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34th District Court Judge David Parrott swore in members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and two deputies before the board's regular meeting Nov. 22. From left are Trustees Don Swinson and Peggy Morgan, Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffmann, Clerk Clarence Hoffman, Jr., Supervisor John Morgan, Deputy Supervisor/Treasurer Karen Armatis, Treasurer Alan Bates, and Trustees Don LaPorte and Matthew Oddy. A special cake was also shared to celebrate the start of a new board term.

Winter Fest offers free Animal Magic shows, parade, Santa, fireworks

This is Winter Fest week end in Belleville and Santa comes to town on a Sumpter Township fire truck at the end of Saturday's 6 p.m. parade of lights. Santa is due to arrive at Belleville High School by helicopter to get on his fire truck for his ride downtown.

On Friday, Dec. 2, there is a free performance of Nickelodeon Kids Award winner Mark Rosenthal with his Animal Magic show at 6 p.m. followed by the Irish music of The Codgers at 8. All of this in the Fourth Street Square tent.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, the ice sculptures will be in place, having arrived overnight to deck the main street of Belleville.

The Youth Group at First United Methodist Church of Belleville downtown is offering an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$5 each, with all funds going to the youth group.

The festivities kick off with the Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk and Kids 1K with registration at 8:30 a.m. The kids run starts at 9:45 a.m.

and the 5K starts at 10 a.m. Animal Magic follows up with a free performance at noon in the Fourth Street Square tent.

Then at 2 p.m. there is a Soup Crawl held in the Fourth Street Square tent followed by a wine tasting event held at Garden Fantasy on Main sponsored by Vitner's Winery at 3:30 p.m. Horse and carriage rides start at 3 p.m. and run to 5:30 p.m.

The Kids Zone has a bounce house sponsored by Van Buren Steel and crafts for the youngsters brought by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

This year's Grand Marshal of the parade is Pete Kudlak, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, who is filling in for retired Lt.-Col. Charles S. Kettles, a Medal of Honor winner who had a stroke and is unable to be honored in the parade.

There is a scheduled meet and greet with School Supt. Kudlak at 4:30 p.m. at the Bayou Grill.

After Santa arrives and gets the key to
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On Nov. 21, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green swore in Jesse Marcotte to fill the one-year, unexpired city council term of Kim Tindall who resigned.

School Board reviews low student scores on recent M-STEP test

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"This shows you we still have some work to do," said Van Buren Public Schools Director of Instruction Jeff Moore on Monday after presenting a large amount of information to the school board on the disappointing student scores on the recent M-STEP test.

"We're below state averages right now," he said, referring to the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP).

Director Moore said these test results are just a snapshot of information.

"We want to be honest about this information and use the numbers for what they are," Moore said.

Moore showed the correlation between poverty and proficiency levels for all the schools in Wayne County and noted despite the high number of students taking free and reduced lunches in the Van Buren Public Schools, "We're still underperforming"

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School Board

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when compared to other schools.

His charts on the test results were marred by the fact the state took away the 2015 results at Savage Elementary School so there were no 2015 scores to compare this year's scores to.

Also, he said he hadn't yet got the separation of scores between Gifted and Talented students at Savage and the non-GT students. Savage showed the highest scores of the four elementary schools with 59.21% proficiency in third grade math over a state average of 45.2%.

In third grade math, Edgemont got 17.89%, Rawsonville 16.47%, and Tyler 28.95% this year, all lower than last year's scores.

He pointed out the poor English Language Arts proficiency in the third grade had implications with the new reading bill passed in Lansing that will take effect during the 2019-20 school year. It says if third graders don't meet the criteria in reading, they are to be retained in the third grade.

Moore said studies show if students can't read by the third grade they won't graduate and could end up incarcerated.

Trustee Sherry Frazier clasped her hands in frustration, saying, "We won't get over this hump!"

"We will," stated School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

"I know we will," she replied. "We'd better!"

Moore presented a list of things they were doing to improve curriculum and said they are looking at other school districts with better scores to find out what they are doing that could be put into practice in the Van Buren Schools.

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

- Approved budget amendments for the 2016-17 budgets, as presented by Financial Director Shareen Barker. She said they have learned that the RESA Enhancement millage that passed will be levied at once and so the district will be getting \$1,875,000 this school year. Also, the district is getting \$1,163,981 more in state foundation allowance because of having more students than expected. The salary/benefit increases amounted to \$947,486 in increased expenditures. The \$6.4 million fund balance is 13.7% of the total budget;

- Ratified the agreement with the Food Service employees that gives all workers a salary increase of 1% for the 2016-17 school year, retroactive to Sept. 1;

- Ratified the agreement with the teachers' union for the 2016-17 school year that returns the remaining 2.6% concession, as of Sept. 1, given up as part of the unit's effort to assist the district when in deficit.

Employees will get a lump sum payment pro-rated to the 2007-08 salary schedule, calculated back to Aug. 26. Beginning with Jan. 30 the membership will move to the new salary schedule. (For example, in 2008-09, a beginning teacher earned \$35,457 and as of Jan. 30, a new teacher with a BA will earn \$37,457 and start on his enhancement lane.) And, the union also agreed to switch from bi-weekly pays to 24 pays annually. Also, the district agreed to supply a half-time paraprofessional for those kindergarten classrooms whose count exceeds 26 students. Finally, building administrators will limit meeting times to no more than three hours per month. Board Secretary Kevin English abstained from the vote since his wife is a member of the bargaining unit;

- Approved non-affiliated staff salary raises as recommended by Supt. Kudlak. He said so many had not seen raises since 2011 and his recommendations will result in a little over a 1% increase to this group;

- Heard McBride Middle School Principal John Leroy give a presentation on McBride and the good changes happening there. He noted suspensions have fallen to 115 so far in this school year, from last year's 244 because of new ways of handling conflicts;

- Heard Treasurer Kevin English give a legislative update, in the spirit of Martha Toth who used to give updates but no longer is on the board. English spoke against Senate Bill 102 and against Senator Colbeck and his bills, and against Betsy DeVos, who President-elect Trump recently appointed his cabinet secretary overseeing Education;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak announce that the school district's Facebook page is up and running. He said the Jingle Bell Run on Saturday, to earn funds for the Education Foundation, already has 383 runners registered, which is more than they had in the race last year; and

- Was reminded the Dec. 12 school board meeting at Belleville High School Commons will be the last meeting of the year. The new board members will be ceremoniously sworn in by Judge David Parrott at the board's organizational meeting in January.

Sumpter police warn residents of Christmas decoration thefts

Sumpter Township Police have sent out a Nixle alert announcing they have taken several reports of the theft of exterior Christmas decorations over last week end. These have involved general decorations, not limited to the light projectors that were targeted in several area communities last year. Residents are asked to take precautions and call police if they see any suspicious activity.



Photo courtesy of Connie Testorelli

At the Nov. 14 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education 54 grants, totaling \$25,287.82, were given to teachers by the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation. Six grants went to teachers at Belleville High School, five to McBride, ten to Owen, five to Savage, nine to Tyler, nine to Rawsonville, six to Edgemont, and four to Haggerty. The award recipients are: Samantha Borashko, Mike Campbell, Nick Taylor, Stephanie Halliday, Kathy Knight, Janelle Sterling, Bill Spinks, Tim Miller, Evaristo Rodriguez, Pam O'Neill, Chris Morton, Christine Barrett, Charlotte Jackson, Peter TenBroeck, Sarah Stiles, Patricia Spudich, Gregory Kirk II, Jessica Moore, Meghann Ginestet, Shirley Brezzell, Neva Jasman, David Bargardi, Julie Dobek, Spring Jackson, Sarah Lang, Angelique Ledwell-Morrison, Becky Tennis, Laura Baker, Tania Bos, Jany Fidh, Laurie Kunz, Christine Roperti, Angela Scroggie, Cyndi Spurlock, Jane TenBroeck, Angela Scroggie, Jessica Adelman, Tauna Byrd, Toby Fowler, Virginia Hogg, Deb Meier, Deborah Mounsey, Mike Sherman, Mary Ellen Vago, Cassidy Taylor, Sarah Brown, Joselyn Conn, Richard Shafer, Stacey English, Debbie Gerst, Cyndi Jordan, Amber Slusher, Kristy Hickson, Beth Chie, Lee Stamper, Yolanda Curtis. Not all were present for the picture.

Kelly Bates appointed to Belleville Planning Commission seat

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kelly Bates had been a candidate to fill a Belleville City Council vacancy on Nov. 15, but lost out to Jesse Marcotte, a member of the city planning commission.

On Nov. 21, Bates was appointed to fill Marcotte's seat on the planning commission.

She was appointed by Mayor Kerreen Conley, who was absent from the Nov. 21 city council meeting. The council, including newly sworn in Councilman Marcotte, unanimously approved her new seat on the planning commission.

Bates, who has lived in Belleville for two years, is president of the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association and an employee of University of Michigan Hospital. She has been a very active volunteer for 16 years and was named Woman of the Year in Westland a few years ago. This is her first appointment to a governmental office.

In other business at the Nov. 21 meeting, the council:

- Introduced the Special Events Ordinance that has been revised. The plan is to repeal the old, four-page ordinance and submit the new, seven-page ordinance for approval



Kelly Bates

since there are so many changes. The council will study the proposed ordinance and make suggestions before moving forward;

- Approved a two-year renewal of the second contract with WCA, Assessing of Westland for assessment services and dealing with the Tax Tribunal. Melanie Shaw of WCA is at city hall Wednesdays from noon until 5 to provide assessing services previously done by Wayne County. "She keeps us on the straight and narrow," said Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria;

- Approved city council meeting dates for 2017, which usually are the first and third Monday's of the month at 7:30 p.m., with changes to the following Tuesdays for holidays in January, February and September;

- Announced the 2016 Holiday Decorating Contest that includes an award for the best decorations in Victoria Commons, Harbour Pointe, the two mobile home parks, the balance of the city, and Businesses. The winner in each area will be notified on Friday, Dec. 16, and presentations will be made at the city council meeting on Monday, Dec. 19. The contest is sponsored by the city and the *Belleville-Area Independent*;

- Approved paying accounts payable of \$132,300.94 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of

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OPINIONS

Editorial

New board wrestles with budget left by old VBT board

Van Buren Township's newly elected Supervisor Kevin McNamara led a budget workshop on Monday that was more than three hours long. The problem was that the other new board members weren't familiar with all the ins and outs of the budgets that were set up by the old board.

"This should never happen again," said Clerk Leon Wright, who was a part of the old board that set up the budget and then dumped it in the lap of the new board.

"A new board shouldn't have to vote on a budget made up by the old board," Wright said. "It's not fair for us trying to bring you up to speed."

The budget was the responsibility of outgoing Supervisor Linda Combs, who chose not to have her board vote on it.

Combs also had put 3% raises for all the salaried employees and elected officials and there was a lot of discussion about that. Then there were wage hikes for the director and deputy in the planning and economic development department, the new HR Director, and Clerk Wright, who wanted "parity" with Treasurer Budd.

"We inherited these 3% raises," Supervisor McNamara said. "I don't like it." McNamara had asked department heads not to add new employees, but his new assistant, with no experience at all, was to get \$1,000 a week – and McNamara was firm on that. Next Tuesday night they will make final decisions. We'll report on those next week.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue really need help this month and a Christmas card with a donation would be very welcome. Send your card to FMAR: P.O. Box 854, Belleville 48112-0854.

The no-kill animal rescue has done so much for our community. We can show our gratitude for their work by sending as much as we can afford to share.

At the Nov. 15 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy reported that staff was mulling things over about what to do for the Winter Fest parade on Dec. 3. They may do their lighted library book cart brigade again, which was very popular last year. West Columbia Avenue was really bumpy last year and it was hard to push the carts. But, this year it's smooth!

At the Nov. 22 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, resident Mary Ban got up to talk about the library millages that were approved, but she noted Sumpter Township voters turned down both millages.

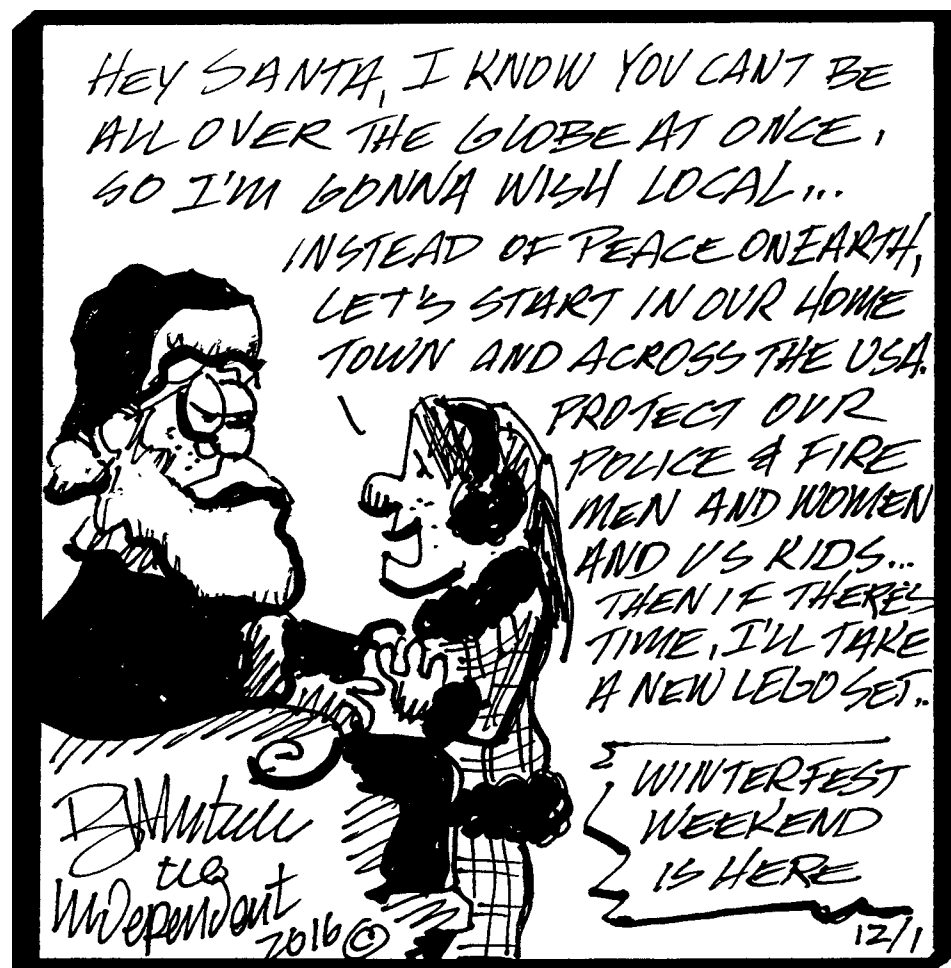
For the first library proposal, 60% of the Sumpter voters voted no (2,350 to 1,549) and on the second proposal, 62% voted no (2,479 to 1,513).

Also, 63% of Sumpter voters turned down the Van Buren Public Schools non-homestead operating millage (1,424 to 823) and the Wayne RESA school millage proposal by 71% (1,910 to 777).

They turned down the Regional Transportation millage, as well, by 67% (2,497 to 1,227) and that did lose in total.

Sumpter voters were not in the mood for

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



more taxes.

In the city of Belleville, voters turned down the RTA millage with 54% against and the Wayne RESA millage with 57% against, but approved the school non-homestead millage with 52% of the vote, library proposal one with 58%, and library proposal two with 55%.

In Van Buren Township, voters turned down the RTA millage with 52% of the vote and the RESA millage with 53% of the vote.

But VBT voters liked all the other millages. They passed the public safety millage with 65% of the vote, the school's non-homestead operating mill with 55%, library proposal one with 56% and library proposal two with 54%.

As to the President/Vice President vote, Sumpter went for Trump/Pence with 53.64% of the vote; Clinton/Kaine getting 41.65%. In VBT it was 61.55% Clinton/Kaine and 33.41% Trump/Pence. In Belleville it was 52.13% Clinton and 42.06% Trump.

After Jesse Marcotte was sworn in as new Belleville city councilman on Nov. 21, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria pointed out that now all the councilmen on the council are graduates of Belleville High School. Besides Marcotte and Loria, Tom Fielder and Tom Smith are BHS grads. The only one on the council not a BHS grad is Mayor Kerreen Conley.

At Monday's school board meeting, Trustee Sherry Frazier announced that the daughter of Finance Director Shareen Barker is serving our country in Afghanistan and narrowly missed injury in a recent incident.

"I thank her for serving to keep America safe and freedom strong," Trustee Frazier said.

Also, at Monday's school board meeting Director of Instruction Jeff Moore, filling in for Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun, said the negotiations with unions that resulted in the agreements being ratified that evening were done without lawyers. He said they avoided lawyers because walls get built up with lawyers.

Of course, Madyun, who is doing the negotiations for the district, is a lawyer, but he's not getting paid as a lawyer and is working in HR.

Anyway, everyone seemed happy the lawyers weren't involved, as they had been in the past. That tended to roll up big attorney fees.

We received a phone call from a lady in Detroit on Tuesday morning. She had seen a news report on TV about someone stealing Christmas lawn decorations in Sumpter and she wanted to donate.



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Letters

Thanks to VBT for passing millage

To the Editor,

Several months ago many stakeholders from our government officials (current and elect), union leaders, public safety executives, businesses, and community met and formed a public safety millage team. We created a campaign strategy that was honest and simple. It focused around giving our community all the facts about our public safety department and let them decide by vote of the people if they wanted to maintain dedicated funding to fund our public safety department.

On Nov. 8, 2016 that vote took place and the public safety millage passed with 8,847 people voting yes and 4,873 voting no. Approximately 64.48% voted yes and 35.52% voted no.

To our community, public safety millage team, and voters THANK YOU. Your commitment to public safety is noticed locally and nationally. Preliminary research suggests our public safety millage may have passed with a higher margin than any other ballot question in Wayne County. It's nice to be part of a premier community with a public safety department that is supported objectively by our community.

Additionally, this millage has bought everyone together. We can achieve a lot when everyone works together, and makes every effort to solve problems and form partnerships.

We can say mission complete, however, our team of volunteers wants to continue to meet, provide feedback to our public safety leadership, government officials, and union leaders so we as a community can continuously communicate with each other during non-election years.

We will be meeting with the public safety millage team to create a foundation and in the very near future open this up so all residents can be a part of this communication process.

We humbly say THANK YOU Van Buren Township and we will do everything to keep this community a safe place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,
 Adam Byrd
 Public Safety Committee Team Member
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Thank you to Candy Loop Volunteers!

To the Editor:

On behalf of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation, I would like to thank the volunteers who made Candy Loop an amazing success! Many thoughtful local businesses, organizations, and volunteers donated their Saturday, along with A LOT of candy, to make a wonderful evening for over 1,000 people who were in attendance!

Special thanks to: Van Buren Trustee Reggie Miller, Cub Scout Pack #924, Belleville Wrestling Club, Van Buren Soccer Association, Boy Scout and Venturing Crew 231, Secure Public Safety, Van Buren Public Safety, US Ecology, Jitterbugs Dance Elite, TCF Bank, Hungry Howie's of Belleville, Tuckerville LLC, Jessica Jones of Century 21 Belvil, The Law Office of Amy M. Eversole, the Belleville High School National Honor Society, American Heritage Girls, and the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue.

We are grateful for your willingness to serve our community, and your enthusiastic spirit!

With gratitude,
 Jennifer Zaenglein
 Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation,
 Van Buren Township

Thanks for street light at Kozma, Wilmot

To the Editor and Sumpter Township Board:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people who are responsible for getting a street light on the corner of Kozma and Wilmot.

My entire school years (I am now a 10th grader) has been standing in the dark in the mornings waiting for the school bus. If anyone lives in that area you know the road has a rather large bend at this intersection and has full mature trees and bushes.

New signs were put up to warn drivers and now thankfully this intersection has a light.

So, speaking for all kids waiting at the bus stop, I'd like to thank DTE and Sumpter Township Deputy Treasurer / Supervisor Karen Armatis.
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Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor,

Thank you, St. Jude and Sacred Heart of Jesus, for hearing my prayers. So far, so good. I plan to continue my prayers for nine months.

ALD, Van Buren Township Resident

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."
 - Albert Einstein

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Obituaries



Janet Yvonne Oliver

JANET YVONNE OLIVER

(September 1, 1939 - November 24, 2016)

Janet Yvonne Oliver, age 77 of Van Buren Township died Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2016.

Janet is the beloved wife of John for fifty-four wonderful years; dear mother of Jenna Oliver of Seattle, Washington, Ann (Dan) Merkel of Marysville, Michigan and Karin (Steven) Kreft of Cederburg, Wisconsin; cherished sister of Donald (Linda) Bitnar, Paradise, Michigan, Susan Leming, South Lyon and Margaret Forsyth of Wayne. She is also the proud grandmother of three grandchildren.

Born on September 1, 1939 to Oldrich and Frances Bitnar, Janet was a lifelong Belleville area resident, graduating from Belleville High School in 1957. An active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, she was also active with the Woman's Auxiliary Club. Janet had a passion for dance. She studied under Marjorie Randazzo of Ypsilanti, ultimately teaching tap dancing to pay for her own lessons and out of her home, from 1954 until she retired in 2010. In her final days, she taught dance exercise at September Days at Van Buren Senior Center up until one month before her death.

Giving back to the community was so important to Janet. She was involved with the friends of the library, T.O.P.S. and the Van Buren Senior Center. Also, she was a Girl Scout Leader for four different troops over the years. She will be missed by her family and her community. In keeping with Janet wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service for Janet has been arranged for Saturday, December 10, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd., Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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David Bruno Castillo

DAVID BRUNO CASTILLO

(November 19, 1951 – November 28, 2016)

David Bruno Castillo, age 65, of Van Buren Township, died on November 28, 2016 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

David is the beloved husband of Shirley for twenty-six wonderful years; proud father of Steven (Mary Ellen) Castillo of Willis, Jason Castillo of Belleville and Daniel Castillo of Belleville. Mr. Castillo is also survived by his dear granddaughter, Gracie, the family cats, "Zoey", "Satin" and "Louisiana" and many extended family and friends.

Born on November 19, 1951 to Bruno and Erma Castillo, David was a longtime Belleville/Van Buren Township resident. He loved spending time outdoors with his family, Bar B Que's in the backyard and political discussions on Facebook. Also, he enjoyed writing poetry and painting.

In keeping with David's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

DALE MICHAEL BETSINGER

(September 24, 1956 - November 27, 2016)

Age 60. Lifelong Belleville-area resident and 1975 graduate of BHS. Survived by wife Christine and siblings William Betsinger, Jr. and Mary Seppanen. Memorial service at 4 p.m., Dec. 1 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

RONALD JAMES DARIN

(October 11, 1984 - November 18, 2016)

Age 32, died suddenly. Survived by twins Nickolas and Mason James; companion Tiara Mancha of Belleville, mother Lisa Darin of Belleville. Celebration of Life held Nov. 26 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

KURTIS A. LANGE

(September 29, 1995 - November 21, 2016)

Age 21, of Ypsilanti. Survived by his parents Allen & Kathy Lange, grandparents Charles Lange and Robert & Nancy Phillips, and aunts & uncles. Funeral was November 28 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

Paint and Pour Studio to hold painting session to benefit FMAR

On Saturday, Dec. 3, Paint and Pour Studio, 22000 Michigan Ave., Dearborn 48124, will hold a painting session to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter Township. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased online at <http://thepaintandpour.com/> Select "Events and Venues," Select "Dearborn." Locate the event on Dec. 3. Children are welcome to purchase a ticket to paint, but they need to be able to sit and focus on painting a Snowman for two hours. Adults over 21 can bring in their own wine. Arrive by 6:45. Class begins promptly at 7. For more information, call Kathi Tischer at (734) 720-9777.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Dec. 1** – The Belleville Area District Library presents a holiday craft – Arm Knitting – at 7 p.m. In this program you'll learn how to knit a chunky cowl or scarf without knitting needles! The library will provide the yarn for this free program. Space is limited; register at the library.
- **Friday, Dec. 2** – Mark Rosenthal and "Animal Magic" at 6 p.m. in the big tent on the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville. FREE. At 8 p.m., The Codgers band will play in the tent.
- **Friday, Dec. 2** – Join the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club for its annual holiday party at 6 p.m. at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti (west of Rawsonville Rd.) \$25 single/\$45 couple. For tickets or more information, call Sharon Curson (313) 605-9727 or Debbie Chamberlain, (734) 634-3569.
- **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Annual Bake Sale and Craft Show at Van Buren Township Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road. Baked good sale starts at 9 a.m. and closes after all the goodies are sold. The Craft Show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Animal Magic is back under the big tent on the Fourth Street Square at noon. Bounce House for children on Third Street, 1-6 p.m. and a Soup Crawl in the tent from 2 to 4 p.m. Belleville Winter Fest Parade starts at 6 p.m. at BHS and heads to Five Points and then up Main

Street to the museum. Lighting of the Christmas tree on the museum follows the parade, as does visits with Santa. Parade sponsored by Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Fireworks at 8 p.m., funded by Belleville Yacht Club.

- **Saturday, December 3** – Children's Winter Fest Crafts will be hosted from 2 to 6 p.m. by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at the Chamber of Commerce office, 248 Main Street. BACA will be selling hot cocoa and popcorn to enjoy, while the children design holiday decorations and ornaments.
- **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Benefit for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 7-9 p.m. at Paint and Pour Studio, 22000 Michigan Ave., Dearborn 48124, (734) 720-9777. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased online at <http://thepaintandpour.com/> Select "Events and Venues," Select "Dearborn." Change the calendar to December and locate event on Dec. 3. Children are welcome to purchase a ticket to paint, but they need to be able to sit and focus on painting a Snowman for two hours. Adults over 21 can bring in their own wine. Arrive by 6:45. Class begins promptly at 7.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4** – Southern Echo performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4** – Advent by Candlelight at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Boston. Kicking off the advent season with an hour-long holiday music

program featuring Katie Williamson. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Refreshments follow in the Activities Building, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, (734) 753-9048.

- **Thursday, Dec. 8** – Downtown Belleville hosts Jingle Belleville Ladies Night Out for shopping and dining at local businesses. Businesses expected to have unique vendors and specials.
- **Thursday, Dec. 8** – "The Soldiers Who Didn't Make it Home For Christmas" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of its ongoing Homegrown Knowledge series. Local history experts from the Bring Our Boys Home group will share stories of Civil War soldiers from the Belleville area who lost their lives in the war. Free. Refreshments.

- **Saturday, Dec. 10** – Belleville Area Museum Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa, at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. Free framed photos of Santa with each child.

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• Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer announce that there still is one vacancy left on the planning commission and it will be filled by the mayor from one of the other candidates who applied for city council.

Santa coming to Belleville Area District Library on Dec. 12

Santa is coming to the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12. Kids are advised if they are too shy to whisper in Santa's ear, they should bring their hand-written wish lists. Parents are invited to bring their cameras. The library is at 167 Fourth Street in downtown Belleville.

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In Sumpter, Tim Bowman's Christmas Trees has moved down Willis Road next to 5 Star Market near Rawsonville Road. Tim and Liz Bowman are back for their 27th year of tree selling and offer Fraser fir, Douglas fir, Con Color fir, Balsam fir, Black Hills, and Blue spruce in sizes up to 12 feet. They're open seven days from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Yankee Air Museum will be offering a free presentation by Mark Reed with a program titled "Planning a B-17 Crash Site Forensic Excavation" and the "Story of Operation Nightingale USA" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the General Purpose Room at the Museum. Operation Nightingale USA is a veteran-run non-profit organization that uses field archeology as a therapeutic tool to assist American disabled veterans. The organization will describe their upcoming plans to locate and exca-

vate the 8th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress crash site in England and will reveal how the project may be accomplished. The event is free and open to the public. Call (734) 483-4030.

Winter Fest Weekend is here and things kick off tomorrow at the Fourth Street Square with Belleville's own Mark Rosenthal and Animal Magic with shows at 6 p.m. and Saturday at noon under the big tent at the square. The Codgers will provide entertainment beginning at 8 p.m. They're an Americana Celtic folk Irish band from Detroit. There will be other cool things going on, too, like the annual tree display across the street at the museum and much more. Saturday is jam packed with the Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk at 10 a.m. at Horizon Park, a bounce house, soup crawl in the tent, carriage rides downtown, wine tasting at Garden Fantasy Main, the famous light parade at 6 p.m. and fireworks over the lake at 8 p.m. Of course, Santa will arrive and address the town like always and visit children afterwards. This year's parade theme is "Traditional Christmas." Enjoy the ice sculptures and the decorated businesses and homes up and down Main Street. I'll be at parade central on Saturday so stop by and say hi. Personally, I'd like to thank the Belleville Chamber for letting me once again draw up Santa's coloring book. It's always a fun project that takes me back to coloring days and crayons. It always kick-starts the Christmas spirit in me. Be sure to see the Winter Fest schedule in today's paper. Welcome Santa!

Next Thursday is Ladies Night Out all around the downtown area from 6 to 9 p.m. where there will be all kinds of offerings at businesses, restaurants and gathering places to encourage local shopping, dining and socializing. To learn more visit Buyitinbelleville.com and Jinglebelleville.com on Facebook. If you miss Santa on Saturday, the Belleville Central Business Community will be offering free photos with Santa at the Belleville Area Museum on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. each day. Santa will also be at the library on Dec. 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Be sure to check elsewhere in this paper each week for other events, concerts, and happenings. Love our small town.

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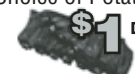
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More Letters

Finally, it's over -- God bless America

To the Editor:

Finally, it's over! The dust is beginning to settle and we can all breathe a sigh of relief. A long, hard-fought, and sometimes ugly campaign has produced a remarkable victory for our country as a whole.

I am especially happy to learn that America's evangelical voters and clergy have finally taken a stand and made their voices heard. Thanks largely to their stand, America has chosen a new president -- our 45th President of the United States: Donald J. Trump.

Undoubtedly, there are many Americans, like myself, who have faithfully and steadfastly prayed the following prayer:

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Americans throughout our great land, are giving thanks to our Lord, Jesus Christ, for answering our prayer. Together, we Americans of all races and political preferences, can now look forward to a bright, new beginning -- a healing process the likes of which we have never witnessed in our lifetimes. God bless America. (And, HE is!)

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker, Belleville

Congratulations! To all my friends

To the Editor,

Congratulations! To all my friends.

1. To the residents – you got it right,

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3. Reggie Miller – I told you people know quality.

4. Mary Jane and Rick – Thank you for your support. Rick, the Honor Guard at Don's Home-Going, was fantastic. Many people have not seen them perform. Thank you to the Honor Guard. You do a wonderful service.

5. Kevin McNamara – You have the right stuff to lead the township.

God bless you ALL as you lead.

Vera Z. Howell

Former resident of Victoria Commons
Now of Southfield

Thank you to those on Belleville Police Dept.

To the Editor:

Thank you to the wonderful men and women who wear the uniforms of the City of Belleville Police Department, serving every day in a thankless environment – never knowing what you will encounter from one moment to the next.

We at Columbia Court would like you to know we appreciate the turkeys you so graciously gave us at Thanksgiving. Sincerely,

The Residents of Columbia Court

St. Jude's Novena, thank you

To the Editor,

When you say this prayer once a day for nine days, many have had their pleas answered. Publication is another thank you when you receive what you've asked for.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Karen Conrad, Romulus

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



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Publish: December 1 & 8, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Advertisement for Bids

Advertisement for Bids

The Township of Sumpter is seeking bids for the removal of existing bleachers in the fairground arena and the installation of new aluminum bleachers furnished by the Township. For additional information contact Sumpter Township Treasurers Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville Mich., 48111. (734)461-6201.

Publish: December 1, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 9, 2016.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: December 1, 2016
December 8, 2016

Post: December 1, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW



The December Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The Board will correct any clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact pertaining to the 2016 property assessments.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: December 1, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: P. Morgan, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and 0 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve agenda with the addition of Item B: Update on Po lawsuit. Motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business:

A & B. Motion by Bates, supported by Oddy to go into Closed Session for Update on POAM Contract and Update on Po lawsuit at 5:35 pm. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to reconvene into Open session at 6:04 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Open Floor:

6. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on October 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: December 1, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 25 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Agenda as presented with the removal of Item C. Roll Call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Bates, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: C. Hoffman. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Bates, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Election Commission Minutes of October 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$377,720.12. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Turkey Shoot

B. Parks & Rec working on Master Plan and Supervisor's Christmas Party

C. New Members joining Parks & Rec

D. Aldi will be opened by the end of year

E. Winterfest Parade Santa Clause will be coming by Helicopter

Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve Parks & Recreation / Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Planning Commission still working hard on Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance

B. Portable Storage containers

C. Master Plan

Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. Recommends to extend all Personal Service Contracts until the first meeting in January 2017.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response

11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Proclamation designating the month of November as Veteran's History and Appreciation Month in the Township of Sumpter. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to renew the contract with WCA Assessing for three (3) years

at a cost of \$48,244.00 for the first year. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Sumpter Progressive Civic League to use the Community Center's first room on November 9, 2016 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm for an informational fair for Veterans (free of charge). Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve Jennifer Price, Yavetta Mills, and Karitha Hanible to be new members of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve for Parks & Recreation to have a Public Meeting on November 10, 2016 between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm on the Master Plan for Parks & Rec. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the resignation of Robert Damico from the Fire Department effective October 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Plaque to Chief Joe Januszyc

12. Announcements:

A. Trunk or Treat October 31, 2016 Fire Station #1

B. Senior Craft Show November 5, 2016

13. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

No Board Meeting November 8, 2016

Motion by P.Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to pay all bills up to November 22, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

RESA

Fire Department visiting Keystone Academy

B. Ronald Barrington Robinson

Funding for lawn care and snow removal for Seniors Campaign Laws

C. Jackie Gregory

Why was Item C removed from Agenda?

14. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffmann Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on October 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
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2016 Holiday Decorating Contest



Light Up the Town for Christmas in Belleville 2016

Got the spirit? You don't need to sign up - just decorate the outside of your house with lights and seasonal decorations.

Then have your lights on from 6 PM to 10 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14th and 15th. The contest judges will observe all areas of the City. An award will be presented for the best display in each of five areas:

- Victoria Commons
- Harbour Pointe
- The two mobile home parks
- The balance of the City
- Businesses

The winner in each area will be notified on Friday, Dec. 16th, and presentations will be made at the City Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 19th.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board work/study session, 6

p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., holding public hearing on whether to continue two-story requirement for development in downtown Belleville.

- Monday, Dec. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.



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Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak
Superintendent,
Van Buren Public Schools



First of all, I want to truly thank the voters for supporting our two millages on the ballot. They came at a time when budgets are tight, other important initiatives were pressing, and confidence in the schools is not all that high. Much of my work is to change that last one. The staff is having wonderful discussions about teaching and learning. This will continue to refine our instruction in the classroom and bring the district to new heights. We have a highly-motivated staff that is not okay with our current level of achievement and are bringing ideas to the table in order to improve. This brings me great pride.

Most of all, though, I want to thank all of the veterans that have proudly and bravely defended our glorious country through the many generations. My dad was a proud Korean War veteran. While he was never one to accept any thanks for his service (like so many other veterans), he quietly relished the various ceremonies and celebrations.

In our various Veterans Day celebrations within our schools, I was left with the word dignity. It is such a deep, meaning-filled word that strikes emotion in me when spoken. By definition, it is “the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.”

My dad had to do some unthinkable things during his time in Korea. These things left him feeling like a lesser human and not worthy of joy or dignity. So many of our young men and women in the armed forces have surely felt similar. We are falling down as a nation if we continue to allow them to feel this way. Just as they did their duty, we need to step up and do ours. A simple handshake, eye contact, and a heartfelt thank you is a start that we all can do.

In our schools, dignity is something that all staff, students, and parents should also feel. People that are interacting for the sole purpose of improvement (educational, emotional, character...) are worthy of honor and respect. Students need to know that we believe that they are special and will contribute positively to our society. We need to value them as individuals and as humans, and then, treat them as such.

All parents want the best for their kids. We need to listen and understand, support, and quit making judgments. Too many parents get turned off to schools due to lack of dignity. They either do not feel it as a parent or they didn’t feel it as a student (or both). It is our responsibility to break that cycle.

I am hoping that the staff of Van Buren Public Schools are feeling worthy of the respect that I am showing them. They are the ones leading us through change in one of the most-noble professions. I am in awe of the work they do each day for the betterment of the next generation.

Too often we allow other factors to get in the way of the right way to treat people. It could be how our peers behave, how convenient things are, a relegation of power, or a myriad of other excuses. My dad deserved to feel the dignity that he earned and so do others around us.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 524 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 20:

0119 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

0127 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1242 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1322 – harassment call, Van Buren St.

1417 – disturbance, Arthur St.

1513 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.

1625 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

1816 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 21:

0003 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.

0540 – property damage accident, Park Estates

0641 – vehicle repossession, Lincoln St.

1003 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

1218 – fraud, Leo’s

1444 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

1510 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Square

1552 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1656 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

0011 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.

0105 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.

0558 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

0720 – property damage accident, Robson Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

0753 – shots fired, Bradley Dr.

0955 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

1326 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Lakewood

1511 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1644 – intimidation threat, Meadows Cir.

1652 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1757 – assault & battery, Sawgrass Ct.

1929 – private property accident, Industrial Park

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

0420 – vehicle repossession, Kirkridge Park Dr.

0529 – property damage accident, Reene Dr.

0753 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse

0822 – juvenile complaint, Lake Villa Dr.

1109 – breaking & entering, Edison Lake Rd.

1123 – disturbance, Rose Blvd.

1301 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.

1301 – private property incident, Industrial

1648 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Wendy’s

1727 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1731 – property damage accident, Belleville / Auto Zone

1744 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.

1852 – vehicle repossession, Bayshore Dr.

1931 – missing person, Vernon St.

2002 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2149 – family trouble, Lincoln St.

2302 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.

2336 – burglary in progress, Van Buren St.

Thursday, Nov. 24:

0008 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.

0034 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

0239 – private property incident, Oak Ln.

0647 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1140 – agency assist, EB I-94 / Haggerty

1141 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1330 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.

1421 – property damage, Mission/Laguna

1824 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.

Friday, Nov. 25:

0129 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

0319 – fight, N I-94 Service Dr.

0330 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0455 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0859 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

0935 – suspicious situation, Lakewood

0936 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

0949 – fraud all, Brookside Dr.

1026 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

1139 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1237 – fire-vehicle, I-94/Haggerty

1412 – retail fraud, Belleville

1457 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1631 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton

1954 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

2048 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

2149 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.

2226 – malicious destruction of property, McBride

Saturday, Nov. 26:

0313 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville

0338 – intimidation threat, Victoria St.

0454 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

0944 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.

1154 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1234 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1242 – larceny, N. Timberview Dr.

1245 – family trouble, Haggerty Rd.

1759 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1901 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2109 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 203 traffic stops, including 43 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and 55 at Lakewood.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 20:

0043 – threats complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1452 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1833 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

1840 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1912 – dog bite, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2003 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

2221 – warrant arrest, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Nov. 21:

0959 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1359 – property damage accident, Sherwood / Willow

1438 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1509 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1524 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1623 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1718 – mental health commitment, 22000 bl. Bohn

1824 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

2024 – family trouble, Wayside

2208 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

2318 – suspicious person, Willis/Lohr

2330 – suspicious person, Bemis/Rawsonville

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

0758 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Wear

1025 – malicious destruction of property report, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1111 – neighbor dispute, Colorado

1348 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1511 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1557 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Morton

1731 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1750 – civil dispute, Wayside

1806 – alarm, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.

1954 – civil dispute, Nevada

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

0201 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

0402 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0448 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Martinsville

0631 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0840 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1331 – malicious destruction of property report, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1658 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2154 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln./Hampshire

Thursday, Nov. 24:

0521 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd

0523 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0913 – child abuse/neglect, Redwood

1141 – dumping complaint, 31000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1332 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

1612 – fire dept. assist, Second St.

1728 – fire dept. assist, Second St.

Friday, Nov. 25:

1620 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2018 – larceny, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

2126 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2316 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 26:

0051 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0315 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

0625 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville

0728 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

0813 – assist other agency, out of township

1152 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sherwood

1215 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

1417 – fire dept. assist, 36000 bl. Huron Rd.

1829 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1944 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville / Oakville Waltz

2204 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

2320 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

2352 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 15 follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 150 patrol checks, and 37 traffic stops.

Correction: Make that Trustee Kevin Martin

Under the front page picture last week we identified Trustee Kevin Martin as Kevin Miller. Whoops. We apologize for the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



Wayne County Community College District

Holiday Family Traditions Essay Contest Winners

Look for these winners in the 2016 Winter Fest Parade



Deanna Lindsey

Ms. Bos - 4th Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"We put on Christmas music like Jingle Bell Rock, and we all put the ornaments and lights on our Christmas tree."



Zachery Mitchell

Ms. Spence - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"Our tradition is we sit around the table and say our prayers and what we are thankful for before we eat."



Kamryn Hill

Ms. Bos - 4th Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"I am thankful because some people don't even have things like chapstick to keep them comfortable, and that's what Thanksgiving is all about, being thankful for what we have."



Amber Riggle

Mrs. Kitchen - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"My family tradition for Christmas morning is to wake my Mommy and Daddy up and tell them the presents are there. After we open my presents we go to my Nana's and Papa's to open presents."



Eva Tietz

Ms. Spence - 2nd Grade

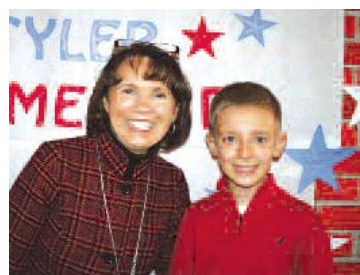
Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"After we open presents, we have chocolate pancakes, eggs, and bacon. We sing Christmas songs, we dance and have fun. I love Christmas so, so, so much."



Eryka-Jordyn Riley

Mrs. Kitchen - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"Every New Year's we eat ham and corn. We have friends and family come over. I get to pass out donuts."



Christian Dew

Ms. Spence - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"We eat lots of food, we talk a bit and we play games with everyone. Our family traditions for Christmas make my heart feel happy and excited."



Laila Hollis

Mrs. Kitchen - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"Every December second my family puts up our tree and puts lights on it. On Christmas we get cookies ready for Santa. After that we have a family dinner and exchange gifts."



Morgann Liggins

Ms. Spence - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"On Christmas I give gifts to people in need. We focus on the feeling of thankfulness and we recognize Christ over gifts."



Chloe' Buck

Mrs. Kitchen - 2nd Grade

Tyler Elementary - Principal Aleisa Pitt
"Every Thanksgiving our family comes over. We say a prayer before we eat. After we eat, we sit around and talk and laugh. Then my cousins and I dance to all kinds of music."

Congratulations to all the winners!



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