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VBt police arrest teen who made threats last summer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

A 13-year-old student at McBride Middle School was taken into custody by Van Buren Township Police Friday after a threat he made against Belleville High School last summer resurfaced on social media.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said it was a perfect example of everybody working together.

He said a student at Belleville High School alerted the school resource officer, Cpl. Kris Faull of the Belleville Police Department, of a threat on snapchat. Cpl. Faull took a screenshot of the snapchat, called Van Buren police, and met with the principal at McBride.

Director Laurain said Van Buren Township police sent a sergeant over to the school and the principal said he had already met with the student who admitted the threat that happened before the school year started. Laurain said it had been floating around on snapchat.

Laurain said Van Buren police talked to the student and the parents and took the student out of the school. Van Buren drew up charges and sent them on to the Wayne County Prosecutor, who issued charges against the student, along with six other Wayne County minors on Friday.

Laurain said it is his understanding the student is expelled from school until the criminal charges are taken care of. The student was taken to juvenile hall. He was arraigned on alleged threats of violence against the school and was released on \$1,000 personal bond. He is scheduled to be before Referee Charles W. Wilson at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 15.

"Kudos to the kid who brought the information to the school resource officer," Laurain said, adding everyone has to work together.



Independent photos by Bob Mytych

At the end of Saturday's parade, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, right, gave the Key to the City to Santa Claus and then gave another Key to the City to Belleville High School Football Coach Jermain Crowell, left, who led the BHS football team to a state championship.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak sent the following message to parents of McBride and Belleville High School students on Friday evening:

"Today there was a social media threat that students brought to our attention this afternoon. We appreciate our students for the following protocol and informing us.

"Please understand that our process is to immediately report all threats to Law Enforcement (who works directly with the district), to ensure the safety of our school, investigate and gather information, and determine the nature of the threat. We appreciate our partnership with local police departments (Sumpter, Van Buren, and Belleville), administration, staff, and students. **ALL** threats are taken seriously and investigated. Any students (or others) who are responsible will be held accountable both in the school district and criminally.

"Today, the social media post was a 5-month-old post that was reshared today.

The person that originated the threat was identified, removed from school, and referred to the police department.

"As always, if you come across any concerning information, please continue to make us aware, as this must be a community effort. We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we continue to be vigilant in keeping our students safe so that the important work of teaching and learning can happen every single day.

"Have a restful weekend."

On Friday, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced charges against seven juveniles in connection with school threat investigations, including the Belleville case.

Six of the seven total cases involve alleged threats of violence against a school and one of the cases involved possession of a weapon in school.

If convicted, a judge will determine the appropriate sentence for the alleged crimes. The incidents were announced as happening on Dec. 2 and 3.

Metro Detroit experienced a flood of threats against schools following a deadly shooting at Oxford High School on Nov. 30. Four students were killed and seven people were injured in the shooting.

School board OKs \$6,000 raise in pay for each school teacher

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

At Monday's special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board approved a two-year contract with the teachers' union that gave each teacher a \$6,000 raise in annual pay as of the Jan. 10 paycheck.

Also, all union members will move up one advancement level on Jan. 10 and each cell of the salary schedule will rise by \$1,000.

Also, all eligible bargaining unit members shall move up two advancement levels starting with the Jan. 10, 2023 pay. Longevity pay also is increased, homebound teachers will be paid an hourly rate of \$33.50 and new hires working toward alternative certification will be reimbursed 100% of the cost.

Other raises are a part of the contract.

Amber Slusher of the Van Buren Education Association said of the 217 members, 201 voted yes on the contract and zero voted no.

She said a vote with no one against a contract has never happened before.

Abdul Madyun, Human Resources Director, who negotiated the contract, said now jobs at VBPS will be much more attractive. He said for example, new teachers were getting \$39,000 a year and now that will be \$45,000.

He said the certification offer is for those with degrees and no teacher certification. He said the district hires them and then pays them to get their teacher's certification within a year.

Madyun said the dental and vision plans also have been upgraded.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said before he came there were severe cuts to teachers' pay and for the first two years he worked to get them back up.

"We have money coming in and I'm glad we're able to do this for our staff," Supt. Kudlak said.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill and treasurer Simone Pinter abstained from the vote on the contract for perceived conflicts of interest because family

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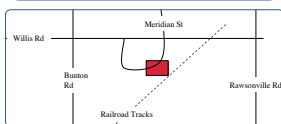
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VBTPD accreditation assessment team invites public comment

A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on Dec. 20 and 21, to examine all aspects of the Van Buren Township Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Public Safety Director

Teen arrest

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A 15-year-old boy has been charged as an adult in the case. His parents are also facing charges and were arraigned on Saturday after being located and arrested early Saturday morning.

As to the Wayne County charges, other than the one in Belleville, Prosecutor Worthy announced:

- A 14-year-old boy has been charged with false report or threat of terrorism in connection with Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods. He is expected in court on Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.
- A 15-year-old boy has been charged with false report or threat of terrorism in connection with Mumford High School in Detroit. He is expected in court on Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.
- A 13-year-old boy who goes to Fisher Magnet Upper Academy in Detroit has been charged with possession of weapon in a school / weapon free zone. He is expected in court on Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.
- A 14-year-old girl has been charged with false report or threat of terrorism in connection with Davidson Elementary School in Detroit. She is expected in court on Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m.
- A 13-year-old boy has been charged with false report or threat of terrorism toward Davison Middle School in Detroit. He is expected in court on Jan. 11 at 9 a.m.
- A 13-year-old girl has been charged with false report or threat of terrorism in connection with Detroit Edison Academy in Detroit. She is expected in court on Jan. 11 at 9 a.m.

Worthy released the following statement when she announced the charges on Saturday:

"There is a stranglehold on Southeastern Michigan now. School threats naturally put everyone on edge. Today my office processed and charged six juveniles for threats and one for having a weapon in the wake of the tragedy at Oxford High School. "Thankfully, these matters were all thwarted and no one was harmed. While the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has always tried to be vigilant and proactive in these cases, it does not mean that it will not continue to occur. I urge everyone to be cautious, to be alert, and above all, immediately report what you know, hear, and see."

Gregory Laurain announced Dec. 6.

"Verification by the team that the Van Buren Township Police Department meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," Director Laurain said.

As part of this on-site assessment,

School Board

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members work for the district. All other board members voted in favor of the contract.

In other business at Monday's 50-minute special meeting, the board:

- Approved an agreement with the Van Buren Association of Supervisors and Administrators, that was signed Nov. 16 and expires Dec. 31, 2022, that set rates of increased pay for eight employment categories, noting the members currently receiving the \$4,000 stipend will continue to receive that stipend as long as the terms of the original agreement are maintained. Two positions are added as members of VBASA: College and Career Readiness Coordinator and Early Childhood Center Principal. Madyun said this will make the positions more competitive;
- Learned the details of an agreement with NBS Commercial Interiors for furniture at Owen Intermediate School not to exceed \$430,000. Among all the items, all the teachers will get new desks and storage areas. This was an information presentation by Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran CRESA and the board will be asked to vote on it at the next meeting. It will be paid for through the general fund or sinking fund;
- Approved a total cost of \$291,147 for classroom technology, security cameras and cabling for Owen, ordering it now so it will be ready next summer when work is being done at the school. They have unit pricing from the Early Childhood Development Center and so that vendor is being used; and
- Approved pre-purchase of HVAC equipment for work at Owen, Tyler, and Savage next summer at a cost of \$1,320,373 from ThermalNetics as part of the Series 2 Bond 2019 project. Kakoczki said they were notified by the vendors that there is no longer eight or nine weeks of lead time and now it is 28-32 weeks for equipment all across the country. ESSER funds will be used in coordination with the bond. That's possible because of the ventilators for the classroom. Supt. Kudlak said they were able to enhance the scope of the project because ESSER funds were available.

employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team by telephone or email. The public may call (734) 796-6131 on Dec. 21, 2021, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to speak directly to assessors.

Comments can also be written and sent to assessors at msilverthorn@whitelakepolice.com or emailed directly to Accreditation Program Manager Neal Rossow at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org. A copy of the accreditation standards is available for inspection at the Van Buren Township Police Department at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111. Contact Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain at (734) 699-8934 for more information.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about Van Buren Township's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy., Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Van Buren Township Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Public Safety Director Laurain said, "Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs."

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Ret. Chief Neal Rossow.

"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan law enforcement agencies," Chief Rossow said. "The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status," Rossow stated.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan.

For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation

Commission, write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864; or email at: nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org.

Media contact: Sergeant Louis Keele, (734) 699-8930, lkeele@vanburen-mi.org

Gregory Laurain
Director of Public Safety
Van Buren Township Police Department

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Dec. 9** – The Belleville Area District Library's Homegrown Knowledge series presents "History of Willow Run" with Barry Levine at 7 p.m. Homegrown Knowledge is a monthly lecture series sponsored by The Friends of the Library, featuring the knowledge and passions of local community members.

• **Thursday, Dec. 9** – Belleville High School Freshman Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., BHS Auditorium

• **Saturday, Dec. 11** – Free pictures with Santa at the Belleville Area District Library, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Sunday, Dec. 12** – The Belleville Community Chorus presents its winter concert, "Swing into Christmas," at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville. Free, but donations welcome.

• **Monday, Dec. 13** – Coffee hour with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri from noon to 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Tell him your concerns.

• **Monday, Dec. 13** – If you live within the City of Belleville, turn on your holiday light decorations on your house and in your yard from 6 to 7 p.m. The teams from the city council will be out doing their judging for this year's contest.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 14** – Belleville High School Symphony Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., BHS Auditorium

• **Saturday, Dec. 18** – Free pictures with Santa, at the Belleville Area District Library, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 28** – "Recipe for Murder!" is the Murder Mysteries Will Travel dinner event being put on in conjunction with the Belleville Area Kiwanis Club to earn funds for Trinity Episcopal Church's Friday Fill Up, providing food to school children in the community. It is at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Hall at 9961 Beck Rd. Tickets are \$25 each for dinner and show. Reservations are limited to 100 guests. Call Karen Skszek-Mida for information on tickets, (734) 635-1208.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

School Board president applauds all for actions

"It's been a really rough week for anyone involved," said Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education president Amy Pearce at the end of Monday's special meeting of the school board.

She referred to the shootings at Oxford High School and the copy-cat threats that followed in other high schools.

She said she applauds the administration and others at the Van Buren schools and the students who showed respect. She said students and teachers have been trained.

"I am proud of how our district and local law enforcement have handled the issues. Thank you to all who continue to keep us safe," she concluded.

She did not go into detail, but everyone knew she was referring to the chain of events started when a student told school resource officer Kris Faull about an entry on snapchat that threatened violence at Belleville High School. Cpl. Faull alerted Belleville police and then contacted Van Buren police and McBride Middle School where the suspected threatener was in class.

The whole situation was addressed immediately with the help of the principal and a VBT police sergeant and Prosecutor Kim Worthy who authorized charges. The 13-year-old boy is in juvenile custody waiting for his next day in court.

Supt. Kudlak was praised for sending out letters and information nonstop to parents to always keep them informed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

It is reported there were about 35 entries in Saturday's Winter Fest parade. It was a nice, community event with lots of people coming out to watch. We always get a lot when the families of the BHS marching band come to support their students. This time we had all those supporting the BHS football team that won a state title.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley was so happy to see the winning BHS coach Jermain Crowell that she gave him a Key to the City. She had already given the Key to Santa Claus, so this was a second Key the chamber had.

At Monday's special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, board secretary Darlene Gerick said she really enjoyed Winter Fest. She said she was standing next to the fire pit at Egan's to stay warm after the parade on Saturday and then she watched the fireworks and thought to herself, "Hallmark movies do come true." She said the community was out there cheering for its football team who had brought home the state trophy and it was a charming small town celebrating together.

A reader who uses Unified Communities Federal Credit Union, with an office at the corner of Second and Main streets in the City of Belleville, got a letter last week that he shared with us.

It said that if all goes well in 2022, Unified Communities will merge with Genisys Credit Union. Genisys has a big, new office at 10444 Belleville Rd. and we would guess they would close the one on Main Street.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

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All the people who have accounts at Unified Communities credit union will have to vote on the merger before it can happen and that vote will probably take place next year.

It was interesting to learn that Unified was chartered in 1949 to serve General Motors Employees at the Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti before moving to a community charter. Similarly, the roots of Genisys were to serve General Motors employees from the Truck and Coach plant in Pontiac and the Tank/Metal Fab Plant in Grand Blanc.

When I was growing up in Belleville, the corner of Second and Main held a home where the minister of the Methodist Church lived with his family. That's where I got married on the day I graduated from Albion College. I had promised my parents I wouldn't get married until after I got my college degree and I kept my promise.

It will be interesting to see what will be on that corner next.

After the deadly high school shooting in Oxford last week, that's been all over the local and national news, on Monday morning one of our readers said he saw an ambulance and two police cars on the school grounds on West Columbia Avenue.

I asked Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson about it and he explained that an employee of the school had a medical

issue.

We aren't able to give out *Independent* calendars this year, but we have been able to get a large supply of calendars from the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. People are delighted to have free calendars. They are just outside our office door. Help yourself.

On Sunday, there were more than a dozen people at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville standing in the pouring rain for the monthly Bugles Across America event to honor the military. Those attending mostly stood under umbrellas, but some just stood in the rain, like Rick Dawson when he played Taps. Also, Geof Bush and Lori Day stood without cover and sang the National Anthem as the rain poured down.

Rick Dawson said he was amazed that so many people were out there standing in the rain. VBT Trustee Kevin Martin, himself a veteran, pointed out that members of the military have to stand out in the rain without question. And, that's exactly what I said when I left home in the rain to go to the memorial for the brief ceremony. They have to do it for us. The least we can do is to stand in the rain for them.



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Letters

Sumpter Township property fire sale

To the editor:

Sumpter Township finally has a bid for its property at a time when "property values are at an all-time high." However, nobody told the bidder for the 10 acres off Sumpter Road behind the closed medical building.

Sumpter Township currently assesses value of little over four hundred thousand dollars for this property. The bid was for only forty-one thousand dollars on a ten-acre commercial plot. Using basic math that's forty-one hundred dollars an acre. Most homeowners in this area, including myself, have paid far more than this per acre. I wonder who is the potential lucky owner that is hidden behind their cheap LLC filing.

Interesting part is I've heard rumblings that this property is no longer going to be developed but left alone and not developed. I don't know what's the bigger slap in the face to the residents of Sumpter Township, the extremely low bid offer, or the fact that now the property is going to be left undeveloped.

If you'll recall many of the adjacent property owners requested to purchase this property but were told "NO" for numerous reasons. The first reason being that the township at the time didn't want to sell it and it couldn't be developed because of the pipeline running through the property. The second being that the township wanted development, business, and an increase in their kleptocracy (emphasis added). So, at a time "when property values are at an all-time high" the township board for their property fire sale got a sub-par bid for a property that Wayne County values at little over four-hundred thousand dollars while leaving it "untouched."

Will the board accept this bid? I think if they do, it would be extremely careless and not in the best interest of Sumpter Township. If the Sumpter Board was serious about selling these properties, why were they not appraised and set at a reserve price? The cynical side of the author thinks this was planned. Someone in the know, knew that they could bid on this property at an extremely low value with little to no competition. If you have ever sold any property, there is always an asking price or minimum value.

I know you're thinking why didn't you bid on it? I didn't bid on it because this property was zoned as commercial, and part of the agreement was that you had to have a business plan to bid on it. Meaning a business that you were going to install on the property once obtained so that taxes could start flowing into the township.

There were comments made during the meetings that having a business plan after bidding on it was going to be a big hurdle to get over and release the property. The board was asked bluntly if we could split it up to the adjacent properties owner and we were told no because they wanted a new business.

Now that the dust has settled, and I know that was way back in September and who could possibly remember that far back, have the rules and goal post changed? Will the board accept this bid, or will they do what they should have done in the first

place, allow the adjacent property owners to come up with agreement amongst themselves?

I think it is important to point out that Sumpter Township financially is in good shape. There is absolutely no reason that the township must accept this offer, or any other low offers when our property values are at an all-time high. If this is really for the good of the community to entice some business to move in, there are plenty of areas throughout Sumpter Township that have blight and open buildings for businesses to drop into. The area behind the old medical facility is the front and back yards of ten surrounding properties. I agree the township shouldn't be in the business of owning property but the best way to do this is to let the surrounding property owners come to an agreement. These are the people that are going to have to look at what is in their front or back yards for the coming years. If we really want to be a small community where country living is at its "finest," we must have that mentality.

Corey Blue, Sumpter Township Resident

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Winter Fest weekend, from what I've seen, was a blast, with so much going on. The parade was fantastic. Santa almost took a back seat to our BHS Tigers State Champions. Head Coach Jermain Crowell inspired the crowd when he took the microphone at Parade Central after accepting the key to the city. Coach Crowell put the emphasis on winning the championship for all of Belleville and the crowd that gathered to celebrate couldn't agree more. By that time, the multitude was all warmed up for Santa, who also received a key to the city a short time later. There was a lot of love in the air. I hung out at the gingerbread house at Belleville Bariatrics playing candy checkers, tic-tac-dough, and colored until it was time for Santa as I followed him down Main to Fourth Street Square. The crowds along the curb grew deeper as I made it to the viewing stand, where it was wall-to-wall people by then. I barely found a place to stand and get my pics of Santa, but I managed. I've always said the people are here, they just need a reason to come out of the woodwork, and they did. It was great. When I got home in Sumpter, I could hear the fireworks going off to the north as I walked in from the pole barn. Thank you to the City of Belleville, Belleville Chamber and its sponsors for an amazing Winter Fest. Love our small town.

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If you missed Santa last Saturday, he will be at the Belleville Library this Saturday and Dec. 18, from noon until 4 p.m. Special-needs children and adults can meet with him beginning at 11:30 a.m. each day. The event is free, but donations will be accepted. The event is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community. Doc's Ice Cream & Coffee in New Boston will also feature Santa this

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Obituaries



Ritchie Lynn Millard

RITCHIE LYNN MILLARD

(June 29, 1938 – December 1, 2021)

Ritchie Lynn Millard was born to Robert L. Millard, Jr. and Velva (Van Schoick) Millard on June 29, 1938 in the Township of Milan, MI. Ritchie graduated from Belleville High School in 1956 and began his career in the grocery business first as a night stocker at the A&P and then as an apprentice meat cutter. Ritchie had a long career as a journeyman meat cutter that spanned over 6 decades. This included starting his own meat shop in Belleville, moving to Phoenix, AZ and working for A J Bayless/Bashas'. After initially retiring and learning that he liked working more, he joined HyVee and retired from the Columbia, MO store in 2018 at 80 years old.

Rich had numerous interests in his life including flying, woodworking, classic car restoration, hunting, motorcycles and he was an avid reader. He was a member of the precision drill team with Gold Wing Road Riders Association for many years in Phoenix, AZ.

Rich is survived by his wife of over 20 years and soulmate, Jan (Briese/Salcido) Millard and her two children, Jennifer Salcido of Phoenix, AZ and Tony (Michelle) Salcido of Avondale, AZ; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Rich and Jan had many experiences and adventures during their marriage including moving from Phoenix, AZ to Hot Springs, SD then to Iberia, MO and finally back to Arizona in Kingman. They also took many fabulous vacations including Germany, New York City, Hawaii, Mackinac Island, MI and leaf peeping in New England.

Ritchie is also survived by his 4 daughters from his marriage to Janice L Dine (deceased) Kathy (Perry) Silver of Canton, TX; Leslie (Bruce) Brown of Broomfield, CO; Suzanne (George) Tackitt of Flagstaff, AZ; Jana (Dan) Alvarado of Phoenix, AZ; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Ritchie is predeceased by his parents Velva and Robert Millard; his step-parents Harriet (Tooman/Millard) and Clayton Walters; and siblings Donald Walters and MJ Walters. Rich is also survived by his brother Robert Millard and his wife Patricia of Iberia, MO.

Please send condolences to cutup1@windstream.net. A memorial service will be planned in the future.

Rich/Dad/Grandpa – you were loved so much and will be missed!

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Dec. 13 – Jeff Barnett, Jeanne Bukis, Beverly Powell

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Obituaries



Gerald Richard "Gerry" Cullin

GERALD RICHARD 'GERRY' CULLIN

January 3, 1930 – November 28, 2021
 Gerald Richard "Gerry" Cullin was born January 3, 1930 in Dearborn, MI to Arthur ("Dutch") and Helen (Artley) Cullin and passed away peacefully on November 28, 2021 at the age of 91 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI of natural causes.

Gerry graduated from Belleville High School in 1947, lettering in football, basketball and baseball his sophomore, junior and senior years, making him a nine-letter athlete. He worked at Hamilton Hardware in high school and started working for United Airlines at Willow Run Airport after graduation and while attending EMU his first year. He met the love of his life, Roberta Benson, on a blind date in the summer of 1947. They dated for several years and were married on April 6, 1951.

Gerald enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950 serving 4 years in Florida and Alaska. After being discharged in 1954, he returned to United Airlines where he worked in dispatch until 1961. At the same time he was attending EMU and earned a teaching certification in biology, later earning his master's in special education. Gerry taught for 31 years, first with Wayne/Westland then 27 years with Livonia Public Schools retiring in June 1992.

He coached football at Franklin High School for over 20 years. His accomplishments included coaching the first MI state championship team in 1975. He also was on the coaching staff for the Michigan High School Football All Star Team in 1983. Gerry was honored to be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He also coached baseball at Franklin for over 15 years.

Gerald was a charter member of the Belleville Historical Society where he served as treasurer. He served on the Van Buren Township Planning Commission for a number of years and was treasurer for the Van Buren Eagles for over 20 years.

His hobbies were watching the Red Wings, Tigers, college football, reading and woodworking. He enjoyed history, especially

the Civil War. He belonged to the Friends of the National Park at Gettysburg and collected Gettysburg Civil War paintings and books. After purchasing the Clark family homestead in 1974, Gerry and Berta spent many years remodeling and upgrading the home. Upon retirement, they purchased a condo in Fairfield Glade, TN in 1993. There, Gerry and Berta vacationed and enjoyed having family and friends visit them and spent many days playing on Fairfield's golf courses.

Gerald is survived by his three children Brian, Michelle (Randy) Giannini and Eric (Essie) and four grandchildren Melissa (Dylan) Martin, Nick Giannini, Adam Cullin and Benjamin Cullin, brother-in-law William Nickels and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of over 69 years, Roberta, in 2020 as well as a dear sister-in-law Karen Nickels, two brothers Glenn Cullin and Don Cullin, brothers-in-law Fred Horn, Jack Whalls and sisters-in-law Bea Whalls, Juanita Cullin and Margaret Horn.

He was well-liked and respected by all he came in contact with from family and friends to players, students and acquaintances. Above all, Gerry loved spending time with his family. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2022 for both Gerald and Roberta. If desired, donations can be made to the Salvation Army in his name.



Thomas Michael Oliverson

THOMAS MICHAEL OLIVERSON

(May 15, 1963 – November 29, 2021)

Thomas Michael Oliverson, age 58, of Newport, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, November 29, 2021, at Beaumont Hospital, Trenton, MI. He was born May 15, 1963, in Burlington, New Jersey, son of Thomas Gerald & Lucia Ann (Drury) Oliverson.

He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 1981. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Mike retired from Ford Motor Company, Allen Park plant, after many years of loyal service. He was an avid bowler who enjoyed sports. He was a big Detroit fan, always supporting the Lions, Tigers, and Wings. He also loved the Michigan Wolverines.

Mike is survived by 7 children: Nicole (Christopher Baltovich) Watson of New Boston, MI, Nicolas (Heather Brooks) Iannello of Monroe, MI, Stacey (Jordan Cossins) Oliverson of Taylor, MI, Brandon Oliverson of Westland, MI, Jessica (Aaron Harmon) Watson of Romulus, MI, Alina (Todd Ingram) Watson of Belleville, MI, and David (Sherry Coryell) Oliverson of Belleville, MI; 12 grandchildren; his mother Luann Oliverson of St. Louis, Missouri; a sister Pam (Brian) Cantrell of St. Louis, Missouri; niece Lindsay Schnare; nephew Erick Cantrell; and numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Thomas Gerald Oliverson.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, December 5, 2021. Funeral Service began at 4 p.m. Sunday with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

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Obituaries



Ilene Mae Publiski

ILENE MAE PUBLISKI

(October 23, 1926 – November 29, 2021)

Ilene Mae Publiski, age 95, longtime Belleville resident, passed away Monday, November 29, 2021, at Arbor Hospice, Saline, MI. She was born October 23, 1926, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Roy & Mae (Warboy) Smith. Ilene graduated high school and a few years later, married the love of her life Richard F. Publiski on October 25, 1947. She attended St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI, for many years. She retired from ERIM-Environmental Research Institute of Michigan in 1989 after many years of loyal service. She enjoyed playing ping pong, card games, and gardening. Most of all she cherished time spent at the family cottage on Island Lake in Rose City, MI. Mrs. Publiski is survived by son Paul (Marilyn) Publiski of Ypsilanti, MI; grandson Brian (Anna) Publiski of Milan, MI; granddaughter Becky (Mike) Mourgas of Ypsilanti, MI; 5 great-grandchildren Kaitlyn Mourgas, Tyler Mourgas, William Publiski, Addison Publiski, and Eliana Publiski; also, numerous extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 65 years Richard on March 20, 2012, daughter Patricia Publiski on October 28, 2001, four brothers Robert, Bernard, S. Burton, and Karl Smith; also, two sisters Ruth Hoepfner and Ivaleta Mikan.

Visitation was 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family requested all guests wear a mask while inside the funeral home. Per her request, no funeral services will be held. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Arbor Hospice & Home Care would be appreciated.
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ANNA MARIE DOYLE

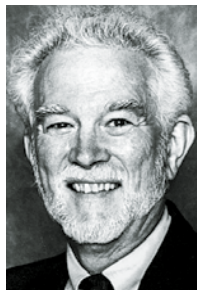
(June 3, 1993 – November 29, 2021)

Age 28, of Ypsilanti. Survived by fiancé Geoff Fontana, his children Astrid and Wesley, parents Stephen and Mary Doyle, brother Connor Doyle. Celebration of Life 11 a.m., Dec. 9, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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JESSIKA RALYNN EWER

(November 30, 1996 – November 26, 2021)

Jessika Ralynn Ewer, age 24. Survived by her parents Randy and Pam Ewer of Romulus, MI; and four brothers Jarrad, Joshua, Jordan and Joseph Ewer. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Larry W. Nolf

LARRY W. NOLFF

(August 24, 1936 – November 6, 2021)

Larry W. Nolf, age 85, passed away in his home in Stuarts Draft, VA, and went to be with Jesus on Saturday, November 6, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jacqueline; four children, Linda (Kevin), Brian (Donna), Greg (Sandy) and Tim (Ronnelle); five grandchildren Christopher, Jessica, Kristen, Kaitlyn and Eli; two great-grandchildren, Phoenix and Audrey; and two brothers Alan Nolf of Chesapeake, VA, and Dale Nolf of Cape Coral, FL.

He was born in Ypsilanti, MI, on August 24, 1936 and graduated from Belleville High School in 1954. He went on to earn an electronics degree in 1956 and began a career with IBM as an instructor and technical trainer lasting 34 years.

He would go on in retirement to use his gifts of teaching and service to minister in many areas including assistant pastor for nine years at Fishersville United Methodist Church, pastor for one year at Augusta Springs United Methodist Church, Sunday School teacher, choir director, and Bible study leader. Throughout this time he was actively involved in the community through visitation and outreach to many.

Funeral services were held on November 12, 2021 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Stuarts Draft, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, 2179 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft, VA, 24477.



Lisa Marie Drake

LISA MARIE DRAKE

March 21, 1973 – November 14, 2021

Lisa Marie Drake, age 48, of Winter Park, Florida and formerly of Belleville, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2021, after a long battle with lupus.

She is survived by son Gunnar Coutu; mother Judith Ann Okraski; father Gregory (Gina) Drake; brothers Gregory Thomas (Stephanie) Drake and Bryan Michael (Wendy) Drake; stepfather Henry C. Okraski; step-sisters Anna Roberts, Amanda McLenon, Meghan McLenon; step-brothers Andy Okraski and Joseph Okraski; nieces Madison Ann Drake, Morgan Effrein, Trish Okraski, Francine Okraski, Anna Kate Okraski, and Caroline Okraski; nephews Michael Joseph Drake, Connor Effrein, Reid Effrein, Tyler Drake, Pierson Drake, Ryan Roberts, and Craig Roberts.

A gathering will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. and service will follow at 11 a.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home, 895 South Goldenrod Road, Orlando, FL 32822, (407) 277-4227.

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Obituaries



Timothy Grant Bandy

TIMOTHY GRANT BANDY

June 29, 1952 - December 2, 2021

Timothy Grant Bandy, age 69, longtime Belleville-area resident, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born June 29, 1952, in Japan and was adopted by Charles & Hanako Bandy. He had a passion for helping others and received his master's degree in social work. He specialized in helping foster families and helped many people in the downriver area at the Downriver Guidance Clinic over the years. He enjoyed watching television, especially old movies. He loved technology and talking on the internet and ordering on Amazon!

Mr. Bandy is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Kathlyn Arlene (Peters) Bandy; daughter Susan (Kevin) Frost of Belleville, MI; four grandchildren: Jacob (Alyssa) Treaster, Mariah (Ryan) Wylls, Dalton Wylls, and Vivian Frost, and Briar Frost is on-the-way; four great-grandchildren: Annabella Treaster, Jacob Treaster, Jr., Anastasia Treaster, and Zoe Perry; also, numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a son, Timothy Paul Bandy.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2021, with a 1 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment was in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti, MI, at www.thehopeclinic.org and would be appreciated by the family.



Katherine Mary Belinc

KATHERINE MARY BELINC

(September 28, 1960 - December 1, 2021)

Katherine Mary Belinc, age 61, of Belleville, MI, passed away at home on December 1, 2021. She was born September 28, 1960, to William & Marilyn (Holmes) Harrison, in Wyandotte, MI.

She was a graduate of Trenton High School class of 1978. She then completed educational studies at Dorsey School of Business. Katherine worked for DTE Energy until 1993, when she decided to stay home and raise her children. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Katherine loved her family dearly. She also loved crafts, especially ceramics. She would lovingly make them as gifts to give to family and friends. In Katherine's giving spirit, she has made a donation to Gift of Life after her passing.

Katherine is survived by her devoted husband Larry Michael Belinc of Belleville, MI; her children Robert Belinc and Erika Belinc of Belleville, MI; three grandchildren Michael, Aria, and Brionna of Belleville, MI; brothers and sisters William (Joan) Harrison of Norfolk, VA, James (Julie) Harrison of Port Huron, MI, Patricia (Eric) Sattler of Trenton, MI, and Marilyn (Thomas) Vaughn of Iowa Park, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. on Thursday with a 7 p.m. Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will be on Friday, December 10, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Father John Hedges officiating. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial donations can be made in Katherine's name to Gleaners Food Bank. <https://www.gcfb.org/>
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EDWARD U. ANGUILM

(February 13, 1939 - November 21, 2021)

Edward U. Anguilm, age 82, of Palm Harbor, Florida, died Sunday, November 21, 2021, in Newberry, Michigan. He was born February 13, 1939, in Newberry, the son of Urban and Bonnie Anguilm.

On September 27, 1958, he married Mary Arrick and she preceded him in death on January 15, 2021. Edward was a Heavy Equipment Operator and was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 324. He loved hunting and golf, was a member of the Huron Sportsman Club, and especially loved spending time in the Upper Peninsula in Michigan.

He is survived by four sons Michael (Dee Dee), Patrick (Joyce) of Ypsilanti, Michigan, James (Anne) of Milan, Michigan, and Brian (Dana) of Saline, Michigan; ten grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one sister Carole (Jerry) Pasek; and one brother Gary (Pam) Anguilm. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary along with his parents.

There will be a Visitation held on Friday, December 10, 2021, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home - Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan. Donations in Memory of Edward can be made to the Diabetes Association of America. <https://www.diabetes.org/>

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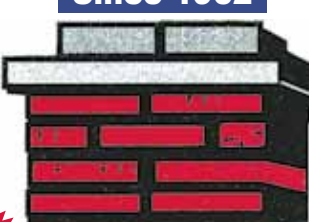
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Obituaries



Angeline Roof

ANGELINE ROOF
(February 7, 1928 – December 5, 2021)
Angeline Roof, 93, of Van Buren Township, passed away Sunday, December 5, at home. She was born February 7, 1928. She worked at Big Boy and Walmart. She is survived by five sons, Steven (Pamela) Roof of Maybee, Randolph (Janice) Roof of Tennessee, John (Pamela) Roof of Michigan, Andrew Roof of Maybee, and Vernon (Tanya) Roof of Monroe; four daughters, Kathleen of Van Buren Township, Susan (Louis) Woolery of Van Buren Township, Carol (Ken) Keber, B.C. Canada, Sharon Roof of Milan; 40 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Roof; sons Thomas and Edward; daughters Rosemary Wright and Mary Roof; one granddaughter; and two great-grandsons. Viewing will be Thursday, December 9, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Liedel Chapel – Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 9061 Raisin St., Maybee, MI. On Friday, December 10, she will lie in state from 10 to 11 a.m., with a mass at 11 a.m., at Divine Grace Parish – St. Joseph, 9267 Joseph St., Maybee, MI.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 79, positive tests at 5,284

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code stayed at 79 as of Monday, Dec. 6, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 5,284 on Monday, Dec. 6, up from 5,070 on Monday, Nov. 29.

On Monday, Dec. 6, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 3,571 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 630 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,083 positive cases, 15 deaths.

The Van Buren Public School District reports as of Friday, Dec. 3, there was a total of 222 positive cases in the district since the beginning of school on Aug. 30. There were 41 new positives last week, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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Belleville Community Chorus to present ‘Swing into Christmas’

On Sunday, Dec. 12, the community is invited to enjoy the Belleville Community Chorus’ 15th-annual holiday concert “Swing into Christmas.”

The performance is at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street in Belleville.

Under the leadership of director Rachel Parr, accompanied by Judith Weed, the concert will feature songs of the season guaranteed to please and delight.

As always, the concert is free, although donations supporting the chorus are invited, encouraged, and welcomed.

For more information on becoming a part of the Belleville Community Chorus, as a singer or to volunteer in other ways, contact Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixed-voice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus strives to improve its musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule. The generosity of donors and sponsors supports the community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment. The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

Belleville Planning Commission
will meet at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 9
in person at city hall
No action items on the agenda.

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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 14, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

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 14, 2021.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **1:00 p.m. on December 22, 2021**, for **Bid Package #7 (Savage & Tyler Elementary School Renovations)** and **Bid Package #8 (Owen Intermediate School Renovation)**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
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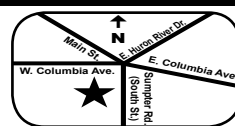
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on December 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via a Microsoft Teams Meeting online at <https://tinyurl.com/3jk8xtut> and/or call in +1 734-887-6326 Conference ID: 211 069 275#

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Documents will be available for viewing on **December 3, 2021**. Any questions, contact Kyle Oberdorf, Granger Construction Project Manager at: koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest



On December 13, 2021, City Council judges will be driving throughout the City limits evaluating outdoor holiday decorations. For citizens who want to participate in the contest, please have your yards decorated and lit up from 6 to 7 p.m.

Winners will be determined in the following categories:

- Victoria Commons
- Harbour Pointe
- Mobile home parks
- Businesses
- Balance of the City
- "Over The Top"

Winners will be notified on Friday, December 16th and presentations will be made at the December 20th City Council meeting.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Publish: December 9, 2021



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE 2021 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be conducting the 2021 December Board of Review and will convene in the Belleville City Hall at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 14, 2021 between 9:00 am and 9:30 am

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 697-9323 Ext.,7016.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 240 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 28:

0003 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.
0046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
0411 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1003 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1021 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1050 – unattended death, Tompkins St.
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charter Club Estates
1438 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
1810 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1829 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1913 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1920 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1958 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2134 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
2210 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
2256 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 29:

0019 – Menard's property check, Belleville Rd.
0051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
0729 – traffic offense, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
0920 – motorist assist, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0930 – domestic, Hickory Woods
1011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Pond
1052 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1302 – mental subject, Brandi
1422 – 911 welfare check, Stamford Rd.
1540 – private property/property damage accident, Hardwood Dr.
1633 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1658 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr.
1903 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1911 – assist other dept., Marlowe Ave.
2159 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 30:

0017 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0123 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Riggs Rd.
0325 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0613 – overdose, Rogers Ave.
0620 – private property/property damage accident, Holly Ln.
0706 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
0730 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
0737 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
0848 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
0918 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0935 – private property/property damage accident, Meadows Cir.
1134 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1220 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1257 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1412 – animal complaint, Bak Rd.
1604 – welfare check, Capitol Dr.
1641 – property damage accident, Suburau dealership
1858 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
1952 – threat, Holly Ln.
2014 – assist other dept., Mantauk Ct.

Wednesday, Dec. 1:

0053 – threat, Richard Run Dr.
0117 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
0121 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0312 – threat, Brookside Dr.
0405 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle, rest area
0417 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0541 – assist citizen, W. Adams
1040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1103 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1131 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cape Condos
1245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1259 – mental subject, Country Walk Blvd.
1327 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1347 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1432 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
1516 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.
1624 – follow up by officer, Oak Ln.

1631 – missing person, Milton Dr.
1802 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1834 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1838 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Edison Lake Rd.
1846 – follow up by officer, Freedom Way
1917 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1917 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 2:

0410 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0948 – property damage accident, Sondra Dr.
1150 – property damage accident, W I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1343 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1407 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1426 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1440 – abandoned auto, Winding Pond Dr.
1540 – property damage accident, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.
1629 – property check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1722 – larceny, E. Adams
1757 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd.

/ Van Born Rd.

1815 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville
1941 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2323 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd.
2338 – sexual assault, Salem Ct.

Friday, Dec. 3:

0014 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0108 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0158 – robbery, Denton Rd.
0340 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0658 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0805 – parking complaint, McBride
0828 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1204 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1251 – assist other dept., McBride
1405 – welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1456 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1527 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1657 – suspicious person/vehicle, Buchanan St.
1721 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1747 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
1912 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2011 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2103 – harassment call, Bemis Rd.
2140 – assist citizen, Fairbanks St./Coolidge St.
2325 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.
2329 – harassment call, Denton Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 4:

0035 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0234 – noise complaint, Cape Condos
0307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
0326 – mental subject, Borgman Ave.
0825 – assist fire dept., Sugarbush Ln.
0852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0855 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Pointe Pass
0859 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0923 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1200 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1547 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
1755 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
1935 – harassment call, Robbe Rd.
1939 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2154 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2210 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
2221 – neighbor trouble, Peninsular Dr.
2311 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
2340 – suspicious person/vehicle, Turnberry Ct.
There were 50 traffic stops on this week's log, with one being on EB I-94 at Denton Road.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 28:

0328 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1933 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2008 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.

Monday, Nov. 29:

0635 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
0905 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1234 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1429 – property damage accident, High St./Main
1500 – abandoned auto, E. Columbia Ave.
1552 – misc. complaint, Robbe St.
1749 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1838 – traffic stop, Edison/W. Columbia Ave.
1933 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
2110 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 30:

1047 – animal complaint, Estrada Dr.
1225 – property damage accident, Main St.
1318 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
1341 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.
1432 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1440 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1518 – traffic stop, Bay Pointe Dr./W. Huron River
1536 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1642 – traffic stop, Main St.
1702 – traffic stop, Main St.
1724 – traffic stop, Main St.
1743 – property check, Denton Rd.
1833 – traffic stop, Village Park
1934 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1943 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1946 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE 2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Public Review Period:

December 13, 2021 – January 11, 2022

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that Van Buren Township is seeking public comment on the Five-Year 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The required 30-day public review and comment period will begin on December 13, 2021 and will end on January 11, 2022. Van Buren is preparing this Five-Year Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, this Plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five years.

Beginning December 13, 2021, copies of the draft of the 2022-2026 Five-Year Master Plan may be found at the Community Services Office at Township Hall (46425 Tyler Road) during normal business hours. The draft Plan may also be accessed online at <https://www.vanburen-mi.org/>

Van Buren residents are asked to submit comments in writing via email to arenaud@vanburen-mi.org or via mail to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

A follow-up public hearing will take place at Board of Trustees meeting on January 18, 2022. Any and all input is greatly appreciated.

Publish by: December 12, 2021

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

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1956 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2340 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 1:
0921 – parking complaint, S. Biggs Ave.
1413 – fraud, Main St.
1850 – intrusion alarm, Madelon St.
1902 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.
2121 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Church St.
2145 – overdose, N. Aberdeen Ct.

Thursday, Dec. 2:
1028 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1148 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1946 – noise complaint, Main St.
2050 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.
2058 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Friday, Dec. 3:
0205 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0658 – property damage accident, Main/High
0923 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0925 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1214 – traffic stop, Higginson
1254 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour
Pointe Dr.
1319 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
1420 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1534 – parking complaint, Fifth St.
1732 – traffic offense, Main St./Fourth St.
1747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
2007 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
2014 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
2024 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
2037 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont

Ave.
2225 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2254 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
2334 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

Saturday, Dec. 4:
0002 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.
0032 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0130 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0209 – traffic stop, Main St.
1203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Denton
1348 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1505 – traffic stop, Church St.
1532 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1615 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Denton
2002 – found property/child, Burtrig
2225 – assist other dept., Tyler

There were 30 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 28:
0046 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Savage
0257 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Elwell
0753 – assault, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1329 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1429 – fire dept. assist, Huron Twp. PD
1631 – suspicious person, Stonecrest Dr.
1715 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1792 – alarm, Montana St.
1839 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1824 – civil matter, Delaware St.

Monday, Nov. 29:
0226 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville / Liss
0344 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0559 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.

0750 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1031 – fire dept. assist, 9900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1037 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arkona/Elwell
1312 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1844 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2058 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2351 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 30:
1013 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1314 – warrant arrest, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs
1355 – warrant arrest, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs
1713 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD
1903 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willow
2022 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 1:
0638 – follow-up investigation, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.
0808 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0939 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1326 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.
1333 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1336 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd
1359 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
1425 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1441 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Sumpter
1446 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1723 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2002 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2012 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
2057 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2244 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 2:
0407 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0625 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0801 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane
1000 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1323 – suspicious circumstance, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1551 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
1731 – traffic complaint/hazard, Harris/Sumpter
1743 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1935 – breaking & entering report, Montana St.

Friday, Dec. 3:
0101 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0108 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0725 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
0842 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0934 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1113 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1134 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1141 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
1613 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2000 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 4:
0045 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0050 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0321 – family trouble, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1057 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1103 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1140 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1222 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Bemis
1557 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1757 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
1809 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1903 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd.
1917 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2030 – malicious destruction of property, Greenmeadow Dr.
2043 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

Also on this log are 135 patrol checks, 59 traffic stops and six misc. details.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, November 15, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List

Council Member Bates: Requested that the follow up line item regarding Horizon Park be updated to reflect all city parks.

B. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

-- Resident Becky Hasen asked who takes care of the city's fire hydrants.
-- Resident Mike Renaud noted that the park restrooms were closed during the Veteran's Memorial service on Veteran's Day and asked if that was permanent.
-- Resident Jeremiah Beebe inquired about the status of the golf cart proposal.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 1, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Winter Fest Discussion and Amendments to Application

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to approve the Jingle Bell Run 5k on December 5, 2021 as an addition to Winter Fest.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Fire Department Update

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Voigt to direct city administrators to create a method of improvement regarding the operations of the Fire Department once more data is received.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Council Member Fielder stated that he was one of the payees receiving funds for his work as greeter during the November 2, 2021 election. Fielder asked if he should recuse himself from voting on this agenda item. The remaining Council Members agreed to allow him to vote.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-087** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
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Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson informed the Council that several grants have been applied for, regarding the following:

-- Water & Sewer Asset Management
-- Rehabilitation of Victory Station
-- Belleville & Sumpter Water Meter Replacement
-- Rehabilitation of the Veteran's Memorial

• Complimented City Clerk Briana Hootman on the successful completion of running her first election.

• Noted that there is still an open position on the Civil Service Commission.

• Reminded residents that the city is still seeking volunteers for the Charter Revision Committee.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates
-- Thanked residents for being present at the meeting.
-- Expressed her appreciation for those that worked the election.

-- Informed everyone that the veteran banners have been put up.

-- Stated that the gazebo in Victory Park is lit up and looks nice.

-- Stated that she is excited to see all the events that will be taking place at Winter Fest.

-- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

• Council Member Marcotte

-- Congratulated Amy Henry and Steve Jones on their election to City Council

-- Expressed his gratitude towards past and present Council members.

-- Stated he appreciated the opportunity of being a Council member, but he is ready to focus on his family.

• Council Member Voigt

-- Stated that the discussion about the Fire Department was very productive.

-- Expressed his appreciation to the Rotary for their decoration and previous repair of the gazebo in Victory Park.

-- Congratulated the Belleville High School football and volleyball teams on their recent victories.

-- Stated he is looking forward to Winter Fest.

• Council Member Fielder

-- Stated he was frustrated and concerned that city administration was not informed of the locations for the fish statue placement. He said it was never on the agenda or discussed with Council, which is not a good practice for government.

-- Thanked DPW Director Rick Rutherford for repair of a pothole.

-- Stated he had attended the S.U.D. meeting.

-- Informed everyone that the museum is still having virtual meetings.

-- Reminded everyone that the Belleville High School football team is competing in the State Semi-Finals this weekend.

-- Stated that he has been on City Council since 1999 and said it has been a great 20-plus years.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Reminded everyone that the Changing of the Guard ceremony will take place at the next City Council meeting on December 6th.

• Reminded everyone that the DDA meeting will take place this week.

• Reminded everyone that Thanksgiving is next week.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Brian Loranger

-- Stated that the last Belleville High School football game was great.

-- Informed Council that the Fire Department is applying for FEMA grants.

-- Stated that he would like to apply for a grant to purchase a new fire truck.

• Mike Renaud

-- Stated that City Clerk Briana Hootman had pulled off her first Veteran's Day flag placement at Hillside Cemetery.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: December 6, 2021

Published: December 9, 2-21



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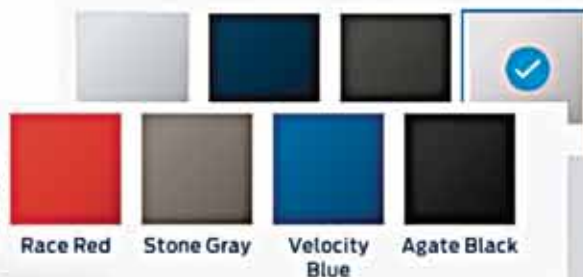
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