. If they get more flag sponsors next year and need more space to put the flags, Johnson is to check back with the city;

- Was advised that the "Doane's Landing seawall repair" listing was taken off the council follow-up list and is replaced

on the list by the "Doane's Landing restoration" that is starting this year and will be completed in the spring;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$73,881.54 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Lonnie's Auto Repair, \$1,548.70, emergency pick-up truck repair out of the Streets/Water budgets; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$1,408.85 for emergency repair for the 1998 Pierce truck from the Fire budget; and to Apollo Fire Apparatus, \$845 for emergency repair to the Jaws Pump/Hurst, from the Fire budget;

- Learned City Hall would be closed in honor of Veterans Day, Nov. 11;

- Heard Chief Berriman report that there were no incidents involving juveniles for Halloween, although there was a traffic accident; and

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder announce work is being done inside the museum, but it will be open for the Festival of Trees. Then the museum will close down again for the month of January for other work that needs to be done inside. Also, he said, the library will close for January as they move contents of the old library to the new library with a soft opening planned for Feb. 8 and a grand opening later in the year.

Best Halloween Costumes in 4th St. Square contest

Infant-3 Years:

- 1st – Freya Halleck, Little Bo Peep
- 2nd – Elijah Johns, gecko

4-6 years:

- 1st – Charli Gilbee, Wednesday Adams
- 2nd – Ella June Hart, robot
- 3rd – Ava Rodger, ladybug

7-9 years:

- 1st – Allie Sapien, Barbie in a Box
- 2nd – Aprielle Hart, Oscar, the Grouch
- 3rd – Colt Gilbee, zombie

10-12 years:

- 1st – Abigilae Randall, Sally
- 2nd -- Maybelle Hart, tree
- 3rd – Connor Milligan, Ash Williams

13 years & up:

- 1st – Kelley Popielarz, Pennywise
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Sumpter board removes from agenda proposed shared-time position

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a brief discussion in the work/study session on Oct. 22, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to remove from the agenda a proposed new full-time shared-services position.

The request was put on the agenda by Clerk Esther Hurst, who was too ill, reportedly with Parkinson's, to come to the Oct. 22 meeting to defend her request.

In her statement accompanying the request, Clerk Hurst said there is "a huge and immediate need for support staff in the clerk's office with the numerous elections coming within the next year; the Building

Department and Senior Center are at-risk departments given they are operating with shortcomings, as well."

She said many departments operate without someone as a second-level service provider, she wrote.

"The idea for this position would be 'Shared Services,' which will have a home base of the Clerk's Office, but would be thoroughly trained to be back-up support to the Building Department in the absence of a Building Department Clerk and would support the Senior Center..."

Treasurer Ken Bednark said he did not know where the funds for this full-time person would be coming from.

Treasurer Bednark said he received a memo from the deputy supervisor that said Roxanne Bardell would be moved to the Building Department and be supervised by the finance director and work in the clerk and building department as needed. He said if Bardell is doing work as a "floater," she should get floater pay.

Supervisor John Morgan said Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham wasn't present and couldn't answer these questions.

Bednark said he would like to table this request until the board can have more information.

Former Treasurer Peggy Morgan said from the audience that it would make more sense to hire two part timers because it would not cost as much.

"If Esther needs help for elections, four hands are better than two. I know Mary Ann needs help [in the Senior Center]," she said.

In other business at the Oct. 22 meeting, the board:

- Voted not to renew a subscription with Total Info to continue its general news on the government access channel for one year at a cost of \$1,295. The board wanted to just remove it from the agenda without action, but Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis insisted that the board had to vote one way or the other because the deadline was looming. The board voted unanimously not to renew the contract. Trustee Tim Rush said he polled people in the community and no one looks at the news on that site. They go to the new web site for township information. "We don't need that," Trustee Rush said. "Any penny saved is a penny earned";

- Approved continuing the contract with WCA Assessing of Westland from Nov. 1, 2019 until Nov. 1, 2022. Current cost is \$4,141 per month, which will rise to \$4,659 per month in the 2021-22 year;

- Approved the request from the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union local to be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 with employees taking four personal or vacation days;

- Approved reappointments with terms ending in October 2022 to the Parks and

Recreation Commission for Kim Toms, Holly Swinson, Don Swinson, Sharon Pokerwinski, Richard Pokerwinski, Virginia Belinski, and Tim Rush;

- Approved adding the name of Kim Toms to those attending the Michigan Festivals and Events Association Convention for the weekend of Nov. 1;

- Approved Sharon Pokerwinski stepping down as secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission as of Oct. 31 and Krystal Tackett taking over as of Nov. 1. Tackett was also approved as Assistant Park Administrator, assistant to Pokerwinski;

- Approved Dawn Argo as full-time member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, promoted from alternate;

- Approved a change order to include gutters and downspouts from JD Chandler roofing for the library media center for \$7,135 out of library funds;

- Approved a change order for a street sign for the library/media center at a cost of \$9,800 to be paid out of library funds;

- Heard Bednark criticize an inaccuracy in the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes prepared by Sharon Pokerwinski. Pokerwinski said it was an error and it was corrected before the minutes were accepted by the board;

- Heard Adrian Slaughter ask about the requested full-time position. She said just a couple of months ago the clerk's office was asking for another person. [That was when the deputy clerk was going out on maternity leave and was replaced by her mother.] Slaughter asked how was it that Roxanne Bardell is being put out and shouldn't she be given the shared services position if she wants it because of seniority. "Normally in a union contract ... for a different position without a raise in pay ... the higher seniority person could say I want that," Slaughter said. Peggy Morgan said the floater position is no longer in effect in the union contract. Morgan said the employees were supposed to be cross-trained, but they weren't. She said there should be a letter of agreement with the union. Supervisor John Morgan said Human Resources always works with the union. Township attorney Rob Young chimed in saying it was a newly created position and if it's created it will have to be worked out. Sherry Olds said from the audience that Young shouldn't be talking unless the board asks for his opinion. Supervisor Morgan apologized, saying he must have been sleeping; and

- Heard Bednark report on looking at medical reimbursements for board members who don't take township insurance. The payments make some board members make more than others in pay because those with larger families get more money and, for example, unmarried Trustee Tim Rush, getting much less pay for the same work. Also those with large families -- LaPorte, Oddy, and Swinson, are getting more than those running full-time offices. "I don't know how it should be handled," Bednark said. "People run for

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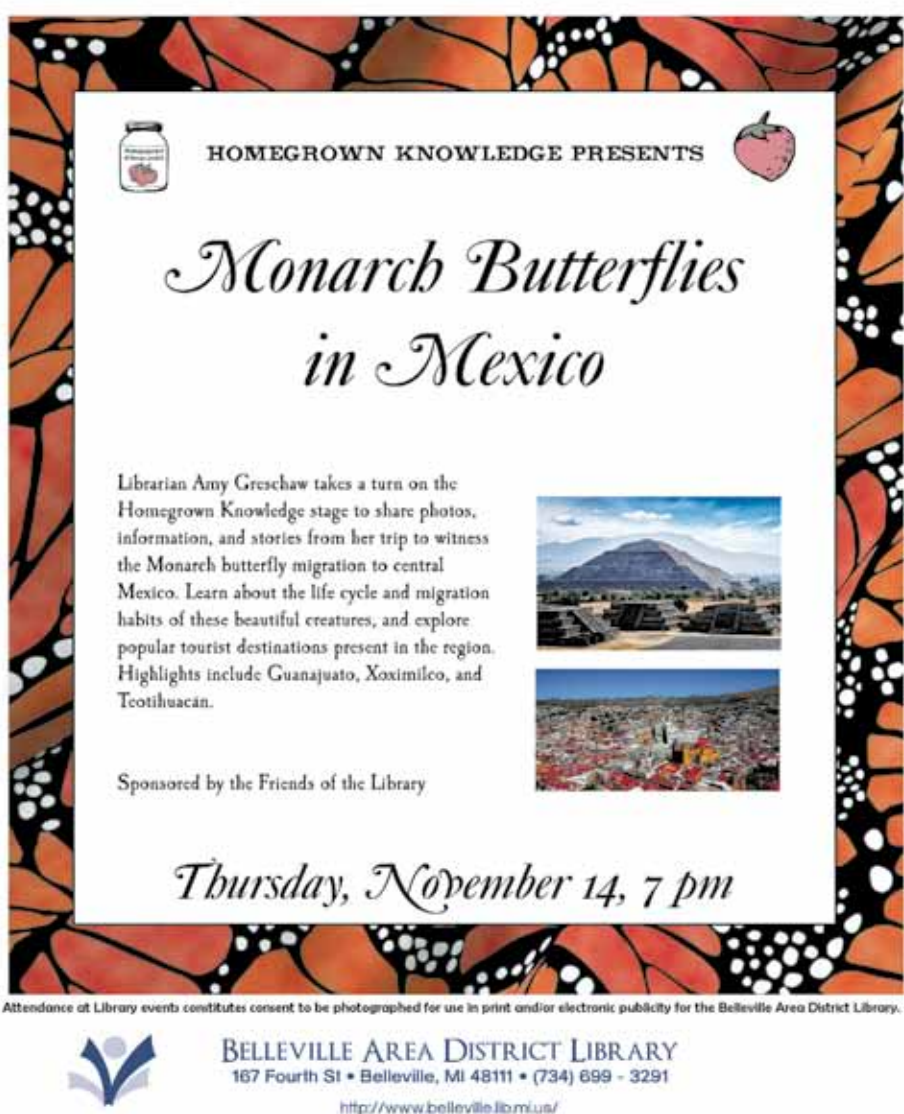


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- Monday, Nov. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Keystone Academy board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 18 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

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• **Thursday, Nov. 7** – "Veterans Remembrance Celebration" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Monroe County Community College's La-Z-Boy Center, 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe. The event is free and open to the public and will include special speakers, drill teams, singers, choirs, and bands. Vendors will present from 5-7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Nov. 7** – St. Paul's Lutheran Church Annual Sauerkraut Dinner, from 5 p.m. until sold out, at 19109 Craig St., New Boston (corner of Craig & Ellis). Tickets are \$10. Carryouts available. Sauerkraut, roast pork/kielbasa, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, rolls, beverage, apple or pumpkin pie. Handicapped accessible. Questions? Call the church between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at (734) 753-9048.

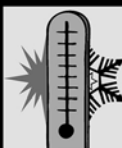
• **Saturday, Nov. 9** – Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Fisher House Michigan from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Belleville Moose Lodge #934, 45476 Harris Rd., Belleville. Active duty military and veterans eat for free. Adults \$10; kids \$5. Red, white & blue Quilt Auction, 50/50 raffle. Information: Kathie Steigerwald, (313) 570-6115 or Kathie19295@gmail.com

• **Saturday, Nov. 9** – Roast Beef Dinner at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Donations \$10 for adults; \$4 children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under eat free. For carry-outs, call (734) 941-0736.

• **Sunday, Nov. 10** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by 18 Strings.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 12** – Red Cross Blood Bank from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Information: RedCrossBlood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Served from 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person; children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.



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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter has several events coming up this month starting with a pet adoption meet and greet this Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor. On Nov. 16, FMAR will be at the Petco Westland location, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The no-kill shelter will hold a Dine to Donate fundraiser on Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Haab's Restaurant at 18 W. Michigan Ave. in downtown Ypsilanti. Be sure to check out our weekly column of a FMAR dog or cat up for adoption. Call (734) 461-9458 and visit their website at www.friendsofmichigan.org.

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The Yankee Air Museum is normally closed on Mondays but is opening its doors and offer free admission to veterans and their families on Monday, Nov. 11, to honor all who have served in the military, past and present. Happy Veteran's Day! Call (734) 483-4030.

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The Belleville City Council will conduct a public hearing on November 18, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding an Ordinance to "regulate the penalty of juveniles who violate City of Belleville code of ordinances".

Pertinent information is available for review at Belleville City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council at the above address prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. November 18, 2019. After that time and date, they may be hand-delivered to the City Council at the November 18, 2019 public hearing.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: November 7 and 14, 2019

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City of Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows

Applications for Assistance Begin Mon, Nov 4th

Applications to receive assistance for the 2019 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will begin 9am Monday, Nov 4th.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.
(46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Twp)

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only (Sumpter Twp has their own Goodfellows program)

You may:

Pick up a form and apply immediately at the police dept.
or

Take home a form or download a printable form to fill out and apply at the police dept front desk between
9am Mon, Nov 4th and 3pm Fri, Dec 6th

YOU MUST APPLY IN PERSON AT THE POLICE DEPT WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY

(Drivers license, State ID or current utility bill showing name & address).

CALL-IN, MAIL-IN OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applications for assistance will close Friday, Dec 6th at 3pm.

For more info or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at 734-260-4150 weekdays 9am-3pm

Thank-you
Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows

Sumpter Twp.

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office and think they will be paid for their service. New people will be coming to service. You can draw good people if you're going to have fair compensation. After the holidays we head into the budget season," he said, adding he'd like to see changes integrated into their next budget cycle. "Compensation shouldn't be a reason for running," said Supervisor Morgan, who asked attorney Young to explain how it got this way. Young said in 2000 an older elected official didn't have insurance and the township put him on insurance. If an elected official doesn't need insurance, then he can get a little, Young said, which saves money for the township. They take a percentage of what it would cost the township. Supervisor Morgan said the board hadn't had a raise for 20 years and this took the place of a raise. He said if they got rid of the insurance they would need to increase the pay. Bednark said he would like to do away with cellphones offered by the

township, with Trustee LaPorte being the only one with a township cellphone now. Trustee Oddy said he's been working with the HR department on the insurance and he will bring back to the board what he's come up with with Michelle Bellingham's help. "It will come shortly," Oddy said.

Veterans Day

By Cheryl Dyson

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 409 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 27:
0111 – juvenile complaint, Freedom Way
0306 – disorderly, Sadie Ln.
0519 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
0841 – shooting, S. Bellridge Dr.
1026 – malicious destruction of property, Anna Dr.
1238 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1414 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1419 – fraud, Rawsonville
1617 – animal complaint, E. Walden Dr.
1651 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
1705 – animal complaint, E. Walden Dr.
1720 – domestic, Richards Run
1724 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1817 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1821 – domestic, Sandlewood Dr.
1843 – threat, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1848 – assault & battery, Freedom Way
2009 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2041 – shooting, Belleville/Van Born Rd.
2250 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
Monday, Oct. 28:
0220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd
0416 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct.
0718 – animal complaint, McBride
0806 – family trouble, Robson Rd.
1117 – mental subject, Robson Rd.
1238 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1253 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1255 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1359 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Tyler
1425 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
1451 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1541 – threat, Jackson St.
1559 – harassment call, Arlene Ln.
1608 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1850 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Ball Diamonds
1957 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2058 – civil matter, W. Archwood Dr.
2107 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2201 – operating while intoxicated, Bak Rd.
2214 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
Tuesday, Oct. 29:
0008 – larceny, Wildbrook Dr.
0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Wildbrook Dr.
0841 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0855 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1017 – private property impound, Lighthouse Dr.
1564 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1158 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1224 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1310 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1326 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Snow Rd.
1331 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave./Van Allen
1632 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1637 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter/Hull
1714 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1733 – noise complaint, Cherry
1748 – harassment call, Elwell Rd.
1822 – neighbor trouble, Hull Rd.
1911 – juvenile complaint, Michigan Ave.
1942 – suspicious person/vehicle, lighthouse Dr.
2135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake
2214 – animal complaint, Redwood Dr.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2341 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2343 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, Oct. 30:
0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0731 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0825 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0912 – breaking & entering, Huron River Dr.
0916 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.

0948 – assist other dept., Birch Dr.
0950 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave./Denton
1007 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Denton
1317 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1342 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1507 – family trouble, Daisy Blvd.
1515 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
1523 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1548 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
1826 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1845 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2112 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
2140 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
2217 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 31:
0246 – assist other dept., Ayres Ave.
0252 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
0319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Peninsular Dr.
0910 – fraud, W. Schooner Dr.
0936 – domestic, pond Bluff Dr.
0938 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Quirk
1025 – personal injury accident, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.
1058 – assist other dept., Freedom Way
1149 – fraud, Westlake Cir.
1422 – animal complaint, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville
1515 – suicidal person, Hull Rd.
1632 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1656 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1747 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton
1825 – domestic, Holly Ln.
1915 – road hazard, Pebblebrook/Rock Creek Dr.
1922 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1935 – family trouble, Belle Pointe Dr.
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.
2117 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2151 – property damage accident, Lincoln St.
2204 – domestic, Hamilton St.
2218 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
Friday, Nov. 1:
0044 – domestic, Meadows Ln.
0846 – suspicious person / vehicle, Belleville / Denton
0837 – motorist assist, Hannan Rd.
0851 – animal complaint, DNR Board Launch Rawsonville
0927 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1116 – animal complaint, Bak Rd.
1205 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1710 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1843 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1846 – domestic, Alden Ave.
1926 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2025 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2102 – domestic, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2106 – harassment call, S. Bellridge Dr.
2105 – 911 welfare check, Bradley Dr.
2230 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
2343 – family trouble, Maple
2355 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 2:
0001 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Waters Edge Ln.
0045 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0113 – robbery, Belleville Rd.
0335 – assist other dept., Jackson ST. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0424 – robbery, Belleville Rd.
0843 – assist other dept., Lancaster Dr.
0931 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0941 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1038 – parking complaint, E. Archwood
1059 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1104 – traffic offense, Endicott/Chatsworth
1235 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.
1252 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Buren St.
1534 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.
1558 – mental subject, Pond Bluff Dr.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1704 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1711 – family trouble, Western St.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1917 – juvenile complaint, Timberview Ct.
2202 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville

2221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cranberry
Also on this week’s log are 77 traffic stops, 29 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 27:
1449 – fight, Main St.
1501 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1634 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Waterbury Ct.
2001 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
Monday, Oct. 28:
1318 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1319 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.
1938 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
Tuesday, Oct. 29:
0755 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1453 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
1508 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
1631 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1845 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
2128 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter
2331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln./Potter Dr.
Wednesday, Oct. 30:
0934 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.
1032 – mental subject, Oxford Ct.
1345 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Fifth St.
1936 – harassment call, Anaheim
Thursday, Oct. 31:
1153 – road hazard, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1305 – narcotics crime, S. Grove Rd.
1407 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1809 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1830 – property damage accident, High St.
Friday, Nov. 1:
0042 – fight, High St.
1107 – miscellaneous complaint, Third St.
1135 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1224 – mental subject, Main St.
1328 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.\
1800 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, South/Davis
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, First/Main
2304 – noise complaint, Fourth St. Square
2327 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2327 – parking complaint, Main St.
Saturday, Nov. 2:
0929 – shooting, Hull/Sumpter
0939 – animal complaint, Breakwater Ct.
1248 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1414 – PPO violation, Henry St.
1425 – property damage accident, Victoria Ln. / Waterbury Ct.
1509 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
1542 – mental subject, Main St.
1706 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1929 – lost property/child, Main St.
2045 – vehicle lock out, High St.
Also on this week’s log are 28 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 27:
0248 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0349 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0517 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
0622 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1559 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1604 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1721 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1828 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
1858 – well-being check, 20000 lb. Wilmot Rd.
1956 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis
2035 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Willis
2257 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
2325 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
Monday, Oct. 28:
0734 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
0853 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1024 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1025 – alarm, Timberlane Dr.
1238 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

1336 – reckless driver, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1431 – fire dept. assist, Willis/Rawsonville
1509 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1730 – juvenile complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1813 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1815 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
1830 – juvenile complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1858 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
2201 – well-being check, Rawsonville/Willow
2320 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 29:
0130 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0147 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0521 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter
0638 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0800 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1117 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1134 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1544 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1544 – animal complaint, Wear/Haggerty
1635 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2109 – malicious destruction of property, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2210 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 30:
0247 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0838 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0857 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
0906 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1437 – suspicious incident, Brookview Dr.
1605 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1612 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1755 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1850 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2353 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 31:
0654 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
0811 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1059 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1447 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1559 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1745 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1907 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
2258 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
Friday, Nov. 1:
0011 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0405 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1049 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1138 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1235 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
1816 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1835 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2256 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
Saturday, Nov. 2:
0122 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1129 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1445 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
1534 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1924 – parking complaint, Rustic Ln.
2150 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Also on this week’s log are eight follow-up investigations, 16 miscellaneous details, 44 patrol checks, and 52 traffic stops.

Birthdays

Nov. 9 – Evelyn Larabell
Nov. 10 – Charity Fielder, Steven Olschanski, Jr., Jim Graham
Nov. 11 – Joey Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Mary Buckner, Robert Olschanski
Nov. 12 – Michelle Littleson, Angela Samyn, Debbie Wisniewski
Nov. 13 – Daphne Barnes
Nov. 14 – Christina Christman
Nov. 15 – Barb Rider

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Court Watching:**Preliminary exam
adjourned a week when
attorney can't be found**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A preliminary exam scheduled on Oct. 30 at 34th District Court for Jaylin Kasmieralante Crayton, 24, of Southfield was adjourned for a week when Crayton's retained attorney couldn't be found.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Shamus told Judge Brian A. Oakley that she knew attorney Adam Clements from law school and he was very professional and conscientious.

Earlier in the day, a clerk in another courtroom said Clements' office had called to say he wouldn't be able to be in court until 11:15 a.m. That message was passed on to Judge Oakley's courtroom.

But, at 11:30 a.m., Clements had yet to arrive and nobody could reach him by phone. There were concerns for his well-being.

Word came that he was in an exam at 36th District Court and court officials were trying to call the exam.

It was noted that Crayton has an extradition hold out of Texas.

Judge Oakley had defendant Crayton brought from the lockup into the courtroom to explain the situation and that his attorney couldn't be located.

After calling Crayton back into the courtroom a second time, Judge Oakley apologized to the witnesses who were waiting to testify and adjourned the exam until Nov. 6.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Michael Long said a witness had just started a new job and so he was at work, but could have been called in to testify.

Crayton is charged with counts of possession of firearms by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and two felony firearm counts on July 22 in Van Buren Township. He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$20,000/10%.

Daniel Joseph Gullen

Daniel Joseph Gullen, 56, of Romulus pled guilty to the misdemeanor of impaired

driving and an additional misdemeanor charge of attempting to flee police in a vehicle at around 10 p.m., Oct. 2, in Sumpter Township.

The original felony charge of fleeing police in a vehicle and having a Blood Alcohol Content of more than .17 were dismissed.

He told Judge Oakley that he was driving a vehicle in Sumpter Township after drinking a few beers. A Sumpter Township officer attempted to pull him over and he attempted to not stop.

He was sent to the probation department and will be back for sentencing. His retained attorney was Daniel Geherin and he had posted bond of \$5,000/10%.

Tyler Bailey Hancock

Tyler Bailey Hancock, 22, of Belleville, waived his preliminary exams on six felony cases out of Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 6.

He was brought from the Wayne County Jail to face the charges in 34th District Court.

The Belleville charges are two felony counts of false report or a threat of terrorism and two felony counts of using a computer to commit a crime, with a penalty of up to 20 years or life in prison, on Sept. 18. Reportedly he threatened to harm a female police officer and to shoot up the high school. His bond on those charges was \$100,000/10%.

The Sumpter Township charges are dated Sept. 27 and are a false report or threat of terrorism and one count of using a computer to commit a crime, with a penalty of 20 years or life.

Sumpter police reported the joint investigation with Belleville was the result of several recent threats of violence made against both police departments and the Van Buren Public Schools through fake social media and email accounts allegedly created by Hancock.

Byron Pitts is the retained attorney on the cases and another attorney stood in for him before Judge Oakley.

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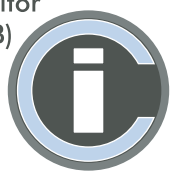
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