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School Board names cafetorium for the late 'Charlie' Brown

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday approved a proposal to dedicate the Owen Intermediate School Cafetorium in memory of former head custodian Charles Terry Brown, who died May 27.



Officials at Owen followed school policy for commemoration and naming of school facilities by setting up a committee which recommended the tribute. A survey of Owen staff also found 100% were agreeable. The proposal was given to School Supt. Pete Kudlak who gave it to the board to consider.

On the Owen committee were Principal Melissa Lloyd, Andrew Lindsay, Jennifer Runyan, and Darryl Dubisky.

Lloyd presented the proposal at Monday's school board meeting, noting "Charlie" Brown served the district for 39 years, 35 of those at South Middle School, which became Owen Intermediate School.

Brown was a student at South Junior High School and Belleville High School before becoming a staff member in the same building in which he went to junior high.

"Charlie Brown was a wise friend, trusted colleague, and a strong leader among his peers," Lloyd told the board. "Charlie Brown, over time, became part of the identity of the building where he worked, demonstrating the timeless values of commitment, mentorship, pride in work, and loyalty."

A large group of supporters of the proposal were present in Monday's audience. His father, retired Sumpter Township Police Chief Clinton Brown, and his mother Amelia Brown were sitting in the front row among other family members.

Lloyd said in early December there will be an intimate gathering to hang the plaque that has been prepared.

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

- Watched Stephanie Mikulski announce more than \$25,000 in grants to teachers from the Van Buren Schools Education Foundation. She said the foundation received 76 applications and granted 54 requests from teachers. One of the requests

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Court Watching:

Judge Oakley gives tongue lashing to two teens for their antics

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Deven Michael Wheeler, 18, and Owen Neal Anderson, 18, both of Jackson, accepted a plea deal, pleading guilty to two misdemeanors: breaking and entering a building without permission and larceny of items between \$100 and \$1,000.

These charges came after the two males broke into a shed on North Liberty Street in the city of Belleville on Oct. 15 and then broke into another building to steal bicycles so they could pedal back to Ypsilanti.

They stood before Judge Oakley on Nov. 2 to tell their stories. They said they were joyriding on I-94 and heading to Jackson when they got off the freeway at about 3 a.m. They said cops pulled them over and Anderson was driving on a restricted license. The cops took their car and they were left on the side of the road, they said.

They said they broke into a shed to get out of the cold and then decided to break into another building to get bikes.

Anderson said a friend of theirs tried to

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Atchinson Ford had a grand-opening party to show off its new building on Nov. 10 and invited special friends, customers, and supporters. At right are Kurt and Jane Atchinson, former Van Buren Township residents who flew in from Arizona for the party, and Medina and Craig Atchinson, who threw the party. They are standing on the upper floor over the main floor showroom.



Looking over the upstairs railing you can see the showroom decked out for the party as people begin to arrive. The Van Buren Township Planning Commission jumped a step a year ago to get this project going so Atchinson could meet a Ford deadline. Davenport Brothers started construction work at once. Architect is Wayne Hoppe. The Atchinsons have been serving the Belleville area for more than 50 years.

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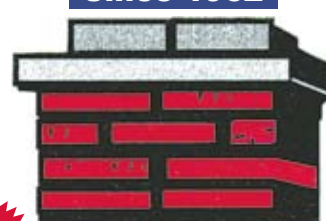
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

BHS Productions presents 'Arsenic & Old Lace' this week

BHS Productions proudly presents "Arsenic & Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring this Thursday, Nov. 17, and Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Belleville High School Auditorium.

Set in the early 1940s, "Arsenic" tells the story of newspaper drama critic Mortimer Brewster, a normal, run-of-the-mill guy who is anxious to marry his fiancée, the girl-next-door and a minister's daughter, Elaine. But standing solidly between Mortimer and matrimonial bliss is the wackiest, weirdest family tree that ever grew.

His two sweet aunts Abby and Martha have developed murder as their favorite hobby. Out of a twisted sense of sympathy, they regularly poison lonely old men with a mixture of arsenic and elderberry wine and then bury them in the cellar. Cousin Teddy sports pince-nez and a handlebar moustache and regularly charges up San Juan Hill! And horrid brother Jonathan has just arrived from an asylum with a new face (ala Boris Karloff) and a sinister side-kick named Dr. Einstein.

It's "Home Sweet Homicide" as Mortimer

tries to thwart the police (a kindly but goofy bunch), conceal a corpse, curtail any more killing, and convince Elaine that a wedding with a man who is drowning in such a murky gene pool would lead to nothing but woe. "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a classic comic melodrama.

This year's production is directed by Mike Earns and Larry Koch with set design and technical direction by Yvette Kashmer. The cast features Alyssa Schubert as Abby Brewster, Kaitlyn Plummer as Martha Brewster, Jonathan Damon as Mortimer Brewster, Frankie Cramer as Elaine Harper, Elijah Pope as Dr. Harper, Evan Roll as Teddy Brewster, Gavin Schultz as Jonathan Brewster, Demeatry Brooks as Dr. Einstein, Kenny Franklin as Mr. Gibbs, Zandalee Henderson as O'Hara, Lance Bagley as Brophy, Clayton Griffith as Klein, Natalie Pestano as Lt. Rooney, and Kamali Clora as Mr. Witherspoon.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors and will be available at the box office as well as at ShowTix4u.com.

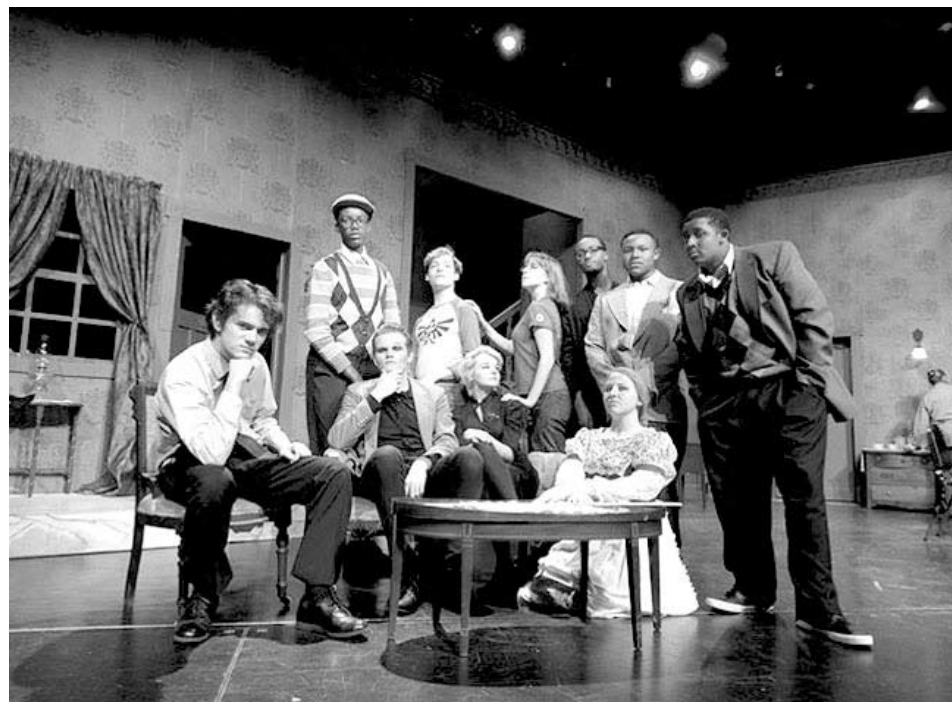


Photo courtesy Belleville High School
Some cast members from "Arsenic & Old Lace" pause for a photo.

VBT LDFA votes to send letter to Sovereign Partners

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Doug Peters, a member of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, said he thinks the LDFA should write a letter to Sovereign Partners to find out if they intend to sell the former Visteon property.

At the LDFA regular meeting on Nov. 9, Peters, a retired attorney, said Sovereign should let the LDFA know immediately if it has made the decision to sell or list the property. He said he had heard this and had concerns.

Peters made a motion that a letter be sent to Sovereign Partners from the LDFA asking them to immediately inform the LDFA if they plan to sell, list or transfer the Grace Lake property. LDFA member John Delaney seconded the motion.

"My only concern," said Ron Akers, director of the VBT Planning and Economic Development, "... We can ask them. But when they're working on a deal, they would want to keep it quiet."

"If we ask them as a courtesy ..." Peters said.

LDFA chairman Michael Dotson said the LDFA could let them know we intend to send such a letter.

"We have no authority over a private business," said VBT Supervisor Linda Combs.

"We have authority because there is a failure to meet tax obligations," Peters

said. "We should ask them of any intent immediately ... and if they are found to have had a fraudulent sale of Visteon to Sovereign, our ability to sue Sovereign is impaired if we haven't asked to be informed. They should know we are not sleeping or just silently sitting here smiling."

Peters said he has requested it and there is no copy of the lease agreement between Sovereign and Visteon and no copy of the sale and purchase agreement. He said there is no reason to look the other way and, "If we do, it's to our detriment."

"I'm willing to write a letter as a request, in a positive tone, seeking a partnership," chairman Dotson said.

Peters said it should go to Sovereign as well as LDFA member Danylo Dobriansky, because he's not sure Dobriansky is a member of this committee (the LDFA) or more a member of Sovereign Partners.

Akers said the only down side is the staff works at the direction of the VBT Board of Trustees and they need to work on a partnership with Sovereign and a formal letter might be upsetting.

"You want to be good to both, but your bread and butter is with us," Peters said. "Friendship is nice, but we can put out a letter to pull their chain. We've been nice for 24 months."

Dotson said he didn't want to turn this into an adversarial situation.

"Sovereign can show its good faith by furnishing the information sought," Peters

said. "On rare occasions, real estate firms are not duplicitous, cheating, scowling dogs ... We don't know what Visteon has over there."

He was told Visteon leases space from Sovereign and Peters said it could be for just a dollar.

Dotson said he'd be glad to write a letter asking Sovereign to advise the LDFA on their plans for the property.

"I think that's a little tame," Peters said. "We should ask them to immediately advise us of any sale, listing, or transfer. Visteon sold to Sovereign and we found out after the deal is done."

Peters said the letter should be run by the township attorney first.

"I wouldn't expect a reply," said LDFA member Leonard Armstrong.

The LDFA then voted unanimously to send the letter to Sovereign Partners with a copy to Dobriansky.

In other business at its Nov. 9 meeting, the LDFA:

- Was informed Chris Hayes has resigned from the LDFA and so there is a vacancy to be filled;

- Heard Akers say the proposed freeway sign at Grace Lake was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals and when Sovereign comes in with the formal request, "We'll be happy to issue them a sign permit";

- Heard Akers announce the request for proposals to purchase the property owned by the LDFA on Ecorse Road has been

posted in the *Independent*, MI.com, and seven days in the Ann Arbor News and seven days in the Jackson paper. Deadline is the end of November. If there are no bids, they can hire a broker, Akers said. Peters said all these postings show, "We've done our due diligence";

- Unanimously approved, for the third time, the revisions to the LDFA bylaws that include provisions for participation in meetings by members not present. The changes now go on to the township board for final approval;

- Approved the six meetings scheduled for 2017: Jan. 10, March 15, May 9, July 11, Sept. 12, and Nov. 15. Extra subcommittee marketing meetings will be added;

- Heard Peters note that he has heard the new supervisor is inclined to drop the LDFA. Akers said as long as there are financial obligations that can't happen – and the LDFA collects revenue from the county and other entities. Combs said there have been a lot of rumors. "Any statement made about dissolution ... He's used to working with the county. He needs coaching on how a township operates... There were some remarks made in haste... I'm confident he's in it for the right reason"; and

- Heard Matthew Best, deputy director of VBT Planning and Economic Development, say that in 2017 he anticipates construction at Grace Lake. "All signs point to some activity out there. I think there is good news coming."

OPINIONS

Editorial

Jesse Marcotte named to council

Jesse Marcotte, a Northville Township fire fighter/paramedic who lives in Belleville, was named the new member of the Belleville City Council to fill the vacancy left by Kim Tindall who resigned to take a job with the city. The city had 30 days to replace Tindall or the state would select a replacement.



On Tuesday, the city council interviewed five residents who responded to a call for service: Randy Priest, Jeff Vernon, Kelly Bates, Martha Brown, and Marcotte. When City Manager Diana Kollmeyer tallied the numerical rating by the four council members, she reported Marcotte was first for all of them.

He knocked their socks off with his interview. He said his family moved from Detroit to Van Buren Township when he was five years old. He was a member of VBT's Fire Explorers when he was in high school and worked with the Belleville Fire Department. In his senior year at BHS he took college classes at night and had his EMT basic license when he graduated. He worked at VBT when he was 19 and went on to Northville Township. He's been a homeowner in Belleville for 10 years and a member of the city planning commission for eight years. And, athletic coach, musician, etc.

Congratulations, Councilman Marcotte.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said goodbye to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) at the end of its Nov. 9 meeting. When asked what she is going to do now -- since she didn't run for reelection and didn't get elected to the write-in trustee seat she sought -- she said she plans to do volunteer work and "hang out with grandchildren." The new VBT supervisor, Kevin McNamara will take Combs' former seat on the LDFA.

The newly elected board at VBT will be sworn in by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18, at the township hall.

At last week's Belleville Planning Commission meeting, DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the trash trucks didn't get all the leaf bags picked up on its regular runs Thursday and so on Friday they would do two more pickups.

When out delivering papers last week, we saw a pickup truck with the back end filled with bags of leaves being unloaded and lined up along residential frontage on Church Street. The apartment building there had no trees that were shedding leaves. Wonder what that was all about.

On Saturday, Barbara Miller took me to the Michigan Opera Theatre's opening night production of "Silent Night." The opera is based on a real event when German, Scottish, and French troops stopped killing each other in World War I for a Christmas Eve, 2014, celebration together.

The evening at the opera honored veterans -- and it was perfect for the day after



Veterans' Day. We were given red poppies from the American Legion and everyone wore a red poppy that night. Then, there was an honor guard made up of formerly homeless veterans in Detroit and the crowd stood and sang as the orchestra played the National Anthem.

After thanks to everyone who made the opera and opera season possible, especially the Ford Motor Company, the opera began.

But, before that, those who arrived early enough listened to a lecture on the opera so we, the audience, would know how it was created and some of the fine points to watch for.

I was told that some tickets to the opera were given out to veterans. Before the opera began, when they asked the veterans to stand, we saw many veterans in the audience.

Lots of battles in the opera on stage and lots of singing. An anti-war message.

Thanks, Barbara, for the fun outing.

I remember years ago when Barbara put together lectures by someone from Michigan Opera Theatre who spoke on a specific opera at Victory Station through the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. After we learned about that opera, we all went downtown together to see the opera performed. That was fun, too. We should try that again.

On Sunday morning I heard a series

of calls on the police scanner about an injured deer who was trying to cross I-94 near Harbour Club Apartments. Police searched for the deer and found it near the golf course clubhouse. The plan was to put the deer down, but I heard nothing further about what happened.

There was a rollover accident at Ecorse and Beck roads at about 11 a.m. Monday and I'm told there were no injuries. That dangerous intersection has many accidents and some are very serious.

A parent thanked the school board on Monday for widening the driveway at the street at Savage Elementary School. School Board Trustee Sherry Frazier said there had been lots of complaints on Election Day because that driveway has one way in and one way out and a big machine was there widening the drive while hindering voters from driving in and out. The timing was pretty bad.

Downtown Belleville was properly decorated with American flags on light poles last week. The flags were put up on Thursday and so were in place for Veterans' Day on Friday and the entire Veterans' Day weekend. What a nice touch.



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Letters

Deed restriction says landfill can't expand

To the Editor,

I just read your comments on the editorial page of the *Independent* regarding the landfill expansion.

I, along with other residents, was very involved when the original host agreement was drafted. We all lived on Hannan Road south of Ecorse, and did not want a landfill down the road from us. We had numerous public hearings, not like now, where I read about it in your paper first. Also, I still have a copy of the original agreement.

You stated in your editorial, and I quote, "It is too bad the landfill finally wants its golf course back to bury more trash. But, that's what the plan had been along."

Rosemary, removing the golf course for landfill expansion was never part of the original host agreement. The golf course was to act as a buffer between the current landfill and the east-west artery, Ecorse Road.

The original drafters of the Host Community Agreement were very aware and concerned of the possibility that, sometime in the future, Waste Management would try to expand into the 180 acres of buffer zone, the current golf course. Therefore, safeguards were written into the agreement to prevent expansion.

Section 21 of the host agreement required Waste Management to file a Deed Restriction on the 180 acres. The restrictions state that a landfill or disposal facility cannot be located on the 180 acres. This document was signed by all parties May 14, 1990. These restrictions follow the property. I don't know how they could be changed. I'm not an attorney.

Phil Hart should never have started negotiations with Waste Management. When they mentioned expanding into the golf course, his answer and the Township's should have been no, read the agreement.

In addition, I am tired of hearing the residents of Van Buren are spoiled because we don't have to pay for trash pick-up. What we do have is every community's trash, stink and non-stop truck traffic. So give the residents a break; we deserve something. We had the landfill sited in our backyards by the State of Michigan; no choice. We fought it and lost. We got the best deal we could get from Waste Management. At least honor it, especially no expansion and free trash pick-up.

The new political team needs to be more fiscally responsible; operate within the tax revenue collected.

George Deverich
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I noticed two errors about me in paper

To the Editor,

I noticed two errors in recent printings, first in the edition of 11/10 you gave the 2,714 vote count for VBT Trustee to JOHN Chapman on the front page of that issue; I'd like to remind you that my name is JAMES and that I was the candidate they voted for.

You don't seem to mind getting my name right when I'm being attacked by VBT Lt. Charles Bazzy, but not when the voters' voice of dissent against VBT is counted in MY name at 2,714 votes. This might make the voters wonder who they really voted for, which is me, JAMES, not John. How did you make that mistake? Would you please correct that in "Extra Things"?

Second, was the issue of 11/3 concerning the mistrial in which you printed disinformation given by Bazzy that I was visiting a friend. Not true! The address the incident occurred was mine, one I share with a friend, and his friend attacked AND STABBED ME there. Just the facts, ma'am, please correct that, too. Bazzy has had some kind of personal vendetta against me, going so far as to name me as a suspect in an alleged arson; I was never questioned about it, nor any reason given why I should be suspected, only a smear by Bazzy. He is consistently true to form in his lies and smears. I wonder if this will change after the swearing in of the new board.

Thanx to all who voted for James Chapman for VB Trustee! Your 2,714 votes should show the board that there is an undercurrent of dissent. I can't say how much of that to give credit to the destruction of the Riggs Heritage house, but I can say it was probably pretty substantial when it is considered I beat the person responsible for that destruction by nearly 5 to 1, and that would be Linda Combs. I'm sure there are deeper, more serious reasons, also.

I also want to THANK the folks who signed my nominating petition, especially those of Parkwood and Woodbury Green, and my near neighbors, who are much better than those of Hull Road.

Again thank you all you good folks!

Sincerely,
 James Chapman
 Election Survivor
 Still On the Huron River

Correction: James Chapman got 2,714

James Chapman was the candidate who earned 2,714 votes for Van Buren Township Trustee in the Nov. 8 election. He was identified as John Chapman in our front-page story on Nov. 10. That is incorrect; he is James. We apologize for the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Obituaries



Doris Neir

DORIS ELEANOR NEIR

(July 3, 1915 – November 9, 2016)

Age 101, a longtime Belleville area resident. Doris is the loving wife of the late Gordon (d.1976); dear mother of Kenneth (Karen) Neir of California, Joyce (Robert) Stafford of Bear Lake, MI, Gerald Neir of Harrietta, Michigan and Phillip (Sharon) Neir of White Lake, Michigan; Mrs. Neir is also survived by nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great-grandchildren, also, her sister, Martha Craig of Indiana. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her great-grandson, Benjamin. Doris was born on July 3, 1915 in Athens, Michigan to Elmer (Edna) Kindy. She was a founding member of the Berean Baptist Church. Having deep faith, she read her Bible everyday for many years. She also enjoyed knitting, taking long walks, puzzles and playing solitaire. Mostly she loved her time with her large family.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM, Monday, November 14, 2016 at Berean Baptist Church, 6889 Belleville Road, Belleville. The Neir family greeted guests at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment prayers followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

Visiting hours were Sunday, November 13, 2016, 1 until 8 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, (734)-697-4500.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to the church.

CAROL MARIE ELLIOTT

(December 22, 1932 – November 3, 2016)

Age 84, of Belleville. Survived by siblings Roy Elliott, Elizabeth (Mark) Goodenow, and Patrick Elliott; many nieces, nephews and church family, including Joy Dubin of Belleville. Memorial service Nov. 12. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

ADDIE MAE DOLPH

(May 21, 1923 - October 24, 2016)

Age 93. Her husband Albert preceded her in death. She is survived by her two children Gerald and Paula and their families. Addie and Al were long-time residents of Belleville.



Paul Edward Vernier

PAUL EDWARD VERNIER

(November 17, 1951 - October 28, 2016)

Paul Edward Vernier, 64, died in Scotts Valley, CA. He was born in Pontiac, MI, to Edward Leon Vernier and Becky Fuller Vernier. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1969 and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He was a computer engineer for Apple and retired from Sysco Computer Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Mary Vernier; his mother of Belleville; two brothers, Kenneth (Gail) Vernier and Edward (Tammy) Vernier; two nephews, Kenneth (Leigh) Vernier and Edward Joseph (Barb) Vernier; and two nieces Stephanie Vernier and Tonya Vernier.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Dec. 3, at Faith Lutheran Church, Forest Avenue, Ypsilanti.



Lawrence Leroy Warren

LAWRENCE LEROY WARREN

Lawrence Leroy Warren of Sumpter Township, beloved husband, father, colleague and friend, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2016, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Larry enjoyed a long and successful career with the Van Buren Public Schools as an educator and administrator.

Visitation is at O.H. Pye Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Road, Detroit 48227, on Thursday, November 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday, November 18, from noon to 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville 48111. Family hour begins at 1 p.m. and funeral services begin promptly at 2 p.m.

JOSHUA ADAM BUHRO

(April 27, 1979 - October 31, 2016)

Age 37 of Belleville. Survived by parents Julie Mlsna and Ron Buhro and 11 siblings. A Celebration of Life service was held Nov. 4, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ypsilanti. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home.

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Belleville Resident

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Thank you, St. Jude, for answering my prayer request. Peace and Prayers to all.

C. and J.P.

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This is a "thank you" to St. Jude for answering my novena that I made to him. God bless.

R.A.D., Resident of Florida

VBT: Thank you for continued support

To the Editor,

In the past election the residents of Van Buren Township passed our public safety millage at a record-setting 64% approval. This sent a very clear message that they support us as their Public Safety Department.

We have the best personnel possible working for the residents and business owners of Van Buren Township. The men and women, who represent your police, fire, emergency dispatch, and ordinance departments, strive every day to put forth an extraordinary effort, to continue citizen satisfaction and to improve the quality of life for our residents.

As always, Van Buren Public Safety will continue to be responsive to our community and deliver high quality, efficient and effective services.

This millage campaign was a collaborative effort and would not be successful without the long-standing relationship enjoyed between the Van Buren Public Safety Department, members of the millage committee, elected officials, businesses, and community residents.

On behalf of the men and women of Van Buren Public Safety, a big thank you to our residents and businesses for your continued support and efforts in making this community-centered Public Safety Department one of the best.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Laurain

Director of Public Safety

Van Buren Township

Community Band Christmas Concert

To the Editor,

The Belleville Community Band's Christmas Concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville.

As Christmas approaches our city will be offering our residents many joyful events in an effort to bring in the Holiday spirit.

With that in mind, the Belleville Community Band is pleased to announce its Christmas Concert under the direction of Mr. Tim Miller.

The board and members of the band would like to extend the community our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and say thank you for your support over the years.

Jack Keelan, president

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- **Saturday, Nov. 19** – Belleville Senior Co-op Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 575 Sumpter Road, Belleville. Handmade gifts for children and adults. A fund and exciting shopping experience.
- **Sunday, Nov. 20** – 18 Strings perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 23** – Free program 7-8 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library for high school and college students. “Overcome Exam Panic and Test Stress” will be presented by Conrad Welsing. This program is designed to help students and teachers prepare for exams by using relaxation and concentration methods. RSVP to (734) 516-5962 or to conrad@aaiA2.com. Also ran Nov. 16.
- **Thursday, Nov. 24** – Thanksgiving
- **Thursday, Dec. 1** – The Belleville Area District Library presents a holiday craft – Arm Knitting – at 7 p.m. In this program you’ll learn how to knit a chunky cowl or

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• **Friday, Dec. 2** – Join the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club for its annual holiday party at 6 p.m. at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti (west of Rawsonville Rd.) \$25 single/\$45 couple. For tickets or more information, call Sharon Curson (313) 605-9727 or Debbie Chamberlain, (734) 634-3569.

• **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Belleville Winter Fest Parade starts at 6 p.m. at BHS and heads to Five Points and then up Main Street to the museum. Lighting of the Christmas tree on the museum follows the parade, as does visits with Santa. Parade sponsored by Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

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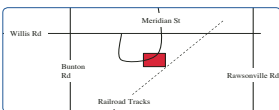
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Pastor Scott studied at Michigan State University, BA; Concordia Seminary, M.Div; and Mid America Nazarene University, BSN. During his college career he served as short term (2-3 month summers) missionary in the United States as well as in the Middle East. He has served as Pastor in both a suburban and urban context in the Kansas City area. He led a team that launched a Christian Hospitality Service in the inner city, providing shelter to kids and their families experiencing homelessness. While working with those families in Kansas City, Scott worked to become a Registered Nurse providing additional care and service to families living in poverty.



Pastor met his fantastic wife Stephanie in 2002 at MSU, where she studied Social Work. They were married on June 13, 2008 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. They have 2 children, Karis (5) and Amos (3) who are full of energy and love to keep their parents on the go!

Pastor Scott has a strong passion for community service and involvement and would love to see Open Arms continue to grow as we embrace the community of Belleville, and beyond with the love of Jesus.



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The Belleville Senior Co-Op at 575 Sumpter Road will be holding its Holiday Bazaar this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be all kinds of handmade items and much more.

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The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter, is holding its monthly meet and greet pet adoption event this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store on Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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The Yankee Air Museum will be holding its third-annual November Nostalgia Sale this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum at Willow Run Airport. YAF members get a special preview access at 9 a.m. Items for sale include vintage collectibles and some museum items, aircraft lithographs, aircraft manuals, aviation and history books, collector planes, aircraft models, military patches, figurines, WWII uniforms, and much more. Call Christina Warren at (734) 483-4030 x239 for information and visit the website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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School Board

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was for calculators at the high school and Mikulski said the foundation turned that over to the district which will be buying the calculators;

- Had no opposition to a proposal to sell advertising for the athletic fields, gymnasium, and the pool, presented by Athletic Director Joseph Brodie. He said the district has been approached by several entities wishing to advertise in the athletic facilities. He said his department studied this extensively and came up with guidelines. It will offset the high cost to maintain an athletic program. He said they will start small at first and have the winter coaches go out and talk to advertisers. Costs proposed were from \$100 to \$300 a year based on size;

- Approved the Schools of Choice Declaration for the second semester. Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said there will be limited openings and students are screened. He said for the fall 2016 semester there are 146 overall Schools of Choice students out of 4,700 students. He said there usually are about 20 more Schools of Choice students in the second semester;

- Approved hiring Rebecca Chinn (coming from California) as a BHS counselor as of Oct. 24; Charles Nabring (coming from Oklahoma) as a BHS chemistry teacher as of Oct. 24; and Matthew Murray (coming

from Hawaii) as a BHS mathematics teacher as of Nov. 4;

- Approved termination of Mylah Ivory as a social worker at Owen for refusing recall;

- Approved resignation of Kathy Innes of McBride Middle School as of Dec. 1 after 19 years of service;

- Approved hiring of non-instructional employees: Angela Mercer, secretary at Owen; Sequoir Roberts, Terri Landoski, David Walls, and Eric Brooks as bus drivers; Lindsey Myrand and Deborah Cavins as bus aides; and Diana Stupnicki as a paraprofessional at Haggerty. Madyun said with these hires the district no longer has the bus driver problem it had;

- Heard Trustee Sherry Frazier announce that attorneys Collins & Blaha finally submitted their bill for August, \$16,700, and now the law firm has been paid over \$240,000 by the district; and

- Went into closed-door session to consult with attorneys about the pending litigation Case #14-cv-13466-ACC-DRG (transgender student) and came back into regular session and adjourned without voting a decision. This may be on the Nov. 21 agenda. Scott Russell was in the audience and he asked if he could go into the closed-door session with the board since he was one of those named in the suit from his time as a board member. Board President Brent Mikulski said they would ask the attorney and would follow the attorney's advice.

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HELP WANTED

Belleville Planners set public hearing Dec. 8 on 2-story requirement

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Steve Davenport of Davenport Brothers Construction wasn't on the agenda of the Sept. 8 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission, but his proposal to build a single-story building at 337 Main Street took up most of the meeting.

The problem is the city requires two-story buildings in B-2 zoning.

Davenport said he made an offer to buy the property and has a tenant which is a financial group and a retail tenant.

"The timeframe is critical," Davenport said. "I've got tenants who would like to occupy the new building ... We may lose these tenants."

At the end of the meeting, after much discussion, planning commission chairman Steve Jones set up a subcommittee to look into the city's two-story requirement, plus the requirement for retail stores.

Volunteers from the planning commission for the subcommittee were Jesse Marcotte, Michael Hawkins, and Matthew Wagner, with John Juriga as an alternate. Jones said he would ask the city council to furnish two more members and the Downtown Development Authority to furnish three members.

Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that there are ways to make this faster.

"The subcommittee is a more compact time frame and can make changes faster than the usual eight months," Jones said. "We can't do it too fast and make a mistake."

At the Nov. 10 meeting of the planning commission, it was announced the city council and DDA did not furnish volunteers to serve on the subcommittee, but the planning commission subcommittee met and gave a report.

After discussion, commission chairman Steve Jones said, "In an effort to move forward, we could have a public hearing on a recommendation to change the two-story requirement." He proposed it to be held at the next planning commission meeting at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8.

Commissioner Marcotte made the motion and Commissioner Hawkins seconded and it passed unanimously.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the commission could take action and then it would go to the city council for two

meetings.

At the beginning of the Nov. 10 meeting Marcotte said, "We don't want to review the master plan whenever a developer proposes something... but a single-story building may make sense."

He discussed the master plan for the City of Clawson, which has a Pizza Hut downtown.

Hawkins said at the second meeting of the subcommittee they agreed that the requirement of a second story in the downtown area may not make sense.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the build up and not out model is for built-out towns.

Jones said maybe it should be single story in some parts of town, like South Street, and two story in the central part.

"Voters approved two stories for a library," Jones said, adding if they don't factor that into the mix and allow a one story that may cause a problem.

City Manager Kollmeyer said they could develop district within the city.

Marcotte said there is a sign welcoming people to downtown on the lake, but nothing to remind them of the lake. He said the library may be a catalyst.

"We just went through a lot to make it consistent," Commissioner Mike Renaud said of the zoning to B1 downtown.

"Davenport wants to build a single story in the heart of downtown," Renaud said. "There's been nothing built in 15 years ... Maybe we should go more in terms of variable use."

"We have 50% retail required per block," said Jones. "Restaurants and bars need foot traffic to survive. At 4 or 5 p.m. when all the law offices and insurance companies close, there's nothing to do."

Commissioner Henry Kurczewski said that they are pretty close to having to redo the city's master plan and this could be considered part of the new master plan.

"We're circumventing 10 years vacant because of its size and shape," Juriga said.

"Yes, very little can be done with it," Rutherford said.

Rutherford noted, "Downtown Belleville is one of the most walkable places in the area."

"But they're walking around looking for other things to do after 5 p.m.," Jones said, offering there is Frosty Boy [in season].

"Could we give a special land use permit" to Davenport, Hawkins asked and Rutherford replied that is one way to do it.

Rutherford said people come to the downtown for business and could stop for a drink or dinner.

Juriga pointed out that voters just approved a new library. He said 122,000 people a year make it a destination point. With the new building, he foresees 250,000 a year.

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Questions regarding this position can be directed to Michelle at 734-461-6201 or sumpter-accounting@comcast.net

Publish: November 17, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2016

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

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Conley recommended a revision to the agenda and asked Council Members for support.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to revise the agenda by adding (as Item "D") a resolution to approve the Downriver Sewage Disposal System Service Agreement with the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 3, 2016 and the Work-Study Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Belleville Area District Library -- Use of Horizon Park

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-106 allowing the Belleville Area Library to use Horizon Park on November 3, 2016 to set-up telescopes for its "Hubble's Hot 100" night

viewing solar system event.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. City Member Resignation

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to (regrettably) approve Resolution No. 16-107 accepting the resignation of City Council Member Kim Tindall effective at the end of the October 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Special Called Meeting -- City Council

Applicant Interviews

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 16-108 to call a special meeting on November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants who have applied to fill the unexpired term/vacant seat on the City Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Downriver Sewage Disposal System Service Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 16-109 to approve the Downriver Sewage Disposal System Service Agreement with the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 16-110 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$236,134.58.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: November 7, 2016

Published: November 17, 2016



City of Belleville Public Notice



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday November 29, 2016 during a Special Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive public comment on:

- The 2016 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2017 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 3. LDFA Fund
 4. Landfill Fund
 5. Belleville Area Museum
 6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
 7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
 8. State Forfeiture Fund
- The 2017 Proposed Salary Schedule

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the Amended, Proposed, Special Revenue Funds Budgets and the proposed Salary Schedule are available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111

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Court Watching

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break into a house and got shot.

Judge Oakley agreed that people out here in the small communities don't always call 911.

He called their thinking a "brain fart" and "headline worthy" to break into a shed to get warm and steal bikes.

"Your level of stupidity is scary," Judge Oakley told the teens.

He said the prosecutor gave them a gift by offering a misdemeanor deal that could include HYTA (Holmes Youthful Training Act).

"This kind of criminal conviction follows you all through life," he said.

Anderson said he was attending classes at Washtenaw Community College and Wheeler said he would like to go to college after he graduates from high school. He told Judge Oakley he had a 2.8 grade point average and Anderson said his was 3.2 or 3.3 in college.

"You probably could be 4.0 material," Judge Oakley said to the young men. "You should be horse-whipped." Then he quickly told Wheeler's father, who stood next to his son, that this was not a suggestion for him.

"It breaks my heart," Judge Oakley said, referring to youngsters heading in the wrong direction.

The third young man involved in this case will be before Judge Oakley in three weeks.

Judge Oakley sentenced Wheeler and Anderson each to 40 hours of community service at a non-profit agency before the first of the year, court costs of \$195 each, and to stay out of trouble for 12 months and the offense will be erased from their records.

He also urged them go to military recruiters and talk to them. He said the cost of education is so expensive that getting it paid for after military service would be a great plan.

"And, stop the stupid decision-making – all three of you," Judge Oakley concluded.

Anthony Joseph Young

Anthony Joseph Young, 30, held his preliminary exam on Nov. 2 before Judge Oakley on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, weapons-felony firearm, malicious destruction of property (more than \$200 but less than \$1,000), and domestic violence on Oct. 15 in a home on Rustic Lane East, Rawsonville Woods in Sumpter Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Hillary Zizu first called the complainant Megan Delph to testify. Delph said she woke up at 5 p.m. and saw Young going through her car. She said he told her he had a key made.

Delph said when she confronted him about what he was doing in her car, she

said he would kill her then snapped her phone in half when she tried to phone for help. She testified he grabbed her by the throat with one hand twice and threw her to the ground, picking up a stool to hit her, but then not hitting her. She said he then held a gun to her head and repeated that he would kill her.

Delph recognized the 40 caliber handgun as a gun he has carried in the past. She testified that he then put the gun to his own head and she learned it had no clip in it.

"How did you feel when he pointed the gun at your head?" Prosecutor Zizu asked and Delph replied, "Dead."

She said she ran to her car and contacted police and told them where the gun was and the code to the gun safe.

Young's court-appointed attorney Shakir Hawkins cross-examined Delph who testified that she called her dad from a gas station and they drove together to the Sumpter Police station. She didn't go to the hospital with her injuries, but took pictures of them. She said that she and Young co-owned the home.

Hawkins said Delph asked Young's father to have his son sign off on the mobile home so she could own it all alone.

Sumpter Police Sgt. Chris McGlynn testified he was dispatched to the police department that day to take Young into custody after determining there had been a domestic assault. Sgt. McGlynn said he had spoken to Young earlier and then the victim and determined there was probable cause.

He testified after the incident the young woman "appeared shaken, concerned for her safety ... very shaky."

Sgt. McGlynn testified the weapon allegedly used was a Springfield 40 caliber, blue steel and black, semi-automatic weapon. He said once Young was in custody, Delph took him inside and showed him the 4'x3' green gun safe. He testified she opened that safe and showed him the pistol safe within, gave him the combination, and he opened it.

On cross examination, Sgt. McGlynn testified that Young had called him earlier that day to the mailboxes at Rawsonville Woods where he said his teeth got stolen.

Defense attorney Hawkins said Young has a bridge and superglues his teeth in

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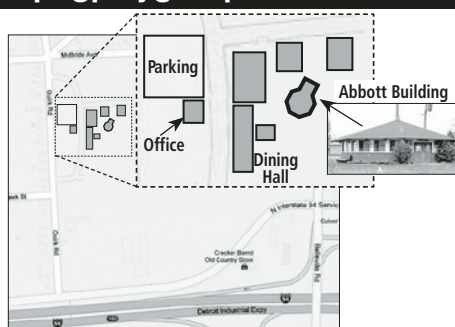
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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 513 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 6:
0122 – disorderly conduct, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0412 – vehicle repossessed, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0805 – suicide or attempt, Park Estates
0925 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1042 – hospice, Sheldon Rd.
1105 – ATV/ORV complaint, Chatsworth Dr.
1115 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1151 – fraud, Republic Dr.
1311 – assault & battery, Meadows Ct.
1350 – sexual assault, Ash Dr.
1420 – juvenile complaint, Pine Dr.
1647 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
1813 – property damage accident, Riggs Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2006 – harassment call, Meijer Gas
2235 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Nov. 7:
0433 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0608 – breaking & entering, Martinsville Rd.
0657 – malicious destruction of property, McBride Ave.
0844 – sexual assault, McBride
0854 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0901 – harassment call, Hull Rd.
0912 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0915 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.
0921 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1017 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
1100 – private property accident, W. Archwood
1106 – malicious destruction of property, Old Michigan Rd.
1223 – ordinance violation, Holly Ln./Ivy Dr.
1417 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1436 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1446 – vehicle repossession, Westlake
1541 – fire chief call, Robson Rd./Marlowe Ave.
1828 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
2203 – assault & battery, Liberty Ln.
2328 – noise complaint, Jackson/Lincoln

Tuesday, Nov. 8:
0007 – suspicious person, Eagles
0225 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1332 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1430 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1444 – suspicious situation, Harmony Ln./Sunrise Ln.
1445 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1609 – water leak found, Belleville Rd.
1803 – disturbance, Robson Rd.
1905 – juvenile complaint, Mott
1934 – traffic hazard, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
2201 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2359 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:
0147 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1210 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1654 – vehicle repossession, Lake Villa Dr.
1712 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1852 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
1858 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/Yost

Thursday, Nov. 10:
0038 – assault & battery, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0114 – assault & battery, Beacon Trl.
0134 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
0317 – suspicious situation, Capitol Dr./Congress
0343 – larceny from auto, N. Adams
0355 – larceny from auto, Capitol Dr.
0356 – larceny from auto, E. Adams
0400 – larceny from auto, Capitol Dr.
0403 – larceny from auto, E. Adams
0410 – larceny from auto, Capitol Dr.
0805 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0812 – vehicle repossession, Heatherfield Blvd.
0907 – fraud, Salem Ct.
0936 – agency assist, Elwell Rd.
1055 – fraud, Basswood Cir.
1123 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1224 – intimidation threat, W. Huron River Dr. /

Rawsonville Rd.
1359 – larceny from auto, N. Adams
1404 – fraud, Sheldon Rd.
1455 – fraud, Potter Dr.
1707 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1901 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
1958 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2038 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
2117 – intimidation threat, Westlake
2219 – assault & battery, W. Archwood

Friday, Nov. 11:
1111 – property damage accident, I-94/Van Buren
1134 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave./Jackson
1220 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1419 – fraud, Patty Ln.
1529 – warrant arrest, Jackson St.
2043 – noise complaint, Wildflower Ct.
2221 – larceny, Lake Villa Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 12:
0008 – fight, Lohr
0116 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0433 – family trouble, Anna Dr.
1015 – vehicle repossession, Oak
1019 – private property accident, Belleville/Tyler
1140 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1155 – breaking & entering, Westlake
1322 – juvenile complaint, Bemis Rd.
1339 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1516 – missing person, Sondra Dr.
1547 – private property incident, Haggerty
1849 – property damage accident, Beck Rd./Ayres
2234 – property damage accident, W. Bypass / County Line

Also on this week’s log are 180 traffic stops, 40 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways, 42 at Lakewood, and seven in the city of Belleville.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 6:
0000 – warrant arrest, Jefferson
0535 – assist fire dept., Church St.
0825 – suspicious situation, Main St.
1136 – neighbor trouble, Charles St.
1220 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1935 – suspicious person, Victory Park
2106 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Nov. 7:
0033 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1403 – vehicle lockout, Fifth St.
1434 – fraud, Main St.
1745 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2028 – traffic hazard, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 8:
0105 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0133 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
0536 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0605 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0642 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1025 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1331 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1336 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.
1737 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.
1925 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1959 – vehicle lockout, Third St.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:
0627 – agency assist, Main St.
0758 – domestic assault, Henry St.
0953 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. /Sumpter Rd.
1211 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1333 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1415 – information, Carmell/Belle Villa
1416 – follow up, Belle Villa Blvd.
1532 – intimidation threat, Light Tower Ct.
1546 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Santa Clara
1619 – suspicious situation, South St.
1700 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1727 – family trouble, Main St.
1815 – personal injury accident, Main/High
1850 – operating while intoxicated, W. Columbia Ave.
2316 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Nov. 10:
0424 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.

0741 – warrant arrest, Walmart
1126 – suspicious situation, Light Tower
1235 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Clarence St.
1313 – prisoner transport, I-94/Haggerty
1455 – fraud, Potter Dr.
2019 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2106 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

Friday, Nov. 11:
0413 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
0707 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
0910 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
0910 – intimidation threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1125 – welfare check, Harris
1216 – follow up, Carmell St.
1747 – suspicious situation, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1807 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2303 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2311 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 12:
0227 – civil matter, Anaheim St.
0950 – P.b.t. alcohol, Main St.
1213 – larceny, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1213 – private property accident, Main St.
1645 – noise complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1736 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1751 – shots fired, N. Liberty
1935 – agency assist, Hayward’s
1941 – suspicious person, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 27 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 6:
1055 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Willow
1123 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1239 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1407 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1508 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1513 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2002 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2003 – traffic hazard, Elwell/Willis
2029 – assist other agency, out of township
2215 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

Monday, Nov. 7:
0706 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1526 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1705 – recovered property, Greenmeadow
1714 – mental health commitment, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2329 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willis

Tuesday, Nov. 8:
1028 – breaking & entering, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1052 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1151 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1219 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1249 – alarm, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1445 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1653 – property damage accident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1756 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Judd
1932 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2017 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2017 – warrant arrest, Edgewood
2031 – assist other agency, out of township
2031 – alarm, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2236 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:
0042 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0052 – suspicious incident, Judd/Sherwood
1025 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1256 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1256 – 911 hang up, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1300 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1321 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1523 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1618 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Fenster
1700 – animal complaint, Elwell/Arkona
1704 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1922 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Davenport Dr.
2008 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2024 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willis
2213 – malicious destruction of property, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 10:
0844 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0904 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

1056 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1111 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1345 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1410 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1422 – alarm, Rustic Ln.
1511 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1525 – ORV complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1613 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1620 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1710 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1831 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1837 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2312 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2350 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, Nov. 11:
0830 – larceny, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1048 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1314 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1502 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1715 – larceny, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1727 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2021 – operating while intoxicated, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 12:
0024 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
0333 – abandoned vehicle, Karr/Arkona
0811 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Clark Rd.
1443 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1704 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2251 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2335 – assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week’s log are 12 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 145 patrol checks, and 50 traffic stops.

Court Watching

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and claimed Delph had taken his teeth and demanded \$100 to get his teeth back.

The attorney said Young said his teeth had fallen out while driving a car and they fell into the back seat. He reportedly said she cut her finger and was spreading the blood around to look like he hurt her.

Prosecutor Zizu moved to bind Young over on all charges.

Hawkins argued Delph was trying to gain leverage to get the mobile home, no injuries were visible, and no hospital used. Police had to go through two safes to acquire the gun.

“I don’t think he had a weapon on him,” Hawkins said.

Prosecutor Zizu said Young is not charged with anything needing to show injury and that a reasonable person has to feel threatened when a gun is pointed at her. Delph testified she was in fear for her life and she didn’t know there wasn’t a clip, the prosecutor said. There was ample time to return the gun to the case before police arrived.

Judge Oakley said the testimony from Delph was “credulous” and ordered Young to be bound over to circuit court on the charges for a Nov. 16 arraignment on the information.

James Forrest Chapman

Attorney John Day was in court for motions representing James Forrest Chapman, 56, on a 2015 misdemeanor charge of refusing to give a DNA sample when arrested on a felony charge. Day said he had no motion and Judge Oakley set a bench trial for 11 a.m., Dec. 14, on the charge.

Chapman also is facing another charge of refusing to give a DNA sample after a 2016 arrest for assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer. A court-appointed attorney is representing him in this case. His jury trial on these charges was declared a mistrial and Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten reset that jury trial for Jan. 23.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township

work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board work/study session, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., holding public hearing on whether to continue two-story requirement for development in downtown Belleville.

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242 CHURCH, BELLEVILLE TRIPLE LOT AND CHARACTER-RICH with original details. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Larger Kitchen, Impressive Formal Dining Room with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Hardwood Floors and Basement. This home includes, Big 3 Car Garage, Rear Deck & Fish Pond. NOW \$229,900.

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5872 CRYSTAL LAKE, ROMULUS EXTREME UPGRADED HOME, 2 Bedrooms (Plus Study), First Floor Master Bedroom, Custom Lighting and Blinds, Bamboo Flooring throughout Entire Home, Upgraded Kitchen with 42" Cabinets, Granite Counter Tops and Barstool Extension, Custom Stone Gas Fireplace with Mantle and Basement. BEAUTIFUL! \$165,000.

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VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES	\$30,000
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