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Sumpter Trustee William Hamm dies Friday at his home

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Trustee William Hamm died suddenly of an apparent heart attack early Friday at his home, sending township residents who knew him into shock. He was 60 years old.

His wife Chris said she tried to wake him to give him his medication around 2:30 a.m. and couldn't rouse him. He could not be revived with CPR.

He was pronounced dead at his home.

Trustee Hamm was absent from the Tuesday, Oct. 13, township meeting and board members were following his progress through a back operation by way of text reports from Chris. Finally, there was word that he was out of surgery and doing fine.

He came home from the hospital on Thursday and died the next morning.

Trustee Hamm was also a member of the paid-per-call Sumpter Fire Department and Chris recently completed training for the fire department, as well.

After hearing of Hamm's death on Friday,

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green called Hamm a public servant to the highest degree, noting he and his wife gave a lot to the community.

Judge Green said her most recent contact with Hamm had been when she went to a Sumpter Township meeting to swear in Patrick Gannon as Trustee/Fire Fighter William Hamm



She said the next day Hamm sent her a text message that said he was so glad she came out to swear Gannon in and Hamm wanted Judge Green to swear him in when he is elected President of the United States.

"That was a reflection of Bill's character," Judge Green said, adding he joked a lot and had a great personality.

"I've never heard anyone say anything against him," she said.

34th District Court Judge David Parrott also remembered Hamm fondly. After the

funeral, he said, "When I heard the news on Friday I was shocked. Quite simply, Bill Hamm was an all-around great guy, friend and supporter that I and everyone who knew him will miss deeply. Most tragic is the deep loss to Chris and his family, but also to an entire community that came to rely on his good nature and helpful ways. May he rest in peace."

Township Supervisor John Morgan said Hamm was an asset to the township in many ways. He recalled how Hamm took a machine and dragged the beach at Banotai Park and didn't even say he did it. He just did it because it needed doing.

Supervisor Morgan said Hamm and his wife Chris would pick up trash at the park and they volunteered to do whatever needed doing.

"He was an all-around real, good guy," Supervisor Morgan said. He said Hamm was appointed trustee on April 16, 2008 and was elected to office in 2008 and 2012. He became a fire fighter in 2008.

A large crowd attended Sunday's viewing

at David C. Brown Funeral home and on Monday it was a standing-room-only funeral.

The Fire Department did a last call for Hamm and the Huron Valley Ambulance Honor Guard was on duty. Big fire trucks from Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville flanked the funeral home's parking lot.

Lots of kind words about Hamm were said, amidst tears, at the service and then people moved on to Tin Pan restaurant in Sumpter Township for a wake.

During the funeral Hamm was eulogized by Sumpter Township Trustee Peggy Morgan.

"I have known Bill for almost two decades and had the pleasure of working with him for almost eight years," Trustee Morgan said. "Bill Hamm was a friend to all he met and made everyone's life that much better by just being in it."

Morgan listed the things Hamm had done

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Community joins to help son of woman killed in accident

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Independent Editor

Vonda Wiczorek, 57, of Van Buren Township, died Oct. 13 after being struck at about 12:48 p.m. by a box truck along the I-94 North Service Drive, between Morton Taylor and Belleville roads.

She was walking as she often did with her 25-year-old son Jack Anthony Wiczorek, called "J.J.". People in the community said they saw her and J.J. walking together over the years, for they had no car.

Motorists said they remember always seeing her on the side of the traffic with J.J. inside, protecting him. And, they always walked on the shoulder, never the roadway.

When word of her death was passed

around in the Belleville community, there was shock and sadness. People had seen the two walking together for many years and felt they knew them.

Kathleen Springer of VBT immediately set up a crowdfunding account for J.J. on Facebook and money started pouring in. As of Wednesday morning, the amount was \$7,968 of a \$4,000 goal.

There are many comments on the internet, with one saying the person had seen the two walking together many times and she wished she had reached out to them sooner. Some benefit events for the family are in the planning stages. Donations are also being taken at David C. Brown Funeral Home, where funeral services were held on Tuesday.

J.J., a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School who suffers from Asperger's syndrome, is taking a computer class at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road and Vonda walked with him to campus from their Archwood apartment. She sat outside the classroom waiting for him and then they walked home.

He is a high-functioning person and very smart. A trust has been set up for him.

A channel 2 TV report on the accident showed the truck and it belonged to Dudek Heating and Cooling of Sumpter Township. The 48-year-old driver immediately stopped after the accident, called for an ambulance, and is cooperating with police.

A channel 7 TV report on the fund raising featured Springer and Jack W. Wiczorek, Vonda's husband of 29 years, who said he was overwhelmed at the community support for his family.

Springer told the TV reporter that hearing of the accident was heart-breaking to her because she had seen the two together many times.

Jack said his wife was very protective of their son.

At the funeral home on Sunday a former neighbor said Jack was a very friendly person and a "Jack of all trades" and helped people with their auto repairs and decks.

She said she first met Vonda and JJ when they were sitting together reading on the porch at the Belleville library. She said she first walked by and then was struck by the welcoming atmosphere around them. She went back and they started talking, forming a friendship of many years.

Jack said he used to be a truck driver and never was much of a walker. He said Vonda loved to walk and walk she did.

They have lived in several apartment complexes over the years, including Parkwood, Belle Villa, Lake Villa, and now Archwood, so the walking routes have varied.

JJ said the classes at WCCC are difficult, but he is able to do the work.

Van Buren Township Police continue to investigate the accident.

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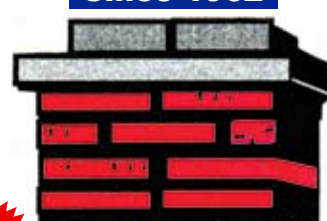
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Lisa Sullivan tries to persuade city council to go against Master Plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Lisa Sullivan of Van Buren Township got up during a public comments part of the meeting to tell the council why its Master Plan was wrong.

Sullivan, who was turned down by the planning commission, explained that she wanted to build a one-story business at 533 Main Street, but the planners are sticking with the Master Plan that says it must be a two-story building.

At first, she said she had purchased the property and later said she intends to purchase the property, which was the office of the late Chesley Odom and before that a Detroit Edison office.

She said, even though she was turned down by the planning commission, she thought she'd tell the council what she wants to do, since it is a unique, lakeside property. She presented a bulky plan to each member of the council and later said they could keep them since they were a gift of "Mr. Davenport."

Sullivan was told to go to the Building Official first, get a site plan, and then go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to try to overturn the planning commission decision.

Councilman Tom Fielder said, "We spent a lot of time developing the Master Plan and downtown ordinance ... You can't overturn that in one day ... but there are unique circumstances here ... I applaud you for moving forward."

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

- Unanimously approved a contract with GELC (Government Employees Labor Council) representing the DPS and clerical employees. The union has yet to ratify the contract, so no details were announced. The council's vote was taken after a closed-door session;

- Approved a budget amendment to purchase the workstation and server computer system. The total cost was allocated as follows: General Fund, \$5,740; Water & Sewer \$3,075; and Building Fund, \$800; and

- Approved the Fire Department's request to close part of Second Street from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 30, during trick or treat on Main Street, so they could hand out candy to kids and display a fire truck. They also will be giving out cider, coffee and doughnuts at city hall as they have in the past;

- Took no action on the proposed Jingle Bell – 5K Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 5 because no one from the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation was present to make the request.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

More than 30 people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Maya's Mediterranean Cuisine with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 16. The group enjoyed refreshments and sampled appetizers. Maya's is located in the Davenport Plaza on East Columbia Avenue in Belleville.

Judge Green moves Chapman DNA case to Oakley

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley is scheduled to hear the misdemeanor case on Oct. 21 against James Forrest Chapman, 55, for refusing to give a sample for DNA profiling after his arrest on a felony.

Chapman was charged with a felony, aggravated stalking, by Van Buren Police and he is out wearing a GPS tether on that charge as it progresses in circuit court.

He is also charged with a second offense, a misdemeanor, for refusing to give a sample for DNA profiling after he was arrested for stalking. That bond is \$1,000/10%.

Chapman posted \$25,000/10% bond for the original charge. He originally was being held on \$25,000 cash bond but at his probable cause conference on Aug. 26 before Judge Green, she authorized pretrial services to review the bond.

Chapman's preliminary exam on the felony was set Sept. 2 before Judge David Parrott, and Chapman waived his exam and the case was sent on to circuit court. A jury trial has been set for Dec. 1 before Judge Margaret Van Houten, who has set his final pre-trial conference for Nov. 6.

Also at the Sept. 2 session, Judge Parrott set a motion hearing for the DNA charge on Oct. 14 for Chapman's attorney John Day.

At that Oct. 14 session, Day presented a motion asking Judge Parrott to recuse himself from hearing the case because he was "prejudiced." Judge Parrott said he wasn't prejudiced and turned down the motion.

Attorney Day said he would appeal that to Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge

Parrott said that was fine with him.

"Basically, the file was brought to me and I held an immediate hearing," Judge Green told the *Independent*.

"The real reason I overturned Judge Parrott's decision was to defuse the situation that was developing," she said.

"I don't believe David Parrott is biased or has done anything wrong," she said. "This defuses the case. The case is still pending so I can't make any further comments."

"There's been that breakdown and sometimes you have to follow gut instincts. I feel that this was the right thing to do."

Attorney Day said he would introduce a pretrial motion to dismiss the charges when they appear before Judge Oakley.

He said the case is defective because it "doesn't allege all the elements of the crime."

After Day presented his motion to disqualify the judge to Judge Parrott, the judge quietly read the first three pages written by Day.

"Some of the allegations made here are that Mr. Chapman was facing jail if convicted," Judge Parrott said, referring to the previous conviction of Chapman in his courtroom. "Criminals belong in jail."

"Quite frankly, I would be more than happy to exclude myself from all cases concerning Mr. Chapman. It probably would decrease my workload."

Then Judge Parrott got to the final two pages of the document, an affidavit sworn to by Chapman in which Chapman claimed he did a tree job at the judge's house. Judge Parrott said yes he did and noted all of the judges have interaction in the community.

Then he got to the part where Chapman

swore Van Buren Police were giving special services to the judge and the judge said they had not.

"This is an attempt to slander my character," Judge Parrott said, noting Chapman reached back to comment on Parrott's ex-wife and the reason for their split.

"Just because he did a job for me ... I wanted to give him a job to help him along ... No good deed goes unpunished."

Judge Parrott said in all good conscience he cannot grant the motion since he has no prejudice against the defendant.

He said nothing has happened in the last 14 days and a motion must be made within 14 days, "So you must have had a reason... Six weeks ago, there was no mention made for disqualifying."

"The week before you asked Judge Green to disqualify me," Judge Parrott said.

"I've made my ruling and you can take this before Judge Green," Judge Parrott said and Day nodded.

"I have a motion to dismiss on the complaint," Day said.

"But I can't do it, Mr. Day," Judge Parrott said, noting he may no longer have the case, and then he called Day and Assistant Prosecutor Doug Dwyer up for a private sidebar discussion.

One of the many allegations against Parrott in Chapman's affidavit was that the only reason Chapman was arrested for a driving while intoxicated charge in Sumpter Township was that a VBT police officer put pressure on a Sumpter officer to arrest Chapman.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Do you hear the sizzle of elections?

There's a lot of door-to-door activity in Belleville as candidates talk face to face with neighbors trying to get their votes for mayor and council.

Signs are going up in yards. It's interesting to see which signs are placed together in whose yards. In a town as small as Belleville, it's a real act of courage to put up a sign opposing someone in office. People remember.

A person who put up a Phil Miller for Mayor sign in his yard was told by an observer that he wasn't going to get a Christmas card from Mayor Kerreen Conley this year.

"She never sent me one before," the homeowner replied, sticking with his Miller sign.

There are mailings, as well, which get expensive. It will be interesting to read the candidate reports on contributions to campaigns after the election.

Then, there's the two ballot proposals. The one is for VBT only and it's to raise the Public Safety millage by 2.5 mills to 6.5. It's a long story why that's needed.

The other is for pretty much every one in the tri-community. That's the Sinking Fund millage for the Van Buren Public Schools. If it passes, it would be a reduction from what taxpayers pay now, going from 1.13 to .5 mills. That's to pay for repairs to school buildings and other upgrades.

Listen to the sizzle. It's getting closer to Nov. 3 – Election Day.

Time for decisions. Be sure to vote.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

It's kind of nice to hear former VBT Deputy Clerk Kathy Cline answer the phone in the clerk's office these days. You remember that she retired after many years of service and Joanne Montgomery was appointed new deputy clerk. Then Nicole Sumpter was added to the office.

Cathy said she was hired back to help with the upcoming election. She ran VBT elections smoothly for years and so she's the one for the job.

Of course, Joanne and Nicole are doing fine jobs and I've got no complaints. It's just nice to hear an old voice on the line.

We had a long wait while the VBT Board of Trustees went into what everyone thought would be a short executive session last Thursday afternoon. It morphed into an hour-long session.

So, those of us waiting were chatting with each other and listening to others chatting.

During this time the township's consulting engineer Dave Nummer was talking about when he and his parents lived at the North Pole, in Alaska, and he went to North Pole High School. His dad (now retired) was an engineer like Dave is now.

The Nummer family was from Michigan originally and later ended up back in this state. In the meantime Dave went to two colleges in Wisconsin.

"This is the furthest south I've ever lived," he said of his Michigan home. He finds it a little warm in Michigan.

He was talking with a group of residents from Walden Woods who were waiting to hear the latest on their road upgrades.

Also, during that hour-long wait, I



was talking with former VBT Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan and he mentioned that he is teaching political science and public speaking classes at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road. He said he enjoys that.

On Oct. 13, representatives of the Midwest Sculpture Initiative worked on the outdoor sculpture at the entrance to the city of Belleville to straighten it out. You may recall a vehicle smashed into it recently and it was knocked askew and dented.

Belleville DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said MSI was able to fix most of the sculpture, but the dent is still there. She assured me that both the city and MIS had insurance on the sculptures in town.

One man said he saw all the people around the sculpture and thought they were taking it down. He said he was disappointed when it wasn't taken down. Some people like that piece more than others.

Jimmi Chapman said people have been taking lightbulbs out of the Christian cross he designed that's now at Hayward's party store, next to the damaged sculpture.

I was told Carlito Young, the attorney Van Buren Township is using to defend itself in the law suit brought by fired fire fighter Anthony Karver, is the nephew of the late Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

It's really a traffic jam when there's a problem at the North or South I-94 Service Drives. On Monday, a wire was across the roadway at the South Service Drive and Belleville Road around 4 p.m. and that was a jam.

On Tuesday morning there was an accident of some kind during rush hour that cut the traffic lanes down to one going south and one going north. Another big jam.

It's been a year and a half since the Belleville Fire Department organized its union and there is yet to be an agreement ratified with the city. It's kind of frustrating for the paid-per-call fire fighters who get up in the middle of the night (sometimes several times) though they have full-time jobs to help their friends and neighbors.

I thought the council went into closed session on Monday to ratify an agreement with the fire fighters, but I was wrong. The council approved an agreement with the DPS and clerical workers and the employees have yet to ratify that.

I was told some kind of insurance coverage for the fire fighters is an issue, since if they get hurt now the city pays nothing.



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Letters**VB T Board gives facts
on upcoming millage**

Dear Residents,

You have been hearing and reading about the upcoming Public Safety Millage and we want to provide you with some facts.

On Nov. 3, 2015 you will be asked to consider providing 6.5 mills for Public Safety. The Public Safety Department includes: Police, Fire, 911 Dispatch, Ordinance Enforcement and Animal Control.

Currently the cost for these services exceeds \$7 million annually and is funded through the current 4.0 mill dedicated Public Safety Millage (generating approximately \$3.4 million), \$1 million from Waste Management as a guaranteed grant and over \$3 million from the General Fund.

Looking over your tax bill you will notice that most of what you pay goes to Wayne County and the school systems. Only .91 mill goes to Van Buren Charter Township General Fund. The General Fund also includes funding from State Shared Revenue, grants, fees for services, and fines and costs. It is only with the addition of Landfill tipping funds that we are able to provide the full range of services to our community. Department Directors do an amazing job providing these services while staying within budgetary constraints. However, landfills eventually fill up and when this happens landfill revenue will be gone.

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In 2009 Visteon filed bankruptcy and all development of the property ceased. As part of the bankruptcy settlement the

Township received \$10 million in Visteon stock. A government cannot legally own stock therefore, they were sold at the prevailing rate of 65 cents on the dollar. We have been using that \$6.5 million to make the bond payments over the past five years. Our financial advisors project that in 2019 those funds will be depleted and the Township will not generate enough revenue to make the bond payments.

If we are unable to make the bond payments the State of Michigan could appoint an emergency manager and allocate all funds, except those for mandated services, to be paid toward the bond debt. Mandated services are defined as Fire protection, Elections, Tax Collection and Assessing. All other services you have come to depend on and enjoy could be at risk. We are legally bound to this debt. Doing nothing is not an option.

We realize there is never a good time to raise taxes. You entrust us to develop a plan to meet the needs of the community and address issues as they arise. Be assured we are doing just that! For us to begin to set aside funds for the bond payments we need to address the underfunding of Public Safety through the current millage. Approval of the 6.5 mills would provide dedicated funding for 85% of Public Safety services significantly reducing the transfer of money from the General Fund.

Let's move forward together. Vote Nov. 3, 2015.

Sincerely,

Van Buren Township Board of Trustees

**FMAR asks you
to mark your calendars**

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue had a good summer. Adoption numbers are up. Our golf outing was highly successful.

A bus trip to Sandhill Crane Vineyard is planned for Nov. 8 and will include lunch and wine tasting. Tickets will be \$45. Times yet TBD. Details can be found on our website www.fmar1.org as they become available.

FMAR pairs with Haab's Restaurant on Michigan Ave. in downtown Ypsilanti every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The date for this year's dining to donate event is Nov. 22.

Mark your calendars now! Enjoy these autumn events while helping FMAR raise the money needed to take care of homeless pets. Thank you.

Linda Luke, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Fundraiser/Events Coordinator

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Jury finds Ralph Rosas guilty on two counts, sentencing set Oct. 30

Ralph Rosas, 28, after four days of trial was found guilty by a jury of Assault to Do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder and Armed Robbery, for the Sumpter Roller Rink incidents last Halloween.

He was found not guilty of Assault with Intent to Murder and a charge of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon was dismissed.

His sentencing is set for Oct. 30 before Judge Craig S. Strong, almost a year to the day after the stabbing and gunplay at Sumpter Roller Rink.

Circuit Court Judge Strong reviewed a bond recommendation and then raised Rosas' bond to \$750,000 cash or surety. Rosas has been in jail since his arrest on June 22.

A jury trial began Oct. 5 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice and ended Oct. 9. The case was then referred to the probation department for a pre-sentence report.

Two other men who participated in the Halloween stabbing and gunplay in Sumpter are still at large.



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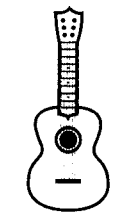
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Obituaries



William Otis Hamm

WILLIAM OTIS HAMM

(November 26, 1954 – October 16, 2015)

William Otis Hamm, age 60, of Sumpter Township. William is the beloved husband of Christine for 12 wonderful years; dear father of Kelly (Timothy) Harshman, Andrea Walter, Crystal (Joseph) Wood, Douglas (Karlee) Walter; loving son of Paul and Ione "Jo" Hamm; proud grandfather of Kyiah, Tristan, Alexandria, Brenden, Justin, Charlie, Paul and Tyler. Bill is also survived by his siblings, Dennis Hamm, Janet (Ron) Wysocki and Patti (Tom) Brennan and many loving family and friends. Born on November 26, 1954, Bill retired from Ford Motor Company after 32 years of service. He was a very active part of the Sumpter / Belleville community, serving as a township trustee and also serving on the Sumpter Fire Department. He enjoyed gardening, spending time with his family and friends. A great love of his was being outdoors at his cabin.

A funeral service for Bill was held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Visiting hours were held 2-8 p.m. and there also was visitation one hour prior to the Monday service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Sumpter Township Fire Department or the American Heart Association.



Vonda Sue Wiczorek

VONDA SUE WICZOREK

(March 7, 1958 – October 13, 2015)

Vonda Sue Wiczorek, age 57, of Van Buren Township. Vonda was the beloved wife of Jack W. for 29 wonderful years; loving mother of Jack Anthony "J.J."; dear sister of Cheryl Lee Almond, Jeannie Marie Coldwell and Larry Thomas Lockhart. Vonda was preceded in death by her parents, L.J. and Lois, her sisters, Brenda Harrington and Nicole Himler.

Growing up in the Haggerty subdivision, Vonda was a 1977 graduate of Belleville High School. She enjoyed time with her cats, plants, and working on her crochet quilting. She also had a fondness for classic movies.

Visiting hours were Sunday and Monday, 3-8 p.m. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 20, at 10 a.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Tyler Road Cemetery.

Donations may be directed to the trust for her son, Jack Anthony. Also, in lieu of cut flowers, plants would be preferred in keeping with Vonda's love of plants.



Douglas Lee Eye

DOUGLAS LEE EYE

(February 4, 1951 – October 15, 2015)

Douglas Lee Eye, 64, of Stockbridge, died Thursday, October 15, 2015 at home, surrounded by loved ones.

Doug was a 1969 graduate of Belleville High School and went on to study dairy science at Michigan State University, where he was a recipient of the Michigan Memorial Dairy Scholarship.

He served in the United States Air Force for 10 years and flew B-52s and KC-135s, which led to a successful career of more than 25 years as a pilot for Northwest and Delta Airlines.

He was a part of the Saline community for many years; while residing there, he was a valued member of the Friends of the Saline District Library and was active in Saline Area Youth Baseball and Softball.

Doug's lifelong dream of living on a farm was realized when he and his wife moved to Stockbridge; for more than ten years, they enjoyed the agrarian lifestyle and delighted in sharing the farm with friends and family, especially their beloved grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Stelman and Della Eye, brother Dennis Sohn, daughter Christen Merte, and loyal schnauzer, Mosby.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Livingstone; his children, Maureen (Kevin) Krause, Sean (Kirstin) Eye, Barry Eye, and Laura (Justin) Walsh; five grandchildren: Brendan, Natalie, and Lacey Krause, and Liam and Drew Eye; a brother, Tim (JoElin) Eye; his former wife, Linda Broslavick Eye; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to Dr. John C. Krauss and his team at University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center for their exceptional care.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Doug's life will be held in Stockbridge at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship.

Please visit www.OldDogFarms.com for details and to receive updates on the celebration.

Volunteers needed to place American flags at Hillside Cemetery

The Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee has put out a call for volunteers to help place American flags at the graves of all veterans buried at Hillside. The project will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Each cemetery section takes about an hour of work, "a small sacrifice for us to honor those who fought to keep us free," said Belleville Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long.

"Join us to help honor our veterans as we prepare for Veterans Day 2015, an important year in the history of defending our liberty," Long said.

Obituaries



Loren C. Morin

LOREN CRYIAL MORIN

(February 10, 1934 – October 4, 2015)

Beloved father and grandfather, honored military veteran, skilled tradesman, business owner, avid outdoorsman, kindly neighbor and most cherished friend passed away Oct. 4 at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Hazel Morin, three of his siblings, Lorraine, Gary and David, and his wife of 54 years, Christine E. Morin (Ralph).

He is survived by five siblings, John, Mike (Henry), George, Patsy and Goldie; three sons, Loren, Phil and Steve; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Born in Escanaba, Michigan, he was an esteemed resident of Belleville since his family moved there in 1942. Loren had an unwavering work ethic and his physical strength was highly regarded even among his peers in construction. He was even better known for the love he always showed his family and for his gentle manner, notably seen with a passion for gardening in which he displayed a delicate touch that belied his size.

Mr. Morin always had an open room in his house for any in need and an extra seat at his table for the many who simply wanted to delight in his cooking and laugh with him as he talked of his life and experiences. The lives of countless people across four generations were bettered by Loren, his wisdom, moral compass and generosity invariably leaving impressions that will last forever on those fortunate enough to have known him.

A small memorial was held for him according to his wishes. His family would like to thank all who attended and Sam's Place bar and restaurant in Belleville for hosting. Any well wishes or donations may be sent to the family home address.

Pet Blessing gives thanks for 25 animals gathered at Trinity Episcopal

Twenty-three eager dogs, two brave (and crated) cats, and their assorted human caretakers converged on the back lawn of Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday morning, Oct. 3, for a Blessing of Pets service.

"Do you think it'll stick?" one participant joked, gazing at her uncontrollable terrier as Pastor Ian Reed Twiss tried to make the sign of the cross over the pet's forehead. "She tends to steal food."

"Watch out for the slobber," another warned of her black lab mix.

But it wasn't all romping and wagging. Some attendees brought pictures of recently deceased pets, for whose lives the minister gave thanks in prayer.

And, there was even a little theology. Prayer cards that church members handed out, along with pet treats and human snacks, stated: "We offer this blessing in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, whose saint's day is in early October. The blessing helps us remember the gift that God's creatures are in our lives. (Plus we love the excuse to make new animal friends!)"

VBT DDA to host booth at Franchise Expo in Novi

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority will host a booth at The Franchise Expo at the Suburban Showplace in Novi Oct. 30 and 31.

Officials from the DDA will introduce the township to potential franchises looking to expand their business in Southeast Michigan.

For more information, visit the Van Buren DDA at Booth #330 at The Franchise Expo or check out the website at www.vanburendda.com.



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Pastor Ian Reed Twiss gives a blessing (and a tummy rub) to Shadow during the Blessing of the Pets service.

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VBT Police offer free gunlock safety kits

To the Editor:

Van Buren Township Police Department is announcing their partnership with "Project Child Safe" putting a lock on safety in your home. This program from the National Shooting Sports Foundation that has distributed over 36 million gunlock safety kits around the country to help ensure safe and responsible firearm storage.

A firearm-locking device is intended only to deter access to a firearm by unauthorized persons, particularly children. Securely storing firearms when not in use is the number one way to help prevent accidents.

Van Buren Township Police are making available to its residents; FREE gun safety locks for their firearms that can be obtained at the police department headquarters front desk upon request. This locking device should be considered as only one element of a safe storage program for firearms. Learn more on "safe and secure storage options" and "firearm responsibility in the home", by stopping by and speaking with an officer or picking up a brochure in the police lobby.

As your Director of Public Safety, I thank you for your support and partnership and look forward to continuing to provide you

with premier public safety services.
Sincerely,
Gregory M. Laurain
Director of Public Safety
Van Buren Township

Thanks to those who helped with car show

To the Editor:

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission along with the Rochon Family would like to thank those that helped sponsor the 21st Annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show held on Sept. 20. Sponsors and donors like you make this a great event.

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Thank you to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Sumpter Township Fire & Police Departments and the other township departments that assist us when needed and for their support.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission appreciates the community

support and we definitely could not do what we do without that support.

Sincerely,
Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation
Commission

BHS Alumni Reunion was tremendous success

To the Editor:

The 14th annual Belleville High School Alumni Reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 19, in the High School Commons. From all accounts, it was a tremendous success, with classes ranging from the 1940s into the '70s.

Jean Hayward and Roena Wiseley returned to celebrate their graduation 75 years ago, and Vivian Lytchard observed her 74th year. Ray Heininger represented the Class of 1945's 70th year, and Class Rep. for 1955, Ron Lipinski, returned with fellow classmates to celebrate their 60-year mark.

There are so many people to thank for their assistance. Rosemary Otzman and the *Belleville Area Independent* were extremely helpful in getting the date out to the public and subsequent pictures in the paper. The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville Area District Library allowed us to leave invitations at their locations. Numerous area businesses permitted us to display our informational posters. We are indebted to Shelly Brown-Chudzinski and staff of the Brown Family Center who let us use their office space for meetings.

As always, Superintendent Michael Van Tassel gave us his full support. We were pleased to see our event posted on the district and high school websites. Public thank yous are important so as I told the School Board, I am going to name names. We'd like to express our gratitude to Pam Johnson in the Superintendent's Office; James Williams, Deb Evans, Steve Jones, and custodians Christina and Rick in the Building & Grounds Department; Principal Abdul Madyun, Assistant Principal Dan Wright, and their high school faculty, staff, and students: Cori Kidder and her National Honor Society members, Carolyn supervising the kitchen, and Charles in the School Store. It was a pleasure to bring classmates back to such a welcoming environment.

Our Reunion Committee is comprised of at least one member of each graduating class. We have a great group of people

who donate their time to make this event happen. All BHS grads are invited to volunteer. We are especially interested in finding representatives from the 1980's and beyond. Please follow us on Facebook at Belleville HS Alumni Reunion, contact us by phone at 734-787-4601, or Email bellevilleallclass@gmail.com for information on the 2016 Reunion.

Linda Clayton
BHS Alumni Reunion Chair

Canton Lions says thanks to the community

To the Editor:

The Canton Lions Club recently finished a very successful corn roast. The club is very community-minded in its approach to the various events it holds. The Board of Directors insists that when pricing an event the general public be considered in each step of planning. To this end, the Lions Club follows a practical approach which helps those who attend the events by lowering costs.

This was evident when the Canton Lions Club decided during one of the biggest events of the year not to charge a dollar amount, but instead ask for a free-will donation only during the recent corn roast fund raiser. The club received an overwhelming support from the public. They received donations well in excess of what they would have received had they charged a dollar amount.

Other notables were the Ear Center Audiology under the direction of Dr. Sharon English. Dr. English checked the hearing of those attending the corn roast and found three out of ten people had hearing problems.

The International Lions Kids Sight Program using a special design camera revealed out of 50 children eight needed follow up with their eye doctor. These checks are done without charge and the Lions thanks those involved in the process.

The Canton Lions Club has 45 members and meets on the fourth Monday at Rose's Restaurant at Canton Center Road and Cherry Hill in Canton at 6:30 p.m. The Lions Club is a diverse group of people who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. The need is real and we ask you to become bigger than yourself and help the Lions in this worthy endeavor, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle 734-254-9404 govbill1@comcast.net.

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- **Thursday, Oct. 22** – Pumpkin Carving and Craft Workshop at Garden Fantasy on Main, 201 Main Street, 6 p.m. \$. Take home a carved pumpkin fall arrangement. Registration required.
- **Friday, Oct. 23** – Witch's Ball in Booville Tent on Fourth Street Square, starts at 7:30 p.m. Music, food, drinks. Witch costume required for the ladies. \$ For gentleman: an evening downtown pub crawl, finishing up at Booville Tent at 10 p.m. \$
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Pancakes & Pumpkins Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Booville Tent, by Community Assistance Fund – CAF5. \$
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Dash in Disguise Family Fun Run 1K, 9 a.m., \$5 per person. Start at Horizon Park, up to 5 Points, finish at Fourth Street Square. Discount for runners at pancake breakfast. Put on by Plymouth YMCA. Prizes for best costumes.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Booville Kids' activities, noon-3 p.m. in the Booville Tent on Fourth Street Square. Face painting, photo cut-outs, games, pumpkin painting and spiders, cookie walk. \$5 family entry. Central Business Community. Food by Twisted Rooster. Face painting by Bob Mytych.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Boo-Tech Cauldron Cook-off under the Booville Tent in the Fourth Street Square. Taste and vote for the winners, 6-8 p.m. Music by BHS bands. Put on by BHS New Tech and Chamber of Commerce.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – BOOTiful Fresh Pumpkin Arrangement Class #2 at 3:30 p.m. at Garden Fantasy on Main, 210 Main St. \$20. Call to reserve a place, (734) 697-7400.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Candy Loop at Quirk Park, off Tyler Road in Van Buren

Township, 5-7 p.m. VBT Parks and Recreation.

• **Sunday, Oct. 25** – Kids Costume Dance Party at museum, 3-6 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 25** – Black Magic Ball, Big Band concert, 4-7 p.m. under the Booville Tent on the Fourth Street Square, donations appreciated. Put on by Belleville Community Chorus, Blue Steel Jazz Band, with Egan's Pub.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 27** – Frankenstein Scary Movies Series, Mel Brooks'

"Young Frankenstein" (PG) 7 p.m. at library. Come dressed as your favorite Frankenstein character and win a prize. "Dr. Frankenstein's grandson, after years of living down the family reputation, inherits granddad's castle and repeats the experiments."

• **Friday, Oct. 30** – Halloween Trick or Treating in downtown Belleville, 5-7 p.m., plus Costume Contest at Fourth Street Square. City of Belleville and Central Business Community.



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The Homecoming Court in back from left to right are: Alyse Hammond, Catarina Gasser, Shelby Kelemen, Ethan Klobucar, Joshua Nichols, and Darron Wheeler. In front from left are: Emi Iwao, Courtney Schweers, Andrea Rodriguez, Alec Harris, Joel Testorelli, and Zachary Hermosillo-DeBoer. BHS won the football game, 17-6, in front of a packed stadium. It was also Senior night and the Senior football players and cheerleaders were honored before the game and the Senior marching band members were honored after the game.

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Contact: VBT Clerk, Leon Wright
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Date: 10/15/2015



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Homecoming King and Queen



Photo by Krystal Mason

This year was the first year that a Homecoming King and Queen were crowned at the football game. During half-time at the Belleville High School vs. Garden City football game on Oct. 9, BHS seniors Joshua Nichols and Catarina Gasser were named King and Queen.

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VBT Board approves settlements for 2 law suits, OKs paving plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After an hour in closed-door session discussing another law suit on Oct. 15 the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees came into public session and unanimously approved its attorney's recommendation in the case of Paul Bevins, et al. v. Charter Township of Van Buren.

The township's attorney on this case is Ethan Vinson and it was announced this is the final recommendation in the case, meaning it is now settled.

This case, #13-14497, started in Wayne County Circuit Court and then was sent on to Judge Arthur J. Tarnow at U.S. District Court in Detroit.

The second law suit voted on at the Oct. 15 special meeting was that of Anthony Karver v. Van Buren Township, et al., #14-007522-CZ.

The township's attorney on this case is Carlito Young. The board voted unanimously to approve the attorney's recommendation on the case.

This is the case the board met in closed-door session for an hour discussing with Young before coming into public session to approve Young's recommendation.

No information was given publicly by the board on the recommendation, but it is presumed to be a settlement offer.

In other business at the Oct. 15 meeting, the board voted unanimously to award the contract for paving repairs in the

Walden Woods subdivision to Fiore Enterprises in the amount of \$214,646.80 and also approved a 10% contingency as recommended by the township engineer.

The board had postponed action on this project at its Oct. 13 meeting, wanting to have the Wayne County Commission formally approve the intergovernmental agreement that pays for 80% of the Walden Woods project, as well as 80% for the Dewitt, Jeannette, Venetian road resurfacing project.

VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers attended the meeting of the County Commission earlier that day and reported that the commission unanimously approved the agreement. He said the commission's attorney told him the township will have a signed, executed contract within a week.

Trustees Reggie Miller and Jeff Jahr said they were uncomfortable with not having the signed agreement in hand first. But when they learned that if Terreverde, the contractor for the Dewitt, Jeannette, Venetian project, doesn't start work the next day, Oct. 16, it will have to put the project off until spring, they decided to move it along.

The Dewitt, Jeannette, Venetian project is asphalt and if they delay any longer there won't be time to do the work before the asphalt companies close for the winter, Akers said.

The Walden Woods project is concrete so

there is more leeway.

About a half dozen people from Walden Woods were on hand for the vote on their project.

"Thank you for voting to get our road repaired," said Karen Spirl, vice president of the Walden Woods Homeowners

Association, after the vote.

She said in February, James Jozwiak saw a story in the *Independent* and brought it to their attention. They've been following stories mentioning their subdivision ever since, she said.



Sparky, the mascot of the Van Buren Township Fire Department, posed with School Board Trustee Sherry Frazier at the recent Family Fun Day/Public Safety Day held under sometime rainy skies. Frazier was handing out flyers urging voters to vote yes on the School Sinking Fund millage and also to vote yes on the VBT Public Safety Millage. Both questions are on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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• **Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24** – The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild presents "Quilting on the Edge Quilt Show" at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. It's open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$5. Quilts on display, vendor mall, raffle tickets, scrap bag sales, scissor sharpening, trunk show, demonstrations, classes, free parking.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Help Hillside Cemetery get ready for Veterans' Day. Starting at 8:30 a.m. volunteers will be placing American flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Tiger Trek Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BHS Athletic Wing. Crafters, vendors, inflatables, face painting, basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. Benefits Van Buren Schools.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Belleville Church of God invites the community to a free event: The BASH, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the church, 45170 Hull Rd., Belleville. Free prizes, candy, food, music, Trunk or Treat, and large inflatables. Last year there were 800 guests at this annual event.

• **Sunday, Oct. 25** – Belleville Freewill Baptist Church Fall Festival, 750 E. Huron River Drive, 5 p.m. Lots of candy, trunk or treat, games. Bring your friends.

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Sumpter Parks & Recreation's Turkey Shoot ends this Sunday, Oct. 25, at the gun range, beginning at noon, with registration at 11:30 a.m. Call Don Swinson at (734) 674-4980.

The Yankee Air Museum will be holding its first-ever Halloween Spooktacular on Oct. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. There will be lots of activities for children like science experiments, a parade of costumes, games, prizes, and Halloween treats. Call (734) 483-4030.

I will be face painting this Saturday, Oct. 24, from noon to 3 p.m. as part of the weekend's activities Under the Big Booville Tent in the 4th Street Square. There's a \$5 entry fee per family, which includes children's games, prizes, pumpkin painting, cookie walk and photo cutouts to enjoy. Stop by and I'll paint you up and you can bet I'll be in costume. There are also lots of other Booville events going on in town this weekend. See the things to do list in the today's paper.

Dos Pesos Mexican Restaurant is open once again on Sundays with daily lunch, dinner and drink specials. Call (734) 697-5777.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

Wayne/Taylor Apartment Communities looking for full time maintenance technicians.

If you are dependable, a self-starter, motivated to do your best, organized and a logical thinker with the ability to trouble shoot, have knowledge of basic plumbing, electrical, carpentry, drywall, painting, HVAC, and appliance repair, we would like to hear from you. A valid driver's license is required. You may e-mail your resume to either parkhill@pmapts.com or call (734) 326-0070 or coopertree-manager@pmapts.com or call (734) 287-4338. These positions offer good pay and benefits after ninety days of employment.

Court Watching:

Onnik Ceceyan bound over in charge he strangled his son

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Oct. 7, a preliminary exam was held before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green for Onnik Hacik Ceceyan, 57.

He was charged with assaulting his son by strangulation on June 4 in an apartment at 46070 Lake Villa Drive in Van Buren Township. Ceceyan was out on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Doug Dwyer called one witness Kevin Ceceyan, the son, who testified his father “choked me out” for 9-10 seconds and then he broke away and called VBT police.

“I didn’t do anything,” Kevin testified, saying his father kept saying, “f—k blood.” He said his father was aggressive and angry. When the father put his hands around Kevin’s neck, “I felt my breath faintly

Hamm

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for the community and then stated he was a wonderful husband to Chris. “There was never any ‘I’ or ‘Me’ when it came to his wonderful wife Chris,” Morgan said. “It was always ‘we’ and ‘us.’ He has one of the most beautiful marriages I have ever seen and the love he had for Chris showed in everything he did.”

At Monday’s Belleville City Council meeting, Mayor Kerreen Conley asked those present, during their regular moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting, to have thoughts of Bill Hamm, “a community leader and friend.”

At the end of the meeting, several council members commented on Hamm’s death. Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she had a “numbness and shock over Bill Hamm’s death,” which she called an “unspeakable loss to the tri-community.”

disappearing. I was still able to breathe, but not normally. I felt my pulse in my throat.”

When Dwyer asked if he was afraid, Kevin said he was.

Court appointed defense attorney David Lankford asked Kevin his age, which was 27. Lankford pointed out his dad is 30 years older. The two men have the same height, about 5’7”, with Kevin being 210 pounds and the dad about 160 pounds.

He pointed out Kevin had considerably more body mass. Kevin testified he sought no medical treatment for his neck and saw no marks on his neck.

“I broke free,” Kevin testified, adding, “I could tell he wasn’t using all his pressure.”

Lankford said Kevin was able to slip out because the father held him “with two hands lightly,” as Kevin stated in his June 4 statement to police.

In re-cross examination, Dwyer asked about previous contact with his father and Kevin said this choking happened four days to a week after his father called him and said he was going to “shoot my fat ass.”

Lankford objected twice and Judge Green overruled him twice. Dwyer said the statement shows hostility toward the son.

“He pulled a gun on me in the past ... He was living with me at the time,” Kevin said.

“But he didn’t ‘shoot your fat ass,’” Lankford asked and Judge Green asked Lankford to rephrase his question. “I was only quoting his testimony,” Lankford replied.

There were no other witnesses and Dwyer asked for Ceceyan to be bound over to circuit court. He said the father intentionally impeded normal breathing.

Lankford said there was not sufficient harm for the charges.

Judge Green noted Kevin testified that the father was “choking you out” but she doubts it was the kind of choking that is a 10-year felony. Because there was choking, she bound Ceceyan over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 21.

Michael Ryan Pate

Michael Ryan Pate, 31, posted his \$3,000/10% bond and was present for his probable cause hearing before Judge

Green. He was charged with possession of analogues, possession of marijuana, and driving while license suspended in Sumpter Township on May 30, 2013. His retained attorney was J. McKenzie Duke.

A plea deal was reached and Pate pled guilty to possession of marijuana and the analogue charge was dismissed. He also pled guilty to an added charge of no operator’s license on

person and the DWLS was dismissed.

Judge Green sentenced him to one year deferred sentence with non-reporting probation on the marijuana charge. His total fee was \$1,345 plus four days on the court work program.

Attorney Duke said Pate has a medical marijuana card and he uses marijuana for back pain.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given, that a Special Election will be held in this county Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at which time the following will be voted upon:

Van Buren Public Schools Millage proposal building and site sinking fund tax levy.

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to ley not to exceed 0.50 mills (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$753,255 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. Yes or No.

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 01, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 3, 2009, 1 mill; thru 2019; Wayne County Jail August 7, 2012 1 mill, 2021. Wayne County Parks November 2, 2010 0.25 mills 2015. Wayne County Community College November 6, 2008 1.25 mills, 2020. November 6, 2012 1 mill 2022; Sumpter Township May 3, 2011, 1 mill 2015, August 3, 2010, 2 mills 2015; Huron Township School District November 2011 18 mills, 2017 (non-homestead only). Lincoln Consolidated Schools November 2012, 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) November 2012 .1 mill 2018. Van Buren Township School District November 2011, 18 mills 2016 (non -homestead only), November 2008, 1.13 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools, May 2013, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only).

ABSENTEE VOTER’S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk’s Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday October 31, 2015 from 8 am to 2 pm. The deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day if he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter’s Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1,3	Sumpter Community Center 23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
Precinct 2,	Moose Lodge 45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1 20550 Sumpter Road

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: October 22, 2015

Sumpter Township Public Notice

**TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. in the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 Special Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Township of Sumpter will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk’s Office, 734-461-6201.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: October 22, 2015!

Sumpter Twp. accepts 10.5 acres on Sumpter Rd. from DNR, no cost

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has given a 10.5-acre parcel of land to Sumpter Township without charge.

The parcel abuts a 10.14-acre parcel already owned by the township and the two together make a rectangular piece of land.

The land is about nine parcels south of the Willow/Sumpter road intersection on the west side of Sumpter Road.

The offer from the DNR was announced by Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis at the Sumpter board's regular meeting on Oct. 13. She said usually there is a fee of \$300 for such a transfer, but they are not charging Sumpter.

Township attorney Rob Young recommended accepting the property stipulating a title search and combination. He said the title search would cost about \$300. The board unanimously accepted the parcel with stipulations.

In other business at the Oct. 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Tyrone Borden to the planning commission with a term to expire Oct. 14, 2018;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Jane Stalmack as the chairperson for the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 14, 2018. When Trustee Matthew Oddy questioned whether the board should pick the chairperson for the commission, the appointment of Stalmack as chairperson was changed to be "subject to the planning commission deciding its own officers." Supervisor John Morgan said the commission might want to choose Stalmack to continue as chairperson;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Stalmack to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire Nov. 14, 2018;

- Heard Police Chief Jim Pierce give his police report for September, which included one renewal of a caregiver's license, two applications issued for caregivers, and five inspections by Detective John Toth. He said there are seven licensed growing operations in the township;

- Approved five fire fighters going to Washtenaw Mutual Aid for further training at a cost of \$650 each or \$3,250 total. Fire Chief Joe Januszyk said there is no haunted house this Halloween but there will be Trunk or Treating at the fire hall, prizes for the best costumes, candy, hotdogs, and checking candy. The event is 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 31;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan announce the township newsletter was at the printers and should be delivered to residents soon. The township hasn't had a newsletter for several years;

- Approved retaining the services of a surveyor for a situation on Willis Road. The property was split in 2004 and they need to figure out the easement; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban say she went to her 50th high school reunion at the old Ypsilanti High School, where senior citizens have independent living. "I came away very glad ... to see how beautiful it was decorated. It was a solid building," Ban said, adding she blames the Van Buren Public School Board for a lack of vision for destroying Elwell Elementary and old Belleville High School. She said the population is growing older and it's not easy for seniors to take care of large properties. The community could have had independent living in those solid structures, she said. "The school board didn't listen to us," Ban said. "They were so afraid they would get a charter high school at Elwell. We could have had a senior citizen housing development".



On Sept. 4, Van Buren Township Public Safety Department Deputy Director Jason Wright, right, provided crossing guard training to a new school crossing guard. Kenneth Hawkins of Van Buren Township will be working the Tyler School crossing. Deputy Director Wright said he and Director Gregory Laurain welcome Hawkins aboard and "appreciate the important job all our school crossing guards do protecting our children in the community." Wright said he intends to make his rounds this school year to meet the other crossing guards in the district so they can get to know each other.

Sumpter Twp. Planning Commission sets two public hearings Nov. 12

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Oct. 8, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission set two public hearings for its next regular meeting on Nov. 12.

At 7:05 p.m., public comment will be sought on a revised draft of zoning text amendments relating to detached accessory building in residential zoning.

At 7:10 p.m., public comment will be sought on the request to rezone 51100 Willis Road from Light Industrial to Rural Small Farm zoning.

At its Oct. 8 meeting a public hearing was held on proposed amendments to the revised draft of zoning text amendments relating to Automobile, Farm Equipment, and Recreational Vehicle Sales on residential property.

The amendment limits the number of vehicles registered to the property owner for sale to two at one time for 90 days in a calendar year.

The standard requiring the vehicles for sale to have valid license plates is removed and the township will depend on the blight ordinance for problems.

There are new definitions for autos and farm equipment and the definition of sales showrooms is changed.

Trustee Matt Oddy questioned the parts of the current ordinance on auto repair

shops or gas stations not being allowed to sell cars.

Matthew Lonnerstater of Carlisle Wortman, the township's zoning administrator, said he would recommend getting rid of that provision.

Oddy said he wanted to look more closely at the wording, so the township isn't restraining body shops or other similar businesses from doing what they want to do.

There were no public comments and after the commission discussed the changes it was decided to send the amendments back to Lonnerstater for revisions. The amendments will be voted on at the Nov. 12 meeting and sent on to the township board for final action.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of the **Log Cabin Building in Van Buren Park**, which is located on the south side of S. 1-94 Service Drive between Rawsonville Road and Denton Road in Van Buren Township. The coordinates of the Log Cabin Building are 42°12'55.4"N 83°32'01.9"W, and it is located near the stage. The building is owned by the Charter Township of Van Buren. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will take place at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the site at the Log Cabin Building**. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda with one addition. To add Item 8C to proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Belleville.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Booville – Tucker Agency – Fourth Street Square

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-124**, to approve a request from Tucker Agency to give cider and donuts away during Booville as a promotion at Fourth Street Square on October 21, 2015 from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Computer Consulting Services & Equipment Recommendation

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-125**, to approve the City Manager's recommendation to purchase the new computer network hardware, installation and consulting services from Wise Technologies, LLC in Garden City Michigan in the amount of \$9,612.60.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Fire Prevention Week

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-126**, to proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City and urge all the residents of Belleville to install smoke alarms and replace batteries in areas of their homes to promote safety, activities and efforts of Belleville fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-127**, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 with the removal of a duplicate listing of Work N Gear on the over 500 list.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with the City Attorney regarding strategy for pending litigation, on the basis that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial impact on the position of the City in the litigation.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-128** to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with the City Attorney regarding strategy for pending litigation, on the basis that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial impact on the position of the City in the litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to close the Executive Session at 8:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status

and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-129** to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to close Executive Session at 8:44 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: October 19, 2015

Published: October 22, 2015

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township special meeting to review 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed Budgets, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Friday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Township

special meeting to review 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed Budgets, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 2 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, Nov. 10 – September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop

at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:50 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 7:30 p.m.



City of Belleville Public Notice



Fall 2015 Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Belleville will start this year's fall leaf collection program on Monday, November 2, 2015. The City is divided into two service areas to make the leaf collection process more convenient and efficient. City crews will pick up leaves in each area on alternating weeks according to the schedule below.

Please put piles of leaves (without twigs and other yard waste) between the sidewalk and curb - not in the road. Piles of leaves will be left uncollected if they cannot be accessed because of parked cars. Twigs and other yard waste may be placed in paper bags or yard waste containers for the regular weekly refuse collection through November.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Only leaves, grass clippings and garden waste (free of dirt, root balls, twigs and branches) may be placed for leaf collection between the sidewalk and curb. If there are any twigs, sticks, paper, rocks, trash or garbage of any kind, the City will not be able to pick up the pile, and you will be responsible for having the material removed.

	SERVICE AREA No. 1	SERVICE AREA No. 2
COLLECTION DURING WEEKS OF	November 2nd November 16th November 30th	November 9th November 23rd December 7th
LOCATIONS INCLUDED IN SERVICE AREA	Harbour Pointe Sub North & South Liberty 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Streets Church Street Charles Brain Edison High East & West Columbia Roys Sumpter Road Savage Road South Street Main Street Victoria Commons	Huron River Drive Angola Robbe Madelon Roland Bedell Clarence Greylock North & South Biggs North & South Edgemont Wexford Potter Henry East & West Wabash
		Publish October 15 & 22, 2015



**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of

Allegiance. Showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: P. Morgan, Hamm, Oddy and Swinson. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approx. 15 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to accept Planning Commission minutes of August 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$2,383,385.68.

Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, P. Morgan, Swinson, Hamm, Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to accept Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman for Sumpter Township to grant a request by Detroit Edison and Mr. Joseph Jackson to allow an Easement across Township property for Mr. Joseph Jackson to tie into power line pending all paperwork is in order. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Response

10. Old Business:

A. Edward Wisniewski Retirement Badge and Plaque Presentation.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to reappoint Sheila Pedersen as Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term will expire March 11, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to reappoint Parks & Rec Jim Posegay, Joan Posegay, Cheryl Toms, Jim Chudzinski, Alan Bates, Jay Bardell, Selena Swinson. New Term to expire October 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve for Five (5) Parks & Rec Members to go to MFEA Convention for \$800.00. Will be paid from Parks & Rec fund for Registration. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve \$993.51 for three (3) rooms for three (3) nights at the Convention in Boyne Mountain Resort, will be paid for with Parks & Rec money. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to approve the SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to send Chief Joe Januszzyk, Tim Armstrong and Collin Lynch for a one (1) day seminar for "Emerging Issues In Emergency Services" on October 14, 2015. Total cost \$303.00. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve the retirement of Scott Spoonamore from the Fire Department, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements

13. Open Floor

14. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on September 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that 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: October 22, 2015

Museum getting ready for holiday tree event

Entry forms for the Festival of Holiday Trees at the Belleville Area Museum are due by Nov. 14.

Entries may be floor-sized trees, table-top trees, or wreaths, each with a title of theme.

Trees will be put up Nov. 5-7 and Nov. 10-14. Un-decorating begins on Jan. 5.

Entry forms are available at the museum. For more information, call (734) 697-1944.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the City General Election will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following Offices will be voted upon:

City

Mayor

Two (2) City Council Members

Local School District

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.50 mills (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$753,255 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

The County Treasurer's Statement

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 01, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan City of Belleville

<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Voted Increase</u>	<u>Years Increases Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022

School Districts

Van Buren	November, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non-homestead only)
School District	November 4, 2008	1.13 mills	2015

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the November 3, 2015 general election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

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Lisa Long
City Clerk

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Jeffrey Rochon pleads guilty to MDOP, arson charge dropped

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Jeffrey Edwin Rochon, 31, of Sumpter Township has pled guilty to malicious destruction of personal property from \$1,000 to less than \$20,000, and the second-degree arson charge against him was dismissed.

He was bound over to circuit court by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Sept. 16 who signed an order for pretrial services to review his case. Circuit Court Judge Deborah A. Thomas arraigned him on the information Sept. 23 and reduced Rochon’s \$500,000 cash bond to \$7,500 or 10%.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Thomas on Nov. 4.

Rochon was arrested by Van Buren police for the arson fire that occurred on July 28 at 6040 Victoria in Van Buren Township. It was alleged Rochon burned the residence of the mother of his two children. No one was home at the time of the fire.

The arson charge that was dropped in a plea deal carried a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and/or \$20,000 or three times the value of the property damaged or destroyed.

The MDOP charge is a five-year felony and carries a fine of up to \$10,000 or three times the amount of the property damaged or destroyed.

Rochon was held in the Wayne County Jail from his Aug. 31 arrest to the time the judge reduced his bond on Sept. 23.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

VBT Fire Department sets training burn Sat. at Van Born/Lilley roads

The Van Buren Township Fire Department announces it will have a training burn from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, in an abandoned home that is planned for demolition in the area of Van Born and Lilley roads.

Fire crews will train on search and rescue, attacking fire, and ventilation of the structure under real-life fire conditions.

This type of fire training will help prepare firefighters for structure fires in a more-controlled environment, said Gregory Laurain, VBT Public Safety Director. In order to keep fire fighters well-trained for fires within a building, training like this is necessary to refine their skills, he said.

Smoke and fire department vehicles will be seen in the area until the training is completed.

“The community’s patience and understanding is appreciated as we strive to continue to provide the best possible training experience for our first responders,” Director Laurain said.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 675 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 11:

- 0136 – disorderly conduct, The Creek
- 0228 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
- 0339 – noise complaint, Stamford Rd.
- 0416 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
- 0553 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
- 1021 – agency assist, Martz Rd.
- 1240 – fight, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
- 1408 – private property accident, Van Born
- 1542 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
- 2144 – noise complaint, Riggs Rd.
- 2301 – private property accident, Belleville

Monday, Oct. 12:

- 0241 – breaking & entering, Birch Dr.
- 0719 – noise complaint, Westlake
- 1046 – abandoned auto, Hayes St.
- 1203 – private property accident, Meijer gas
- 1535 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.
- 1807 – larceny, Truman
- 1823 – juvenile complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
- 1836 – malicious destruction of property, Redwood
- 2024 – shots fired, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 2138 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
- 2358 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 13:

- 1247 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service/Camping World
- 1654 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
- 1840 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
- 1906 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
- 1953 – noise complaint, W. Archwood
- 2127 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
- 2311 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 14:

- 0559 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
- 0634 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /Denton Rd.
- 0843 – abandoned auto, McBride Ave.
- 0937 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
- 1601 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1609 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood
- 1759 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
- 1915 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
- 2002 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2150 – larceny from auto, Denton

Thursday, Oct. 15:

- 1118 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1303 – ordinance violation, Chatsworth Dr.
- 1339 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1624 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 1938 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2212 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Friday, Oct. 16:

- 0656 – breaking & entering, W. Huron River Dr.
- 0925 – abandoned auto, McBride Ave./Van Buren St.
- 1114 – mental, Van Buren St.
- 1232 – fraud, Meadows Cir.
- 1451 – agency assist, Belleville Rd.
- 1555 – animal bite, Spruce Ln.
- 1724 – trespassing, Martz/RR tracks
- 1817 – juvenile complaint, Victoria St.
- 1911 – noise complaint, Buchanan St.
- 2305 – disturbance, N. Sunset Ln.

Saturday, Oct. 17:

- 0018 – disturbance, Ecorse Rd.
- 0204 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. /Denton Rd.
- 0415 – agency assist, Liberty/Fifth
- 0446 – assault & battery, Jackson
- 0912 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. /Haggerty Rd.
- 1015 – fraud, Dollar General
- 1056 – agency assist, McBride Ave.
- 1121 – mental, Locust Dr.
- 1237 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald’s
- 1354 – water leak found, Edgedale Dr.
- 1555 – fight, Ash Dr.
- 1557 – fraud, Belleville

- 1600 – agency assist, Ash
- 1734 – assault & battery, Belleville
- 1844 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2001 – noise complaint, McBride Ave. / Buchanan St.
- 2051 – noise complaint, McBride Ave. / Buchanan St.
- 2203 – property damage accident, Anna Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 203 traffic stops, 57 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 11:

- 0135 – information, Main St.
- 0136 – family trouble, Clarence St.
- 0207 – suspicious situation, Edison Ave.
- 0352 – vehicle repossession, E. Huron River Dr.
- 0918 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1714 – assist fire department, Menlo Park Dr.
- 2141 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
- 2307 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Oct. 12:

- 0143 – intrusion alarm, South St.
- 0339 – information, Main St.
- 1145 – holdup alarm, Owen
- 1148 – motorist assist, Main St./Huron River Dr.
- 1150 – assist fire dept., Sumpter
- 1337 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
- 1348 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
- 1539 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1628 – property damage accident, South/RR tracks
- 1803 – fight, N. Aberdeen Ct.
- 1853 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.
- 2213 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside
- 2231 – disturbance, Loza Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 13:

- 0102 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
- 0335 – assist fire dept., Main St./Fourth St.
- 0753 – traffic complaint, Main St./First St.
- 0905 – property damage accident, Main St./Denton
- 1639 – fraud, Henry St.
- 1655 – disturbance, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 1817 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 2131 – assist fire dept., Carnell St.
- 2136 – suspicious situation, Van Buren Transportation
- 2139 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen

Wednesday, Oct. 14:

- 1143 – intrusion alarm, Estrada
- 1708 – vehicle lockout, Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 1756 – parking complaint, First United Methodist
- 1758 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 15:

- 0927 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
- 1231 – narcotics crime, McBride
- 1645 – harassment call, S. Industrial Park Dr.
- 1652 – breaking & entering, Astor Pl.
- 1832 – suspicious vehicle, S. Aberdeen Ct.
- 1902 – suspicious person, Main St.

Friday, Oct. 16:

- 1335 – suspicious situation, Henry St.
- 1735 – miscellaneous complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 2028 – suspicious situation, Victory Park

Saturday, Oct. 17:

- 1237 – E-911 cellular, Liberty St.
- 1526 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
- 1834 – trespassing, Victorian Ln.
- 2005 – civil matter, Chase bank

Also on this week’s log are 79 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 11:

- 0142 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
- 0708 – alarm, Washington
- 0758 – suspicious vehicle, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
- 0950 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1151 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1248 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
- 1450 – ORV complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1734 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1926 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Oct. 12:

- 0022 – breaking & entering, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0510 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
- 0919 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
- 1130 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1302 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
- 1439 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1500 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1522 – breaking & entering, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1526 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1745 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1827 – assist other agency, 6900 bl. Rawsonville

Tuesday, Oct. 13:

- 0212 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz/Clark
- 0727 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Clark
- 0911 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1145 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1206 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1309 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1320 – fraud complaintr21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1334 – larceny, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1443 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1738 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1923 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1931 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
- 2026 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2044 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Judd

Wednesday, Oct. 14:

- 1338 – child abuse/neglect complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1611 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
- 1801 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
- 1901 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 15:

- 0022 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 0240 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0359 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Dunn
- 0821 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0847 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0933 – suspicious person, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
- 1259 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1402 – suspicious vehicle, Dunn/Martinsville
- 2038 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Oct. 16:

- 0054 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 0615 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 0649 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sherwood
- 0814 – larceny, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 0937 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1156 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 1545 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1650 – animal complaint, Clark/Judd
- 2126 – warrant arrest pick up, 29000 bl. Sumpter

Saturday, Oct. 17:

- 0949 – trespassing complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1121 – assist other agency, out of township
- 1512 – alarm, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
- 1722 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 2046 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 137 patrol checks, and 79 traffic stops.

Veterans Recognition Dinner set Nov. 7 at Belleville Moose Lodge

Veterans and friends are asked to save Saturday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. for a Veterans’ Recognition Dinner at the Belleville Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township.

Veterans will pay \$5 each for the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner and others pay \$10 each. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing will be held throughout the evening.

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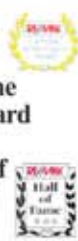
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