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Council selects Robinson as new police chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of more than two hours spent interviewing the three top candidates for part-time police chief during a special meeting on Monday, the Belleville City Council members agreed informally that they all wanted David Robinson.

At the regular meeting on Tuesday, they voted to make that selection official. It will be final after a background check and signing of a contract prepared by city attorney Steve Hitchcock.

Robinson retired last July as deputy chief of the City of Dearborn Police Department after 30 years of service.

He said he and his family have lived in Newport for the last 15 years and recently sold their home and moved to an historic home in downtown Monroe. He said his son can walk to high school and walk home from football practice.

The moving and setting up his new home took much of the time after his retirement was final and then he was tapped on the shoulder by the Wayne County Mediation Services dispute resolution center and has served as interim director of that non-profit for the last four months. He said he just wrote the strategic plan for the non-profit and so they should be all right for a while.

"My calling and passion is law enforcement," he said. "That's what I'm good at. When the opportunity came up here, it was almost perfect. Too perfect."

Robinson

He said he likes small towns and grew up in Shelby Township 40 years ago when it was a small town. And in Newport, he was on the Newport Firemen's Association and volunteers on activities. He said he is sergeant-at-arms for the association.

When he was questioned by council members, one by one, he replied that "happy workers take pride in their work when they understand" why decisions are made.

He said, if selected, he would go out to meet the majority of residents and a majority of business owners in the town.

"I expect that within 90 days to six months I will shake every business owner's hand in this town," he said.

He said he would do a lot of listening and learn from them and build relationships.

"I will tell them, please be open and honest with me … I'm a lifelong learner … I need to know what people expect of the police and of me," he said.

He told of his experiences in Dearborn of forming groups and bringing all faith-

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Romulus attorney challenges embattled judge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Alexandria Taylor, a Romulus attorney, has announced her candidacy for 34th District Court Judge, challenging Judge David Parrott who is facing a domestic violence charge and has gone on a leave of absence from his position for 45 to 60 days.

Judge Parrott, who also has appealed a Jan. 25, 2019 drunk driving charge in Manistee to the Michigan Court of Appeals, is up for reelection in November.

Taylor, 39, and mother of three, is an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the managing attorney of Taylor Law Firm. She is a lifelong resident of Romulus and has presided as chairperson of the Romulus Charter Commission for nearly a decade.

Taylor

Taylor, a graduate of Romulus Community Schools, earned her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University, master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan and her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of law. She was admitted to the bar in 2011.

Monday's news release on her candidacy said she has extensive courtroom experience having formerly served as assistant city attorney for the cities of Woodhaven and Allen Park. In addition to practicing in local district and circuit courts, Taylor is also licensed in the Michigan Federal Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She ran for State Representative in the 12th District in 2018 and was beaten in the primary by Alex Garza, who went on to win the seat.

Taylor states she is committed to upholding integrity and honesty in the judiciary.

In a Feb. 12 letter to 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, Judge Parrott submitted his plans to step back from the bench temporarily.

"Regardless of the merits of both of these matters, the mere fact that the allegations were made, warrants a searching evaluation

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Library plans going-away party at Fred C. Fischer site

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, a big, going-away party is being thrown at the Fred C. Fischer Library before it is torn down and made into a parking lot.

The public is invited and it's free.

At the Feb. 11 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board the details of that party were discussed. The soft opening of the new library is planned for Feb. 24, but that date is a "maybe" since details have to be completed in order to get a certificate of occupancy from the city.

Architect Dan Whisler said it it highly unlikely that the new library will be able to open on Feb. 24, but the 25th is a possibility. He said they will move the construction fencing from the old building to the new building.

On Feb. 21 the Cross Town Horn Band will lead participants around the old library building and then inside for the party. There will be more music and light refreshments from the Bayou Grill and Fred C. Fischer is expected to be there. There will be lots of Mardi Gras-inspired necklaces and other decorations to get in the spirit of the celebration.

Architect Whisler said the pavers have come for the terrace and they could go in later that week and the lighted railing for the terrace is coming. The panels at the rear of the terrace can't go in until the railing is in place.

He said 12 planters in a variety of sizes for the terrace are stored inside the building. All the furniture came in as scheduled and is stored, he said.

He said the following week the library staff will be able to start moving into their work stations. He reported the 75-inch televisions have been delivered.

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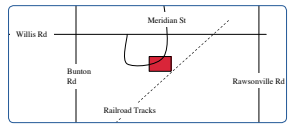

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2019 Employee Wages & Cost to Township

	Wages	Total Compensation
ELECTED OFFICIALS		
Morgan, John	$39,174.39	$39,729.79
Hurst, Esther	$27,075.47	$27,857.09
Bednark, Kenneth	$23,079.47	$23,436.95
Laporte, Donald	$20,589.38	$21,221.85
Oddy, Matthew	$22,664.35	$23,345.90
Rush, Timothy	$14,858.52	$15,285.79
Swinson, Donald	$21,137.30	$21,746.69
BUILDING DEPT.		
Wheelock, Bradley	$46,873.28	$54,345.47
CLERK'S DEPT.		
Beaudrie, Maria	$6,715.17	$7,336.74
Burdick, Anthony	$35,047.27	$46,950.90
Hadyniak, Dawn	$51,784.23	$73,778.88
DPW		
Campbell, Leroy	$65,186.15	$80,298.79
Krushlin , John	$89,433.42	$98,439.66
Kunka, Kenneth	$78,836.48	$99,055.92
Lynch, Randy	$50,912.46	$72,446.80
Petrowski, Michael	$75,815.79	$102,877.10
FINANCE		
Bardell, Roxanne	$57,631.42	$79,207.98
Cole, Michelle	$25,762.00	$29,150.43
Holtz, Scott	$32,798.82	$40,227.77
FIRE DEPT.		
Armatis, Colleen	$17,211.13	$18,527.78
Armstrong, Timothy	$11,272.08	$11,598.99
Beaudrie, Michael	$172.62	$188.32
Behrendt, David	$6,217.28	$6,783.05
Blackburn, Brian	$6,513.69	$7,106.42
Brown, Richard	$4,296.79	$4,363.21
Combs, Benjamin	$144.84	$147.08
Frost, Daniel	$769.80	$792.11
Goode, Jamie	$5,345.86	$5,438.58
Ingle, Sonya	$9,081.47	$9,344.83
Januszyk, Joseph	$33,751.84	$36,823.23
Krushlin , Jamie	$8,906.77	$9,165.07
Krushlin , John	$10,513.64	$10,818.54
Landskroener, Richard	$717.80	$728.90
Laporte, Donald	$2,345.84	$2,379.85
Long, Eric	$5,661.90	$5,826.11
Lynch, Collin	$1,179.75	$1,196.86
McCall, Shauna	$2,701.13	$2,779.46
McHenry, Michael	$8,371.12	$8,613.88
Myers, Kenneth	$8,403.56	$9,168.28
Scott, Rachel	$1,406.50	$1,406.50
Sliwa, Richard	$4,668.58	$4,740.75
Spitznagel, Anthony	$2,499.48	$2,576.76
Thompson, Walter	$7,698.58	$7,921.83
Tocco, Vincent	$776.83	$836.25
Villa, Sam	$383.67	$389.60
Wisniewski, Michael	$13,993.59	$14,399.40
HUMAN RESOR.		
Bellingham, Michelle	$66,469.28	$74,812.22
ORDINANCE DEPT.		
Gregory, Peter	$64,879.78	$71,759.46
POLICE DEPT.		
Ashby, John	$80,976.01	$102,608.86
Balowski, Joseph	$90,052.38	$124,240.58
Cayce, James	$97,368.38	$129,157.16
Devos, Bart	$74,267.41	$96,971.30
Dufresne, Susan	$69,170.62	$98,071.52
Egerer, Elizabeth	$102,257.12	$145,422.16
Gannon, Patrick	$109,852.87	$161,011.55
Gottschalk, Colleen	$82,729.15	$119,764.21
Herrick, Christopher	$83,643.72	$118,404.46
Hogan, Joseph	$76,500.55	$114,120.45
Hudson, Sean	$76,500.42	$100,123.88
Luke, Eric	$122,923.26	$173,041.09
McGlynn, Christopher		$8,077.57
Paquette, Malissa	$70,660.43	$84,033.25
Rodriguez, Jesiah	$28,353.10	$36,491.22
Salajan, George	$79,267.37	$110,425.64
Steffani, Brian	$49,929.94	$78,874.83
Toney, Kenneth	$69,772.21	$88,618.51
Toth, John	$91,440.72	$137,194.44
SENIOR DEPT.		
Morgan, Richard	$10,569.63	$11,378.21
Watson, Mary Ann	$63,618.31	$87,577.05
SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE		
Armatis, Karen	$77,824.45	$106,539.38
Woodington, Karen	$63,792.66	$72,886.66
TREASURER DEPT.		
Campbell, Erica	$19,506.99	$20,999.27
Morse, Vernon	$14,722.50	$17,509.48
Snook, Wendy	$46,265.13	$55,271.07
WATER DEPT.		
Winter, Anna	$50,653.68	$72,111.38
	2019 TOTAL	**$3,758,299.00**
	2018 TOTAL	**$3,572,805.78**
	Difference	**+$185,493.22**

2019 employee total wages & cost to township had approximately a 5% increase since 2018.

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance and pension. Fire Fighters receive no benefits.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Police Chief disrupts meeting with complaints against *Independent*

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief completed his regular police report at the township board's regular meeting on Feb. 11 and then launched into a vitriolic verbal attack on *Independent* editor Rosemary Otzman.

He read part of an *Independent* story on the Jan. 14 meeting where it is reported Chief Luke taunted former Trustee Sheena Barnes as she left the meeting room after she made comments on the destruction of write-in ballots for her past candidacy.

Luke said, "I didn't say it," and then towered over Otzman as she sat in the audience next to the podium. He poked his finger at her ordering her to tell him who said that, in an intimidating manner.

He asked Trustee Matt Oddy and Treasurer Ken Bednark if they heard the comments and they said they didn't.

Otzman said she would report that he said he didn't say it. He thanked her for that. When he continued to boom out at her, asking who told her that, she replied it was two witnesses.

Luke pulled out his cellphone and played a crystal-clear recording of that part of the meeting, until it got to the end when Barnes was leaving the meeting, then the very remarks he said proved he was right, were garbled and unintelligible.

He said the words are: "It's time to go, Sheena," to which she replied, "Shut up."

Also, he said he said, "Have a good night," and she replied, "Shut up."

Then Luke read a statement on integrity and claimed he had integrity and others lacked integrity.

"After 26 years of honorable service, every time they defame me, I will stand up and respond," Luke thundered before stalking off.

Peggy Morgan and Jay Bardell said they heard the remarks made to Barnes and it was reported correctly.

People in the audience said they were amazed that Luke had a clear video of the Jan. 14 meeting, since the one put out over Comcast had bad sound and couldn't be understood by the audience. Also, the Freedom of Information Act request for a recording of the meeting came to the *Independent* with a notice that there was no charge because the sound was so bad. That recording had excessive noise over the meeting video.

Clerk Esther Hurst was presiding at the Feb. 11 meeting in the absence of Supervisor John Morgan. She allowed Luke to continue his tirade and no board members spoke against the hijacking of the business meeting, although one called with an apology a few days later.

In other activities at the Feb. 11 meeting, the board:

• Approved increasing the pay of election workers by $2 per hour each to remain competitive with other communities in the area. This will be in effect starting with the March election. Current rates of pay were chair, $11; co-chairs, $10.50; and election inspectors, $10;

• Removed from the agenda a request from Supervisor Morgan that read: "Approval for Treasurer's project to correct errors made in switching the bank accounts from PNC to Comerica for the cost of $3,062.50." Treasurer Ken Bednark objected to the word "errors," saying switching banks to save money for the township is a big project and very complicated. Cari Ford of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne, who would get the fee, spoke on the matter, as did Township Financial Director Elle Cole. Oddy made a motion to remove the item from the agenda since it should have been put on by the treasurer;

• Removed from the proposed agenda, before the final agenda was prepared, a proposal to extend by three years the contract of Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham with a $5,000 raise, one more week of vacation pay (totaling five), and six months of severance pay if she is terminated without cause. Her current contract, which began Feb. 14, 2017 expired Feb. 13, 2020. No mention of this agenda item was made at the meeting;

• Approved the attorney's report by Rob Young with Young noting the approval of the report would include approval of a resolution to pay off pension liabilities between $150,000 and $160,000 for two police officers, as presented by Burnham Flowers. Whatever money is left will come back to the township when paid off, he said. The item was not otherwise on the agenda or in the agenda packet;

• Heard Treasurer Bednark announce the treasurer's office will no longer be open on board meeting night, since it is

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Should Belleville cancel Strawberry Festival?

Near the end of the Tuesday meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Ken Voigt asked why the city holds the Strawberry Festival and what benefit is it to the city?

He said in the beginning, 44 years ago, there were three churches, strawberry growers, and service clubs in town who benefited from the festival, which had entertainment and a very nice juried craft show in the bank parking lot.

In the old days the Chamber would make $40,000 to $50,000 on the carnival rides and this funded the Chamber, he said. Last year $12,000 was cleared by the Chamber and the CBC made $3,500 off the crafters.

Voigt said a profit of six figures is down to this. "Why are we doing this? Disrupting the town for four days without strawberries," he asked.

Mike Kole of the Chamber said he ran a small poll and found 70% of the Chamber members wouldn't come to the festival. Most close their doors for that weekend. He said 40% of the money goes to two people. "We don't need that $12,000. The people on Main Street, our members, don't want it," he said.

The Strawberry Festival agreements with the city were up for approval and the council turned them over to the city manager for review. She will talk with the festival committee and the Chamber and come back with a recommendation. Festival or no festival?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Carolyn Bonanni, who will turn 90 on June 21, remembers getting her driver's license in 1948 when she was 18 years old. She said Sumpter Township didn't have a police station so she had to come to Belleville. She said she remembers Jerry Remus sitting at a high desk.

She said she had no written test and no road test, but Remus asked her one question: "Who taught you to drive?" Her father had driven her to the police station and he told Remus that he taught his daughter to drive.

Remus asked him if she was a good driver and her father answered, "Oh, yeah." She learned to drive on a 1936 Ford with a clutch. "If your dad says you're a good driver, here's your license."

Mary Sherwood, also of Sumpter Township, told me she remembers getting her first driver's license in 1950 at the Belleville Area Museum. That's where the police station was in those days.

She said she took the test and passed. It was lunch time and the police officer was in the station alone. He asked her, "Can you drive?" Sherwood said. "I drove here," she replied. "OK. Here's your license," he said.

She said her husband was leaving for a tour of duty in the Korean War and he wanted her to get her driver's license before he left.

Carolyn and Mary were inspired to tell their stories by Larry Baleja who I wrote about Feb. 6. He recalled getting his driver's license at the Belleville Police Station in the late '70s or early '80s. He wondered if anyone else remembered going to the police department for a license. They certainly do.

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A report from the Michigan Press Association last week noted that people in Secretary of State offices across the state are getting violent because of the long waits and the inability to get their requests completed. More than 50 critical incident reports filed with the Governor's office were acquired in a Freedom of Information Act request.

One of the problems is that average wait time has increased to roughly 51 minutes compared to 43 minutes in 2018. The average wait was 33 minutes in 2017 and 14 minutes in 2011. It was noted that Secretary of State Benson campaigned on a 30-minute guarantee for doing business with the SOS.

Gov. Whitmer's budget recommendation for fiscal year 2021 released last Thursday includes a proposed $790,000 to support a pilot program to provide uniformed personnel in five branch offices to increase security in cases of threatening or disorderly behavior.

SOS has security guards at 28 of its 131 branches now because a "law enforcement presence within the branch offices" could help deter people who may pose a threat and would provide support in case an incident happens.

The FOIA reports showed a bullet through a window, customers threatening and throwing objects at clerks, and people fighting each other.

Many people locally have complained about the Belleville Secretary of State's office in person at our office, on social media, and at 34th District Court. One man told the judge he was driving without a license because he couldn't wait any longer at SOS – and the judge sympathized with him saying he had to wait a long time, too.

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Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County equalization departments provided information to *The Detroit News* for a chart it published Monday with communities and their 2020 residential assessment increases.

In our tri-community, Belleville had a 8.9% increase, Van Buren Township had a 8.2% increase, and Sumpter Township had a 0.0% increase. This means the governments of Belleville and VBT will get increased taxes this year.

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Belleville's new interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz put in her first day on the job on Monday and it was a long day, since the city council decided to interview the three police chief candidates that were certified by the Civil Service Commission. It was Presidents' Day but they met anyway and talked to the three candidates and made a decision to be voted on the next day at the regular meeting.

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Letters

It's the Year of the Woman at museum

To the editor:

I hope the warmth of the holiday season is staying with you through this cold winter. I want to personally thank all of those who were able to come through the Belleville Area Museum (BAM) during our Belle Noelle Tree Festival. We hosted several group holiday parties, had our Ornament Workshops sell out, and saw our highest December attendance totals. We also introduced The Belle of the Ball Fundraiser – our first-ever viewer's choice competition. For $1 each vote, visitors cast their ballots. Congratulations to Virginia Faulk's Old-Fashioned Christmas on taking first and our Runner-Up, Cinnamon's Car Show Tree. Both will receive a plaque.

It will be the Year of the Woman at The BAM in 2020 as we commemorate 100 years of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Currently in our new Victorian Room we have catalogs, costumes, hats, and sashes to view or try on. Our Gift Shop is also filled with new Votes for Women swag, t-shirts, postcards and more. On Feb. 15, we held a Valentine Weekend Party featuring Pictures with Cupid and/or our Valentine Tree theme backdrops. We had candy, valentines, and some Rosies on hand, too.

The Western Wayne County Quilt Guild has opted to return with their annual Quilt Show in 2021, due to library construction and parking concerns. We did add two new events in March: a historical presentation and National Rosie the Riveter Day with Willow Run Rosies, along with Governor Warner Mansion Suffragette reenactors.

From June through September an exhibit depicting the American Suffragette Movement will be on display.

Don't forget to attend our Third Thursday Pizza and a Presentation Series from February through April. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The museum reopened Feb. 4. As always, thank you for your support of the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society. Find up on Facebook for the most up-to-date information,

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February is the month of Love and Kindness

To the editor:

This is February the month of Love and Kindness. Yes, this may sound a little sappy but it's true. We need to be kinder to each other, smile and say hello and thank you.

So many things are happening now that often frustration sets in along with depression.

Have you ever noticed that when the sun is shining the world looks a little better, brighter, hopeful! We all may be in different social situations -- that is single, divorced, widowed, married or just feeling alone with no one to care about you.

Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day. It is a celebration of giving gifts of love, appreciation and kindness. You may say that you don't have anyone to be with or to talk with -- that's not true! You are special and you should treat yourself to lunch or dinner; go out to see the latest movie or if it is a nice day take a walk in the nearest park. You may meet someone who is looking and feeling the same way that you are. You might even make a new friend!

The bottom line is that you LOVE YOURSELF FIRST and the world will SMILE with YOU!

Now go and enjoy the day.

Marian Caldwell
Ypsilanti/Belleville

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Please print this. Thank you.

St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heat of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Dear St. Jude:

Thank you for answering my prayers. I'm still in need of your help, but so thankful for what you have done for me.

Say this prayer nine times a day and by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you, sincerely and with love.
J.H. Belleville

Nia Washinton named to fall 2019 President's List at Georgia State Univ.

Nia Washington of Belleville has been named to the fall 2019 President's List at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA.

To be eligible for the President's List, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 4.0 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State during the fall or spring term with no incompletes for the semester. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all classes taken at Georgia State.

City of Belleville 2019 Employee Wages & Cost to City

Employee Name	Wages	Benefits
City Council		
T. Fielder	1,000.00	76.50
K. Conley	1,500.00	114.75
J. Marcotte	1,000.00	76.50
J. Loria	1,000.00	76.50
T. Smith	1,000.00	76.50
City Manager		
D. Kollmeyer	67,995.20	35,366.63
Clerk/Treasurer		
S. Scharf	46,009.60	133,819.15*
Account Clerks		
K. Tindall	36,798.79	11,844.86
A. Plummer	6,311.58	738.77
T. McGlynn	42,027.36	29,026.17
S. Moore	26,671.47	22,687.03
B. Hootman	36,620.82	8,696.39
T. Hammons	6,999.33	887.13
C. Smith	12,357.94	945.38
Department of Public Services		
R. Rutherford	64,087.50	19,564.59
S. Adams	62,304.64	34,381.64
S. Demond	59,404.96	53,933.18
N. Demond	21,030.85	1,608.86
A. Smith	4,411.00	337.44
Police Officers		
H. Berriman	38,100.00	2,914.65
K. Faull-Schlund	76,431.94	56,969.68
B. Devos	25,838.06	1,976.61
T. Schrecengost	68,293.81	51,456.16
M. VanDeweghe	62,130.08	37,569.41
J. Wickham	69,011.10	55,062.79
T. Trombly	54,807.33	19,826.60
K. Rose	70,497.82	31,461.34
S. Maher	56,733.37	11,502.75
Crossing Guard		
M. Talaga	1,606.80	122.92
Fire Department		
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J. Reed	2,582.38	197.55
B. Kreher	969.32	74.15
D. Deyoung	3,566.37	272.83
B. Loranger	9,513.42	727.78
R. Landskroener	3,811.70	291.60
R. Russow	2,037.28	155.85
J. Kelly	1,095.96	83.84
C. McClinton	1,203.78	92.09
K. Rix	3,809.84	291.45
E. Smith	6,282.49	480.61
S. Shippe	27.06	2.07
A. Zehel	2,993.64	229.01
C. Zweng	6,229.53	476.56
D. McInally	2,244.77	171.72
Senior Transportation Drivers		
J. Akans	5,843.75	447.05
2019 TOTAL	**$1,702,577.79**	
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Difference	**+ $70,709.82**	

2019 employee total wages & cost to city had approximately a 4.15% increase since 2018.

*Note: The benefit number shown for Clerk Sherri Scharf is a retirement pool and not set aside for her retirement. It's for all retirees in the "supervisor" pool and she was the only active (non-union) employee drawing a salary in that category.

Albion College names two local students to 2019 Fall Dean's List

Albion College announces Van Buren Township resident Tyler Lewis and Belleville resident Kathryn Henning were named to the Dean's List at the end of the fall 2019 semester.

Students named to Albion College's dean's list must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above, while taking four graded courses.

Lewis is majoring in political science with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service.

Henning is majoring in geological sciences with a minor in geographic information systems. Henning is the child of Nathan and Erin Henning of Belleville and is a graduate of Huron High School.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college of approximately 1,500 students and is nationally recognized for its academic excellence in the liberal arts tradition, a learning-centered commitment, and a future-oriented perspective.

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Obituaries

Diane Marie Kanitz Massey

DIANE MARIE KANITZ MASSEY
(November 28, 1948 – February 12, 2020)
Dundee, MI -- Diane Marie Kanitz Massey, 71, passed away Wednesday, February 12, at her home with her family by her side. She was born November 28, 1948 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Elby Kanitz Jr. and Marie Ellis Kanitz.
She was married to Richard Massey Sr. for 53 years. She has three sons Richard (Melissa) Massey Jr., Belleville, MI, Chad (Elizabeth) Massey, Milan, MI, and Douglas, (Angela) Massey, Belleville, MI; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Her siblings Chuck (Doris) Kanitz, Battle Creek, MI, Carolyn (Bobby) Anders, Rosman, NC, Sharon (Larry) Walker, Ocala, FL, Clifford (Kathy) Lingafelt, Racine, WI, Lisa Lingafelt, Green Lake, WI, Leslie Lingafelt Oak Creek, WI and Cheryl Newman, Britton, MI; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews. Very special friends Douglas Gilson and Jennifer Wright.
Preceded in death by her husband Richard Massey Sr., father Elby Kanitz Jr., mother Marie Ellis Kanitz, and stepmother Tillie Trost Kanitz.
Memorial service will be held on March 21, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Moose.

Jerry Grishaber

JERRY GRISHABER
(August 21, 1946 – February 16, 2020)
Jerry Grishaber of Romulus passed away on Sunday February 16, 2020. He was born on August 21, 1946 to Harry and Annie Grishaber. On July 19, 1968 he married Wendy Woods. Wendy proceeded him in death on September 29, 2012.
Jerry is survived by his loving daughters: Cindy (John) Jordan and Robyn Johnson. He was the loving grandfather of 5 grandchildren: Courtnee Johnson, Jerry Jordan, Marcus Johnson, Shane Jordan and Devlin Johnson and 1 great-granddaughter, Leilanee Jones.
There will be a service in the chapel at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, February 28, at 2 p.m.

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Belleville's walker, Aleta Skomski, dies in her mobile home

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Aleta Skomski, the woman who was seen out walking in all kinds of weather on various routes between Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Ypsilanti, was found dead in her home on Loza Lane in Lakeview Mobile Home Park in Belleville on Feb. 11.

She was born March 27, 1949 and was 70 years old.

Linda LeBlanc, an owner of the mobile home park, said her husband noted that Aleta hadn't paid her rent this month. LeBlanc said Aleta always paid it on the fourth of the month, without fail. And, they hadn't seen her recently.

She said she and her husband went to Aleta's home in the evening. The home was dark. They knocked on the door but there was no answer. They had brought the door key with them, but the screendoor was locked, so they couldn't get to the door.

They called Belleville Police to request a welfare check and Cpl. Todd Schrecengost responded. The LeBlanc's son pried open the screendoor and Cpl. Schrecengost unlocked the door.

LeBlanc said she called out Aleta's name and then their flashlight beam caught the figure of Aleta on her couch in the darkened home. An ambulance came out and she was pronounced dead.

LeBlanc said Schrecengost told them he believed she had been gone a week or longer. Police are trying to contact family members. The phone number LeBlanc had for Aleta's sister, Nadine, no longer is good.

Aleta has been a regular point of concern to community members who tried to pick her up to help her with her walking trips, but she seldom allowed anyone to help her. Sometimes she would accept rides with women.

Anyone with any information on how to contact the family is asked to call Belleville Police. A funeral service or mass may be set and a Go Fund Me account could be set up to help pay for expenses.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., at 10151 Belleville Rd. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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

• Tuesday, March 3 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

Gov. Whitmer appoints Davis to Mich. Juvenile Justice Committee

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has appointed Amiyah L. Davis, of Detroit, to the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice. Davis is a graduate of Belleville High School.

She is a youth council member with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Davis is appointed to represent members under the age of 28 who have been, or are currently, under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, for a term commencing Dec. 14, 2020 and expiring Dec 31, 2022. She succeeds Jessica Black whose term expired Dec. 31, 2019.

The Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice is an advisory body within the Department of Human Services that promotes the effective implementation of juvenile justice policy and greater administrative efficiency for juvenile justice programs. The Committee was created in accordance with the federal requirements under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 for receiving grant funds to support juvenile justice initiatives.

Appointments to this committee are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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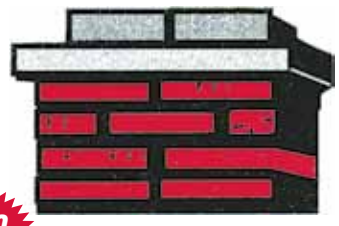
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Whisler said the following week things will be put in their proper places and, "It's going to wrap up here quickly." He said the punch list wasn't done yet, but maybe they can do the walk through the following week.

Whistler said the railing needs to get installed and then they can schedule the final inspection.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they had a problem with the Dell computer order and then Dell sent doubles and about 60 came in. She said there are eight youth computers, six teen computers and 20 adult computers and library catalogs, plus 22 staff computers. She said there are 38 public computers, including laptops for classes in the classroom.

In other business at the one-hour-and-18-minute meeting, the board:

• Approved A Production Building Solutions (APBS) for cleaning of the new library at a cost of $2,550 per month, the low bid. There were three bidders for the contract;

• Accepted the six-month budget report ending Dec. 31, with Director Suchy saying, "We're on track";

• Heard Director Suchy report that the following have been hired part-time: Library Assistants Caitlin Glasser, Nicole Grisham, Gail Moody, and Kamron Reynolds; Clerks Kimberlee Enright, Kiri MacDonell, Karrie Smith, and Grace Yates; and Facilities Assistant Robert Miller. The facilities assistant is a new position that will continue to evolve once they are in the new building. He will supplement TLN (The Library Network) delivery to the branch and will assist with table and chair setup in the meeting rooms in the new library;

• Learned Crystal Corcoran has been promoted from substitute librarian to part-time librarian; Jackie Douglas promoted from clerk to library assistant; and Michelle Wloch from circulation supervisor to department head;

• Was advised the Sumpter Media Center has been bustling with patrons picking up their holds and using the internet. The staff has been able to work with the new Envisionware computer sign-in and print management system. The system will also be used at the main library. Suchy said they had to close the branch early one evening due to a gas leak at the meter. DTE had to replace the meter. It was reported about 25 people a day are using the media center. Red curtains and a red refrigerator and microwave have been added to the building;

• Heard board chairman Sharon Peters report that the art committee met the previous week and walked the new library to identify places for art. Barbara Miller, who is on the art committee, said from the audience that she has recommended the

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committee take advisement from fresco artist Hubert Massey. When asked, architect Whisler said that the hanging system for art was not ordered, but the lights are in place to illuminate the display wall. There also is a question of display cases for art items. Plans are in place for a Suffragette display in the fall. Whisler said he would look into the hanging system; and

• Heard building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz say, "I'm just excited." Fellow committee member Mary Jane Dawson added, "I'm more excited than she is." Chairperson Peters said this has been a long, difficult project to get finances for and build a new library and everyone is excited that it is almost complete.

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On Monday, Tracey Schultz Kobylarz spent her first day on the job as the city of Belleville's interim city manager. She replaces Diana Kollmeyer, who retired as city manager on Feb. 3. Kobylarz, who also is the elected supervisor of Redford Township, has been hired for six months.

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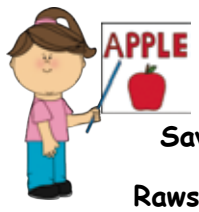

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Police Chief

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based groups together. They worked with the Department of Homeland Security to bring safety to all their groups.

"We need people to trust us," he said. "Building trust is paramount in a police department."

He said he was sergeant of the youth services division and required officers to visit the schools every single day. They had 300 to 400 visits a month to the Dearborn schools.

"I wanted the students to see police officers regularly and it was good for the officers, as well," he said. "It eroded the us against us mentality."

Robinson said the officers were out shooting baskets with the students. He said he required them to go and what the officers did once they were at the school was on them.

He said they would start to see that somebody knew someone was reaching a point of confict and they found they can help kids before they reach an emergency situation. He said he worked with the chief prosecutor in Wayne County and had a candid conversation with Prosector Kym Worthy on a program. He said now four or five of these cases are in the mediation center.

When asked about the biggest challenge in law enforcement, Robinson said the biggest challenge is people having faith that police are going to show up and help them. He said police have to gain the trust because of the many negative stories about police. He said there are video cameras rolling showing police doing what they shouldn't be doing.

When asked how he would unify the Belleville police force, he said he would meet with each officer, "make 'em dinner, tell them about me, so they'll know I'm here for you … build their trust."

"I'm not here to change their daily life," he said, he plans to quickly get a temperature of how they view themselves and what equipment they need and what training they would like.

When asked about retention of officers, he said he sat on a panel in Washington, D.C. on retention. He said in Dearborn they start a youth program at age 14 where they are paid interns, called cadets. He said there is some tuition reimbursement to become cops.

He said Dearborn hired seven or eight of these cadets later as officers.

"We should be talking to kids at a young age," he said. "It's marketing. Find recruits interested in service and give them something to be proud of."

He said police work is a calling and a passion, not a job. And, for retention of officers, "Make them love it here so much, they don't want to leave."

Also interviewed were Kevin Bias, retired from Northville Police Department, and David Egeler, retired from Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

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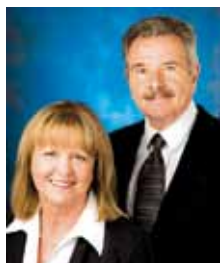

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Sumpter Twp.

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seldom needed and costs several thousand dollars a year to have the deputy in there on overtime. He said they have a secured night deposit and a few takers for on-line payments;

• Heard Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis announce that Sumpter is 180 years old and they are selling travel mugs for $4 each in the supervisor's office. Armatis also noted there was wrong information in a flyer and people have until March 2 to pay their property taxes in the township;

• Heard former Treasurer Peggy Morgan ask why Kevin Rochon was removed from the Parks and Recreation Commission and she was told to attend the Feb. 19 meeting to get an explanation. She asked if it was a secret. Kim Toms said he wasn't there when that happened but the commission has an open-door policy and anyone can come to the meeting. According to the official minutes of the Parks and Recreation Nov. 20 meeting, Rochon was removed for "Violation of the Parks and Recreation Bylaws," by a vote of seven yeses (Holly Swinson, Drusilla Allen, Krystal Tackett, Sharon Pokerwinski, Richard Pokerwinski, Mark Argo and Dawn Argo) and three abstentions (Cheryl Toms, Jim Posegay, Joanne Posegay) with Kim Tom (sic) and Don Swinson not casting votes;

• Heard Morgan ask where they advertised for a new DPW worker to replace the late Leroy Campbell. Clerk Hurst said they advertised in a water magazine and got some responses. They also advertised in the *Eagle*, Morgan noted. Morgan asked if they shouldn't give local people a chance and advertise in the township's newspaper of record. Hurst said they wanted to advertise "where we'll get quality people," adding, "We probably should have done both";

• Heard Mary Herring complain about the pink plastic bags that are thrown at the ends of driveways and make a mess. She said in Europe they sweep their streets and take pride in their country. "Americans are becoming slobs ... Is there a remedy?" Luke said two years ago he contacted the *Detroit News* and he has talked to them three times. Recently he called them again and threatened to cite the driver. He has given his officers orders to cite the drivers;

• Heard Richard Harrison comment on disorderly persons in the meetings and asked if there was another choice as far as newspaper of record. He told a story of submitting a letter to the editor of the *Independent* years ago and he said it never was printed;

• Heard Jay Bardell ask if a street light could be put up at the Sumpter and Clay road intersection since it is so dark. He was advised to talk to Karen Woodington and she would find out how much it would cost; and

• Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson ask the criteria for joining Parks and Rec and Trustee Donnie Swinson said you just fill out an application and get a background check. Swinson said, however, he has never seen a background check. Clerk Hurst said everyone on the commission has a background check. Swinson said the volunteers also have background checks to protect everyone. "It's important to protect the dollars and the children ... We don't want any embezzling," Robinson said. He also spoke against blight and asked Luke if board members can be disruptive. Luke replied, "They have more latitude because it's their meeting." As to the recent disruption, "I've never seen it happen in 26 years."

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

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1965	FORD	4D	5H01U193814	20-979
1966	PONTIAC	4D	25237P342870	20-979
1978	EBCO	BT	EBK08301M78E	20-1072
2002	FORD	PU	2FTRX18L82CA20208	20-1072
2002	TMMC	TL	1T926BF1121074182	20-1072
2001	HONDA	2D	1HGEM22921L055228	20-1472
2005	FORD	SW	1FMDK06165GA29895	20-1265
1992	FORD	VN	1FDEE14H9NHA93487	20-1338
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2005	GMC	SW	1GKET16M856161752	19-20586
2002	DODGE	SW	2B4GP44362R783093	20-190
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WP52K62F220071	20-653
2003	PONTIAC	SW	1GMDX13E23D253906	20-698
2005	FORD	TK	1FTPX14585FB28321	20-751
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Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **March 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following zoning ordinance amendments:

1. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:** Proposed amendments that would modify the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance with regard to clarifying the limit of building size in the C, Local Business district, specifically to clarify the distinction between commercial and residential uses. The amendments will be to Section 3.105 – Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District and Section 3.110(D) – Required Conditions Of The C, Local Business District.

2. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:** Proposed amendments that would allow single-family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acre as a permitted land use by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District. The amendments will be to Section 3.104 - Permitted Uses by District and 3.107(B) – RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District – Permitted Uses.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at dpower@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

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of my relations, as well as my physical, emotional and mental state," he wrote.

Parrott said he was "deeply disappointed" in himself "for being in the position of even responding to these embarrassing situations."

He said while his time away from the court "may be indeterminate at this time," he hopes to be able to return to the bench in 45-60 days.

In the meantime, his court docket will be split between the other two judges and magistrates at the court. When necessary, sitting judges in Wayne County will be asked to assist with the court's docket. There will be no additional costs incurred to the court when other sitting judges are asked to fill in. Parrott will continue to receive his salary.

Parrott is due in 35th District Court in Plymouth at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 28 for his pretrial on the domestic violence misdemeanor charge. He is free on $2,500 personal bond.

His misdemeanor, single-vehicle, drunk-driving accident charge in Manistee County from a Dec. 25, 2018 incident is being appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, which has agreed to hear the case. The next step is for his attorney to file his brief.

His attorney Mike Nichols said of the Manistee charge, "We have arguments seeking to introduce important evidence of his innocence pending before the court of appeals. Judge Parrott is going through a crisis in his life with all of these allegations, as well as the fact that it is in a very public forum.

"Imagine yourself going through this under a very hot spotlight … He is going to take time and step away from the bench. He's also going to undergo an evaluation to see what he may need in his life in terms of perhaps some treatment for various things.

"We are asking constituents to be patient, respectful and to know these charges will be litigated in court," Nichols said.

"He's a great guy who is determined to become a better, more humble jurist if the voters will have him and a better person out of all this turmoil," Nichols said.

Van Buren Township Planning Commission reelects Carol Thompson

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Carol Thompson was reelected chairperson of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission for another year at the commission's Feb. 12 meeting.

Donald Boynton was reelected vice-chairperson and Bryon Kelley reelected secretary.

Kelley said he would like to step down as the commission's Board of Zoning Appeals representative and Boynton was elected to that position, with Kelley becoming an alternate to the BZA.

In other business at the 22-minute meeting, the commission:

• Heard a report from Dan Power on the commission's activities during 2019. Power is director of planning and economic development. He pointed out three projects approved are now under construction: Ashley Capital Crossroads North distribution center, Subaru automotive research and development center, and US Signals data processing center. Power presented the report using a digital map that can give progress reports on projects when the site is tapped. He said he is developing the map so it can be used by the public and continues to refine it; and

• Approved the 2020 planning commission meeting schedule, as presented. Meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. He pointed out that the Nov. 11 meeting is on the day offices will be closed and when they get closer to that date they can decide what they want to do.

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2005 SUZUKI, FOUR DOOR, VIN: KL5VM56L45B175880

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2020
PUBLISH: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville
PUBLIC NOTICE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The City of Belleville Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

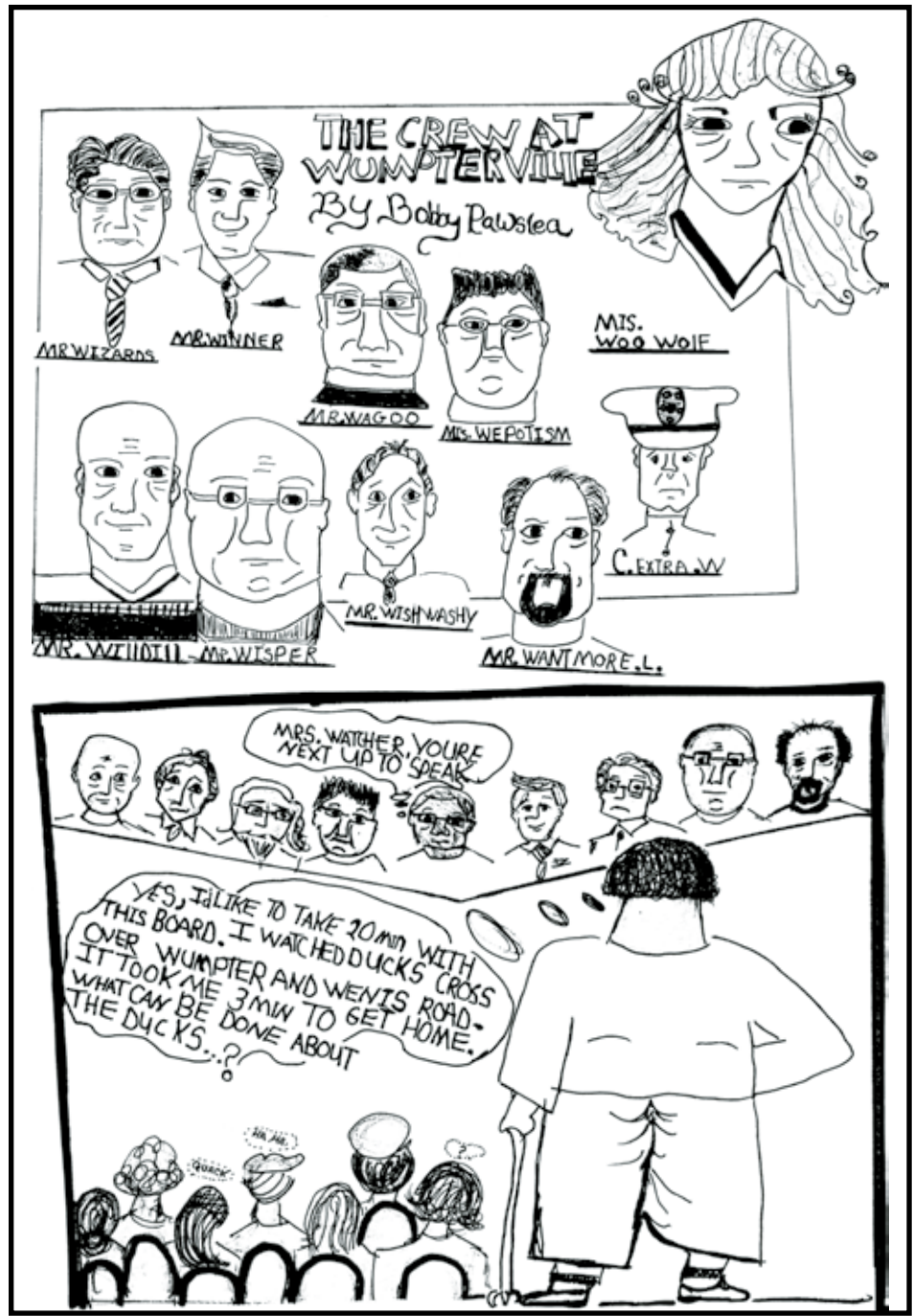
Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7014 or ext. 7015 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 10, 2019.

Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: February 20, 2020
February 27, 2020
March 5, 2020

Cartoon to the Editor



Correction: It's Bayou's food at library party

In the Feb. 13 issue of the *Independent*, we wrote that the food at the Feb. 21 party at the Fred C. Fischer Library would be coming from Egan's Pub. We've been informed that is incorrect.

"We're getting the food for the 21st from the BAYOU due to the theme of the party correlating with the menu," said Mary Jane Dawson, vice chairperson of the library board and a member of the marketing committee. "Hoping to use Egan's Pub for a future event as they have always been a big supporter of the library."

She said she knows we want to make sure what we are putting into print is totally accurate and she is glad to help. We appreciate her help.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 3rd, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)
No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 9th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 11th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 12th, Thursday
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 11, 2020.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 10, 2020.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 20, 2020
Thursday, February 27, 2020
Thursday, March 5, 2020

City Of Belleville Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

Request for Proposals

Downtown Belleville 2020

Request for Proposals:

GRASS CUTTING IN PUBLIC PARKS

DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPE CONTRACT

Due Date: 4:00 P.M. on Monday, March 9, 2020

Scope of Services/RFP Form: online at https://Belleville.mi.us
Also available from Belleville DDA:
email: dda@belleville.mi.us phone: 734-646-0504.

Submittal: Submit proposals by email to dda@belleville.mi.us;
or mail/deliver to Belleville DDA, 6 Main St, Belleville, MI 48111
by 4:00 P.M. Monday, March 9, 2020

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2020
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP. THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 9, 2020	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

Publish: February 20th, February 27th, March 5th

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following request.

1. **Case 19-036:** A request by Charles and Patricia Reavis to rezone the entirety of property located at 1043 Savage Road (Parcel ID # V-83 105 99 0035 000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at dpower@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: February 18, 2020
Published: February 20, 2020

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych

The Belleville High School Graduation & Prom Expo is this Saturday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school. The fourth-annual event is free and open to all area high school students and parents. Enjoy a one-stop shopping venue for your senior class party with area caterers, florists, bakeries, tent and rental companies, hair stylists, limo services, photo booth vendors, DJs, and more. They'll also have door prizes, giveaways, and basket raffles with the proceeds going towards the BHS class senior party. Call (734) 697-9133.

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Brick Bash 2020, a Lego Expo, is coming this weekend, Feb. 22-23, to Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, featuring Lego trains, cities, robots, vehicles, construction equipment, and more. Build anything you like at the hands-on Lego tables and there's a separate Duplo play area for little ones. See animated films made with Lego products and visit vendors offering Lego jewelry, mini figurines and more. Admission is $5 per person (max. $20 per family) with the proceeds going to support the Skyline High School Band. Hours are Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, visit www.brickbash.com . Skyline High School is located at 2552 North Maple Rd., just north of M-14.

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A Taco Dinner fundraiser to help upgrade the equine area at the Wayne County Fairgrounds is this Saturday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6 p.m. with a cost of $12 per person, $8 for children 8 years and younger. Enjoy a cash bar, 50/50, and basket raffles. Call (734) 697-7002.

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A blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross is also this Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston. They're located at 19109 Craig St. Donors can sign up online at www.redcross.org .

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The next Historic Presentation Night at the Yankee Air Museum is March 4, featuring the "Revolt of the Admirals," presented by the museum's own historian Randy Hotton. The story takes place in 1949, under the presidency of Harry Truman, who ordered spending defense cuts and instructed then Defense Secretary Louise Johnson to eliminate Naval aviation and the U.S. Marine Corps, while supporting the Air Force's B-36 heavy bomber program as more cost-effective. He then canceled the construction of the Navy's first super aircraft carrier, the USS United States. A feud between the services broke out over nuclear weapon equipped bombers and the importance of carrier aviation. The Chief of Naval Operations and many high-ranking admirals were forced out of office for what became known as the Revolt of the Admirals. The program is free and open to the public. Call (734) 483-4030.

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

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN-VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PRESIDENTAL PRIMARY ELECTION-TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren-Van Buren School District that a Presidential Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

REPUBLICAN BALLOT-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND BALLOT PROPOSAL

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND BALLOT PROPOSAL

NO PARTY DECLARATION BALLOT-(PROPOSAL ONLY) RENEWAL OF WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE (REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF THE 0.2 MILL ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS FROM 2022 THROUGH 2031)

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats' can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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Posted: 2-20-2020

Community Chorus sets 'Quarter Mania w/Stacy' fund raiser

The Belleville Community Chorus is bringing the "Quarter Mania w/Stacy" to town for a fund raiser on Thursday, March 20, at the Belleville Moose at 45476 Harris Rd., Sumpter Township.

Registration is from 6 to 7 p.m. Entry fee is $10. Fun gaming and auctions start at 7 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older.

Participants can win prizes and help the local chorus raise funds needed to continue to bring their performances to the tri-community.

For more information, see QuarterMania. Stacy on Face Book, Instagram or Twitter.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 447 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 9:
0011 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0204 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr. / Hoeft Rd.
1123 – malicious destruction of property, Huron River Dr.
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1446 – 911 welfare check, S. Timberview Dr.
1541 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1549 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – shooting, Springwood Blvd.
1631 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1703 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1738 – domestic, Beckley Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1811 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1942 – civil matter, Hannan Rd.
1952 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
2305 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Forestdale Dr.

Monday, Feb. 10:
0412 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
0428 – parking complaint, Arlene Ln.
0440 – parking complaint, Belmont Dr.
0505 – parking complaint, Winding Pond Trl.
0826 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
0902 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0937 – disorderly, Bog Rd.
1011 – larceny from auto, Water's Edge Ln.
1025 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1132 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1138 – animal complaint, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1212 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1314 – property damage accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
1344 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1348 – fraud, N. Cumberland Dr.
1450 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1740 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1838 – civil matter, N. Cumberland Dr.
1842 – civil matter, Purple Safe Ct.
1915 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
2001 – assist other dept., E I-94/Haggerty Rd.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
2344 – breaking & entering, Rogers Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0028 – noise complaint, Lauren Ct.
0833 – juvenile complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
1019 – fraud, Lacy Dr.
1105 – suicidal person, Purple Sage Ct.
1125 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1207 – 911 welfare check, Winchester St.
1238 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1446 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
1707 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1958 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:
0834 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0916 – 911 welfare check, Lohr Rd.
1009 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1257 – threat, Evelyn Ct.
1432 – fraud, Wildbrook Dr.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman
1516 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1558 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1604 – juvenile complaint, Ayres Ave.
1642 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.
1824 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1854 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2122 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, DNR boat launch/ Rawsonville
2324 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 13:
0114 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
0543 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury/Denton
0743 – traffic offense, N. Sadie Ln./Anna Dr.
0823 – traffic offense, Pine Dr.
0835 – assist citizen, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0914 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1158 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1300 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1351 – follow up by officer, Parkwood Dr.
1402 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1541 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1658 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Snow
1659 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairbanks St.
1720 – assist other dept., Bayshore Dr.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty
1942 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1943 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
2150 – 911 welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
2206 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2323 – disorderly, W. Archwood Dr.
2331 – animal complaint, Gilmore St.

Friday, Feb. 14:
0020 – mental subject, W. Archwood Dr.
0037 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0706 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94 Belleville ramp
0819 – property damage accident, Beck/Van Born
0924 – parking complaint, Hamilton Ct.
0927 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.
0937 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1005 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
1017 – ordinance violation, Hoeft Rd.
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1243 – missing person, Hoeft Rd.
1446 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Grove
1500 – breaking & entering, S. Bellridge Dr.
1514 – dumping complaint, Water's Edge Ln.
1632 – missing person, Cambridge Ct.
1706 – fraud, Bemis Rd.
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenwood Dr.
1813 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 15:
0155 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0438 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0807 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – abandoned auto, Kent Ln.
1413 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1511 – trespassing, Edgedale Dr.
1617 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1733 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1949 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
2031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Tyler
2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak ln.
2146 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2153 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.
2207 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Also on this week's log are 188 traffic stops, which includes 67 stops on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:
0008 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0015 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis

Monday, Feb. 10:
0910 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0911 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1041 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1148 – property damage accident, Potter Dr. / E. Huron River Dr.
2235 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil

Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0048 – suicidal person, N. Edgemont Ave.
0148 – parking complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0640 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr./Potter
0909 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1825 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
2024 – repossession, N. Liberty St.
2134 – vehicle lock out, Loza Ln.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:
1055 – property check, Main St.
1125 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
2035 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 13:
0709 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0743 – traffic offense, Davis/South
1349 – follow up by officer, Grove
1439 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1529 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1647 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2117 – 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Feb. 14:
0036 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
0514 – suspicious person/vehicle, Biggs Ave.
1132 – assist other dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.
1352 – threat, Main St.
1459 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1513 – personal injury accident, Main St.
1820 – operating while intoxicated, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1855 – warrant arrest, Hogback
2025 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave.
2127 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, Feb. 15:
0002 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
0911 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1334 – traffic offense, Wendy's
1442 – traffic offense, Culver's
1958 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
2344 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week's log are 18 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:
0045 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0156 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Bemis
0646 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
1341 – abandoned vehicle, Harris/Martinsville
1432 – fire dept. assist, Pecan St.
1547 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1556 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1600 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1619 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1813 – assist other agency, out of township
2057 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville

Monday, Feb. 10:
0518 – suspicious person, Third St.
0648 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0900 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1020 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1044 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1148 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1156 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
1431 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1436 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1830 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2233 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0212 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0546 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
0910 – L3504-Detail-SU, 51000 Arkona Rd.
0925 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
0939 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1245 – fraud complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1358 – warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln. / Timberlane Dr.
1524 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1608 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1816 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1907 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2006 – property damage accident, 41000 bl. Judd

Wednesday, Feb. 12:
0926 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1038 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
1052 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1110 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1308 – follow up investigation, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2041 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 13:
0455 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Texas
0713 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0811 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0820 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1208 – assist other agency, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1242 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1425 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2120 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.

Friday, Feb. 14:
0131 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
0542 – suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
0831 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1239 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
1306 – identity theft complaint, 50000 bl. Willow
1955 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2324 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 15:
0345 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0351 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1109 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1331 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1507 – alarm, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1536 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.
1954 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2245 – warrant arrest pick up, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops, 29 patrol checks, and six miscellaneous details.

Council for the Arts to give public a ride to Purple Rose show

Members of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will provide transportation for those wishing to join them in a trip to the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea on Wednesday, March 4, to see an afternoon performance of "Roadsigns" by Jeff Daniels.

A bus ride leaving from the Van Buren Township Hall is available for those paying the per ticket price of $35. The bus will leave the township hall at 1:15 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show.

Those wishing to attend the performance will pay for a voucher that will be redeemed for a ticket at the box office. Vouchers may be purchased at Garden Fantasy on Main Street in Belleville or at the Van Buren Township Hall. Checks may be made payable to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Those wishing to ride the bus are advised to reserve a seat early.

"Roadsigns" is a lyrical new play by Jeff Daniels, directed by Guy Sanville. This is Daniels' 19th world-premier playing at the Purple Rose.

Seven passengers and their Greyhound bus driver form a connection as they travel from Missouri to Chicago in 1978. This nostalgic tale is filled with rich characters who dwell on the outskirts of life, each following a dream or hoping to bump into one.

Original music is by Jeff Daniels and Ben Daniels.

"Roadsigns" runs approximately 90 minutes. No intermission. The show is playing through March 14.

For more information call Barbara Miller at (734) 516-0025.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Feb. 20:** Boys' Varsity Swim & Dive vs. Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Feb. 21:** Girls' JV Basketball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 7 p.m.

Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."
– John Lennon

A Mardi Gras Farewell
to the Fred C. Fischer Library

Join us in the old building Friday, February 21, 6 pm

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 20 –** "Mr. Brown Goes to Washington" is the program at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., Belleville. Pizza is served at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m. Members enter free; non-members pay $5 each. Douglas Brown, retired curriculum director at the Van Buren Public Schools, was in the service during WWII and worked as a photographer, taking pictures of President Harry Truman. He tells his story in words and pictures.

• **Friday, Feb. 21 –** You're invited to help bid the Fred C. Fischer Library a fond farewell before it is demolished. This all-ages Mardi Gras party begins at 6 p.m. and will feature food, fun, and a New Orleans-style jazz band, the Cross Town Horn Band, playing a Farewell Dixieland Concert.

• **Saturday, Feb. 22 –** Blood Drive at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk ins are welcomed or call 800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767). Sponsor Code: stpaullutheran

• **Sunday, Feb. 23 –** Sunday Music from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. This week it's Southern Express.

• **Monday, Feb. 24 –** Scheduled soft opening of the new Belleville Area District Library – may be delayed.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, Oddy. Swinson and LaPorte. Clerk E. Hurst excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 12 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the warrant total of $1,679,950.71. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, Oddy. Swinson and LaPorte. Clerk E. Hurst excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

• Parks & Recreation Meeting not attended

• No Chamber news

• Sumpter Fest activities and events scheduling underway for 2020

• 2020 dates being set for other functions (i.e. Easter Egg Hunt, etc.)

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

• Zoning Board of Appeals conducted January 23, 2020 for nonuse variance approval

• Planning Commission scheduled for February 13, 2020 to consider a special exemption for an outdoor recreation area.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

• Many Thanks to ALL for supporting the Seniors program throughout the year especially……The Sumpter Township Board, the Sumpter residents and Volunteers.

• Over 100 people attended this year's Seniors' Christmas Party. An extra special thanks to Karen Mickens, Margaret Rochon, Dee Patterson, Beverly Powell, & Lettie Sanders for coordinating and serving all the delicious food.

• The RSVP Sock collection that we participated in collected over 9,800 socks and distributed to 13 different agencies serving men, women and children throughout Wayne County.

• The Annual Black History Celebration will be February 28th and all are welcome. There will be a $5 entrance fee. Please keep an eye on our Township Website for more details.

• On a side note, our Township Hall Christmas Tree collected a TREE-FULL of gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and more for our Township residents in need. Thank you to all who donated for the cause!

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Senior report as presented by Deputy Clerk Burdick. Motion carried.

10. Board Response: No Board Comments/ Response.

• Treasurer Bednark requested that those candidates being considered for appointments considerations to commissions and boards for the township be preceded with a resume or bio so that he's familiar with the candidate before being asked to vote on the consideration.

• Treasurer Bednark asked if there had been any follow up on past inquiries on DPW trucks use by employees and how this was monitored. Bednark requested a report from DPW Supervisor Kunka.

• Treasurer Bednark reminded all township management that performance evaluations were directed for each employee in the township.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the annual contribution to the Belleville Area Museum of $10,000. Motion carried

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve additional work by PSLZ, Cari Ford, for the Futernick lawsuit. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve renewal of employee's medical insurance plan through Burnham & Flower with a premium cost of $362,915.52. Motion carried.

D. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the final balance payment to WAM Construction in the amount of $9,977. for the addition to the Parks & Recreation Building, per final inspection.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the purchase of the Miscellaneous Receivables Module in BS&A for $4,064. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the funding of the Other Post- Employment Benefits liability of $161,085. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution # 02-2020 regarding parks millage funding allocations for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of $11,184. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Bednark, supported by Rush to modify Resolution # 2020-03, identify (1) Township Board position salary per resolution and approve Resolution #'s 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05 and 2020-06 confirming 2019 established Township Board Salaries. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

• Trustee Rush advised that the new SkyWarn training will be provided beginning the end of March, 2020 and that Huron Twp First Responders will be attending.

13. Open Floor: One (1) person spoke.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
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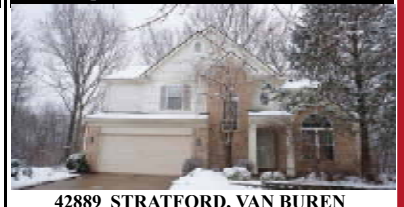

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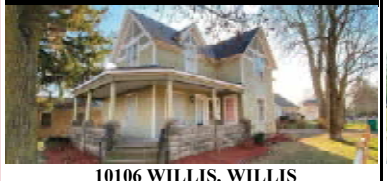

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