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The cast and crew for "Holes," being presented this weekend by Belleville High School Productions.

Photo courtesy BHS

BHS Productions to present 'Holes' on Thurs., Friday, Sat.

Belleville High School Productions will present its fall play "Holes" by Louis Sachar today, Friday, and Saturday.

The acclaimed, young-adult novel will be brought to life onstage at the BHS Auditorium for three performances – at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 16, as well as a special matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17.

"Holes" is the story of Stanley Yelnats, a young man who is arrested and charged with a crime he did not commit. As part of his sentence, he is sent to Camp Green Lake Detention Center to perform labor, which involves digging holes in the desert every day along with other young "campers" who dig in order to "build character."

Stanley believes all of his bad luck is due to a curse supposedly placed upon an ancestor years ago by a gypsy woman. But nothing is truly as it seems at Camp Green Lake and through a series of flashbacks from Latvia to the Old West to the present, the true story of the "curse" placed upon Stanley's ancestors is revealed and ... well, as the gypsy woman Madame Zeroni would say "You'll have to fill in the holes yourself" by coming to see the show.

The cast features: Jaylen Anderson

(Sam/Igor Barkov), Lance Bagley (Mr. Pendanski), Gaige Barnes (Trout Walker), Alyssa Bryant (Myra Menke), Hannah Costa (X-Ray), Matthew Cox (Stanley), Frankie Cramer (Kate Barlow/student director), Devin Denson (Sarah/ Stanley's Mom), Trinity Dozier (Mrs. Collingwood),

Taylor Duncan (Zero), Sara Flange (Madame Zeroni/ Zero's Mom), Julian Gardner (Elya Yelnats/ Stanley's father), Zandalee Henderson (the warden), Keionni Hicks (townsperson / camper), Madison Lieb (police woman), Michael Novay (Myra's father/sheriff), Rachel O'Brien

(Jesse), Madilyne Oddy (toughest kid in camp), Natalie Pestano (Zig Zag), Jahnvi Rambus (Armpit), Aaron Scott (Mr. Sir), Kerstin Slabey (police woman), Madison Spencer (attorney general), Natalia Stockwell (judge), Brianna Sykes (Ms. (continued on page 17)

Tigers head for state semifinals, to play Chippewa Valley

By Robert Mytych
Belleville-Area Independent

It was going to take something more than rain showers, cold wind gusts and an effort from last year's Division 1 finalist West Bloomfield to deny the Tigers from setting yet another high school record.

Belleville dug deep in the final quarter and pulled out a 13-10 victory over the Lakers on Nov. 9 at Belleville High School.

The victory improved the Tigers to 12-0 and put them into the state semifinals this Saturday, Nov. 17, against Chippewa Valley (also 12-0) at Troy Athens High School, beginning at 1 p.m. The winner

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Photo courtesy Belleville High School

The Belleville High School varsity football team gathered around its most-recent trophy Friday night after winning the school's first-ever regional championship against West Bloomfield, 13-10. Coach is Jermaine Crowell. This earns them a trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association District 1 semi finals against Chippewa Valley at 1 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens football field. Both BHS and Chippewa Valley have undefeated seasons, 12-0.

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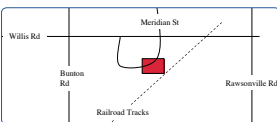


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Scarecrow winners



A group from Cedar Woods Assisted Living & Memory Care came to the city council meeting in a van and sat in the front row. They earned the award for the best scarecrow in the Business Category that was placed in front of Belleville Hardware. The senior citizens present worked on putting the scarecrow together and pictures were shown of them stuffing the straw into the scarecrow.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman
Ryan, Sarah, and Saryah Harper won the award for the best scarecrow in the Families/Individual category – the Tin Man. They were presented with a certificate and picture of their creation at the Nov. 5 Belleville City Council meeting.



Phil Walsh, right, accepted the award for the Garden Club which won in the Adult Groups/Organizations category for its leafy scarecrow in front of Sam's Place. At left is Nathaniel Oregon of the Parks and Recreation Commission who gave out the awards.



Wayne County Fairgrounds won the award for the best scarecrow in the Youth Groups/Organizations category – the Rooster made with award ribbons from the fair. Accepting the award were Megan Richendollar, at left, and Kyle Schalte. Scarecrows were in place in downtown Belleville for the month of October as part of the Booville celebration.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Women of Moose to earn money for Veterans Memorial

From 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, the Belleville Women of the Moose 1135 will serve a spaghetti dinner to honor those who have served and are serving in the U.S. military and to earn money for a worthy cause.

The event is open to the public for \$10 a plate, at the door, but veterans and active service men and women get to eat free.

Tina Watts, chairperson of the special event, said the proceeds from the meal will be used to help repair the Veterans Memorial in the City of Belleville.

She said Nancy Summers has made a quilt, which will be raffled off, and there will be a Chinese raffle for gifts that have been donated by stores and crafters, to help raise funds.

The Women of the Moose have a thing about supporting veterans and they do so with gusto. Elsewhere in today's paper you will find a story about them adopting soldiers in Iraq and sending them packages. Their Christmas box was sent out last week.

When we asked Tina Watts, whose son is one of the soldiers receiving the boxes, if she doesn't worry about him and, of course, she does. She said she watches the news about what's going on in Iraq and hopes she sees him, or hopes she doesn't. But, he's serving his country and she's proud.

We applaud the Women of the Moose for showing they care about those serving and the veterans. God bless the Women of the Moose.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A post-conviction hearing for Thomas White has been set before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houton at 9 a.m., Dec. 12, at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

White, a former Belleville attorney who has been in prison since 2015, is seeking to have at least one of the 20 charges he pled no contest to overturned. Most of his charges are embezzlements of the funds entrusted to him by his clients. We've been told the charge in question is "conducting a criminal enterprise."

According to the Department of Corrections website, White's earliest release date is April 8, 2020. His maximum sentence is until April 8, 2035.

He currently is in the Central Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis, MI, which is in Gratiot County.

An enthusiastic crowd attended the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 11. The event was put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

It not only marked Armistice Day for World War I, but also Veterans' Day in the U.S.

As the brief ceremony began at 11 a.m., I heard church bells pealing in the distance and that was very touching. I'm told the churches in England didn't ring their bells until after the war was over. After the ceremony, Gene Taylor told me he was standing next to Mary Jane Dawson and the bells I heard pealing came from an AP on her cell phone, not from a nearby church. Whatever. It was touching.



It was very nice to see the American flags waving from the light poles on Main Street in the City of Belleville on Veterans' Day week end. The extra work it takes to put them up for special patriotic holidays takes the small city crew away from all the many other jobs needing to be done, but it is appreciated by the public.

Northbound Belleville Road is closed from the Tyler Road intersection north for 1,000 yards to allow for cement work and construction at the new Speedway. The northbound lane closed on Nov. 9 and Van Buren Township Police said it is expected to be closed for two weeks.

Meanwhile, people heading north, especially to the mobile home park, are taking Tyler east to Morton Taylor and Morton Taylor north to Robson Road and then west back to Belleville Road. Reports are these gravel roads are very bumpy and drivers can only go 5-8 mph. Also, there are a lot of dirty cars.

Drivers heading southbound on Belleville Road have no closure.

At Tuesday's district library meeting, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy reported that the roofer came out and patched up a few areas of the shingled portion of the roof on the existing library that have been leaking. The roofer cannot find the leaks on the Duro-Last portion of the roof, so

they will continue to bring out the buckets, as needed. "The new library cannot come soon enough!" she said.

She also reported the original estimate for the first delivery of structural steel has been delayed until mid-December.

She also reported that the library has scheduled a meeting with Sumpter Township to work out some budget strategies for Sumpter's new library branch. Sumpter is proposing more exterior work than was in the project's original budget. Suchy said this will result in a much-nicer looking building, but there is less money available to make the interior renovations.

A Detroit newspaper had reported that one of the people involved in an incident at BHS recently was a Belleville Police officer's daughter. Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman wanted me to report that, "No Belleville Police officer's daughter is in that school."

I apologize to Mendie Russell for spelling her name Mindy in the pictures from the art show in last week's paper. Mendie is the president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Her birthday is tomorrow and we wish MENDIE many happy returns of the day.



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Letters

Appreciation for your votes, join us Thursday

To the editor:

This is a letter of appreciation to the tri-community of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Township, who are the constituents of the Belleville Area District Library (BADL).

First, I am honored to have been re-elected to the Library Board and extend my deepest gratitude for the confidence shown in me by the voters of the tri-community. I look forward to continuing to serve in guiding our current library and the development of our new one.

Second, I want to remind community-minded citizens and library lovers to join us for a "Legacy @ Your Library" reception on Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road. We at BADL so appreciate the support the Tri-community showed in 2016 by supporting the library proposals and are excited to offer opportunities for individuals and organizations to become legacy partners before the cornerstone of the new library is laid.

Deepest thanks again,
Sharon C. Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board

My heart is full from the support of residents

To the editor:

My heart is full from the democratic support from the Sumpter Township residents.

I would like to congratulate Esther Hurst as Sumpter Township Clerk, Ken Bednark as Sumpter Township Treasurer and Tim Rush as Sumpter Township Trustee. They are forward-thinking without compromising our beautiful Sumpter Township country atmosphere.

They join current board members Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan and Trustees Matthew Oddy, Don Swinson and Don Laporte, who have been dedicated to supporting the balance and integrity of our Township.

I truly see that together this new board together will bring back our Township.

Jennifer Price
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Price's name was on the ballot for trustee as a Democrat, but she said she didn't want to win and asked voters to vote for Republican candidate Tim Rush. Rush won with 1,817 votes and Price came in second with 1,545 votes.

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Thank you to all the citizens for your votes

To the editor:

Thanks to all the citizens of Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren Township for your votes on Nov. 6, 2018. I am now a **proud member** of the Belleville Area District Library Board.

My goal is to serve you in helping the library become even more useful and important in your lives. Say hello when you see me in the community.

Warmly,
Barbara A. Gates
Van Buren Township



Women's Club inducts Trotter as new member

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club (BAWC) welcomed Jennifer Trotter, Executive Director of Guiding Harbor at Girlstown, into membership at its November meeting. Darlene Collins presented her with the club flowers during the induction.

The BAWC will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas Dinner on Monday, Dec. 3. Guests are welcome, so please feel free to contact Theresa McCuean at (313) 999-4111 for time and directions if you are interested in attending and learning more about the club.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. the BAWC will be manning the Red Kettle at the Market Door of Walmart on Belleville Road. Please stop by and say hello as we ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

The Women's Club meets the first Monday, September through June, at the Belleville Moose on the corner of Sumpter and Harris Roads. The dinner meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7 will be the first meeting of the new year and guests are welcome by contacting Theresa at the number above.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Janet Millard, Publicity Chair
Belleville Area Women's Club

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming
**Thanksgiving Day Holiday, ALL
ads must be submitted by 4 p.m.
Friday, 11/16/18. Classified
advertising deadline is Noon
Monday, 11/19/18.**

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Nov. 15** – You are invited to the Legacy @ Your Library Event at Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville. Hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., virtual tour of the new library at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the library at (734) 699-3291.
- **Friday, Nov. 16** – Girl Scout Troop 7627 is holding a Taco Bar fund raiser from 4 to 6 p.m. at Keystone Academy, 47925 Bemis Rd., Sumpter Township. Ten dollars will get you three tacos, chips, drink and dessert. Funds raised will help the girls get to camp, as well as a portion being donated to a family in need this Christmas.
- **Saturday, Nov. 17** – Holiday Craft and Vendor Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr. Lots of vendors and crafts. They also will have chili, hot dogs, chips, pop, and baked goods for sale.
- **Sunday, Nov. 18** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's 18 Strings. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, Nov. 19** – The annual Tree of Remembrance service in memory of your loved one begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Speak the name of your loved one and hang the ornament you brought on the tree in their memory. Sponsored by David C. Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 20** – The Belleville Area Lions Club presents Brett Chittum, an inspirational speaker, at 6 p.m. at Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Room C104, Van Buren Township. He will speak on being involved in activities and perception of you and your organization.

More Letters

Community Band sets Christmas Concert

To the editor:
The Belleville Community Band proudly announces its yearly Christmas Concert, under the direction of Mr. Zach Donnelly. Join us for an evening of fun entertainment for all ages.

Friday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
417 Charles St., Belleville
The board and members of the band would like to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank our community for the continuous support over the years.

Jack Keelan, president
Belleville Community Band

The event is free. RSVP by Nov. 18 to balcilionjo@comcast.net or text to (734) 366-6969. Questions to (248) 390-9233.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 20** – Belle Noelle Bonfire and Tree Festival Opening, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a chair and whatever you would like to roast over the bonfire. The museum will provide hot chocolate. Free.
- **Sunday, Nov. 25** – No music at September Days Senior Center. Closed.
- **Friday, Nov. 30** – The Christmas Train

is scheduled to come through tonight on the tracks that run through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville. No time announced.

- **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Winterfest in Belleville, with 6 p.m. parade followed by City Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on the museum lawn.

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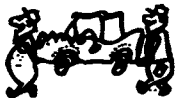
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Obituaries



Jean May

JEAN MAY

(February 8, 1935 – November 6, 2018)

Jean May, 83, of Copemish, Michigan, formerly of Saginaw, Texas, died Tuesday, November 6, 2018. She was born February 8, 1935, in Ripley, Tennessee, the daughter of James and Nervia (Epperson) Parrish.

A born-again Christian, Jean was a woman of unwavering faith, and she attended Bible Believers Historic Baptist Church. She loved baseball and animals, especially dogs. Jean will be remembered as a loving and dedicated Christian wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, and she will be missed.

On June 21, 1952, in Olive Branch, Mississippi, Jean married Charles David May who survives her. She is also survived by: her children, James (Darlene) May of Knoxville, Tennessee, David (Tona) May of Copemish, Michigan, and Michael May of Saginaw, Texas; her grandchildren, Shannon (John) Cook of Bear Lake, Michigan, Allison May of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bonnie Jean (Daniel) Hermy of Spring Hill, Tennessee, Justin (Meghan) May of Raleigh, North Carolina, Debra E. May of Knoxville, Tennessee, Tina M. May of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Brittany (Brannon) Low of Arlington, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Megan (Sean) Emery, John David (Priscilla) Cook, Morgan Cook, Jackson Cook, Jared Cook, James Cook, Meredith Cook, Lillian Cook, Kathryn Cook, Harper Grace May, and Agnes May; her great-granddaughter on the way, Lily Low; her great-great-grandson, David Case Emery; her sisters, Joy Norton of Memphis, Tennessee, and Maxine Thornton of Olive Branch, Mississippi; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jean was preceded in death by: her parents; one brother; three sisters; and her faithful four-legged companion, Buddy.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM, Monday, November 12, 2018, at Bible Believers Historic Baptist Church, in Mesick, with Pastor Keith Hoover officiating. Visitation was held from 5-7 PM, Sunday, November 11, 2018, at the church.

The Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, is in charge of arrangements.

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ROBERT F. 'HAMMER' GUY

(May 29, 1950 – November 6, 2018)

Age 66 of Sumpter, died at his residence. Survived by wife Valeri; daughter Windy; sisters Diane, Dee, and Denise; grandchildren Brandan and Nicolas; sister-in-law Colleen. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Diana "Dolly" Mitchell

DIANA MITCHELL

(February 9, 1939 – November 6, 2018)

Diana Mitchell, 79, better known as Dolly, of Belleville passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the University of Michigan Hospital with her loving family at her side.

She was born at her family farm in Willis, Michigan, on February 9, 1939 to John and Helen (Kowalski) Pavlack.

On October 10, 1959, Dolly was married to Joseph Edward Mitchell. Their marriage lasted 57 years until his death in 2016. Her love for him was proven as she spent many years as his primary caregiver after a stroke eventually left Joseph unable to walk. Her strength, both physical and mental, during that time was remarkable.

Her parents, two brothers Danny and John, Jr., and daughter Carole Gambrel also preceded her in death.

She leaves behind four children: Joann (Carvil) Addington, Joseph Mitchell, Debra (John) Hagerman, and David Mitchell. Five grandchildren: Amber Addington, Nicole (Steve) Hodgkins, Christina, Jessica and Jay Mitchell. Six great-grandchildren, Kolyn, Joslyn, Lillie-Ann, Reid, Jackson, and Seth. Two sisters, Grace McCune and Patricia (Ron) Cronenwett. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, and family friends.

Dolly was great in the kitchen and always loved cooking and baking for her loved ones. She was well known for her cakes and made sure everyone had their favorite baked for their birthday. She especially loved spending time at her sister Patsy's home in the Smoky Mountains.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and the most amazing grandmother. Her family and friends will miss her dearly.

In keeping with her wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. Family and Friends of Mrs. Mitchell are welcome to attend a memorial in her honor on Saturday, November 24, at 1 p.m. at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Correction: It should be 'Soraya Taylor'

We have misspelled Soraya Taylor's name twice, we are told – once under her picture as a student member of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and once in an article that mentioned the students seated on the board. We apologize.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

EARLY DEADLINES

**Due to the upcoming
Thanksgiving Day Holiday, ALL
ads must be submitted by 4 p.m.
Friday, 11/16/18. Classified
advertising deadline is Noon
Monday, 11/19/18.**

**More Obituaries
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Obituaries



Charles D. West

CHARLES D. WEST

Charles D. West passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord on November 4, 2018. He was surrounded by his wife, children, brother and closest friends. He was born in Middlesboro, KY to Bessie and Clifford West, and moved to Michigan when he was 18 years old. He quickly began working with Ford Motor Company, where he stayed. He did every job there was to do in the factory and was proud to be a factory man. He was always a strong supporter of the UAW and remained on the executive board of the local 900 even after his retirement after over 30 years with Ford Motor Company.

Chuck was an active member of the Belleville Presbyterian Church and rarely missed a Sunday. During the week he often spent time working at the church maintaining the building and the grounds. He was a strong, proud, Christian man that was kind and friendly with everyone he met. He was a man of few words, yet, he seemed to know people everywhere we went. They would shake his hand and wish us well and recount a story of how Chuck helped them in their life. He spent his time lifting people up and helping them. Chuck was a loyal, husband, friend, and father.

He is survived by his wife Carol, two sons Bradley and Charles, one daughter Jennifer, and two step-daughters Ruth and Peggy, and by nine grandchildren. He was one of six children, and is survived by his brothers Wayne, Allen and his sister Claire.

He was a unique man with a powerful presence and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We were very blessed to have him in our lives.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Belleville Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by Nie Family Funeral Home, Ann Arbor.

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Barbara Ann Koenig

BARBARA ANN KOENIG

(October 14, 1938 – September 4, 2018)

Under the care of Angela Hospice, Barbara lost her eight-year battle with cancer on September 4, 2018. She was born October 14, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. She worked in banking, was a realtor, and worked in retail, retiring from Belleville Meijer.

She is survived by her son Joseph Koenig (Dottie) of Camden, SC; daughter Karen Koenig (Mark) of Van Buren Township, MI; granddaughter Lynnee' (John) Koenig of Ypsilanti, MI; grandson Steven Koenig (Brooke); and great-grandchildren Dominic Koenig, Lucas Koenig, and Isabella Koenig, all of Englewood, TN; sister-in-law Gerri Beehler of New Boston, MI; sister-in-law Gloria Dee Koenig Roberts (Phil) of Naperville, IL; 7 nephews and 2 nieces and her dearest friend Doris Kuziak of Van Buren Township, MI. She is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Koenig, parents Agassiz and Gladys Beehler, brother Donald Beehler, niece Dawn Beehler, and parent in-laws Henry and Glorine Koenig. A private memorial for family was held October 8, 2018 at Roseland Cemetery in Royal Oak, MI. Donations in her memory can be made to Arbor Hospice.

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 26 – City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, City of Belleville meets at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 27 -- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 3 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.



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The Belleville Women of the Moose 1135 who made 15 quilts for 15 soldiers in Iraq gather around the quilts and other items that were boxed and sent to Iraq on Friday. From left are Fran Corbin, Dee Kulhanek, Debra Summers, Yvonne Livermore, Nancy Summers, and Tina Watts.

Women of the Moose adopt 15 soldiers in Iraq, send them quilts

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Friday, a small group of Women of the Moose sent out Christmas boxes to 15 American soldiers based in Iraq. It usually takes from four to six weeks to get the boxes to Iraq.

The women have been sending two boxes of goodies every month to the soldiers who live on military MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and have no refrigeration or way to cook anything else. All their snacks are at room temperature.

Friday's package contained a homemade quilt for each soldier and 15 pre-stamped greeting cards that they can send to their families, that were donated by a card group in Ohio.

They also sent eight more cards for each soldier to send out, with stamps, along with jerky, magazines, and other goodies.

Tina Watts, Senior Regent Pro-Tem and

Secretary/Treasurer of Belleville Women of the Moose 1135, said they used to adopt a family for the holidays.

This year they decided to adopt 15 soldiers. Nancy Summers of Sumpter Township, the group's Community Service Chair, has a quilting group and they made the 15 quilts to send to the men.

Tina Watts' son, Staff/Sergeant Johnathon Watts, has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and now is based in Iraq. He's one of the 15 that have been adopted by the women, along with 13 men who serve under him and his commanding officer.

Joe and Debra Summers do the Moose's Food Auction every month and they donate food for the boxes. Tina said the last donation was so generous it amounted to two months worth of goodies for the boxes.

Tina said besides the MREs, the soldiers get USO boxes.

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Court Watching:

Exam on embezzlement charge adjourned for three weeks

The preliminary exam on an embezzlement charge against Denise Lynn Lewis, 35, was adjourned for three weeks at the request of her retained attorney Michael Vincent.

34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley granted the request during a court session on Nov. 7. The new court date is 9 a.m., Nov. 28. This is Vincent's second adjournment of the case.

The agent or trustee embezzlement of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 is alleged to have occurred on Aug. 30 in Van Buren Township.

Lewis is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%.

If found guilty, she would be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or three times the value of the money or property embezzled, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine.

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- 2nd – Rock Stars, the Michaelson Family

13 and up:

- 1st – Wonder Woman, Amy Carpenter
- 2nd – Dog Catcher, Dave Curylo

10-12:

- 1st – Dragon, Lilah Turnbull, 10
- 2nd – Pirate, Hunter Redick, 11

7-9:

- 1st – Fox Girl, Maybelle Hart, 9
- 2nd – Colt Gilbee, 7

4-6:

- 1st – Sunflower, Ella June Hart, 5
- 2nd – Dede Abdelwali, 5

3 and under:

- 1st – “Chuck” Alayah Howard, 3, Christian Neino, 3
- 2nd – “Pepe Le Pew,” Cadon Hudecz, 2



Independent photos by Reg Ion

The Deguire Family won first place in the family category with their GhouL costumes.



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Candy Loop

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Keystone principal Godfrey now supt. at Detroit Comm. Schools

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keturah Godfrey, who served as principal of Keystone Charter Academy in Sumpter Township, has begun her new duties as superintendent of the Detroit Community Schools.

Keystone's charter was authorized by Bay Mills Community College and Bay Mills is also the authorizer of the Detroit Community Schools, a district that Keturah Godfrey has been in turmoil for the last few years.

Godfrey reportedly is highly regarded by Bay Mills officials, who recently fired former DCS School Supt. Sharon McPhail.

Bay Mills also temporarily suspended the DSC school board and appointed a conservator after legal appeals over the state fine levied in 2016 ran their course. Fines grew to more than \$200,000 as they appealed the ruling. Bay Mills was fined because McPhail did not have proper state credentials to be a superintendent. Godfrey has such credentials.

The DSC also has not been able to secure financing, said Tom Shields, spokesman for the Bay Mills Community College Charter School Office. "It was putting operations of the school into jeopardy, Shields said.

The charter school, founded in 1997, serves more than 650 students in grades K-12 and is in Detroit's Brightmoor neighborhood.

McPhail was hired as the school's superintendent in 2012. She is, perhaps, Claudia Williamson best known as a serial candidate for city office and as an adversary-turned-defender of former mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

In 2003, as a city council member, she accused Kilpatrick or his backers of tampering with wires in her desk chair to give her an electrical shock. Five years later, as the city's general counsel, she defended Kilpatrick against Gov. Jennifer Granholm's efforts to remove him from office. McPhail has much legal experience, but was neither a certified

teacher nor certified school administrator, Michigan Department of Education records show.

When reached by email at her DCS office on Friday, Supt. Godfrey replied: "Yes, I had a door open and felt called to support a district in need. I am humbled. It was such a quick transition, but they needed someone right away and asked me to come. I am excited about the potential here and look forward to working with this team to do what is best for kids!"

"I miss everyone at Keystone tremendously but know it is in good hands!" she wrote.

At the Nov. 8 meeting of the Keystone school board, parents were present to ask about Godfrey's sudden departure, reporting some rumors said she had been fired.

But Jeff Henders of National Heritage Academies, which employed Godfrey at Keystone, said, "Mrs. Godfrey was not let go. She resigned."

Parent Kelly Newberry said the sudden change in principal was disconcerting, along with the turnover in teaching staff. She said three of the four teachers teaching her children have changed.

She wanted to know if there is something Keystone can do to keep the teachers there.

Claudia Williamson, a highly regarded NHA school administrator, came out of retirement to fill in as principal at Keystone until NHA hires a replacement for Godfrey, which is expected to be after Thanksgiving and definitely by Christmas. She began as interim principal on Oct. 29.

She said schools typically go through a turnover when an administrator leaves. She said other reasons include finding a position closer to home, higher salary and benefits, and other reasons.

"One of the biggest challenges at NHA is teacher turnover," agreed Henders, noting some leave to teach in a traditional public school. He said NHA hires new teachers right out of college who may decide teaching isn't for them or decide to work elsewhere after getting some experience.

He said NHA recently did a symposium with board members, giving ideas on how to keep teachers and board members. Keystone board vice president Darren Hickonbottom attended the symposium in Grand Rapids and shared ideas with his board.

Henders said whenever there is a turnover

in leadership, there is a turnover in staff.

"It's not an NHA issue, not a charter school issue. It's an education issue," Henders said.

He said NHA does an exit survey for each teacher leaving to find out if there's a preventable reason. Some seek higher retirement benefits, he said.

Keystone board president Vesta Losen said she has heard of Williamson and her accomplishments for a long time and she is thankful to have her at Keystone to help with the transition.

Williamson served as principal of Canton Charter Academy and Achieve Charter Academy, both in Canton Township, before retirement and had won a national blue ribbon for her school.

In other business at the one hour and 20 minutes meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2017-18 audit report by Plante Moran. Keystone had a "clean audit with no red flags," said NHA's Henders;

- Heard Losen report the board has one vacancy and it has someone willing to serve. The paperwork will be filled out and the person will come to the next board meeting;

- Discussed and approved \$3,000 for the Christmas breakfast with presents the board will put on for more than 60 staff members at 7 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17;

- Tabled until the next meeting approval of the \$7 million 2018-19 amended budget for Keystone because information was received late and Losen wanted time for the board to study the figures;

- Approved the 2019-20 Prior Approval Checklist from Bay Mills, changing the word "curriculum" to "standards" in a question because of a difference of opinion on what "curriculum" means. The board president and secretary had to sign the document and they wanted to make sure they were telling the truth. They checked a box that said they were not changing the education "standards" because they felt saying they weren't changing the "curriculum" wouldn't be correct because they are constantly changing how they teach to try to improve. Williamson said they change the "tools" often and the "curriculum" refers to the standards set by the state of Michigan that they do not change;

- Heard Williamson report administrators are looking at the dress code in the handbook to hopefully get better compliance, that eight high school representatives came to Keystone and 20 students participated, the PTO did a fun run that raised just under \$20,000 to help pay for field trips, they are screening the students on vision, and have scheduled a nurse to come in to teach them how to handle students they have with diabetes, cerebral palsy, and epilepsy;

- Heard board secretary Connie Shull say she was asked about what blocks are in place for students on the internet. Williamson said there are blocks and the regular programs used are Dreambox and

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School Board approves refinancing 2009 bonds to save some \$5.5 million

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved refinancing the 2009 School Building and Site bonds, passed by the voters to build a new school, to get a lower interest rate to save taxpayer dollars.

At Monday's meeting, the school board voted unanimously to take advantage of the window opening available to refinance the bonds to get lower interest, as long as the interest rates come in lower, as expected.

The district currently levies 2.98 mills to pay back the 2009 bonds loan, which was

\$79,040,000.

Jesse Nelson and Karlee Sims of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates had reviewed the procedure at the board meeting of Oct. 22 and at the Finance Committee meeting on Oct. 8.

The district levies only the mills required to collect from taxpayers the outstanding bond payments for each fiscal year. Tax money collected for the repayment of bonds is held in a separate bank account and accounted for independent of the general fund.

The new bonds are not to exceed

\$63,365,000. The first payment will be \$2,590,000 on Nov. 1, 2019 and the final payment will be \$600,000 on May 1, 2039.

Nelson said there is estimated to be \$7.8 million in total savings and with the plan to buy the bonds down by \$2.3 million, leaves a net savings of \$5.5 million.

He said the transaction would put \$63 million in escrow to pay off the old bonds and estimated \$61 million in new bonds.

"These are conservative numbers," Nelson said. He said each year the new debt is calculated and the earliest taxpayers would see a reduction in payment would be the summer of 2019.

In other business at Monday's 17-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the cash sale of the 19.85 acres of vacant Denton Road property in Canton Township owned by the district to Anthony Costantino and Chris Costantino for \$425,000. Closing is set for Nov. 20. Real Estate agent Paul Armstrong said the sale price is slightly less than the asking price of \$450,000. Armstrong said the current zoning of the land is agricultural/residential and the buyers said the property will be used for farming, as it is now;
- Approved hiring Mahogany Tate

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Keystone

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Accelerated Reader. Shull said students Google things and Williamson said teachers are supposed to be monitoring that and Googling is not permitted. She said it difficult to monitor 28-30 kids;

- Heard parent Tracy Richardson say she was concerned about the congestion in the parking lot at drop-off and pick-up times, which seems to be more this year. She said she gets her son to the parking lot ten minutes before school and getting there earlier is a bit challenging for her. Her son has been at Keystone from Kindergarten and now he's in the fourth grade and he is getting tardies and absences for being late. The school policy is three tardies equal two absences, but that is for internal records. Principal Williamson said it isn't converted for state attendance numbers. She said she was meeting with the deans the next day to see what can be done about the parking

lot issue. "We recognize the tardy issue is significant." She said recently on one day 60 students came in right after 8 and as late as 8:45. "Every NHA school has problems in the parking lot," she said, noting this year they opened up the school at 7:40 a.m. and the students can wait in the hallway to enter the classroom at 8 a.m. "Our purpose is instruction. If they're not in the classroom, they can't be taught. And, each late entry interrupts the classroom"; and

- Also heard Richardson say her son is dealing with a student hurting him and her son comes home with marks. This happened in the past, but this year a boy is picking on him physically and she wanted to know how to make that stop. "It's upsetting for me not to be able to be here to protect him from harm," she said. "There's no excuse for this," Losen said. "We are concerned." Losen said they will follow up on Richardson's report.

The next meeting of the Keystone school board is at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13.



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School Board

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as resource room teacher at Owen Intermediate and Tyler Elementary schools as of Nov. 5;

- Approved resignations of non-instruction staff members Angelique Witherspoon from McBride Middle School after less than a year of service as of Nov. 1 for personal reasons and Patrick Murphy of the IT Department after a year of service as of Nov. 19 for a job opportunity;

- Approved hiring Keith Schenavar as payroll coordinator at the Administration Building and Alice Dornier as a paraprofessional at McBride Middle School, both as of Oct. 29;

- Heard parent Angela Mears announce a

blood drive is being held at Savage School on Monday, Nov. 19, and each person who calls to sign up in advance to give will earn a \$10 donation to Savage from the Red Cross. Also, a fund raiser for student Devon Turner is set at Owen for Nov. 30. She also announced the McBride Robotic team came in 19th out of 36 in its first competition and fifth overall out of 36 teams in the second competition. The team got to the semifinals, but not the finals, she said;

- Heard Financial Director Shareen Barker say, "It is so nice to see the economy turning around." She said in the 2015-16 school year, interest on the \$7 million in the bank was just \$4,675 for the whole year. Now, last month alone, there was \$8,592.34 received in interest, for just one

month, and there is less money deposited in the bank because they are investing more;

- Heard School Supt. Pete Kudlak say his face is fuzzy because he is observing "No-Shave November" for prostate cancer awareness. He said 3 million American men live with prostate cancer. He said two male teachers lost children to pediatric cancer and so the money raised by not shaving will be give to Mott Hospital, where both

children were, for their program to help families; and

- Heard Trustee Kelly Owen announce that the Jingle Bell Run will be held Dec. 1 and the route will be changed to include running down Main Street. She said last year there were close to 500 runners. The run is put on by the Van Buren Education Foundation.

BHS play

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Morengo), Brice Webber (Magnet), Kayla Williams (Linda Walker).

The production team consists of Michael Gears (director), Anthony Tedaldi (director), Yvette Kashmer (technical director), Tam-Lien Coleman (costume designer), and Frankie Cramer (student director).

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students/seniors and will be available at the box office beginning 45 minutes prior to each show.

BHS Tigers

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advances to the state finals Thanksgiving weekend at Ford Field against the winner of Saline vs. Clarkston.

Following a scoreless first quarter, the Lakers cashed in on a field goal in the second, and led 3-0 at the half. Belleville did put up a pair of touchdown passes in the first half, only to have them called back on penalties. A fumble in the red zone also resulted in no points from the offense on their next threat. The Lakers opened the second half with a 60-yard scoring drive,

which gave them a 10-0 lead.

On fourth down and ten, and five minutes left in the third, Belleville's Deon Selma dashed for 28 yards and a first down, leading to a Jalen Hunt 3-yard hop to the endzone and Belleville's first points of the game.

Trailing 10-6, the Tigers failed to convert on great field position on the ensuing possession, with Laker stops on a rush and an incomplete pass in the endzone from the nine-yard line. From there, Belleville built a little momentum resulting in a score and the lead on an 81-yard scoring drive, capped off by rushes of 33 and 16 yards, and a 3-yard touchdown run by Jalen Hunt with just under 4 minutes left in the game.

The Lakers came up short in their next possession, and a quarterback sack on fourth down with under two minutes remaining gave the ball back to the Tigers, who at midfield turned the ball away on downs trying to wind down the clock, which set up a final chance for the Lakers with 20 seconds remaining. From there, Belleville's defense came through and a quarterback sack ended the game.

Deon Selma rushed for 142-yards on 29 carries while the team racked up 240 yards on the ground. Belleville quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid completed 3 of 16 for 53-yards, which included the two touchdown passes that were called back.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 370 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0049 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0106 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Michigan Ave.
0226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0305 – follow up by officer, Rose Blvd.
0649 – shooting, boat launch Rawsonville
0848 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0848 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
0950 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
1032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
1146 – animal complaint, Colonial
1506 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.

1824 – animal complaint, Peninsular Dr.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94
1936 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Bemis
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
2324 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2358 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, Nov. 5:
1029 – suicidal person, W. Archwood Dr.
1039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daniel Dr.
1040 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1351 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1423 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1447 – follow up by officer, Parkwood Dr.
1506 – disorderly, Jeannette Ave./Dewitt Rd.
1558 – trespassing, Peachtree Ln.
1610 – private property impound, Parkwood
1625 – traffic offense, Jackson St.
1714 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1735 – lost property/child, Anna Dr.
1756 – domestic, Laguna Dr.
1757 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1816 – family trouble, N. Cumberland Dr.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1834 – missing person, Outer Dr.
2034 – larceny, Hull Rd.

2109 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Blvd.
2125 – threat, Bemis Rd.
2211 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville Rd.
2251 – domestic, Maurice

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
0139 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0539 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0711 – PPO violation, Rose
0727 – mental subject, Dewitt Rd.
0816 -- road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1014 – PPO violation, Rose
1017 – trespassing, Denton Rd.

1133 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1205 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1231 – property damage accident, Bemis/Haggerty
1240 – assault & battery, Dewitt Rd.
1302 – abandoned auto, Martinsville Rd.
1336 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1425 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1607 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1612 – neighbor trouble, Belleville Rd.
1710 – fraud, Lenmoore Ave.
1751 – malicious destruction of property, Dewitt
1949 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville Rd.

2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
2251 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0945 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1032 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1116 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley/Pierce
1132 – fraud, Elwell Rd.
1155 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1229 – assault & battery, Hamilton St.
1238 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.
1308 – fraud, Fisher Rd.
1344 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1402 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1822 – missing person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1843 – family trouble, Riggs Rd.
2032 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse

2200 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2221 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
Thursday, Nov. 8:
0013 – 911 welfare check, Dalton Dr.
0112 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0749 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1054 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1124 – animal complaint, Lilac Ln./Harmony Ln.
1218 – traffic offense, Jackson/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1232 – animal complaint, Hamlin St.
1250 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
1258 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1307 – traffic offense, Rawsonville
1319 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
1357 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. Woodbury Dr.
1453 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1530 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1801 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1844 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1941 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2059 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2229 – overdose, Spencer Ave.

Friday, Nov. 9:
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr./Maple
0721 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service/Haggerty
0837 – mental subject, Robson Rd.
0914 – larceny from auto, Van Buren St.
1058 – ordinance violation, Bog Rd.
1206 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
1233 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Snow Rd.
1243 – found property/child, Linda Vista Ct.
1253 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1353 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1421 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1433 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1653 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd.

1830 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1919 – fight, Haggerty Rd.
1943 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1953 – suicidal person, Sylvia Dr.
2211 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
2216 – domestic, Denton Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 10:
0119 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
0224 – property damage accident, W I-94/Hannan
0541 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0808 – operating while intoxicated, Hannan Rd.
1015 – found property/child, Ayres Ave.
1217 – shooting, Sheldon Rd.
1237 – property damage accident, Hull/Sumpter
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler
1333 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
1354 – traffic offense, Monterey/S. I-94 Service
1742 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Huron River Dr.

1758 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2108 – mental subject, E. Sadie Ln.
2226 – property damage accident, Fred Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 128 traffic stops, 23 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0930 – larceny, Industrial
1135 – traffic offense, E. Columbia and Liberty
1710 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1824 – civil matter, Anaheim St.

Monday, Nov. 5:
0612 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0737 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1109 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1127 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1142 – intrusion alarm, W. Thornhill Ct.
1506 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia/Madelon
2001 – motorist assist, Main St.
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2138 – domestic, Loza Ln.

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
0918 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1049 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1139 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1335 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1426 – motorist assist, Main/E. Huron River Dr.

1800 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
2324 – court detail, Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI
Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0810 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
0906 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1415 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
Thursday, Nov. 8:
0900 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1106 – sexual assault, Loza Ln.
1207 – larceny, Henry St.
1356 – harassment call, Anaheim
1512 – disorderly, South St.
1524 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.
2132 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Nov. 9:
0643 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
0831 – assist fire dept., Sumpter
1159 – fraud, S. Edgemont Ave.
1351 – mental subject, Bedell St.
2020 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2043 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2105 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 10:
1110 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1131 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1319 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1336 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1412 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1607 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1615 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
2223 – suicidal person, Church St.
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.

Also on this week’s log are 31 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0141 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0619 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0723 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Judd
0751 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0843 – malicious destruction of property, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1255 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1451 – shots fired, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1808 – traffic hazard, Rustic Ln./Stonecrest

Monday, Nov. 5:
0503 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0600 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0914 – animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1033 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1235 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Judd
1542 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1637 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1706 – civil dispute, Edgewood
1959 – juvenile complaint, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
2028 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2031 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2312 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
0615 – property damage accident, Willis / Martinsville
0733 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0952 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
1327 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
1338 – alarm, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1434 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1716 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1833 – flee & elude, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2043 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2333 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0310 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1246 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1309 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1558 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1608 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1800 – traffic hazard, Willow/Sumpter
2110 – traffic hazard, Harris/Martinsville

Thursday, Nov. 8:
0030 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0650 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0759 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
1102 – suspicious vehicle, Karr/Judd
1128 – assault, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1315 – hunting complaint, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1426 – citizen assist, Edgewood
1614 – larceny, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1644 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1847 – civil dispute, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1906 – civil dispute, Hampshire
2040 – well-being check, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
Friday, Nov. 9:
0922 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1240 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1543 – civil dispute, Edgewood
1938 – larceny, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2252 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 10:
0024 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0258 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0924 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1100 – property damage accident, Elwell/Harris
1243 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1739 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week’s log are four follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 100 patrol checks, and 65 traffic stops.

Nelson Po sues Sumpter Trustee Donald Swinson for ‘Abuse of Process’

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Nelson S. Po of Sumpter Township filed a civil suit against Sumpter Township Trustee Donald Paul Swinson on Oct. 26 alleging an “Abuse of Process” in Po’s prosecution for disturbing business at Swinson’s place of employment on Oct. 29, 2015.

Po’s arraignment on that charge was held Nov. 30, 2016 and the jury trial wasn’t held until Nov. 3, 2017.

A 34th District Court jury took about 30 minutes to acquit Po of the charge.

Po said he paid or owes about \$20,000 to his attorney in legal fees.

Also, Po alleges, as a result of Swinson’s abuse of legal process, he has suffered loss of the \$20,000 in unnecessary legal fees, inconvenience, mental anguish, pain and suffering and the humiliation of being charged with a crime that he did not commit.

He is asking the court to enter judgment against Swinson in an amount no less than \$250,000, not including applicable interest, attorney fees, and other costs.

Po’s attorney Ronald R. Ruark demands a trial by jury on all triable issues.

A status conference on the case has been set for 8 a.m., Jan. 25, 2019, before Judge Edward Ewell, Jr. at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit.

More Letters



To the editor: I saw this in front of the Sumpter Community Center this week end. What’s with the attitude?

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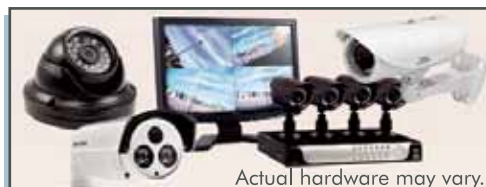
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Animal Medical Center of Van Buren and Drs. Scott Driscoll and Keri Dasher are celebrating their two-year business anniversary this fall and are always welcoming new patients. They're open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. They're located in the transformed former location of Perfect Image Salon at 491 Sumpter Road. To learn more, visit their website at www.amcvanburen.com and call (734) 699-6510 to schedule an appointment.

Carlotta's Hair Studio & Supplies is opening this Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Cork 'n' Bottle Plaza on Sumpter Road. Owner Kevin Novay will be offering a fine selection of beauty supplies, such as hair extensions, braids, wigs, color, natural products, relaxers, and other hair accessories. The adjacent salon is seeking hair stylists, barbers, and nail techs to fill positions in their fully furnished hair studio. To learn more call (832) 451-5481 or (412) 352-1466. Be sure to check out their ads in today's paper.

The Bake Shoppe on Savage Road near Bemis is gearing up for Thanksgiving and taking orders through Monday, Nov. 19, and will be open next Wednesday until 2 p.m. with their huge selection of pies, strudel, cannolis, angel wings, cakes, pastries, cheesecakes, breads, rolls, and so much more. Call (734) 699-2236.

Keller's Farm Bakery at 23888 Haggerty Road, between Judd and Wear roads, is

also getting ready for Thanksgiving with orders of fruit pies, cakes, breads, rolls, and more. They'll be open on Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. To place an order, message them on Facebook or call (734) 753-4360. The bakery also has regular hours on weekends only, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Crafted Modern Handmade Gift Shop is now open in its new location, at 381 Main Street in the former Belles location, offering items from more than 100 Michigan artisans, with many from the Belleville area, featuring everything from jewelry, apparel, and home décor, to bath products and accessories. The 4,800 sq. ft. building has five rooms of retail space on the main floor, with Crafted Beanery, Belleville's newest coffee shop coming in February of 2019. The lower level features 1,400 square feet of storage and classroom space for weekly make-n-take events. Check out their website at www.craftedmodernhandmade.com or their Facebook page for details. Call owner Carmen Stovall at (734) 363-3531.

The Belleville Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its Business of the Year until Nov. 26. For info on criteria and details the chamber committee will be looking for, email them at www.info@bellevilleareachamber.org or call (734) 697-7151.

Once again, the community will be taking part in Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24, a day dedicated to support small businesses. Jingle Belleville, a lady's night out, will take place throughout the downtown area on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. For details, visit Jingle Belleville on Facebook and at www.buyitinbelleville.com.

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

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