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Voters turn down VBT Public Safety millage, approve school millage

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township voters turned down a 6.5-mill proposal for Public Safety in Tuesday's general election.

The vote was 1,940 no to 1,543 yes.

While most of the precincts supported the higher tax, the 1,248 no votes cast by absentee voters sealed the defeat.

School Sinking Fund

Van Buren Public School district voters narrowly approved the .5-mill Sinking Fund millage for school repairs on a 2,857 to 2,680 vote.

In the city of Belleville, the School Sinking Fund totals were 314 yes and 287 no.

In Sumpter, the votes were 145 yes and 212 no. In Van Buren Township, the Sinking Fund tally was 1,761 yes and 1,594 no.

In Canton the Sinking Fund votes were 390 yes and 305 no. In the two Ypsilanti Township precincts within the district, the total tallies were 176 yes and 113 no.

City of Belleville

City of Belleville voters kept their present council intact by re-electing Kerreen Conley as Mayor and Tom Smith and Jack Loria as council members.

Total votes for mayor were:

- Kerreen Conley, incumbent, 327
 - Phillip Miller, 241
 - Write-in Robert Balderston, 10
 - Write-in Carol Sundell, 6
- Total council votes were:
- Tom Smith, incumbent, 357
 - Jack Loria, incumbent, 336
 - Jim Shrove, 311

These are all unofficial results until certified at the Wayne County level.

Voter turnout in Ypsilanti Township was 6.71%.

In Sumpter Township with 7,111 registered voters, and 597 casting ballots, turnout was 8.4%.



Independent photos by Bob Mytych

First-place winner in the Family category was this group with their Pacman costumes. From left are Lucas Howard (pink ghost), Jenny Hawkins (orange ghost), Crystal Howard (Mrs. Pacman), Brian Howard (Pacman), Shane Howard (ghost), Alayah Howard (cherries), and Lisa Ashley (ghost).

City Council to consider \$10 million project to upgrade city streets

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council will take the next four months or so to consider a \$10 million project to upgrade all the streets in the city to stop the deterioration.

At Monday's meeting of the city council, DPW Director Keith Tackett presented the Pavement and Surface Report on every street in the city which rated each street from 10 (worst) to 1 (almost new).

He presented three- and five-year plans and noted, "Either way, you're looking at \$10 million."

Tackett said the city's portion is about half of Greylock by Edgemont School at a cost of about \$100,000 to upgrade. The rest of the street is owned by Wayne County.

The asphalt streets are proposed to be upgraded by the mill-and-fill process and the concrete streets by overlay or sectioning.

When asked about Main Street, Tackett said that street will have joint and crack filling every three to five years, as needed.

Tackett said concrete prices are so unstable there is a prediction of a 10-15% increase in concrete prices in 2016.

Tackett said both the three-year and five-year lists are laid out from top priority on down.

Tackett said sewer work started in the city this week by a Canadian firm and they will be gone by Christmas. The other work that needs to be done under the streets will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, he said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said Ryan Kern of Hennessey Engineers will be at the next meeting, Nov. 16, to discuss "how we are going to pay for this."

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the council
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The Charles Larocque family of Belleville, with mom Kristy and sons Logan and Dexter, won second place in the Family category of the costume contest during trick or treat on Main Street Friday. The contest was put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

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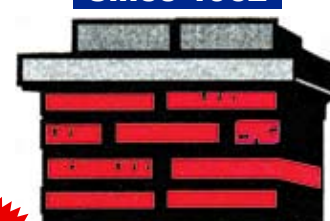
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter Board helps celebrate the late Foster E. Sherwood

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The life of the late World War II veteran Foster E. Sherwood of Sumpter Township was celebrated at the Oct. 27 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

Leroy Paige of Sumpter Township, the state director of the Michigan chapter of Honor and Remember, presented a special flag to Mary Sherwood in honor of her brother-in-law's life.

Just before Memorial Day this year, Paige was present to lead the township board in honoring the 51 names on the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville.

He said the board went above and beyond what he hoped and every name on the memorial was read at the meeting.

After that meeting, Mary Sherwood said there is a name that should be added to the memorial, although he didn't die in battle.

Paige got more information on Foster E. Sherwood and at the Oct. 27 meeting he surprised Mary Sherwood with the celebration of Forest Sherwood, the family hero. Mary dissolved in tears as members of her family came out from where they had been hiding to join her in the celebration.

Paige said Foster E. Sherwood joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a navigator in 37 successful bombing runs over Germany. On the 38th run the plane was shot down and the crew was detained by the Russian military until they could fly the plane back to England.

He married and was reinstated in the military in 1951 for the Korean War. He served in Texas, Colorado, California, Maine, and Louisiana.

On Oct. 25 1956, during a routine takeoff, the plane he was piloting exploded and Captain Sherwood was killed instantly. He earned many awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Paige noted the story emphasizes that "the cost of freedom is not free."

Paige said when Mary Sherwood went on a month-long vacation to tour the West with her brother, it put a crimp in their plans for the celebration. It had been planned for September. Mary said she was so tired from the trip that she almost didn't attend the Oct. 27 meeting. But, she said, she hadn't attended a Sumpter meeting for a month, so she thought she'd better go.

In other business at the Oct. 27 meeting, the board:

- Approved Eric Christman & Sons to repair the entrance steps and ramp at the police station for \$15,000;
- Approved Gabe Akans, Jamie Krushlin, Ron Barnette, Dan Montecinos, Chris Walter-Hamm to attend Firefighter 1 and 2 training at a cost of \$3,250;
- Approved free use of the Community Center Gym for a fund raiser for Russell



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Leroy Paige, left, director of the Michigan Chapter of Honor and Remember, reads information on the life of the late Foster Sherwood, as Foster's sister-in-law Mary Sherwood and the Sherwood family display their new flag and the township board stands to honor them all. From left, with the flag, are David Foster Sherwood and Tom Sherwood, Mary's sons, Mary Sherwood, Mary O'Connor Sherwood, Mary Powers, Sami Powers, and Jeff Powers.

LaPalme on Nov. 21;

- Approved free use of the Community Center Gym for a Nov. 6 and 7 craft show for the Sumpter Seniors to benefit their Christmas party;

• Heard Trustee Don Swinson report that Parks & Recreation's last turkey shoot was held and they shot 128 rounds over the four sessions. Kevin Rochon won Cabela's gift card this year. Supervisor John Morgan marvelled at all the work the volunteers in Parks & Rec have done and applauded their efforts for the community;

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy give a report on the work of the planning commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals; and

• Gave Trustee Swinson the requested permission to put together a committee to discuss using solar power for the Community Center and police department. Supervisor Morgan has appointed Trustee Oddy, Police Captain Eric Luke, Senior Director Mary Ann Watson to work with Swinson on the project. "All I'm trying to do is save the township some money," Swinson said.

After the meeting, Supervisor Morgan told the *Independent* that the township has 40 days to appoint a trustee to replace the late Trustee Hamm or the state will do it.

Trustee Peggy Morgan criticizes actions of Clerk Clarence Hoffman

During the Oct. 27 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Peggy Morgan read a statement she wrote complaining about Clerk Clarence Hoffman.

She said Clerk Hoffman kept the township hall open during Bill Hamm's funeral on Oct. 19. Supervisor Morgan had ordered the hall closed so all the employees could attend the funeral.

She also complained about Clerk Hoffman putting the American flag at full staff the day after the funeral although she said it should have been at half-staff for Fire Fighter Hamm for 30 days.

Trustee Morgan said last summer the flag was at half staff for a fire fighter for 30 days without a problem.

She said Johnny Vawters resigned as supervisor in 2014 and Hoffman felt he should have been supervisor and has been disrespectful of Supervisor Morgan.

"He's disappointed he's not supervisor," Trustee Morgan said.

She said Hoffman should "start following orders given by the supervisor." She said this makes the township look unorganized.

Trustee Morgan asked attorney Rob

Young if there was any liability to be open after being ordered closed?

Young said township hours are set by the township board and can be changed by the supervisor for situations like this.

"If the township offices are closed then the township offices are closed," Young said, adding Hoffman didn't have to go to the funeral and could be in his office.

"As far as official business is concerned it is closed to the public," Young said.

In terms of safety, Young said the funeral was well-attended by officials, employees, fire department and police department.

"The focus was on the funeral and wasn't on security," Young said, adding other communities cover police and fire at times like this.

He said it's the supervisor's decision when the township is open for business, when it is open to the public. He said there is concern for unsecured locations, particularly the treasurer's office.

Supervisor John Morgan said this was an isolated incident and "for the most part we work out our differences. I don't think we should let this divide us ... We should

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Nov. 11 is day to honor our veterans

The 34th District Court in Romulus is closed on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans' Day.

Throughout our community, events are taking place to honor our veterans. The schools are inviting veterans in so students will learn, first-hand, of what it takes to defend freedom.

Restaurants throughout the area are offering special prices on meals.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, a special Recognition Dinner is being put on at the Belleville Moose from 4 to 8 p.m. It's all-you-can-eat spaghetti, served at 6 p.m., with the public paying \$10 each and vets paying \$5.

On Nov. 10, the Salute to Veterans is planned for 11:15 a.m. at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, where lunch donation is \$2.25. (Sign up by Friday, Nov. 6, at 699-8918.)

Vietnam veteran Charles Tackett of Van Buren Township and Florida reminds us that Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township all have committed to honoring Veteran History during the month of November.

We have a lot of veterans in our tri-community and, as throughout the nation, the World War II veterans are leaving us every day. Veterans from the other wars are still among us and we need to tell them all: "Thank you for serving."

There is no way to adequately thank someone for giving up a life or limbs or mental peace for our freedoms. But, we must try.

The cost of freedom is overwhelming.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

For the past two weeks scam artists have been bothering people minding their own business in the Belleville area. We received many reports on telephone calls seeking to scam people out of their hard-earned money.

One man said he got a final notice that the IRS is filing a law suit against him. He said three calls came from Sunnyside, WA. He knows the IRS doesn't call people and threaten them.

A woman who lives in the city of Belleville got four calls in one day from a man on a scam call and another woman, in VBT, got a call saying she owed the federal government \$6,000 from 2010.

Another woman from VBT got two calls from the IRS on Oct. 28 and she hung up both times. Then she got another call on Monday. She didn't listen to all of that call, either. She knew they were scams.

Another man said the fake IRS called and left a message on his recorder. He said we could listen to it if we wanted to. He knew it was a scam.

Then, there was a email that referred to a check sent to Dorene Mroz of Our Father's Child Day Care on South Street. The email said the \$1,750.99 amount was a mistake and she should just cash the check and keep two weeks advance payment for her daycare and send the rest back to him.

Dorene just wanted our readers to be alert to this kind of scam. She's not responding to this one.

I received a call from a man who retired after 33 years working at Van Buren Township. He commented on some of my words in this column last week.

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He said there is NO water main under the Belleville Bridge. He said there is gas and telephone lines, but no water main.

He said the main water feed to the city of Belleville is on Savage Road.

VBT DPW Director James Taylor had talked about this water line under the Belleville Bridge at the township budget talks. I tried to call him on Friday to ask him about this, but he was out sick.

Frosty Boy's entry to the side and front is being dug up by contractor Davenport Brothers. I called city hall and was told Mike Foley told them he was closing earlier this year so he could get the work done.

I know that when we deliver papers there there is always a big puddle of water at the door after a rainstorm and Mike had talked about the bad drainage on occasion.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said Foley had a crack in the concrete under the building that was going to be repaired. And, while he's at it he may redo the parking area.

Some parents were disappointed on Friday that he wasn't open after the big football game and during the Main Street trick or treat

A man came into my office to inform me that the blanket he got in the jail cell at VBT was dirty (had someone else's hair on it) and they didn't give you enough food. He said he got an apple, juice, and a

hamburger slider for one meal.

I asked how long he was in their cell and he said "overnight."

He said he asked for his medication and they didn't give it to him. Then, his wife brought it in and he got it.

The work on the Dewitt, Venetian, and Jeanette roadways in Van Buren Township has been under way the last few weeks. Then, Sunday at about 4:15 p.m., a church member at Trinity Episcopal tried to make way for another car and drove into a 2x2' hole that was two feet deep on Venetian. It had no cones around it and so she didn't know the hole was there.

Her husband told me a driver from J&T Towing told them that they have been at the roadwork "a few times this week."

The road workers told the couple, "We didn't think anyone would hit this" so they didn't put up cones.

J&T towed the wife's 2014 Focus over to Atchinson Ford for repairs, but he thinks the township or contractor should pay for the repairs.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley took part in the New York Marathon over the weekend and didn't campaign around the city for her mayor's position. She won anyway.



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Letters**We're having a party in
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To the Editor:

I would like to tell you about my friend Bruce Burnett. Three years ago I met this man when I needed a pole barn to be built. I heard talk from many of my friends that when Bruce builds a barn it's not only completely square it is built to perfection.

I believe that the people we meet in our lives are not just coincidences but are all a part of God's plan for our lives. Bruce agreed to redo two of my barns and then built me a new one on our farm.

After meeting Bruce I realized what a special person he was. He not only loved building pole barns, he would tell me how much he loved his family. Every day while he was on the job he would greet you with a big smile and big "Good Morning" and his good-byes were always "God Bless You."

This beautiful man loved life, the outdoors, and being a master carpenter. I can't begin to tell you what an amazing friend he is! He would drop everything to come and help you.

Our friend Bruce is suffering from a very rare degenerating brain disease called CJD and there is no cure. We are having a party in his honor on Saturday, Nov. 14, between 2 and 7 p.m. at the Moose, on the corner of Sumpter Road and Harris Road.

A chicken dinner will be served at 4 p.m. for \$10 a plate. We will also have several raffles. Please join us to celebrate Bruce's life. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate please send your donations to Joy Burnett at 48761 Harris Road, Belleville, MI 48111 and may God bless all of you.

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— Rupert Murdoch

**Yankee Air Museum
takes back Rosies' record**

To the Editor:

Subject: Rosie Record

As you know, the YAM/MAF Rosies held an event in Willow Run Airport Hangar 1 on Oct. 24. The purpose was to break the record for most Rosies in the same place at the same time. The original Guinness Record was set by our Rosies a year and a half ago with 776. That record was recently broken in California with 1,085. Our Rosies set about taking the record back and they did – demolishing the California record by over 1,000. Our Rosies gathered 2,096 for the photo submission to Guinness Book of World Records. That is an unofficial count – Guinness will view the video and the photos along with other documentation – they will also look closely for any participants not correctly dressed. I expect that Guinness will let us know in 2-3 weeks what the actual count is that they approve for the record. But any way you look at it, our Rosies demolished that record today.

Congratulations to all those who participated and all those from YAM and MAF who worked hard to make this happen.

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsors, Willow Run Airport, AvFlight, Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Aerospace Foundation.

The PR and exposure this event brought to the Save The Bomber Plant project, Willow Run Airport, YAM and MAF was tremendous.

Besides bringing over 2,000 women and girls together for this record-breaking gathering, we had over 40 "Original" Rosies in attendance, many of whom actually worked in the Willow Run Bomber Plant during WWII.

And an added, unexpected record – We must have set a new record for the number of cars parked in the Willow Run Airport parking lot. It was overflowing. It must be obvious there have not been this many cars parked at Willow Run since 1965 which was when the airlines left Willow Run, moving to Metro Airport. I think we might try to look at some photos and estimate how many cars were in that parking lot to go along with the Rosie Record.

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work together like we have been working together."

Hoffman said one of the departments said it had appointments that day and couldn't call them to tell them that the hall was closed.

"I said I would stay there," Hoffman said. "For some reason we want to be slapped in the face. I didn't know if they were going to shut it down completely, or not." He said he thought the flag should be raised the next day and now he hears it's supposed to be down for 30 days.

Hoffman said Trustee Peggy Morgan should have come to his office to discuss it if she had a problem with him instead of writing a letter and "grandstanding at a board meeting."

He said there is always nit-picking and if she had a problem she should have come to him.

"I don't think this is lady-like," Hoffman said to Trustee Morgan.

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Obituaries



Lee Allen Targgart

LEE A. TARGGART

(September 2, 1944 – October 27, 2015)

Lee Allen Targgart, age 71, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born September 23, 1944 in Jackson, MI, son of Clarence L. & Adeline Evelyn (White) Targgart.

After graduating high school, Lee continued his education at Western Michigan University and received a Bachelor's of Business Administration. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. Lee was the former owner of Michigan Center Ace hardware store and was a Rotary member in Michigan Center for many years. He was also the owner of Sumpter Ace Hardware. Work was his passion! He enjoyed hunting for and selling golf balls, cars, jig saw puzzles, coin and baseball card collecting, and was a big U of M football fan. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Targgart is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Janet M. (Sparks) Targgart of Ann Arbor; son Chris (Melissa) Targgart of Franklin, Tennessee; daughter Jina (Tim) Grablick of Saline, MI; 9 grandchildren; brother Larry Kenneth (Carrol) Targgart of Kalamazoo, MI; sister Kathleen Wojcik of Huntington Beach, California; his mother-in-law Betty Gulley of South Haven, MI; two sisters-in-law Sissie (Tim) Nicholson & Barbara (Wally) MacQuarrie, of Michigan & 1 brother-in-law, Earl Gulley of Indiana, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A gathering was held Friday, October 30, 2015 3-8 PM with a 7:00 PM Time for Sharing Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4455. Interment was in Roselawn Cemetery, Jackson, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Talbert Smith, Jr.

TALBERT SMITH, JR.

(October 22, 1948 – November 1, 2015)

Age 67, of Sumpter Township.

Talbert is the loving husband of Lillian Jean (Wallman) Smith for 45 wonderful years; dear father of Jeffery (Tammy) and Larry (Stefanie); proud grandfather of Drake, Joseph Talbert, Larry Jr. and Cole. Talbert is also survived by his siblings, Connie Moore, Linda (Raney) Hamilton, Cliff (Darlene) Payne and Gordon (Doris) White; and many loving family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his parents, Talbert Sr. and Betty Smith; sister Ann Norton.

Born in Ulysses, Kentucky on October 22, 1948, he moved to Michigan and was a 50-year resident of Sumpter Township. He enjoyed bluegrass music and old western movies on television. But the times he enjoyed the most was being with his grandsons.

A funeral service was held noon Tuesday, November 3, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Harris, Ypsilanti. The Smith family received guests one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Smith family.

David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Lorraine Kedroske

LORRAINE KEDROSKE

(December 15, 1931 – November 1, 2015)

Age 83, of Sumpter Township.

Lorraine is the beloved wife of the late Frederick (d. 2001); loving mother of Karen (Steve) Robinson, Fred Jr., Gary, Kevin (Kathy) Mark (Kim) and Eric (Beth) Kedroske; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three siblings Jonie, Patty and Odilia. Mrs. Kedroske is also survived by many loving family and friends.

A longtime resident of Sumpter Township, Lorraine was an active parishioner of St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, where she enjoyed Bible study. She also loved cooking, canning and farming.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. The Kedroske family will receive guests one hour prior to the funeral service.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Whittaker, MI.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday from 2 until 8 PM. The rosary was prayed at 7:30 PM.

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Obituaries



Doreen June Craven

DOREEN JUNE CRAVEN

(September 16, 1931 – October 31, 2015)

Doreen June Craven, age 84, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Saturday, October 31, 2015 at her home. She was born September 16, 1931 in Windsor, Canada, daughter of Walter & Margaret (Branch) Powser.

She moved to southwest Detroit, MI when she was 3 years old. She attended Detroit's Western High School. She married George August 12, 1949 and started married life in Detroit. They lived in Newport News, Virginia in 1952 when George was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. They returned to Detroit in 1954. They resumed life as a couple and were blessed with Diane and David. Mrs. Craven helped build the present family home in 1962 and moved to Belleville, MI, where James and Patricia rounded out their family. Doreen enrolled in Eastern Michigan University, and was shortly after elected Van Buren Township Clerk, in 1976. In 1979, the Township Board, including Doreen, opposed a county court ruling that landed them in an article in Time magazine. Mrs. Craven really enjoyed politics and government. She retired as the City of Belleville building department secretary in 1996.

She loved being a stay-at-home mom and taking care of her family. She enjoyed fishing, skiing, golf, and sewing infant quilts for donation in the local cancer charity drives. She also donated blood to the American Red Cross several times over the years.

Doreen is the beloved wife of George L. Craven for 66 wonderful years. She is also survived by four children; Diane (Art) Joslin, David (Brenda) Craven, James (Angie) Craven and Patricia (Paul Bassett) Craven, 9 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother William Powser, also many other loving family and friends.

A memorial visitation has been arranged for Friday, November 6 from 2 until 8 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

Belleville DDA decides to get more outside sculptures next year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its joint meeting with the city council on Oct. 21, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted to continue its outdoor sculpture program next summer.

The program through the Midwest Sculpture Initiative has gone up in cost because the six minimum sculptures offered for lease for a year has gone up to eight. The \$500 initial fee to be a part of next year's program is due by the first of November.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said the DDA asked if former supporters would continue and half were willing. She said the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce agreed to increase its financial support.

Thompson said that Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley has received a pledge of \$1,000 from a city resident.

Also, the Van Buren Township DDA said it could do one or two sculptures on Belleville Road as part of its program. Thompson said Belleville could then have its sculpture walk for all seven or eight sculptures.

"If I was emotional, I'd cry," said DDA treasurer Sabrian Richardson-Williams. "I'm overwhelmed that a regular resident would want to donate \$1,000 ... and then the partnerships."

The cost for next year's sculpture project is estimated at \$12,000-\$13,000.

Thompson said she also is in the process of filling out the application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' free Inside Out project that the city had in the past, so Belleville could have those outdoor paintings in place, too, next summer.

In other business at the joint meeting, the group:

- Discussed the DDA's planned use of Tax Increment Financing funds through 2035. DDA chairperson Rosemary Loria said Belleville can't sit back and wait for people to come to it, and needs marketing. DDA member Gary Snarski said Belleville needs to look at what Van Buren Township has done in the last 10 years. "They used to call us their downtown. They no longer do that," he said. Loria said she would like

parks to be cleaned up and beautified, but marketing and development are going to be the priorities. Thompson said the draft plan for DDA TIF use will be brought to the DDA in November for discussion and then sent on the city council;

- Heard Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Trustee Allison Bennett give a pitch for the .5 mill Sinking Fund question on the Nov. 3 election ballot;

- Heard Loria say the canoe/kayak launch needs to be winterized. The metal parts will have to be taken out and stored at the DPW yard for the winter. They plan to have the professional who installed the launch do the work, but they have yet to get a price;

- Heard Snarski say the DDA and council needed more joint meetings like this to discuss the city, possibly twice a year rather than once a year. "What most want is more development in this town," he said; and

- Heard Mayoral candidate Phil Miller say Belleville is technically a "food desert" since there are no grocery stores within a mile of most residences. "We have to focus on getting a grocer in here," he said, noting everyone sees people walking to Belleville Road to get groceries. He said 4,000 people live in one square mile and there's no groceries. He criticized ordinances that have become impediments to developers. "I'll defend the DDA," said Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, noting the DDA came close to having a good development in town that

was turned down by residents, referring to the Kroger project.

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Nov. 6 – Maureen Papin, Mary Ann Bitner

Nov. 8 – Mary Thacker

Nov. 11 – Alyssa Johnson, Joey Johnson

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VBT Supervisor Linda Combs takes leave of absence from her office

Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs sent out a memo to township employees on Thursday saying she was taking a leave of absence from her office until the first of the year. Friday was her last day in the office.

On Friday, Supervisor Combs told the *Independent* that she is taking the eight-week break for family reasons. She said her husband's health is not good and she needs to be by his side.

Combs emphasized she would have her tablet with her and would be getting emails,

telephone calls, and be in touch with the office. She will be attending meetings and would be working from home.

Combs and her husband Oakie live just a few blocks from township hall.

The other two full-time elected officials at the township, Clerk Leon Wright and Treasurer Sharry Budd, will fill in when necessary.

"Thank you to everyone for the prayers and concern," Combs said in her letter to employees.

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Belleville Wrestling Club registration

To the Editor:

RE: Belleville Wrestling Club registration ends Nov. 10, 2015.

Registration is open to all boys and girls in grades K through 8 interested in joining the Belleville Wrestling Club (BWC), a program that is intended to teach children the basic fundamentals of folkstyle wrestling, as well as intermediate and advanced techniques for those who have a strong desire to improve upon the skills they already possess.

Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday in the Belleville High School Wrestling Room starting on Nov. 3 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost for first-year wrestlers in \$125 (\$75 membership + \$50 uniform fees), discounts are available for siblings.

You've seen us wrestle in the streets of downtown Belleville during the Strawberry Festival Parade. Now it's time to join the BWC and get in shape for the upcoming youth season which runs through the end of March.

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- Won two team trophies at area tournaments.
- Hosted four tournaments at Belleville High School.
- Had 44 state qualifiers, 13 of which placed in the top eight.
- Had our first state champion crowned in 2015.

The BWC operates as a member club

of the statewide organization Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA), and also affiliated with the National United Wrestling Association for Youth (NUWAY). These organizations provide a system in which the BWC is able to further the education and training of its members and allows them to compete among their peers in local, state and national events.

We typically have a 1:7 coach to child ratio in practice which helps us to give every wrestler in our room the attention they need

to become not only a great wrestler, but also have respect for self and others, confidence, discipline, leadership, responsibility and of course, sportsmanship.

More information on the BWC can be found at www.eteamz.com/bellevillewrestling, on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BellevilleWC or email us at bellevillewrestling@yahoo.com.

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VBT Planners jump a step to facilitate plans for Atchinson Ford

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The usual procedure is to wait at least two weeks after a preliminary site plan approval for a final site plan approval for the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

But at the Oct. 28 planning commission meeting, commissioners unanimously approved jumping right to final site plan for Craig Atchinson who said he was under pressure from the Ford Motor Company to get his new car sales building at 9800 Belleville Road upgraded.

Sally Hodges, the commission's planning consultant, had recommended preliminary site plan approval, after some details were attended to in Atchinson's plans.

Architect Wayne Hoppe, who lives in Van Buren Township, presented the plans for the building.

He told the commission that in March 2014, they began to bring in the Ford Land plans

for a proposed addition that would make the new car area 50% bigger. But that would trigger the Wayne County requirement for storm water management on site.

Atchinson would have to put in an underground basin, which would be costly, or a large pond. They needed that area for parking cars. Ford wants all its buildings to look alike, Hoppe said.

Atchinson decided to wait for the VBT Downtown Development Authority's proposed regional pond and they waited about a year. Hoppe said with the change in administration at Wayne County the regional pond is on hold.

The agreement with Ford will expire if something isn't done immediately, Hoppe said. The decision was made to scale back the size of the addition so the pond is no longer a requirement.

He said he and Ford Motor began a long journey on design on how to get the Ford look on the building and still get what the township wants.

Hoppe said Ford wanted all existing brick covered with corrugated metal painted dark grey, but he pushed for natural stone and they agreed on a thin sandstone or limestone bonded to aluminum backing and hung on the side of the building.

They will be taking the brick off the face of the south side and replacing it with a new brick that will blend in but is not exactly the same brick.

"We're not putting on an addition, just a new look on the building," Hoppe said.



Hodges pushed for Atchinson to work with the condo area to the west of the property to have trees or shrubs put in on the residential side, since Atchinson's blacktop goes right up to the property line. She said since it adjoins the residential area it should be buffered.

Hoppe said 34 trees have already been planted along the property line with 10 fairly mature. He said the condos have their retention pond there.

He said Atchinson has a problem with vandalism and people hide along the fence and then go through the car wash or the shopping center to vandalize cars.

"We don't want to make it difficult," said Treasurer Sharry Budd. "I'm good with letting it just wait."

Hodges said they haven't had new plans to review.

Hoppe said Ford is pushing for action and they are already a year past due. Ford wants an assured date of completion by next fall. Construction can begin in November.

"They are pushing me," Atchinson said. "It was supposed to be done by now and they are done extending me. I signed a letter of intent."

VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers said engineer Dave Nummer from Wade Trim said there were no engineering problems.

Akers also said the zoning ordinance would

allow the commission to give final site plan approval immediately.

Commissioner Don Boynton made the motion to grant final site plan approval with conditions outlined by Hodges, as well as eliminating the requirement for residential buffering and other items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryon Kelley and passed unanimously by the commission. Commissioners Bob McKenna and Joan Franzoi were absent.

Dealership owner Atchinson, architect Hoppe, and contractor Harlan Davenport left the meeting wearing big smiles.

In other business at the Oct. 28 meeting, the commission:

- Approved the meeting schedule for 2016;
- Approved minor revisions to the commission's by laws; and
- Was informed by Akers that he administratively approved two businesses: T-Rex Arms, 44800 I-94 North Service Drive, an indoor shooting range using an existing building, and Purewater Properties, 12300 Haggerty Road. This is a warehouse use where a vacant industrial building has been purchased and the new owner is using it to store equipment from his offsite business. All storage is indoors and the applicant is working to fix the property up and bring it to current zoning ordinance standards.

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The Township is gathering input from the community, interested public and users of the parks and recreation system through an on-line survey. We invite you to take the survey (which will take about 10 minutes), to provide your feedback on the township's parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services, as well as to comment on any improvements or new initiatives you would like to see in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9R5JB12>

The survey will remain open through Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015. If you have any questions, contact the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921.

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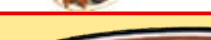
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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Community Art Show is this week end. A reception and meet-the-artists event is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, at the BYC, 831 East Huron River Drive, Belleville. The show continues Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7-8, with hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Call (734) 347-0430.

The Yankee Air Museum is holding its Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. inside the General Purpose Room at the museum's headquarters at Willow Run Airport. The free program will feature Steven Mrozek on the WWII Battlefields of Europe to include D-Day Beaches, Operation Market-Garden, and the Battle of the Bulge. Mrozek became the first National Historian for the 82nd Airborne Division Association. He

retired from a 26-year career in the Army, which included service in Afghanistan and the Middle East. Call (734) 483-4030.

Guiding Harbor of Belleville will be holding its 30th Annual Girlstown Auction this Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Andiamo Restaurant of Dearborn, beginning at 4 p.m. with registration, followed by the silent auction until 7:30 p.m. Dinner and live auction will follow. Tickets are \$75 and will include dinner, raffles, and music. For info, call Linda Clayton at (734) 355-2914.

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Congratulations to the folks at Yankee Air Museum who put together a group of 2,096 Rosie the Riveters in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most Rosies at one location on Oct. 24, held at the Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport. The event was photographed and documented and once verified by Guinness, the record will be reclaimed from a California group, who beat the YAF's record a year and a half ago with 776. The YAF's latest attempt included 40 original Rosies in attendance who actually

worked at the Bomber Plant during WWII. Museum officials expect to hear back from Guinness in a few weeks. Cool!

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Nov. 6** – Potato Pancake Supper, 4:30- 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. No wait for carry outs. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML. \$10 donation for adults, \$4 donation for children 6-12, children 5 and under are free.

• **Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7** – Annual Sumpter Senior Craft Show to earn funds for the seniors' Christmas party. At community center, 23501 Sumpter Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: Karen Mickens (734) 461-2296, (734) 461-9373

• **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 6, 7, 8** – Belleville Community Art Show at the BYC, 831 E. Huron River Dr., open to the public free of charge. Friday reception 7-9 p.m. with artists and guest judges in attendance and awards announced at about 7:30 p.m. Show continues Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 7** – Used book sale at the Belleville Area District Library, open to the public at noon and runs until 3 p.m. Friends of the Belleville Area District Library admitted at noon. (You can join the Friends group on the spot.) Great bargains on books. Library is at 167 Fourth Street, (734) 699-3291.

• **Saturday, Nov. 7** – You're invited to a Veterans' Recognition Dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris in Sumpter Township. All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is \$10 per person, \$5 for vets. Presentations begin at 6 p.m. Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing throughout the evening.

• **Saturday, Nov. 7** – That's Amore XI dinner and live auction will be open to the public at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, to benefit CS Mott's Children's Hospital for Pediatric Leukemia Research. Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Information: (734) 657-0048 or (734) 718-6341.

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Court Watching:

Michael Miskell bound over on charges of criminal sexual conduct

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Michael James Miskell, 43, was bound over on a charge of criminal sexual conduct – third degree (force or coercion) after a preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Oct. 28.

He is scheduled to be arraigned on the information at 9 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond. His retained attorney is Michael Legris.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Mwanaisha A. Sims called just one witness, the alleged victim. The woman is now 18 years old, but was 16 at the time of the incident on Oct. 28, 2013, three years to the day of the court session.

The woman said she and Miskell were living in a mobil home with his girlfriend, who was her father's ex-wife. The home was in the 6000 block of Roger Ave. in Van Buren Township.

She said she had given Miskell her cell phone to use and she went into the bathroom to take a shower at about 4 p.m. She said the bathroom did not have a lock on the door.

She said she came out of the shower with a small towel around her that barely came to her waist, when Miskell came into the bathroom to return her cell phone.

She testified that he walked over to her, commented on her vaginal area ("pretty") and then touched her clitoris with his finger.

She said she started getting dressed and left the mobil home. She immediately let the owner of the mobil home know what happened and then called police.

When the witness was cross-examined by attorney Legris, the woman said, "I was kinda weird about the comment, so I

got dressed and left the house. I didn't say anything. I was in shock."

The attorney pointed out in the "Kids Talk" comments he reviewed, she said he "never touched my stuff."

Legris said third-degree CSC requires penetration and force and coercion. He said it was only physical touching and no touching below the clitoris or penetration. He said there has to be more force, a threat or physical force.

Prosecutor Sims said under the law no matter how light, touching the clitoris is penetration. Also, the element of surprise when he suddenly walked into the bathroom can be construed as threat or physical force.

Judge Green agreed with the prosecution and bound Miskell over to the higher court.

Officer in charge is VBT Det. Ken Toney.

Leo Louis LaBean, III

Leo Louis LaBean, III, 39, of Sumpter Township is charged with home invasion – first degree, weapon discharge in or at a building, assault with a dangerous weapon, weapons – felony firearm, and domestic violence.

The incident occurred Oct. 7 in Sumpter Township.

His preliminary exam, that had been set for Oct. 28, was adjourned until 10 a.m., Dec. 9 because the complainant was leaving the country for a month. Defense attorney Keith Kecskes said he had no discovery yet and needed an adjournment, but he was hoping for a week. He got more than a month.

He said Sumpter PD told him they had several hours of tapes on the incident and he needed enough time to review them all.

Officer in charge is Sumpter Sgt. Jim Cayce.

Mark Andrew Statham

Mark Andrew Statham, 54, was set for an Oct. 28 pre-hearing on a misdemeanor and a probable cause conference on a felony and they both were adjourned until Nov. 9. Retained defense attorney is Murray Duncan.

Statham is charged with operating while intoxicated – third and refusing a Pbt in Sumpter Township on Jan. 10. Officer in charge is Sumpter Officer J. Balowski.

Daniel Alan Black

Daniel Alan Black, 27, was due for his preliminary exam on Oct. 28 for assault by strangulation and domestic violence, but his retained attorney Jonathan Jones was tied up in a Monroe courtroom and by phone asked for an adjournment. Judge Green adjourned it until Nov. 18.

Black is out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. The incident occurred on July 12 in Van Buren Township. Officer in charge is Detective Donovan McCarthy.

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	Plan 1
Captured Taxes	\$ 1,921,037
Interest income	52,674
Bond Sales Proceeds	2,600,000
Bond Sale Premium	11,962
Total revenues	<u>4,585,673</u>

B. Bond reserve

530,546

C. Expenditures

Administrative:

Director Wages	74,492
Employee Wages - Administrative	14,240
Employee Wages - Maintenance	23,585
Fringe Benefits	42,675
Office Supplies	817
Operating Supplies	3,628
Auditing/Accounting	5,250
Parcel Maintenance Fee	17,176
Membership & Dues	29,341
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Other	170
Legal Fees	4,126
Bank Charges/Bond Handling Fees	3,295

C. Expenditures (continued)

Infrastructure improvements and other:

Capital outlay	2,239
Traffic Signalization	1,387,801
Belleville/Ecorse Intersection	653
Amenities fund	68,729
Sidewalks	20,840
Belleville Streetscape	16,121
Streetscape Maintenance	22,162
Property Acquisition	352,981
Landscape Design Services	12,703
Cost of Issuance	146,232

Debt service:

Interest	210,170
Principal	<u>1,010,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,637,013</u>

D. Outstanding bonded indebtedness (Plan 1)

2012 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds	Principal	2.00-4.00% Interest
10/1/2015	195,000	145,325
10/1/2016	200,000	141,425
10/1/2017	200,000	137,425
10/1/2018	205,000	133,425
10/1/2019	215,000	127,275
10/1/2020	220,000	120,825
10/1/2021	225,000	114,225
10/1/2022	230,000	107,475
10/1/2023	240,000	100,575
10/1/2024	245,000	92,475
10/1/2025	255,000	84,206
10/1/2026	265,000	75,600
10/1/2027	275,000	66,656
10/1/2028	285,000	57,375
10/1/2029	295,000	46,688
10/1/2030	305,000	35,625
10/1/2031	315,000	24,188
10/1/2032	330,000	12,375

2014 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds

	Principal	2.00-3.75% Interest
10/1/2015	105,000	82,363
10/1/2016	105,000	80,263
10/1/2017	110,000	77,113
10/1/2018	110,000	73,813
10/1/2019	115,000	70,513
10/1/2020	120,000	67,063
10/1/2021	120,000	63,463
10/1/2022	125,000	59,863
10/1/2023	130,000	56,113
10/1/2024	135,000	52,213
10/1/2025	140,000	47,656
10/1/2026	145,000	42,931
10/1/2027	150,000	38,038
10/1/2028	155,000	32,413
10/1/2029	160,000	26,600
10/1/2030	165,000	20,600
10/1/2031	170,000	14,000
10/1/2032	180,000	7,200

E. Initial assessed value

	IFT	Prop tax
Base Value	-	25,103,784

F. Captured value - 2013 tax year, received in 2014:

Winter 2013	-	97,856,141
Summer 2014	-	96,776,436
Captured value - Winter	-	72,752,357
Captured value - Summer	-	71,672,652

G. Tax increment revenues from 2013 tax year, received in 2014:*

	Mills	Dollars
County	6.6380	476,832
Jail	0.9381	68,249
HCMA	0.2146	15,613
WCCC	3.2408	235,776
SET**	6.0000	210,071
RESA 125**	3.4643	114,557
18.000 (real) or		
6.000 (personal)		351,872
School Oper 125**	-	-
Detroit Institute of Art	-	-
Zoological Auth.	-	-
Township	0.9144	66,525
Public Safety	4.0000	291,009
Library	0.7000	50,927
Parks	0.2459	17,890
Total		<u>1,899,321</u>

* there may be a timing difference from item A.

** captured amounts on school mills were limited

NOTE: Tax revenue in item A was reduced by \$21,717 due to chargebacks that were and MTT settlements

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Upcoming Meetings

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

• Tuesday, Nov. 10 – September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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

7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

• Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 30 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

City Council

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also wants to know how much it costs to fill in the ditches along East Huron River Drive.

Tackett warned the mayor that the city doesn't get Act 51 money for county roads and that's what East Huron River Drive is. Conley said she wanted the cost, anyway.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he would like to have a special session of the council to explain to the residents why the council wants to go into debt to do a long-range plan on roads.

Tackett said it will take at least six months to digest all the information and go out for bids in the spring for work to begin after that.

Mayor Conley said the council learned a lesson when the city wanted to do Main Street. She said they talked about it for a long time.

"When we finally came to doing it, people didn't know what was going on," she said, saying she agreed with Fielder. She suggested there be a roundtable discussion

at some location in the city to explain the project to the residents.

"It'll take four to six months to get it all ironed out," Mayor Conley said.

"Didn't you do that with the Main Street project?" asked Fire Chief Brian Loranger.

"We started to go forward on the bonds and we had to go back..." Mayor Conley said. "Lesson learned."

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

- Approved the Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run/Walk from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The race starts at the Horizon Park gazebo on High Street and heads up High to Main to Denton Road and back and involves some street closures. It is sponsored by the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation;

- Approved the Canton Lions Club fund raising on Main Street, from Five Points to Third Street, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 6 and 13. Lion Bill Van Winkle said his club has provided nine pairs of glasses and three hearing aids to people in the Belleville community since he came to the council last spring;

- Took no action on St. Anthony's

request for approval of their activities during Strawberry Festival, June 17-19, as well as approval of their carnival. Sharon Pokerwinski of St. Anthony said they have been unable to come to an agreement with the Belleville-Area Chamber of Commerce, who won't return their calls. Pokerwinski said St. Anthony is being taken out of the chamber's contract and, "We heard we will get less percentage." She said the chamber doesn't help them when they need help during the festival. That's why St. Anthony is asking to do its own contract for its own carnival. Mayor Conley said she didn't think it was the council's place to get between St. Anthony and the chamber. "We can't get anywhere with them," Pokerwinski said. "It's getting worse." City Manager Kollmeyer said the city wants them to bring all the festival plans to the council at the same time. Chamber Executive Director Paul Henning and Chamber President Randy Brown were present but made no comments. Strawberry Festival Executive Director Joan Bodnar was ill and not present;

- Approved the request of William and Sharon (Stalmack) Dubisky to plant a honey locust tree in Horizon Park in memory of the late Ronald E. Stalmack with a plaque to be placed by the tree. Randy Brown of Gardener's Choice will plant the tree. Tackett said it will be planted in the far west end of the park that could use a few more trees. Councilman Fielder said the city should put together a policy on tree planting since others might also like to do this;

- Approved Winter Fest activities and the 6 p.m. Dec. 5 parade with "A Norman

Rockwell Christmas" theme, as requested by the chamber. At the end of the parade, Belleville Fire Department will bring Santa to town. Main Street, from Third to Roys, will be closed from 2 to 9 p.m. for various activities throughout the day, including singing on a stage at Fourth Street;

- Approved Winter Fest fireworks from the Denton Road bridge after the parade, as requested by the chamber. The bridge will be closed from 8 to 10 p.m.;

- Approved the chamber's use of Fourth Street behind the viewing stand during Winter Fest for various activities with the exact times to be determined by the chamber and to be approved by the city administration;

- Approved the BYC's request to use the Fourth Street Square from morning of Dec. 4 to early evening of Dec. 6 for the portable skating rink. Skating will be from noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Fire Chief Loranger, representing the BYC, asked for permission to park their semi overnight on Main Street at the square so it could be unloaded on Friday morning and the rink assembled. He said the BYC did that last year and got a ticket. Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she is sure there was at least one complaint and that the semi was parked over the pedestrian crosswalk; and

- Heard Police Chief Hal Berriman explain the figures on estimated 2015 auto repairs on four police cars. He noted there may be some errors in the figures since they were not entered by VIN. He said he would be back with more precise numbers, but he could use two new cars to replace the two oldest cars that will take a lot to repair.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: P. Morgan, Oddy and Swinson. Excused absence: Hamm. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approx. 11 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Agenda with the addition of Item D: Acceptance of property from DNR and Closed Session: Fire Department Update, Labor Negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 22, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept Planning Commission minutes of September 10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to accept Fire Department General Meeting minutes of June 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling \$13,239.22. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, J. Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report-Pierce: Motion by Swinson, supported by Bates to accept Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-J. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to accept Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Senior Report-Hamm: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to Receive and File Senior Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report-Bates: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Supervisor's Report- J. Morgan: Motion by Bates, supported by Oddy to accept Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. Property Split Survey

B. Title search history of Township Property Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Board Response

16. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to reappoint Tyrone Borden to Planning Commission. Term will expire October 14, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to reappoint Jane Stalmack as the chairperson for Planning Commission. Term will expire November 14, 2018. She will serve as chairperson until reviewed by Planning Commission Board. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by Oddy to reappoint Jane Stalmack to Zoning Board of Appeals. Term will expire November 14, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept DNR's offer of Property 8110990005003, free of cost to Township. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Announcements

18. Open Floor

19. Closed Session:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to go into Closed Session at 7:08 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to go back into Open session at 7:41 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on October 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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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 17, 2015 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive comment on:

- The 2015 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2016 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

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

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 629 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 25:
0026 – abandoned auto, Ecorse/Sheldon Rd.
0103 – private property incident, Belleville
0222 – disturbance, W. Huron River Dr.
0245 – missing person, Bemis Rd.
0343 – disturbance, Oak Ln.
1007 – agency assist, Belleville
1011 – fraud, Parkwood
1028 – malicious destruction of property, Rose
1344 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1358 – dumping complaint, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1417 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1732 – agency assist, Belle Villa
1814 – suspicious situation, Belleville/I-94 ramp
1823 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/Tyler
1908 – shots fired, Haggerty Rd.
1911 – private property accident, Denton Rd.
2053 – property damage accident, Main
2305 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.

Monday, Oct. 26:
0056 – agency assist, Michigan/Belleville
0106 – property damage accident, Pinecreek
0241 – agency assist, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0306 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0344 – suspicious vehicle, Andover Dr.
0530 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0953 – harassment call, Parkwood
1016 – fraud, Bradley Dr.
1120 – private property incident, Parkwood Manor
1300 – missing person, Robson Rd.
1412 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1436 – property damage accident, S. I-94 / Diamondback
1616 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1633 – abandoned auto, Brookview Dr.
1637 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1650 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1701 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1732 – suspicious situation, Timberland Dr.
1735 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1836 – agency assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1838 – mental, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1937 – fraud, McBride Ave.
2159 – disturbance, Revere Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 27:
0450 – vehicle repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0909 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
0942 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1037 – private property incident, Parkwood Dr.
1300 – fraud, Belleville
1445 – fraud, Belleville
1617 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1856 – retail fraud, Rawsonville
1904 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1927 – agency assist, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1959 – larceny from auto, Belleville
2017 – operating while intoxicated, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
2235 – agency assist, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Wednesday, Oct. 28:
0140 – private property accident, Oak Blvd.
0246 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ricardo
0746 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1037 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1219 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1226 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1522 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1702 – assault & battery, Ashbury Dr.
2110 – disorderly conduct, Bemis Rd.
2332 – trespassing, Vernon St.
2333 – overdose, Westlake
2350 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 29:
0134 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd.
0335 – larceny, Arthur St.
0348 – vehicle repossession, Tallgrass Ct.
0946 – vehicle repossession, E. Huron River Dr.

1127 – private property incident, Van Born
1225 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1532 – ordinance violation, Belleville Manor
1659 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd.
1836 – fraud, Haggerty Center
2100 – private property accident, Ecorse/Anna
2155 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Oct. 30:
0627 – trespassing, BP Belleville
0753 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
0905 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1049 – fire investigation, E. Huron River Dr.
1304 – property damage accident, Ecorse WB bypass
1500 – breaking & entering, Jackson St.
1507 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1507 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1508 – assault & battery, Anna Dr.
1551 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
1553 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren Ln.
1633 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1842 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1916 – property damage accident, Village Green Ln. / S. I-94 Service
1918 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
2343 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge

Saturday, Oct. 31:
0036 – loud party complaint, Ecorse Rd.
0047 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0145 – disturbance, Ironwood Dr.
0207 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0315 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
0540 – hospice, Fisher Rd.
1709 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1818 – shots fired, Brookside Dr.
1827 – private property accident, Westlake
1902 – retail fraud, Belleville
2039 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2054 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2057 – malicious destruction of property, Revere
2100 – noise complaint, Westlake
2124 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
2151 – juvenile complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
2217 – larceny, Vernon St.
2241 – noise complaint, S. Bellidge Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 130 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 25:
0319 – narcotics crime, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0637 – agency assist, Loza Ln.
1549 – property damage accident, High St./Main
1728 – warrant arrest, Mobil Rawsonville
1730 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
1943 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell/Belle Villa
2058 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2202 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.

Monday, Oct. 26:
0146 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0237 – traffic complaint, Martinsville/Huron River
0616 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
0644 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
0949 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Victorian Ln.
1103 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1428 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
2003 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2006 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 27:
0044 – suspicious vehicle, Loza Ln.
0229 – suspicious vehicle, St. Anthony’s
0658 – disturbance, Carmell St.
0755 – disturbance, Carmell St.
1032 – informaiton, McBride Middle
1311 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1339 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, W. Columbia Ave.
1340 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1746 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1806 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr./Main St
1825 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1902 – domestic assault, W. Columbia Ave.

2118 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2206 – family trouble, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Wednesday, Oct. 28:
0220 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0733 – motorist assist, Savage Rd./E. Columbia
0735 – private property accident, W. Columbia
0817 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower/Harbor Pt.
0853 – property damage accident, High St./W. Huron River Dr.
1327 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1605 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1853 – welfare check, W. Waterbury Ct.
2017 – suspicious person, Henry St.
2116 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Owen

Thursday, Oct. 29:
0057 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0128 – suspicious situation, Waterworks
1204 – private property incident, South St.
1516 – parking complaint, Third/Main
1530 – juvenile complaint, Carmell ST.
1909 – all other traffic, E. Columbia Ave. / South
2022 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, Oct. 30:
0155 – information, Fourth St./Main St.
1228 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1242 – family trouble, Victorian Ln.
1715 – suspicious situation, Main St.
1921 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2141 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2212 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, Oct. 31:
1042 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
1335 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1351 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1431 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Ct.
1539 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1746 – miscellaneous complaint, Waterbury
1945 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
2214 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week’s log were 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 25:
0108 – suspicious vehicle, Wyoming
0115 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0203 – assist other agency, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0258 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0852 – fire dept. assist, Colorado
1117 – traffic hazard, Judd/Haggerty
1150 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1303 – fire dept. assist, Florida
1310 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1501 – suspicious person, Nevada
1555 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1831 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, Oct. 26:
0643 – assist other agency, out of township
1023 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1102 – assist other agency, E. Arizona
1159 – subpoena service, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1235 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
1538 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Judd
1701 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1804 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1831 – suspicious incident, New Mexico
2030 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2319 – suspicious person, Willow/Sumpter
2355 – shots fired, Willow/Sumpter

Tuesday, Oct. 27:
0849 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0905 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Fenster
1035 – suspicious person, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1129 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1200 – warrant pick up, out of township
1401 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1429 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1450 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1558 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1737 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1825 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1935 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Sumpteer Rd.
2156 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell rd.
2309 – fire dept. assist, Second St.

Wednesday, Oct. 28:
0522 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0858 – malicious destruction of property, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1214 – suspicious incident, New Mexico
1517 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1749 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2021 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

Thursday, Oct. 29:
0107 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0207 – warrant pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
0412 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0540 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0744 – personal injury accident, Willis/Crandell
1039 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1059 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1140 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1315 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1354 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1614 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2012 – well-being check, Nevada

Friday, Oct. 30:
0024 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1035 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1433 – assist other agency, out of township
1550 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Bemis
1610 – civil dispute, 3000 bl. Harris Rd.
1748 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1931 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2058 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 31:
0008 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0856 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0913 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1124 – trespassing complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1422 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1424 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1431 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1707 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1728 – harassment complaint, Nevada
1735 – neighbor dispute, First St.
2155 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
2218 – suspicious vehiclee, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd
2231 – reckless driver complaint, Karr/Willis
2326 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 105 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

T-Rex Arms indoor
shooting range to open
on I-94 N. Service Dr.

If all goes well, T-Rex Arms indoor shooting range will open for business in mid February in an existing building at 44800 I-94 North Service Drive, Van Buren Township.

At the Oct. 28 meeting of the VBT Planning Commission, Ron Akers, director of the township’s building and planning department, announced that he gave administrative approval to the business to open at that address.

T-Rex Arms is owned by Anthony and Nikki Paluch of New Boston,

Anthony is a Marine who now works as an engineer at Ford Motor Company. He is a longtime gun enthusiast and grew up in New Boston.

Nikki was director of an art gallery in Birmingham, but now is home taking care of their two-year-old, twin sons. The former Nikki Hansen is a 1990 graduate of Belleville High School.

Nikki said the former Manimark building has 18,000 square feet with 2,200 of that retail space.

She said they will have 50-yard lanes so people will be able to sight in their rifles.

She said they plan a soft oporning in December and will be releasing more information.

Belleville Community Art Show set for Friday, Saturday, Sunday

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents this year's Community Art Show, Nov. 6, 7, and 8 at the BYC, 831 E. Huron River Drive.

The show is free and open to the public to attend.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, there will be an evening reception with many of the artists and guest judges in attendance. Awards will be announced at about 7:30 p.m.

The show continues Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Becky Hasen at (734) 347-0430 or artshow@bacaart.org.



Edgemont second graders explore downtown Belleville

By Second Graders at Edgemont
Stacy Porzondek's Room

Second grade students at Edgemont Elementary are becoming young leaders in our community! On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the students took a field trip to visit the Belleville Museum, Horizon Park, City Hall, Victory Park and the Fred C. Fisher Library.

"We went on the field trip because we wanted to learn about Belleville. We are making brochures about our city," explained second-grade student Irving Camacho. With hopes to bring visitors to our community and inform current residents, the Edgemont Eagles are creating their own Belleville brochures.

"One thing we did was met police officers and visit the police station. It was very cool and really fun because we got to meet Chief Berriman and go in the police cars!" said Abigail Cichowski, as she explained one

topic she would include in her brochure.

"I liked seeing Booville because there is a lot of cool stuff. I can use that information in the Seasonal Highlights part for my brochure!" exclaimed student Madelyn Underwood.

The Edgemont Family would like to thank Tom Fielder, Carol Thompson, Tara McCann, Katie Dallos, Chief Berriman, all of the officers, and our many chaperones for their support and generosity. The students had a blast learning about their beloved community!

Editor's Note: Ms. Porzondek said her second-grade students collaboratively wrote the information about their field trip in hopes it would be included in the *Independent*. She said she typed as they orally provided sentences, and then they edited together.



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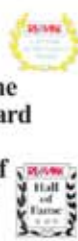


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