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School Board president endorses Supt. Kudlak's closing decisions

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

"I support your decision on school closings," said Van Buren Public Schools board president Keith Johnston at Monday's regular meeting, addressing School Superintendent Pete Kudlak. "You took a lot of heat."

President Johnston said he would rather have Supt. Kudlak err on the side of caution in closing the schools on dangerously cold and icy days.

"You did the right thing," Johnston said.

Supt. Kudlak told the board that earlier that day he hit the "submit" button to get waivers from the state for three of the "snow days" that were added to the six that are allowed by law.

The Van Buren Public Schools had a total

of 11 "snow days" so far this school year, so there are still two to make up.

Supt. Kudlak said by law, schools have to have at least 180 days with at least 1,098 hours of instruction. If the state decides to allow either 180 days or 1,098 hours, the Van Buren district could have longer days in the coming months to make up the time.

Or, districts could have the 180 instructional days requirement waived if legislation is introduced, makes it to the governor's desk and is signed.

In a related report, Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said two school maintenance workers were out very early on Feb. 21 to layer kitty litter on the slick rural roadways leading up to railroad crossings to provide traction for buses in Sumpter and Van Buren townships, when they saw a flashing light.

Workers Joey Weick and Shelia Weginenka said they investigated and found an elderly man had slipped in his driveway and was on the ground.

They helped him up and got him back into his home. They asked if there was anything they could do for him and he asked them to get his mail, which they did. The incident was in the 14000 block of Elwell Road.

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

- Approved the second, and final, reading of a board policy update recommended to #6146 by Thrun Law Firm, to comply with IRS guidance;

- Heard reports by board members Susan Featheringill, Darlene Loyer Gerick, Amy Pierce, and Calvin Hawkins on board member certification classes they took at the Michigan Association of School Boards' Winter Institute at the Detroit Marriott hotel, Feb. 8-10;

- Approved hiring Kevin Danner as a Belleville High School custodian as of Feb. 11;

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Photo courtesy of Joseph Brodie
 Belleville High School student Katherine Dybicki is a State qualifier in bowling and will compete Saturday, March 2, at Thunderbowl Lanes.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Williams

The Belleville High School Varsity Wrestling team competed at regionals in mid February and wrestlers placing fourth or better moved onto the state finals which will be at Ford Field on March 1-2. Blake Williams and Jaden Rice are both state qualifiers and will be representing BHS and the wrestling team at Ford Field. This will be both wrestlers' second year in state competition. Blake, at left, is a sophomore and Jaden is a senior.



Photo courtesy of Joseph Brodie

Belleville High School athletes participated in the KLAA Special Olympics Basketball tournament on Feb. 21 at Novi High School – and won. From left are team members Truman Gordon, Aiden Young, Hunter Combs, Shamar Caddell-Odom, Corey Cushing, and Malik Hister. Not pictured is Antonio McIntosh.

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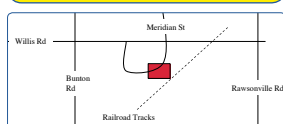
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Environmental Commission gets details on Feb. 28 workshop

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Feb. 20, the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission received details on the Feb. 28 Lake Workshop that will be held at 6 p.m. in the newly refurbished township board meeting room.

Public Services Director Matthew Best said letters have been sent out to lakeside residents and an advertisement was placed in the Independent to announce the meeting.

Director Best said the doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and an opportunity to visit stations in the Otisville-Sheldon room will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. He said lake contractors, VBT staff members, and State of Michigan Inland Lakes and Streams staff will be at tables for one-on-one meetings with residents. They will not be able to get into specific issues about properties, Best said.

"We are not promoting one contractor over another," he said.

At 7 p.m., Best will give a short presentation, explaining that if a resident is going to do a lakeshore project, this is what you have to do. He will explain the lake letter from the township, the state permit, and federal permit.

"We will outline what you're allowed to do with and without a permit, and the basics of a state permit, and when you need

to get involved with professional people."

He said they will also talk about the FERC (Federal Energy Regulation Commission) permit, what Bayshore had to do to get a 99-year lease for a marina and what triggers that.

"We're not going to get in specifics of the lake draw down because we don't have the specifics," Best said, noting he is waiting to hear from the operators of the dam on their permit for a draw down.

"I'll give them what I have on drawdowns, PFAs," he said.

"We'll try not to turn it into a complaint session," Best said. He said there will be a half hour set aside for questions and answers on permits and what can be done.

Best said if someone asks, "I have a boathouse and are you going to tear it down...?" we won't go there.

Best said the township just received permanent "Do Not Eat the Fish" signs from the state and there already are signs at the two state launches. The township will put them at French Landing, Van Buren Park, Sandy's Marina, and other locations.

At the meeting, the township will have staff taking down questions and they will get the answers. The Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the township website. The presentation will be placed there, too, he said.

"Depending on how long it goes, people can mill around. We want to make sure

everyone has the opportunity to be heard," Best said.

Best also said a table will be set up so volunteers can sign up for the lake draw down and other projects. That will put them on an email list for information on the lake draw down.

Members of the Environmental Commission said they are planning to attend the meeting.

Commission chairman David Brownlee said even if you live in the City of Belleville, you have to apply to VBT to build a boat house, anything with a roof, or a seawall. He said those building on the shore need a lake letter from VBT because the MDEQ requires it.

He also said a permit is required to remove trees embedded in the sand in the lake.

Best said he will answer milfoil questions if they come up. He noted the township did not get the milfoil removal grant they applied for. The township was not selected in the first round and, "We're probably not going to get it."

He said the MDNR and DEQ authorize chemicals to kill species-specific plants and they have to be applied legally.

Best said he will touch on the coal tar ordinance, so everyone will be aware of it. He said he got a call earlier that day from Charlotte and spent 20 minutes on the phone discussing the coal tar program.

"It's a big plus to protect our waters," Best said.

In other business at the 59-minute meeting, the commission:

- Heard Best say the fire at the Waste Management landfill at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, was apparently from a hot load. He said sometimes people put coals from a fire into the trash and it can smolder and cause a fire at the dump. He said the fire was on the Van Buren side of the dump and Canton Fire Department gave mutual aid. He said he got his information from the Waste Management representative who attended the township board meeting the previous evening;

- Heard Best announce the EPA had just released an Action Plan on PFAs. He said he would send the 63-page plan to commission members by email; and

- Heard Brownlee say he had planned to have Dan Brown from the Huron River Watershed Council come to that evening's meeting to educate the commission on PFAs and the current status in the Huron River watershed. Brownlee said Brown first was booked for the February meeting, then it was postponed until March, and now he is scheduled to attend the April 17 meeting. "He's a very busy person," Brownlee said.

Van Buren Twp. board votes 5-2 for renovations to private dance studio

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Feb. 19, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved, on a 5-2 vote, spending \$162,000 to upgrade the private dance studio at township hall and the area around it.

It wasn't easy getting to this vote and approval. Two weeks earlier the contract for the project was put off for two weeks because of questions board members had.

Then, at the Feb. 19 work/study session at 4 p.m. before the 7 p.m. regular meeting, board members said they didn't get their questions answered and Supervisor Kevin McNamara agreed to take the contract off the meeting agenda at 7 p.m. for another two weeks.

But, at the regular meeting the item was still on the agenda and one of the board members that had opposed the construction, now was in favor, so it was kept on the agenda and the vote passed.

At the work/study session Supervisor McNamara said to the board, "Whatever you decide, I'm OK."

He explained that \$40,000 was spent on architectural engineering on this line item.

\$65,000 was targeted for the dance studio and \$55,000 to enlarge the foyer so the parents of the dance studio students would have a better waiting area and not have to sit on the floor in the hallway, the way they do now.

He said these needs were pointed out by a space needs study. He said the work in the foyer would change the location of the Recreation Center counter so there is a better view of the door.

When there were questions about the \$7,500 being spent for the Jitterbug Elite dance studio new built-in trophy case, McNamara said he had no problem with removing that or the \$2,400 bench for the parents. But, when it got to the final vote the trophy case and bench were still a part of the project.

Voting no against the project at the regular meeting were Trustees Paul White and Reggie Miller.

Trustee White was troubled by the unwritten agreement, just discovered, that allowed dance class owner Jennifer Valinski to keep 80% of the business income, while 20% went to the township. McNamara said that would be changed to

60-40, but White wanted to see that in a signed contract. It was learned Valinski had given the township about \$1,700 a year for the past 16 years. Later he pointed out changing the percentage will mean a hefty hike in payment for the studio and she might not agree.

Trustee Miller was concerned about the procedure. She said after the Feb. 4 work/study session, McNamara said the project was dead and wouldn't be coming back, so she submitted no questions because she thought it was no longer coming to the board.

McNamara had said three board members told him they were against it so he thought it had no support. Later, in discussions, Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Kevin Martin, who the supervisor referred to as being against bringing the item back, both publicly stated that they did not tell him they were against it.

"I don't know where in creation you thought we were against it," Clerk Wright said to McNamara. "You didn't hear me say that."

"I'm not going to talk about it any more," McNamara said.

McNamara brought it back to the work/study session and then, after getting consensus to take it off the regular agenda that night, left it on the agenda, which led to the vote.

Public Services Director Matthew Best, who presented the details to the board, at first told of building a "fancy floor" for the dance business, along with mirrors on the walls and bars for the students. He said the waiting area for the parents of the students needed to be enlarged so they wouldn't have to sit on the floor.

Valinski told the board she has a very small storage area so this new storage area planned for her would be a great help. She complained about the floor being uneven and dangerous for students and that she still wouldn't have enough room.

Best said the built-in trophy case would allow her to display the dance trophies in a better way, since now they are in a display case near the door to her studio, which takes up space. He said the fabric on the studio wall that looks like glass tears around the edges and mirrors will be an improvement.

At the Feb. 19 work/study session, he

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Nasty 'R' word announced in Sumpter Township

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustee, former township Treasurer Peggy Morgan asked the residents to do themselves a favor and send a letter to Supervisor John Morgan and Trustee Matthew Oddy to resign.

"We have a very large committee to do a recall on Supervisor Morgan and Matt Oddy," Peggy Morgan said.

Ronald Barrington Robinson also spoke to the board on Tuesday about the lack of faith people have in this board.

He demanded the resignation of Clerk Esther Hurst, Supervisor John Morgan, and Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis. Robinson, who has taken a township ordinance conviction to circuit court to appeal, said the township was targeting him for daring to run for office against current board members during past elections.

"In this township, many people are saying it is in free-fall," he said. "They have no faith in those public officials that are supposed to be our stewards of our finances, of our hopes and dreams, truths, but are nowhere to be seen."

After the meeting, Peggy Morgan said, "Residents are going to take the township back, one way or another."

Another recall election coming to Sumpter? Recalls tear communities apart and already residents are calling out nasty comments against fellow residents during meetings. Buckle down. It's going to be a long, bumpy ride in Sumpter Township.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Although the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission decided not to give any money to support the Missoula Children's Theatre this spring, organizer Barbara Miller says not to worry. The theatre presentation will find a home and there are other groups and individuals who are willing to support this wonderful children's project.

The huge crowd that turned out for free dental care at Edgemont Elementary School on Sunday took everyone's breath away. It was put on by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and many volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, and other volunteers.

"The pastor (Nathaniel Oregon) and everyone there were fantastic," said Jo Ann Gardner of the Belleville Lions Club. The Lions were there with an eye doctor offering his services for more than seven hours.

"They had more people than they could handle at the dental services," she said, noting the setup was awesome and almost flawless. She said the 12 dental chairs were set up along with the hygienist stations.

Another Lion, Gary Marshall, said he was astounded at how much need there is in this community. He said early on, the parking lot at Edgemont Elementary School was packed with vehicles.

The event ran from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by 7 a.m. people were already lining up.

They are planning to bring the event back again next year.

At my son's weather station on Haggerty Road in southern Van Buren Township, the Sunday high wind was 31 mph with a gust of 47 mph. This was a lot lower than the warnings for the week end.



A reader had come in to ask about all the dogs that came into Willow Run Airport on Valentine's Day. We didn't know what that was all about, but in Sunday's *Detroit Free Press* there was a story explaining that 91 small dogs were brought to Michigan from Fresno, CA, because they were in an overcrowded shelter and fated for euthanasia.

The *Free Press* story said the issue of too many Chihuahuas in California shelters goes back as far as 10 years ago when the Associated Press reported that experts blamed pop-culture fans imitating celebrities seen toting small dogs in public. Many Chihuahuas were abandoned and even in 2009 the little dogs were transported by air to other states for adoption.

Apparently, there is a shortage of little dogs in Michigan, so these dogs, many two years old or younger, are being eagerly adopted from the various rescue organizations that are a part of the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

Marcy LaFramboise at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter said they would have taken some to adopt out, too, but they didn't know anything about it. She said they found out about the Chihuahuas when someone called to inquire about them.

We know FMAR helps with rescues from out of state because they have done so in the past. My son Bill's dog, Bruno, was rescued from a hurricane in Texas and put into our family by FMAR.

A very upset woman called us Monday morning to say she wants to help set up a place where young people can hang out and talk to adults. She said she read about an 8 year old who committed suicide. She wants to help youngsters who need someone to talk to. Often, children will tell strangers about what's bothering them when they won't tell their own mothers and fathers, she said.

The woman said she's been told counselors at the schools aren't doing anything and don't want to be bothered. Latch key kids are home alone and could be targets of trouble-makers. She said parents spend more time on what new car to buy than which daycare they leave their kids in.

The woman said she would help staff a place, if a location could be found locally, for kids to come hang out and talk. She thinks this could save youngsters lives. She said the whole thing is so urgent and something must be done to save our kids.

A reader from Sumpter Township said she got a scam call from Hudson, FL and the man said her computer was messed up and he needed to go in to fix it. "Don't let them," she warned. "I did and I was hacked that way."



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Letters

What other special privileges do they get?

To the editor:

I am writing about the renovations of \$162k to the Jitterbug Dance Studio which is privately run by Jennifer Valinski. This is a FOR-PROFIT business being run out of the township building.

For the last 16 years Mrs. Valinski has enjoyed 80% of the profits paying only \$1,700 per year to the township? That \$1,700 includes space, all utilities, parking, advertising, etc.? That's roughly \$140 per month.

She gets this special treatment because -- her husband works for the VBT police department? Does she pay for a C of O? Inspections? Renewals? Can the public use that space at all if she is there five days a week?

I run a business myself and pay a hefty monthly rent PLUS all of my utilities. I also have to endure bi-annual inspections and fees related to that. I hold a pricey insurance policy for my business. I live in VBT, but decided to keep my business in a neighboring community because of the pile of nonsense they put you through just to open your doors.

About 14 years ago I asked the township if I could use one of the rooms on a monthly basis for a 1-2 day workshop related to one of my businesses and was told that I could NOT hold a FOR-PROFIT workshop in the township building.

But Jennifer has a 16-year business being run out of the same building for next to nothing in costs AND now we, the taxpayers, are going to foot the \$162k bill to renovate the space she uses for profit?

I'm sick and tired of the double standards in this township. This is no different than Driver's Advantage operating out of the Sumpter Road Fire Department for \$10 until they were called out on it. Now, Driver's Advantage operates their business out of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce building on a regular basis. And they get to do this because the owner is/was a VBT police officer?

And a while back, because someone at the township liked a particular book, the author was allowed to do a book signing WITH purchase of the book at the township building.

Must be nice to run your business any place you want practically without costs just because you or your spouse works for VBT. What other special privileges do township workers/spouses get that we don't even know about?

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Neighbor responds to letter to editor

To the editor:

This is to Greg and Peg Jacobs.

We are aware of your published letter in the Feb. 21, 2019 issue of the Belleville Independent. We are wondering if we should landscape our 2.5-acre lot like your subdivision lot which backs up to our property? Should we cut down all the mature trees to our extreme rear lot line, which backs up to the creek leading to Belleville Lake?

Should we ask the residents of Van Buren Township what they think of your addition of hundreds of yards of topsoil which could eventually fill in the creek? Should we ask them, by publishing your address on Harmony Lane? Is your yard the reality for Belleville Lake?

Unfortunately, if we don't like the view of your home, we cannot close our "armored" shutters, like the ones on your property. We can only wait until the trees bloom in full to escape the view of your over-landscaped yard.

Sincerely,

Your Concerned Neighbor

P.S. We have lived here 34 years, paid our taxes, and like our fellow Americans, believe we have the right to enjoy our property.

'Understanding Your Rights' on April 10

To the editor:

"Understanding Your Rights," Part I
 Attention: Citizens of Sumpter Township,

Did you know that the First Amendment is for the citizens of the United States use and not for Legislators to "manage and control"? The "loudest" voice a citizen has and where and when to utilize it is your choice!

You will learn these things by attending the Understanding Your Rights meeting to be held Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township. This meeting is a family affair that would include the parents/guardian and children 12 years of age and up. As you know, your 12-year-old is very "savvy." And everyone needs to learn and practice the things to be covered April 10.

Dinner will be served immediately following the meeting!

A registration form is required and will be made available after Feb. 28 at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township, and the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township, with a return date of March 28. Sign and date both sides of form when recreation activities are involved. Otherwise sign reverse side only.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your family!

Jewel Butler, secretary
 Sevenfold Coalition Addressing
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More Letters

Trooper to speak to club on personal protection

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club will meet on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Hall on Sumpter and Harris Roads.

Speaking that evening on personal protection will be Michigan State Police Trooper Austin DeClarcq from the Metro South Post.

Dinner is \$12/person prepared by the Women of the Moose. Please let Sophia Zoller (734) 697-7379 know by noon on Friday, March 1, if you would like a reservation.

Janet Millard
Belleville Area Women's Club

Methodist Church has brand-new website

To the editor:

Belleville First United Methodist Church has a brand-new website! Check it out at <http://www.BellevilleFirstUMC.org>

Kelly Boelter
Sumpter Township

Belleville council directs attorney to write opt-out ordinance on marijuana

After a lengthy presentation on the law passed by Michigan voters on Nov. 6, the Belleville City Council directed city attorney Steve Hitchcock to prepare the needed ordinance so the council can vote to opt out of having marijuana businesses in the city.

At its Feb. 19 meeting, the council asked dozens of questions of Hitchcock concerning the law. He emphasized the voters approved recreational marijuana, so the ordinance they pass will only be about businesses. Hitchcock said although there were 100 words or less on the ballot, the statute approved is 21 pages.

Councilman Tom Fielder made the motion to authorize the attorney to draw up the ordinance and, "get this thing off the ground." The council unanimously passed the motion.

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Obituaries



Eileen Nadean
Lafferty-Titus

EILEEN NADEAN LAFFERTY-TITUS

(March 1, 1943 – February 16, 2019)

Age 76, of Belleville. Died unexpectedly at her residence, Saturday, February 16, 2019.

Eileen grew up in Ecorse, MI, with her surviving siblings, Marcella & Buddy (Bolla), Daniel & Gayle and Chuck & Maureen. The daughter of former Ecorse Fire Chief Charles W. Lafferty & Elspeth (Martin) Lafferty, she raised 4 children in Inkster, MI, and was blessed to add 2 more when she married her husband Delbert Gene Titus (who preceded her in death). She raised her family in Inkster, MI, and moved to Belleville, MI, where she has been a resident since 1996, taking great pride in the home she filled with laughter and yummy treats for all those who were fortunate enough to visit.

Eileen had previously worked for Family Neighborhood Services in Dearborn Heights, was the former Circulation Director for The Times Herald newspaper in Dearborn. She also served as the Treasurer of the Cherry Hill High School Board and was involved with the swim team and many other extracurricular activities for her kids. She has taken great pride in her gardens at every home in which she resided. Other hobbies include baking, reading, bicycle riding and fishing in the pond at her home.

Surviving are her six children, Kevin Reside (Deborah), Brian Lafferty-Reside (Cheryl), Tricia Adamen (Troy), Scott Lafferty-Reside, Derrick Titus (Donna) and Darrin Titus.

Grandchildren, Justine Hanrahan (Justin), Megan Reside, Katie Reside, Genevieve Reside, Samuel Reside, Calysta Taylor (Wylie), Barrett Lafferty-Reside (Christina), Blake Lafferty-Reside (Stephanie), Alyssabeth Lafferty-Reside (Rodolfo Gomez), Emily Gorkiewicz, Alicia Gorkiewicz (Alex Trout), Zachary Gorkiewicz (Shannon) Autumn Kazerski (Kenneth), Scottie Jr. Lafferty-Reside, Chase Lafferty-Reside, Daniel Titus, Michael Titus, Amanda Gober (Aaron) and Dalton (Jana). As well as many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. She will be buried with her late husband Delbert at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. A memorial celebrating her life will be planned later in the spring.

Thank you for keeping Eileen and her family in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in her memory to the MDA.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JEAN E. ORSKEY

(June 22, 1927 – October 25, 2018)

Age 91, of Belleville. Died peacefully at her residence on Thursday evening, October 25, 2018. Jean was the beloved wife of the late John (d. 2013).

A memorial service is set for Saturday, March 2, at First United Methodist Church in Belleville, starting at 10:30 a.m., with service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be made to the Methodist Church Food Bank.

ROMA P. WESOLOWSKI

Age 90, of Sumpter Township, died at her residence on February 21, 2019. Cremation was held with no services planned at this time. Survived by son Brian, daughter Kathryn Kane, and three grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Rita Arlene Rozell

RITA ARLENE ROZELL

(October 29, 1952 – February 25, 2019)

Mrs. Rita Arlene Rozell passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of February 25, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family.

Her family will receive friends for visitation at Morgan Funeral Chapel, Attalla, AL, on Wednesday, February 27 from 5 to 7 P.M. Funeral service will be held on Thursday at the funeral home at 12 Noon. Graveside service and interment will follow at Steele Cemetery. Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory directing. Mrs. Rozell was a longtime resident of Steele where she was active in the local Community Center, and a member of Flow Church in Ashville. Rita was an animal lover (especially cats and dogs), a Camaro and VW enthusiast, and a longtime member of the YAF (keeping WWII planes flying). In her youth she was a talented violin player, and later on she retired as a school bus driver after twenty years.

Rita leaves behind: husband Larry Wayne Rozell of Steele, AL; sons David Wayne Rozell of Salamanca, NY, and Steven Paul Rozell of Steele, AL; daughters Teresa Maye Rozell-Padrone of Cleburne, TX, and Julie Elizabeth Rozell of Dahlonga, GA; her mother Loretta Name of Weldon, IA; sister Grace Elsberry of Des Moines, IA; brothers Randy Name of Weldon, IA, Robbie Name of Weldon, IA, and Ted Name of San Leandro, CA; and sisters Polly Welsch of Anaheim, CA, and sister Josie Merick of Marion, IA.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Upcoming Meetings

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

• Tuesday, March 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 12 – September Days Senior Center, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. This is a state-required informational meeting. Also, Sumpter Township workshop with budget hearing at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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shifted his presentation away from how nice it will make the dance studio to this work being essential to starting renovations of the township hall which is more than 20 years old. The foyer by the door to the recreation department was needed as a new entry to the renovated recreation area which could possibly be enlarged in the future.

In the half hour between the Feb. 19 work/study session and the regular meeting, Best took a group of people down the hall from the meeting room to the dance studio area to show them the situation. Included in the group were Trustees Frazier, Martin, and White. He showed them the walls that needed to be moved and the floor that needed replacement.

When the *Independent* asked Recreation Director Jennifer Wright about her recreation department storage room that is being eliminated by the wall movement, she said she will be able to store her items offsite in a township warehouse.

Trustee Frazier explained her change from being against the project to being for it.

"We had a work/study session with a lot of questions and I'm disappointed we didn't get answers from the directors," Frazier said, adding, "I'm sorry if I offended the director here. We had legitimate questions."

"However, after going outside and getting some fresh air, I thought about the contract

with Cross Renovations and how they may not keep their bid in the same way as proposed now. So, I changed my mind.

"I was never against enlarging the reception area," she said, adding it would help in moving people in and out. And, if the township puts on an addition there in the future, it certainly would be an asset.

"I certainly want to see other classes use it," she said, naming Jazzercise, karate, and yoga.

Trustee White said he thinks the reason Frazier changed her mind was because Best told the people in the hall that the contract quote that was offered in September was likely not to be available in two more weeks.

"I think it intimidated some people ... I don't like being pushed like that ... intimidating trustees," White said. "I find it very disappointing and objectionable."

"I certainly am not a person who intimidates easily," Frazier said, pointing to her 40 years in real estate. "Believe me, I am not intimidated by Matt Best. Sorry, Matt."

Trustee Miller went back over the events that led up to approval of the projects. She said she talked to the supervisor the previous week and he said he had a consensus.

"I thought it was done," McNamara cut in.

"You told me, 'I'm not dealing with this any more' and on Sunday I see it on the agenda because we have two board

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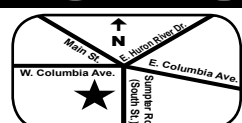
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members who insisted it be back on the agenda," Miller said. "You said all your questions will bring forward answers and paperwork from Matt Best will be at the work study."

She said that Presidents' Day pushed the work/study and regular meeting to be both on one night. There was a consensus this was to be pulled from the agenda. Matt Best took people down the hall.

Miller said she wanted to consider this and vote on this in the right way. She said everything has to be rushed and people were told "we're going to lose the contract," which she has heard many times during her years on the board.

"I'm really disappointed in this board and the trust we built is compromised," she said.

"I agree 100% with Trustee Miller," White said.

"I agree with Trustee Miller that the process was not handled correctly ... and I think it should move forward," said Frazier. "I'm tired of talking about it."

"I apologize to you," McNamara said. "I thought it was a consensus of no ... This place is falling apart and looks like crap ... Whatever the board told me to do, I'll do."

"I really don't have a dog in this fight. I didn't try to fool you. It was an accident ... This sets the stage for what the floor and walls will look like."

"In 2022 when the fire station is paid off, the board may build a recreation building. I'm sorry things went down the way it did," McNamara said.

In other business at the Feb. 19 regular meeting, the board:

- Approved a resolution honoring the late Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr. It will be read at the March 5 meeting and McNamara said he hopes someone from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office could be present to accept it;

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Court Watching:**Joshua Sauter bound over on charge he stabbed a coffee table**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Joshua Arthur Sauter, 41, came before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on Feb. 13 with six cases against him.

He was delivered to the court from the Wayne County Jail where he was being held. Sitting with Sauter at the table in the courtroom were his attorney James Kelly and Sauter's stepfather, who is also an attorney.

Judge Parrott said there were two civil

infractions and two misdemeanor cases, besides the two felony cases and he wanted to take of the four lesser charges first.

Sauter agreed to plead guilty to a "driving while license suspended" charge and Judge Parrott dismissed the "no authorized license on person." Sauter was credited with time-served and that case was closed. He also pled guilty to an Aug. 14 charge in Van Buren Township of operating a motor vehicle while license suspended. The other two cases were dismissed.

After Judge Parrott took a brief break to look through a thick file, he returned and defense attorney Kelly waived a preliminary exam on a felony charge of larceny by conversion, between \$1,000

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• Approved the application of the Belleville Yacht Club for its July 4th fireworks. "I'm jealous of how they do

such a great job," said McNamara of the BYC. "They do a wonderful job";

• Approved the lease agreement with SMART for a 2019 Eldorado Elite 290 bus for the senior department. The township gets the new bus for seven years without

charge, except for maintenance, and then is eligible to get another free bus for another seven years. They've been waiting for two years for the award of the bus. It should be here in eight to nine weeks, according to McNamara;

• Approved the first reading of an ordinance to establish the Construction Board of Appeals. The township already has such a board which is required by the state, but this ordinance puts in place the local regulations as to number on the board and length of terms;

• Approved the first reading of an amendment to the ordinance concerning fireworks, changing the VBT law to comply with new state law. Now violation is a civil infraction with a fine up to \$1,000 and it states the new list of days fireworks are allowed. McNamara asked the clerk's office to make the ad in the Independent bigger than usual so people will see it. It also will be on the Facebook page, Public Safety site, and Municode. Frazier asked that it be placed on the community webpage, as well, and Lt. Charles Bazy, who presented the amendment, said that will be done;

• Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Carol Bird and Mark Laginess to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2023;

• Approved the revised 2019 Board of Trustees meeting schedule; and

• Heard Best say 512 letters had been sent out to alert people to the lakeside informational meeting on Feb. 28.

Chamber of Commerce presents Tri-Community Update on March 27

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will present a Tri-Community Update at its member luncheon meeting on March 27 at Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon. Cost is \$20 per plate before the luncheon and \$25 at the door.

Speakers will be Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis.

Special guest speaker will be Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak.

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The Yankee Air Museum itself is the subject storyline for the next Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. at the museum. Titled Yankee Air Museum, an Extraordinary Story, will be presented by Barry Levine, covering topics like the museum startup in 1981, the fire in 2004, and the rebuild and relocation efforts to bring the museum to its future home at the former Willow Run Bomber Plant. The event is free and open to the public. Signed copies of Levine's book will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

Gene & Son Used Tire Sales and Service is now open at 658 East Huron River Drive in Belleville. Right now, there are tire sizes from 14s to 19s and also sets of four and the prices include installation. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 502-4017.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter have released their March schedule of meet-and-greet adoption events, including March 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pet Emporium in Ann Arbor; March 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Avenue across from the mall; and March 23, from 12-3 p.m. at Pet Valu in Milan. Tickets are also available for the annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Progressive Hall in Romulus. For details, visit www.fmar1.org and call (734) 461-9458.

The Belleville High School Jazz Band Spaghetti Fundraiser is this Saturday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the BHS Commons area. The cost is \$10 per person. There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and desserts. The jazz band will be performing.

All the best to BHS bowler Katherine Dybicki and her trip to the individual state finals this Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes

in Allen Park. Belleville wrestlers Jaden Rice (285-pound weight class) and Blake Williams (160) return to the Individual State Wrestling Finals, starting tomorrow at Ford Field. Good luck Tigers!

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation fund raiser is tomorrow evening, March 1, beginning with registration at 7 p.m. and bowling at 8 p.m. at Lodge Lanes. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. There will also be raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and a cash bar. Call (734) 697-7151.

The Belleville Rotary Club's Fat Tuesday Italian Buffet is next Tuesday, March 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The buffet will feature pasta along with other Italian dishes. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger. The public is invited. Call (734) 699-8836.

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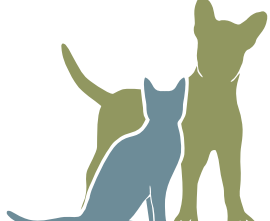
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- **Thursday, Feb. 28** – Give blood at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. All blood types are needed by the Red Cross. For more information or to make an appointment: RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- **Thursday, Feb. 28** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club invites

you to its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the dining hall of the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. All are welcome.

• **Friday, March 1** – You're invited to play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Friday, March 1** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation are holding a bowling fund raiser, with registration at 7 p.m. and bowling at 8 p.m. at Lodge Lanes, 46255 I-94 S. Service Dr. Cost is \$20 per person. Information: (734)

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• **Saturday, March 2** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Saturday, March 2** – Country Breakfast, all welcome, 8-11 a.m., Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr. Donations appreciated. Biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, ham, bologna, fried potatoes, eggs and fried apples.

• **Saturday, March 2** – Belleville High School Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner, 5-8 p.m. at BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

• **Sunday, March 3** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Albert Munis Band. For

information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, March 3** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Tuesday, March 5** – It's "Fat Tuesday" and the Belleville Rotary Club is presenting its annual Italian dinner buffet from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. This pre-Lenten meal will include soup, salads, and a pasta bar with several sauces. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Buy from any Rotarian or at the door. Carry-outs available.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 7:20 p.m. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 30 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Remove – I. Consider naming Associated Newspaper of Michigan as Sumpter Township's paper of record for the publication of legal notices.

Add – J. Consider holding the Community Center gym for the Missoula Children's Theater from May 13-18, 2019. Parks & Recreation to hold a special meeting to help funded the Missoula Children's Theater event. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 7:23 p.m. One (1) comment was received. Ended at 7:23 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2018. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Warrants totaling \$1,784,167.44. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: A. What can the Chamber do more for Sumpter Township and the businesses?

B. Turkey Shoot was a big success, thank you to all who helped.

C. Working on the Country Fest for 2019.

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

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Master Plan in the final stages

B. Two (2) public hearings will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019.

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

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. Black History Celebration will be held Friday, February 22nd at 1:00 pm, \$5.00 admission.

B. Available seats for the Piston game on March 28th. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

10. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Reviewing rubbish contract

B. District Library

C. Recreational marihuana opt-out being published

D. Blight ordinance at next meeting

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the

Attorney report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response:

A. Supervisor Morgan introduced the new building department clerk, Brad Wheelock.

B. Trustee Rush updated the Board on the Guardian Alarm contract.

C. Trustee Rush informed the citizens about the delays for Channel 12 public access.

D. Trustee LaPorte reviewed five (5) invoices from each department to make sure the proper procedures were being followed.

E. Trustee LaPorte told the citizens about the new software for firefighter used for renewing their State license.

F. Trustee Oddy wanted to know what options residents had if they are behind on their bills.

G. Treasurer Bednark asked if all Board members could setup a time to learn to utilize the new system.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve Resolution 2019-04 regarding Township of Sumpter 2019 Poverty Exemptions. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the yearly payment to Belleville Area Museum for \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the specialized services operating assistance program third-party contract between SMART and Sumpter Township for fiscal year 2019. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to appoint Kathie Steigerwald to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 12/17/2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: Rush and Bednark. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve the renewal of Blue Care Network (BCN) Healthcare Plan for Sumpter Township Employees and Board Members at an annual cost of \$326,120.40. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve JW2 Fire Consultants for the grant writing fee for the Fire department at a cost of \$3,354.00. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to appoint Helen Teall to the Board of Review, term to expire January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to accept Parks & Recreation recommendation of Krystal Tackett as an alternate member of the Commission. Background check has been completed. Motion carried.

I. REMOVED

J. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to hold the Community Center gym for the Missoula Children's Theater from May 13-18, 2019. Parks & Recreation to hold a special meeting to help funded the Missoula Children's Theater event. Motion carried.

13. Announcements: no comment

14. Open Floor: Four (4) people spoke

15. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township 2019-2020 Budget Public Hearing Notice

The Sumpter Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Clerk's Office.

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

Posted: February 27, 2019

Published: February 28, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 359 of 1947, (the Charter Township Act), notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will be considering the following ordinances at 7:00 p.m. on March 05, 2019 at their regular meeting:

1. Ordinance #02-19-19(1): AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS. An ordinance to amend sections 18.4 to 18.30 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to establish the construction board of appeals and specifically address membership of the board, the terms of the members, appeals to the board, hearings before the board, and variances from the requirements of the building code. These provisions are in accordance with the Stille-Derosset-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (Public Act 230 of 1972).

The complete text of the proposed ordinances are available at the Township Clerk's Office located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date of Publication: February 28, 2019

Court watching

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and \$20,000 in the City of Belleville on Dec. 28, 2017. Sauter is due to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. Feb. 20 for an arraignment on the information. Bond was set at \$10,000/10%.

The only case left to deal with was one count of assault with a deadly weapon, child abuse-4, and domestic violence on Dec. 26 in Van Buren Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Larry King called his only witness, Stephanie Cody, who testified that at 1 p.m., Dec. 26 the two were in their home in Trilogy Apartments in Van Buren Township with their one-year-old son.

She said they had been arguing and he was standing and she was on the couch.

"We had been arguing for 24 hours straight," she said, testifying that he threatened to kill her with the foot-long hunting knife he held in his hand.

She testified he threatened to stab her and watch her bleed. She said he then stabbed the table in front of her. Prosecutor King produced two pictures of the knife hole in the table, which were entered as Exhibits 1 and 2.

She said she felt her life was in danger.

Defense attorney King asked her why she didn't try to get away and she said when she tried to stand up he pushed her down multiple times. She said the table in front of the couch was about 2.5' x 4' in size.

She said he was off his bipolar medication, and she was afraid, "but didn't feel he would otherwise hurt me."

Prosecutor King asked if the situation wasn't that she was not typically afraid, but this time she was in fear of harm, and she agreed.

Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for the same time and date as the other charge that he waived an exam on: 9 a.m., Feb. 20, for his arraignment on the information.

On Feb. 20, Circuit Court Judge James Chylinski accepted Sauter's plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and the child abuse and domestic violence charges were dismissed. Sentencing will be March 7 on this charge and a motion hearing will be held on the larceny by conversion charge.

Kaitlyn Marie McDaniel

Kaitlyn Marie McDaniel, 18, pled guilty to larceny of more than \$200 but less than \$1,000 and the felony charge of uttering and publishing was dismissed. She was sentenced under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA), which will wipe the crime from her record after 12 months if she has no further violations.

McDaniels told Judge Parrott that she attempted to pass a \$380 bad check on Jan. 26 at Hayward's store in Belleville.

Judge Parrott sentenced her to take the court's economic crime class, spend eight days on the court work program and pay costs totaling \$845.

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5 Points Church in Romulus offers 13-week GriefShare program

Once again, the 5 Points Church will be offering a grief seminar/support group for all area residents. GriefShare is a 13-week program which will help anyone grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

GriefShare is a non-denominational program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Whether the bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, there are tools for coping with grief.

Meetings will take place on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 5 Points Church in Romulus at 37300 Goddard and Huron River Drive.

The series started Feb. 21 and will run through May 16. Participants may attend any or all meetings, although the most benefit is received through attending every meeting. Registration fee is \$15 which will include a journal/workbook.

Questions? Call (734) 941-1511.



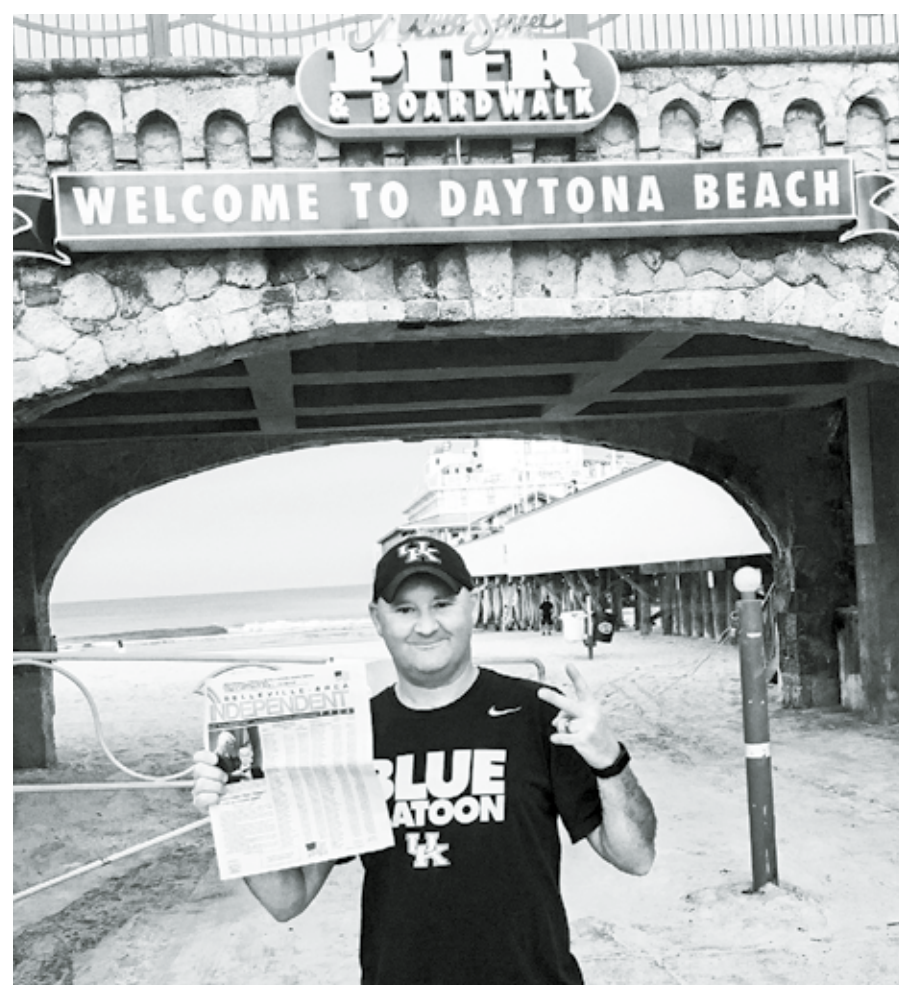
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Mark Humbarger of Belleville reads his *Independent* at Daytona Beach recently. You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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Court watching

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**Emily Schultz
Madison Smith**

Emily Schultz and Madison Smith pled guilty as charged and their cases were taken under advisement for a year under HYTA. After 12 months their convictions will be taken off the record.

They told Judge Parrott that one had been going through unlocked cars and the other was the lookout. They took \$700.

Their defense attorney Michael Vincent said he told them to bring the \$700 to court with them and they did for restitution in total.

They said on Nov. 30, 2017 in the City of Belleville one broke in or entered a 2007 Chrysler Town and Country motor vehicle and one was aiding and abetting.

They were each sentenced to eight days on the court work program and to take the court's economic crime class. Fine for each defendant was \$845.

"In 12 months this will be wiped off your records," Judge Parrott said. "Please comply and stay out of trouble."

Reid Faries Gorish

Reid Faries Gorish, 35, was brought to 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley's courtroom on Feb. 20 from the Wayne County Jail to face two charges of possession of narcotics or cocaine, less than 25 grams, in Van Buren Township.

He is jailed on a similar charge by the 36th District Court in Detroit.

Gorish told Judge Oakley that he had been in jail since Jan. 17, so the judge closed out a July 17 VBT case for time-served.

His court-appointed attorney Melonie Bates said her client wanted to waive the preliminary examinations on the two drug charges and Judge Oakley bound him over to Wayne County Circuit Court for arraignments on the information on Feb. 27.

Everett Lorenzo Ford, Jr.

Everett Lorenzo Ford, Jr., 34, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and unlawful use of a license plate on Jan. 23 in VBT. He is free on

\$10,000 personal recognizance bond. His court-appointed attorney is James Parker.

Judge Oakley bound Ford over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information March 6. Bond is continued.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.

THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

<i>Tuesday, March 5, 2019</i>	<i>4:30 PM Organizational Meeting</i>
<i>Monday, March 11, 2019</i>	<i>1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 13, 2019</i>	<i>9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments</i>

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 13, 2019 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.

Esther Hurst
Clerk

Posted: February 14, 2019

Publish: February 21st, February 28th, March 7th

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. EST on March 6, 2019**, for the Media Center Renovation Project at Owen Intermediate and McBride Middle Schools. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Owen Intermediate School Main Entrance, 45201 Owen Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111, on **February 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. EST.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, Michigan 48111. Attention: James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=542282812a5447a0bdc526c7734af35b>

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 13, 2019**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Cresa at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Publish: February 21, 2019; February 28, 2019



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, February 4, 2019

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Conley presented Mary Talaga with a plaque to honor her for serving as a school crossing guard at Edgemont Elementary School for 57 years. Although she has retired from that role, she plans to continue assisting in the school's cafeteria. Gary Bubar from AAA was present and made a statement as well as recognition in the form of a pin and other gifts.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger introduced 5 new firefighters.

Council follow up list

None

Citizen Comments

Nathaniel Oregon (Seventh-Day Adventist Church) made a statement regarding a free dental/vision/hearing clinic on February 24th at Edgemont Elementary School and programs in March on diabetes, depression, and anxiety management. A citizen inquired whether there would be a citywide spring cleanup this year.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the City Council meeting minutes from January 22nd as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY 2017/18 Audit Presentation

Jay Wilde, Alan C. Young & Associates, presented the FY 2017/18 audit results. The City received an unmodified opinion.

B. Citywide Yard Sale Dates

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 19-005** to hold the Citywide Yard Sale on September 7th and 8th, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 19-006**, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$390,862.40 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council recessed the regular meeting to go into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-007**, recess regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. and enter into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to return to open session at 8:38.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:39 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: February 19, 2019

Published: February 28, 2019

Robotics FIRST competition set for March 8, 9 at BHS

Belleville High School's robotics team is again hosting a FIRST Robotics District Event on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9.

This open-to-the-public event will take place in the BHS Main Gym, and admission is free.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Based in Manchester, New Hampshire, the not-for-profit public charity designs accessible, innovative programs that

motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills.

Their mission is to inspire young people to be leaders and innovators in science and technology by engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, inspire innovation, and foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

More than 460,000 students on over 3,000

teams participated in last year's event along with more than 230,000 mentors, coaches, judges, and volunteers in over 85 countries around the world. Two of the four teams which won last year's global championship were from Michigan.

This year, the State of Michigan itself has more than 500 teams, the most of any geographic region in the world.

The Belleville district event will feature 40 teams from across Southeast Michigan, including Team 6615 from BHS, the Belle Voxel Bots, who will compete for the district prize as well as for ranking points which will potentially earn them a berth in a state-wide competition to be hosted by Saginaw Valley State University.

The schedule for the Belleville events:

Thursday, March 7

- Pit set up starting at 5 p.m.

Friday, March 8

- Doors open at 8:00 am
- Opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.

• Match competition from 11 a.m. until approximately 7 p.m.

• Pits close at 8 p.m. (or one hour after last match of the day)

Saturday, March 9

- Doors open at 8 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies at 9 a.m.
- Match competition continues from 9:30 a.m. until about 1 p.m.
- Playoff rounds begin at about 2 p.m.
- Award presentation at about 5 p.m.
- Pits close at 6:30 p.m. (or one hour after completion of awards ceremony)

The Belleville team looks forward to seeing a large enthusiastic crowd representing the 39 visiting teams, and hopes that the residents of the Van Buren Public School District will also come out to cheer on the home team.

"You have to be odd to be number one."
— Dr. Seuss

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2019 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 5th, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 11th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 13th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 14th, 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 13, 2019.

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 12, 2019.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
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 21, 2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 19, 2019 BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in Attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Executive Assistant Selman, Developmental Services Director Akers, Director of Public Services Best, Lieutenant Bazzi, Director of Parks and Recreation Wright, September Days Senior Director Jordan and an audience of four (4).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to amend the agenda to remove New Business item number five (5) - To consider approval of Cross Renovations for the renovation of the Multi-Purpose Room and Recreation Desk and Waiting Area. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Miller and Martin. Nays: Frazier, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Motion Failed.

Frazier moved, Martin seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Martin, Frazier, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: White and Miller. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019, Prepaid List of February 7, 2019, Prepaid List of February 14, 2019, Voucher List of February 7, 2019, Voucher List of February 19, 2019, Approval of reappointments of Carol Bird and Mark Laginess to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2023 and Approval of the Revised 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

A Public Informational Meeting outlining rules and regulations for shoreline improvements or repairs will be held on Thursday, February 28, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

White moved, Martin seconded to approve of Resolution 2019-05: Honoring Congressman John D. Dingell Jr. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the application of the Belleville Yacht Club for July 4, 2019 fireworks. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the lease agreement with S.M.A.R.T. for a 2019 Eldorado Elite 290. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of General Ordinance #02-19-19(1) which is an Ordinance to establish the Construction Board of Appeals. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve Cross Renovations for the renovation of the Multi-Purpose room and Recreation Desk and Waiting area with the amendment: all future questions asked by Board members at Work Study meetings be answered in a timely manner by Directors prior to the Board Meeting in which the item will be voted on. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Martin, Wright, Frazier, Budd and McNamara. Nays: White and Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #02-19-19(2) which is an amendment of article III (Fireworks Safety Act) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-71. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: February 28, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 564 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0025 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake
0141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0223 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0405 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
1254 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1546 – property damage accident, Hull Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

1633 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1708 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1727 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1744 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1850 – private property impound, Industrial
2045 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
2155 – disorderly, Birch Dr.
2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2227 – disorderly, Birch Dr.

Monday, Feb. 18:
0001 – suspicious activity report, S. Bellridge Dr.
0020 – noise complaint, Parkwood
0101 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0410 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0611 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
0739 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0746 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
0753 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0803 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0858 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0923 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1029 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1107 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1111 – private property impound, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1125 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Morton Taylor
1357 – animal complaint, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
1505 – animal complaint, Solitude Ln.
1600 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1641 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1807 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coolidge St.
2115 – threat, Birch Dr.
2126 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamlin St. / Kennedy Ct.
2319 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 19:
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0440 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0934 – assist other dept., Jackson St.
1047 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1148 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1224 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1228 – fraud, Lenmoore Ave.
1321 – ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.
1323 – missing person, McBride
1404 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.

1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
1459 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1606 – assault & battery, Birch Dr.
1654 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1903 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2102 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
2130 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2151 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct.

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0724 – found property/child, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0732 – larceny from auto, Lake Point Blvd.
0830 – larceny from auto, Nautica Dr.
1035 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1226 – ordinance violation, Maple Dr.
1320 – ordinance violation, Birch Dr.
1350 – ordinance violation, Pine Dr.
1441 – ordinance violation, Oak Blvd.
1712 – disorderly, McBride Ave.

1718 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1728 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
1841 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
2152 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2353 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 21:
0123 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0213 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0805 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maurice Dr.
0844 – traffic offense, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.
0849 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
0926 – overdose, Hamlin St.
0958 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.
1208 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1455 – juvenile complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lenmoore Ave.
1712 – animal complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.

1801 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1915 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood Ln. / Woodgrover Dr.
2210 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.

Friday, Feb. 22:
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0240 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0337 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0905 – assist fire dept., Daisy Blvd.
1021 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1241 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Alden
1244 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1600 – missing person, Savage School
1609 – missing person, Quirk
1912 – narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2046 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2256 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2304 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
2351 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ct.
0115 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0212 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
0314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0349 – mental subject, W. Huron River Dr.
0904 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Endicott St. / McBride Ave.
1243 – private property/property damage accident, Waters Edge Ln.
1522 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1614 – harassment call, Arthur St.
1647 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1757 – hold-up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1807 – personal injury accident, Savage Rd.
1858 – juvenile complaint, Arthur/Jackson
1913 – assist other dept., Belleville
1915 – juvenile complaint, Arthur St.
2027 – fight, Rustic Lane
2054 – family trouble, Berkdale Dr.
2247 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2332 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.

Also on this week's log are 283 traffic stops, 78 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0937 – road hazard, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
1216 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1319 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.
2055 – property damage accident, Main St.
2108 – domestic, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Monday, Feb. 18:
0455 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1123 – neighbor trouble, Potter Dr.
1707 – miscellaneous complaint, Loza Ln.
1716 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
1826 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1902 – domestic, Wexford Ave.
1935 – miscellaneous complaint, Loza Ln.
2022 – motorist assist, E. Davis St./South St.
2208 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell
Tuesday, Feb. 19:
1352 – unattended death, W. Columbia Ave.
1453 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.
1613 – miscellaneous complaint, Mr. Goofy's
1700 – ordinance violation, Estrada Dr.
1759 – motorist assist, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
1253 – vehicle lock out, E. Huron River Dr.
1522 – disorderly, Main St.
1825 – harassment call, Main St.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
2332 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Thursday, Feb. 21:
1107 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1239 – harassment call, High St.
1346 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1534 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
2030 – traffic offense, Ormond/Huron River Dr. W
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.

Friday, Feb. 22:
1439 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave.
1456 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1706 – harassment call, Loza Ln.
1826 – juvenile complaint, Robbe/tracks

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0000 – abandoned auto, Roys St./Main St.
0206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1006 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1557 – welfare check, Carmell
1633 – traffic offense, Main/Fourth
1928 – assist other dept., Main St.
2249 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.

Also on this week's log are 48 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0137 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Harris
1309 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1349 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1944 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster
0744 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Feb. 18:
1151 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1203 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1544 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1645 – fight, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1930 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2020 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2120 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2151 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Kozma
2220 – civil dispute, Brookview

Tuesday, Feb. 19:
0357 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Dunn
0815 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
0900 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Kozma
0920 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0929 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1033 – civil dispute, Hampshire
1125 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1146 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1218 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1235 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1244 – suspicious incident, Texas
1311 – identity theft, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1349 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1752 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1807 – mental health commitment, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

2125 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2314 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
1109 – alarm, 46000 BL. Judd Rd.
1136 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1916 – citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville

Thursday, Feb. 21:
0554 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
0707 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1120 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – identity theft, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1157 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1214 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1231 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1250 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Wear
1405 – alarm, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1634 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1852 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
2005 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2013 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Feb. 22:
0750 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
0920 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1254 – subpoena service, out of township
1406 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1719 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0336 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0654 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0921 – subpoena service, out of township
1133 – death investigation, Creekside Dr.
1859 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2019 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2031 – fight, Rustic Ln.
2056 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.
2215 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2241 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Elwell / Willis

Also on this week's log are 10 follow-up investigations, 23 miscellaneous details, 83 patrol checks, and 32 traffic stops.

VBT Fire Fighters called to trailer fire at 600 Sumpter, 2 cats die

On Friday morning, around 9 a.m., the Van Buren Township Fire Department was called to a fire at 15 Daisy Blvd. in the mobile home park at 600 Sumpter Rd.

Fire Chief Amy Brow said they were short-handed, so they called Belleville Fire Department for mutual aid for personnel and Sumpter Township for a tanker truck because there are no fire hydrants in the park.

Chief Brow said the fire basically extinguished itself. It had been smoldering for a long time, got hot, and then basically snuffed itself out, she said.

The room of origin, the living room, had some melting and smoke damage, and the damage was mainly confined to that room, she said.

The property owner went to work the night before and when she came home in the morning she saw the smoke.

“Two cats didn’t make it. We tried, but they didn’t make it,” Chief Brow said. She said they apparently died from the smoke.

One door and one window needed to be boarded up.

BHS hosts MHSAA boys district basketball playoffs on Mon., Wed.

On Monday, Belleville High School hosted the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 1, District 19 playoffs in boys' basketball.

Saline played Ann Arbor Huron at 5 p.m. Final score, after overtime play, was Saline, 56, Ann Arbor Huron, 46.

At 7 p.m. the Belleville vs. Ypsilanti Community Schools game began. After overtime play, the final score was Ypsilanti Community, 81, and BHS, 79.

On Wednesday, BHS was to host round two of the MHSAA boys' district playoffs at 5 and 7 p.m.

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• Went into closed-door session to consider a reinstatement request for a student who was expelled during the 2016-17 school year. The student wished reinstatement for the 2018-19 school year. When the board came back into regular session, it voted to reinstate him;

• Heard Supt. Kudlak report that Michigan Association of School Boards' Lobby Day is April 17 in Lansing and if any board member wants to go, the board member should contact him to register;

• Heard Supt. Kudlak report St. Anthony Catholic Church is closer to the final steps on the sale of some of its property to the school district. He said the official land division is expected to be done by April 1 or 2; and

• Heard Pierce say she attended the Wayne County Association of School Boards' New Board Member presentation, which gave an overview of RESA. New board members were urged to become "Lansing savvy," she said.



March 3 – Chris Dunt, Nancy Dybicki
March 4 – Kitty Chudzinski
March 6 – James Chudzinski
March 7 – Pastor Billy Hailes
March 8 – Juli Balestrieri, Jackie Hollis

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