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Gene Taylor reinstated as Police Chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Tuesday, after a three and a half hour appeals hearing before the Belleville Civil Service Commission, Gene Taylor was reinstated as police chief of the City of Belleville.

The CSC agreed that Taylor should have been disciplined for not following the proper channels for getting a patrol car repaired, but the punishment was too severe.

On Oct. 30, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer demoted Taylor from chief to corporal for six months.

The CSC found that excessive and voted unanimously to reinstate Taylor immediately as chief of police, shortening his demotion to six weeks.

Civil Service Commissioner Roy Acho said, "I think Chief Taylor was well aware of the rules and he was creative but defiant" in setting up a payment plan for the \$731.60 repair needed for the police car.

Acho had asked Taylor if the council had ever rejected a police car repair and Taylor said he didn't think so.

"It could have gone through the proper channels and be fixed," Acho said.

Kollmeyer had complained that Taylor did not keep her advised on his department's operation and Acho said Taylor could have stuck his head in her office and reported on things.

"Better communications would have kept us from being here today," Acho said before making the motion to reinstate Taylor as chief. Don Bluhm seconded and all three members of the CSC approved the motion.

Taylor was represented in the appeal by

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Brooke Sanders, who is almost one year old, visited Santa at the Belleville Area Museum last Saturday. She is the daughter of Rachel Newsome and Lloyd Sanders of Sumpter Township. Santa will be welcoming other visitors to the museum this Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

School Board votes 5-2 to demolish Elwell

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After a long, lively discussion at Monday's meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education decided what to do with its two vacant elementary schools.

The board voted 5-2 to demolish Elwell Elementary School and move the Early Childhood Development Classes (ECDC) into Haggerty Elementary, along with preschool classes.

Voting against the motion were Trustees

Scott Russell and Sherry Frazier, both of whom wanted additional information before they could support tearing down Elwell school.

Trustee Russell wanted information on a possible sale of the property, so the district could make some money instead of spending \$200,000 to demolish Elwell.

Trustee Frazier asked for a property appraisal of Elwell and, while they were at it, an appraisal of the vacant Vo-Tech building on Sumpter Road, which she called an eyesore.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel was the first one to bring up the reason they were in a hurry to make the decision.

"I worry on giving up the building that might end up a charter school," Supt. Van

Tassel said, referring to pending state legislation that could require the district to lease for \$1 any vacant school buildings to other educational programs, including charter schools.

Van Tassel said Sumpter has been left out of the conversation because growth is in the northern part of the district and there are no projections that student population will grow in Sumpter Township.

"I don't think we need to talk about being fearful of charter schools," said Trustee Brent Mikulski, who discussed the costs of bringing the building up to code.

He suggested looking at a land swap with the township, where the district would give the school and property to Sumpter

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Gene Taylor

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Belleville attorney Tom DiPietro who said the harsh discipline was because Kollmeyer wanted Taylor out as police chief.

City attorney John Hitchcock represented the city and the CSC.

DiPietro had made a motion to have CSC chairman Michael Loria disqualify himself from hearing the appeal, since Loria's father is on the city council which supported Kollmeyer's actions.

DiPietro also said Loria was not able to be a part of the CSC appeal because he received payment from the city as a volunteer fireman.

Loria said he has not been a member of the Belleville Fire Department for close to two years and refused to disqualify himself.

The first witness was Dorn Frederick Kerschweg, owner of F&R Automotive of Wayne, who also has been a reserve police officer for the City of Belleville for five years.

Kerschweg testified that a 2008 Dodge Charger police vehicle had broken down and he agreed to do the repairs. The estimates Taylor had received "were pretty high" and Kerschweg offered to fix the car with parts billed as cost and the city billed for labor. Taylor would pay \$49 per month to repair the vehicle.

Kerschweg said in his position, he works on police cars for Westland and Wayne and he knows cities are in crunches right now.

"I didn't have a problem with it," Kerschweg said. "I'm a reservist. I drive

and ride in these cars and I want them to be safe.

The repairs needed were lower and upper ball joints and upper control arm.

"I think what the chief did was the right thing to keep the vehicle safe," Kerschweg said.

"There was an incident three weeks ago," he said. "A phone call was made to Sgt. Dawson. Two vehicles were broken down. I drove out here to do the repairs to the two vehicles so they wouldn't have to be towed."

Kerschweg said interim Chief Hal Berriman called for repairs and the other chief gets his hand spanked for getting repairs.

"I don't understand," Kerschweg said.

He denied Kollmeyer's statement that he said the chief told him the chief had a deal with the city council and didn't have to go through them for the payment.

Kerschweg said when he was walking the beat for Belleville's "Arts Beats and Eats" [Taste of Belleville], he talked to Kollmeyer, who said how nice it is not having Taylor out here today.

Kollmeyer denied saying that.

Taylor was sworn in and then advised by his attorney DiPietro not to answer any questions from Hitchcock since Kollmeyer given him information on how Taylor could be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or 90 days in jail or both for violation of the city charter.

If there was to be a criminal charge, he wanted Taylor to take the Fifth.

DiPietro said his client did not deny



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Attorney Tom DiPietro gathers up his paperwork on Tuesday afternoon following his client's appeal of a demotion by the Belleville city manager. At right is Gene Taylor who was demoted to corporal on Oct. 30 and reinstated Tuesday as city police chief by a unanimous vote of the Belleville Civil Service Commission.

getting the car fixed, making the deal to pay for it, and not following the charter.

Kollmeyer also was sworn in and testified to the events that led up to her demoting

Taylor.

Although Police Cpl. Todd Schrecengost was called as a witness, he was not called to testify.

School Board

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Township and have Sumpter swap it for vacant land.

He said that happened in Wyandotte and that may be an option here. He suggested they see if Sumpter Township is interested in the property without the building. Sumpter could pay half the demolition, \$100,000, and have 37 acres.

"If we give them the building, we save the \$200,000," Frazier said.

School Board president Martha Toth said it is inappropriate to give away school property.

Trustee Frazier said she doesn't think the board should spend \$200,000 for demolition without an appraisal. She noted the only option brought to her and the board is to demolish the Elwell building.

Secretary Kevin English asked what would happen to the old ECDC building next to Edgemont Elementary and Van Tassel said in 1999 the public was told it would be knocked down. It wasn't then, but it would be proper to knock it down now to be true to that pledge.

Former board member Bob Binert called

out from the audience that the district spent \$750,000 to \$1 million to have that ECDC building retrofitted.

Toth was the first board member to mention the Sumpter Township resolution sent to the board, asking them to consider the Elwell building for a library site.

She said Sumpter generously waived some \$300,000 to hook into the sewer system. She said the estimated \$1.8 million to make the building useable could deduct, perhaps, the \$300,000.

Toth said she talked to the Belleville Area District Library Board and they told her the main library will not be in Sumpter. As for being the site of a satellite library, she said the library board said Elwell school is only 100 yards into the township and needs to be deeper into the township for a satellite location. Elwell is not suitable for either a main library or a satellite library, Toth said she was told.

Treasurer Toni Hunt, who was in her last meeting after eight years as a trustee, said as much as she loved the library, which was named after her grandfather Fred C. Fischer, she was elected to protect the school's interest.

"If a charter was to take over, it would

cost us more than \$200,000 a year," she said. "Horrific things are going to happen in the next year or so ... We have to keep charters from taking our students.

"I'm very concerned that building would become a charter school," Hunt said, adding if they demolish the school they could sell the property in a few years for a housing development.

Toth said the state is working on legislation and, "They want to take it over to open charters ... and we'd be forced to lease for \$1 a year."

When asked by Russell if the district had talked to Sumpter, Toth said she talked to Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters last Friday.

She said he was in agreement that the library agreement said the main library would not be in Sumpter and the library agreement says Sumpter Township would provide the building and Elwell was not appropriate.

At this point in the discussion, President Toth made the motion, that passed, to "proceed with the demolition of Elwell School; that we close ECDC and move its programs to Haggerty School; that we approve provision of other programs



School Board member Toni Hunt, right, was given a fond farewell by fellow board members Monday night during her last meeting as a board member. She served on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for eight years before being ousted in the November election. At left is School Board President Martha Toth who presented Hunt with a plaque honoring her work on the board.

there deemed appropriate by the Superintendent."

At the beginning of the meeting, Mary Ban of Sumpter spoke on behalf of Sumpter Township's interest in Elwell School.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Menard's abandons VBT site for store

Menard's is not coming to town.

At Tuesday's Van Buren Township board meeting, Supervisor Linda Combs announced that Menard's notified the township on Dec. 6 that it was no longer pursuing locating a store on the site at Belleville Road and N I-94 Service Drive.

She said Menard's cited financial concerns related to costs associated with improvements required by Wayne County to deal with storm water management and the results of a recently completed traffic study.

Supervisor Combs said the township is extremely disappointed and she has put in a call to Menard's to invite them to resubmit their plans. She's waiting for a call back.

We remember when Home Depot abandoned that site in VBT years ago and built in Canton instead. The planning commission had jerked it around once too often. We believe the final straw was when VBT planners tried to get Home Depot to change its corporate color scheme.

Although Wayne County has been giving local businesses fits lately requiring 100-year storm plans for tiny sites (ie. McDonald's, Belle Tire), it probably was the planning commission that killed Menard's.

At a September planning commission meeting, a Menard's representative had flown in to attend a rezoning session and then was told he couldn't rezone. His trip was for nothing and we wondered if this would be the final straw here. Maybe so.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Donna Hunter is retiring as clerk in the treasurer's office in Van Buren Township so a help-wanted notice is printed in our paper today. Sounds like a good job, if anyone's looking for a career.

We received some questions about the Canadian Pacific Christmas Train that went through Belleville at about 9:25 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Actually, we found it actually is a Holiday Train. This is the 14th year the Holiday Train has become an important fundraiser for many food banks.

The 14 brightly decorated cars are covered in hundreds of thousands of LED lights. Artists perform on a modified boxcar that has been turned into a travelling stage at the stops where money and food is collected for the local food banks. There is one train for Canada and one that goes into the U.S.

The one that went through Belleville was on its way from Hamilton, Ontario, to Clinton, Iowa for a food bank benefit show. The Holiday Train program has raised closed to \$6.4 million (Canadian) and about 2.6 million pounds of food for North American food banks. Everything raised in a community stays in that community for local distribution.

This year Canadian Pacific will match any of the local financial donations at its 50 U.S. stops and give the money, up to \$250,000, to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

A lady who lives on Hull Road said she saw the decorated train go through last year and this year and she wondered about it.

We've been informed of another scam going around. Our caller said her brother-



in-law received a phone call or email stating his debit card from his bank had been cancelled for lack of activity. His card had not been cancelled and they were just trying to get personal information from him. Beware.

We understand that newly elected Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller is following through on her campaign promise. She has donated one-quarter of her first paycheck (\$383.04) to Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

At Tuesday's VBT board meeting, new Supervisor Linda Combs said the department directors will not be required to come to board meetings, unless they are on the agenda, and they won't sit up in front with the board any more.

At Tuesday's meeting the only person other than the board at the front table was Patrick McCauley, board attorney. We wonder if he will be there every week.

In Belleville when the mayor changed, the attorney was no longer at every meeting and only came when needed.

In Sumpter, the township attorney is at every meeting and has been no matter who is in elective office. Attorney Rob Young told me he gets a retainer that covers his appearances at the board meetings and wherever else he's needed. It works for Sumpter.

Every week I check the dispatch logs and ask the police departments about whatever looks important.

This week there was a Felony Assault on Dec. 5 at 1:28 p.m. at 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr. It turned out to be a bar fight at Diamond Back with multiple suspects. It remains an open case.

I counted eight B&Es in VBT on this week's log, so I asked about that. Lt. Dennis Brooks said: "The B&E's always go up this time of the year and there is no pattern to them other than forced entry of multiple types, no story here."

I think eight B&Es in one week is a story, but what do I know?

I couldn't believe it when former VBT Fire Chief Darwin Loyer got up at Tuesday's VBT meeting to comment on the fire department's new contract being approved by the board. He actually was complaining about how the full-time fire inspector got too many days off, 65 he said. That was not true, said Treasurer Sharry Budd who worked on the contract.

Loyer is suing the township over the loss of his job and the fire inspector figures prominently in his suit. I can't believe his attorney let him get up there and talk before his case is heard in court.



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Letters

The Christmas tree is finally in place in city

To the Editor:

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As the old saying goes: “Many hands make light the work!”

I’d like your readers to know about the men who gave so unselfishly of their time, energy and resources, devoting MANY hours, MUCH labor and LOTS of heavy equipment (and gas) to help bring the planting of a Community CHRISTMAS TREE into fruition.

One and one-half years ago, I started a mission, to return a long-lost tradition – that being a lighted Christmas tree located in the “island” at 5 Points, Belleville. I asked my friend, Jim Ackron of A&A Landscaping, d.b.a. Belleville Greenhouse & Nursery on Lohr Road, if he would donate a Christmas tree for this purpose. Without hesitation, he said “YES”.

This 20’ pine tree has a family history and we will always be grateful for the Ackron family’s beautiful contribution to our tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter townships.

Time ran out on us last year, so we began much earlier this year.

Needless to say, I again encountered several “road blocks” (meetings, communications, permits, etc.). At this time, my friend John

Delaney offered to “run interference”. He assured me my “mission” would be completed – and before Christmas 2012. John’s ready, willing and able, “git ‘er done” attitude, I am so grateful.

At the Nov. 17 meeting before the City Council, I again asked for the go-ahead at 5 Points. The result gained from this meeting was the City’s offer/compromise which allowed “our crew” to plant a live Christmas tree at Doane’s Landing, corner of Liberty and Main streets last week.

Randy Bloss and his son Alex donated a great deal of labor and machinery while digging up the 20’ tree from the Ackron property and transplanting it to its new site at Doane’s Landing. Many thanks to this generous family!

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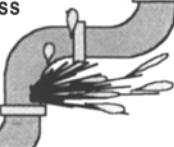
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Obituaries



Claudia Margo Stokes

CLAUDIA MARGO STOKES

(June 14, 1952 – December 9, 2012)

Claudia Margo Stokes, age 60, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2012 at Superior Woods Nursing Care Center, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born June 14, 1952 in Detroit, MI, daughter of the late Henry Grady & Virginia Elenore (Pintoski) Stokes, Jr.

Claudia loved horses and years ago she owned one and competed and won numerous ribbons. She was a former resident of Columbia Court. She enjoyed crocheting and hook rugs. She is survived by a sister Cynthia (Anthony) Talaga of Belleville, a brother Edward Gary (Linda) Yonkos of Washington Township, MI, 4 nieces and nephews, and many other extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of the donor's choice. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



William V. Pargo

WILLIAM VENTURA PARGO

(August 14, 1932 – December 4, 2012)

William Ventura "Willie V." Pargo, age 80 of Augusta Township, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

He was born August 14, 1932 in Chicago, IL. Bill grew up in Detroit, where he was very involved in Boy Scouts Troop #572. He owned Interstate Caulking "I.S.C." He spoke before the U.S. Congress on behalf of the American Subcontractors Association, which he founded. He moved to Willis, MI in 1971 where he purchased his own airport, Downwind Acres, and began his second career as a building inspector for Augusta Township. He remained an inspector for several municipalities and ended his career with his own company, Home Inspection Service "H.I.S." Bill was active in many political and service organizations in the Ypsilanti and Belleville areas, and was best-known for his uncanny sense of humor.

Survivors include wife Karolynn; nine children Steven (Sue) Pargo, Susan Small, Henry "Skip" (Charlene) Griffith, Lynn (Bob Bassel) Pargo, Theresa (Kingsley) Wootton, Christine (Christopher) Yagelman, Matthew Welch, Michelle (Matthew) Woody and Carrie Welch; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; one brother Joe (Linda) Pattock; two sisters Joann (Bill) Soggs and Gloria Jean Pearson; several nieces and nephews; an ex-wife, Karen Worten; and his beloved dog Schnitzel.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Sandra Griffith and his second wife Shirley Pargo. The funeral service was 4 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012 at Stark Funeral Service. Cremation followed. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Clinton Valley Council West, 1100 County Center Drive, Waterford, MI 48328. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family received friends 4-7 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m. until time of service Sunday. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.



Betty Jane White

BETTY J. WHITE

(March 7, 1931 - December 11, 2012)

Betty Jane White, age 81, a 57-year Belleville area resident, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Arbor Hospice-The Residence, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born in Deckerville, Michigan on March 7, 1931, daughter of the late John & Catherine (Neumeyer) Willing.

Betty is survived by 3 children Rev. Robert J. (Becky) White of Belleville, MI, Paul (Bonnie) White of Kingsley, MI and Pat (Ray) Dau of Belleville, MI; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. Also, 1 brother, Johnny (Minnie) Willing of Deckerville, MI.

Mrs. White was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville. She enjoyed being a bus driver for many years for Van Buren Township Schools. It was well known that she was one of the finest women to drive a school bus in Van Buren Township! After retiring, she delivered flowers for Garden Fantasy Florist & Greenhouse in Belleville. Betty knew and loved everyone that crossed her path in and around town. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 12-8 PM at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. A Funeral service will be held at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, on Saturday,

December 15 at 11 AM with visitation 10-11 AM. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions to Grace Baptist Church would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign Betty's guestbook and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Driver in double fatality car crash sentenced to 120 days in jail

Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 25, of Whittaker was sentenced Nov. 26 to 120 days in jail, to begin after he finishes his semester finals at Eastern Michigan University on Dec. 19.

The judge also placed Brandon on probation for two years and accepted Brandon's offer to teach young people through his church and in schools the importance of obeying traffic rules.

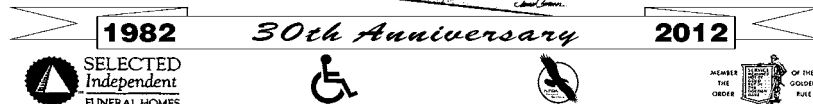
Brandon was driving two Belleville teens home from nearby Ruby Tuesday restaurant, where they all worked, shortly after 2 a.m. on July 24, when he ignored a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center Road at Michigan Avenue.

Bandon's Chevrolet Cavalier was struck on the passenger side by a Monte Carlo driven east on Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Killed were Danielle Beavers, 19, and Brooke Kennedy, 18.

The sentence was given by 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe.

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- Monday, Dec. 17 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19 – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 27 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 7 – Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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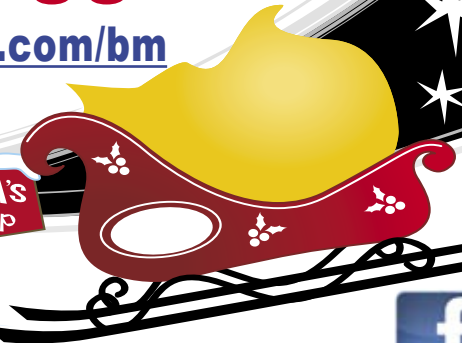
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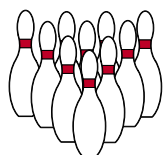
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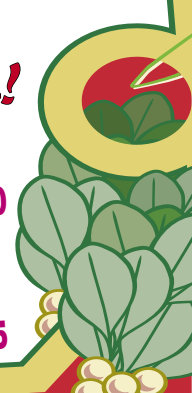
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The **Bayou Grill** on Main Street will be hosting **Brunch with Santa** this Sunday, from noon until 3 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call (734) 697-2300.

The last **Children's Ornament Workshop** of the season will be held by the **Girl Scouts** this Saturday, Dec. 15, at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. at the **Belleville Area Museum**.

The contest period ends tonight for the **City of Belleville's Light Up the Town Holiday Decorating Contest**. All you have to do is have your house and business lights on tonight between 6 and 10 p.m. for the judges, who will be out and about the areas of Victoria Commons, Harbour Pointe, the two mobile home parks, the balance of the city and a new category this year: businesses.

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A **Holiday Dinner/Food Drive** for seniors in our tri-community will take place on Monday, Dec. 17, from 2-6 p.m. at the **Sumpter PNA Hall**. Donations of turkeys, hams, or cash will be accepted. Food baskets will be put together and non-perishable goods will be accepted. Call **Craig Moody** at (734) 461-6201, ext. 226, for information on how to help or to register for the dinner.

Sumpter Township's Annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday,

Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the **Sumpter Community Center**. Children will receive a small gift along with a hot dog, chips, and a beverage. Approximately 300 children are expected to attend. For information or to make a donation, call Sumpter Supervisor **Johnny Vawters** at (734) 461-6201.

The **Belleville Community Band** will

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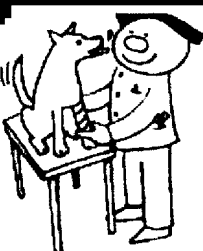
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Account Clerk – Treasurer's Department

The Charter Township of Van Buren is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Account Clerk. This is a permanent, full-time union position within the Treasurer's Department. Qualified applicants must be proficient in MS Office, including Word and Excel. Knowledge of BS&A Tax and Springbrook Cash Receipts desired. Primary duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assist the Treasurer's Department in all matters pertaining to tax bill preparation and collection, receipting of all township funds, preparing daily bank deposits and reporting functions as requested. Individual will become knowledgeable of special assessments, sewer debts, mortgage companies, title companies, DDA, LDFA and TIFA as they relate to taxes.
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 Attn: Account Clerk Position
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Karen Broccardo moves from Ricardo to BASF

BASF announced Aug. 28 that Karen Broccardo has joined the Automotive Refinish Business group as Distribution Services Manager. She will be located in Southfield.

Prior to joining BASF, she was the Sales Operations Specialist for Ricardo in Van Buren Township, where she was responsible for all sales forecasting in the U.S. and was part of the global SAP implementation team. Broccardo has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

Sunday, Dec. 2:
0010 – noise complaint, 43948 Robson Rd.
0109 – noise complaint, 11597 Meadows Ct.
0222 – fraud, Walmart
1046 – noise complaint, 9877 Wheeler ST.
1223 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Haggerty
1320 – malicious destruction of property, Sherwood/Willow
1550 – noise complaint, 201 S. Ponderosa Trail
1552 – assault & battery, 11086 Oak Lane
1614 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd
1733 – property damage accident, 2193 Rawsonville Rd.
1752 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1800 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Sunrise
1809 – fraud, 49241 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2014 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Walden
2120 – noise complaint, 48581 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2253 – mental, 51269 Landmark
2322 – assault & battery, 44111 Harmony Lane
2333 – missing person, 42245 Hanover Dr.
2334 – fraud, Walmart

Monday, Dec. 3:
0046 – property damage accident, Beck/Van Born
1541 – assault & battery, O’Riley’s
1629 – juvenile complaint, 15305 Westlake Cir.
1759 – private property accident, 45601 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1831 – property damage accident, Meijer
1907 – breaking & entering, 39750 Tyler Rd.
1914 – intimidation threat, 7209 Westlake
2218 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter

Tuesday, Dec. 4:
0209 – malicious destruction of property, 11695 Meadows Lane
0752 – property damage accident, I-94 S. Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0957 – assault & battery, 32 Oak Blvd.
1113 – disorderly conduct, 32 Oak Blvd.
1344 – trespassing, 29 Locust Dr.
1448 – suicide or attempt, 30 Locust Dr.
1607 – intimidation threat, 48860 Denton Rd.
1622 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
1648 – fraud, Meijer
1654 – private property accident, Meijer
1655 – fraud, 2025 Rawsonville
1658 – assault & battery, 42048 Salem Ct.
1724 – burglary in progress, 47009 Harbour Pointe Court
1750 – assault & battery, 11042 Van Buren St.
1805 – missing person, 1 Daisy
1834 – sexual assault, 11105 Quirk Rd.
1841 – malicious destruction of property, 9689 Hamilton St.
1852 – breaking & entering, 11123 Oak Lane
1853 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green Ln.
2034 – disturbance, Bemis/Rawsonville
2259 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 5:
0049 – fraud, 45873 S. Purple Sage Ct.
0836 – wires down, 10605 Belleville Rd.
0842 – larceny, 14045 Sheldon Rd.
0953 – juvenile complaint, 42200 Tyler Rd.
1001 – suspicious situation, 970 Savage Rd.
1154 – fraud, 2025 Rawsonville Rd.
1328 – felony assault, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1459 – disturbance, Harbour Club Blg. 41
1640 – assault & battery, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1740 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1745 – noise complaint, 9284 Parkwood Dr.
1804 – malicious destruction of property, 9689 Hamilton St.
1808 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance ac, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2047 – fraud, Walmart
2307 – narcotics crime, 48515 Willow
Thursday, Dec. 6:
0933 – larceny, 44725 Lake Crest Dr.
0934 – fraud, Meijer
1050 – malicious destruction of property, 15710

Elwell Rd.
1056 – trespassing, Meijer
1155 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 32 Oak Blvd.
1248 – trespassing, Reene Dr./Elwell Rd.
1252 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1322 – private property accident, 41358 Ecorse
1330 – malicious destruction of property, 55 Spencer Ave.
1455 – trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.
1600 – malicious destruction of property, 9689 Hamilton St.
1559 – juvenile complaint, 44937 Greenbriar Dr.
1635 – sexual assault, 43761 Burtrig St.
2349 – trespassing, 41743 Van Born

Friday, Dec. 7:
0118 – suspicious person, 10950 Belleville
0220 – assault & battery, 10638 Oak Lane
0820 – larceny, 50683 Michigan Ave.
0925 – assault & battery, 7619 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1239 – fire-vehicle f, 8072 Rayna Ct.
1311 – fire-vehicle f, 8072 Rayna Ct.
1456 – fraud, 17107 Westlake
1606 – water leak found, 8072 Rayna Ct.
1633 – fraud, Meijer
1953 – assault & battery, 10915 Belleville Rd.
1957 – breaking & entering, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
2033 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Wildbrook Dr.
2259 – fraud, Walmart
2308 – suicide or attempt, 7270 Rawsonville
2340 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 8:
0042 – harassment call, 7493 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0126 – breaking & entering, 41450 E. Archwood
0405 – noise complaint, 9147 Parkwood Dr.
0642 – breaking & entering, 42273 Milton Dr.
0810 – water leak found, 6261 hannan
1108 – ordinance violation, 13697 Pond Bluff Dr.
1310 – assault & battery, 6320 Sandlewood Dr.
1416 – harassment call, 6258 W. Adams
1417 – noise complaint, 8773 Ironwood Dr.
1455 – personal injury accident, Meijer
1807 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1938 – assault & battery, 6073 Vernon St.

Sunday, Dec. 9:
0159 – disturbance, 831 Huron River Dr.
1033 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41441 S. Bellridge Dr.
1315 – fraud, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
1347 – breaking & entering, 11793 Meadows Cir.
1633 – noise complaint, 9655 Wildflower Ct.
1717 – property damage accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
1734 – harassment call, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.
2210 – breaking & entering, 10960 Lighthouse
2253 – sexual assault, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
2352 – trespassing, 10058 Jackson Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 208 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. The log lists eight breakings and entering this week.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 2:
1033 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1323 – suspicious situation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1359 – civil matter, 58 Carmell
1542 – civil matter, 476 W. Columbia Ave.
1634 – follow up, 58 Carmell
1744 – larceny, 6 Main St.
1756 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
2147 – suspicious vehicle, Main St./Third St.
2344 – domestic assault, 35 Loza Ln.

Monday, Dec. 3:
0554 – intrusion alarm, 650 Light Tower
0831 – miscellaneous complaint, 161 Church St.
1428 – parking complaint, Henry/dead end
1427 – juvenile complaint, 40 Carmell St.
1503 – found property, 301 W. Davis St.
1505 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1631 – neighbor trouble, 500 N. Liberty St.
1945 – larceny, 6 Main St.
2236 – malicious destruction of property, 35 Carmell St.
2341 – assist fire dept., 661 Greylock St.

Tuesday, Dec. 4:
0137 – noise complaint, 500 N. Liberty St.
0154 – suspicious situation, Hydro Shopp
0223 – suspicious vehicle, 420 Sumpter Rd.
0404 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0637 – serve warrant, 26141 Village Green
0743 – intrusion alarm, 733 Breakwater Dr.
1103 – assist fire dept., 10 San Carlos St.
1209 -- E-911 hangup/investigation, 109 Potter Dr.
1510 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act
1525 -- fight, 240 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1601 – harassment call, 53 Carmell St.
1727 – agency assist, 47009 Harbour Pointe
1803 – assault & battery, 500 N. Liberty St.
1954 – agency assist, 42048 Salem Ct.

Wednesday, Dec. 5:
0257 – intrusion alarm, 146 High St., Johnny’s
0407 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
0804 – suspicious vehicle, 85 Wexford Ave.
0816 – found property, 301 W. Davis St.
1001 – domestic violence, 105 Wexford Ave.
1753 – suspicious situation, Roys St./High St.
1847 – suspicious situation, 108 Astor Pl.
1938 – assault & battery, 509 Estrada
2156 – family trouble, 226 N. Aberdeen Ct.

Thursday, Dec. 6:
0121 – agency assist, 15400 Sumpter
1014 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1118 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1141 – assist fire dept., 500 N. Liberty St.
1154 – E-911 hang up / investigation, 548 Sumpter
1202 – civil matter, 69 Henry St.
1251 – larceny, 138 Carmell St.
1326 – malicious destruction of property, 55 Spencer
1443 – larceny, Owen Middle School
2047 – property check, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, Dec. 7:
0138 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 103 Menlo Park Dr.
0906 – property damage accident, 645 Sumpter
1111 – animal complaint, 9 Capistrano Ct.
1137 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
1146 – larceny, 279 Church St.
1219 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
1318 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1348 – fire investigation, Columbia/Harbour Pte.
1350 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1509 – fraud, Hayward’s
2026 – civil matter, Jet’s Pizza
2126 – information, 6 Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 8:
0226 – noise complaint, 393 Victorian Ct.
0813 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
1217 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1255 – suspicious person, 496 Main St.
1526 – disturbance, 15 Carmell St.
1540 – assist fire dept., 30 Carmell St.
2049 – parking complaint, 606 Thornhill Ct.
2206 – intrusion alarm, BHS
2225 – intrusion alarm, 541 E. Huron River Dr.
2243 – disturbance, BHS

Sunday, Dec. 9:
0401 – assist fire dept., 241 Church St.
1034 – assist fire dept., 176 W. Columbia Ave.
1041 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
1243 – animal complaint, 207 S. Aberdeen Ct.
2214 – assist fire dept., 42 Loza Lane
Also on this week’s log are 46 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 2:
0044 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0158 – fire dept., 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0309 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
0822 – well-being check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1032 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1244 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter
1336 – suspicious incident, Sherwood/Willow
1400 – hunting complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1551 – breaking & entering report, 23000 bl. Clark
1742 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Bohn
2121 – property damage accident, Willow / Sherwood
2356 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, Dec. 3:
0108 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0651 – assist other agency, Nevada
0954 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1347 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1628 – assist other agency, Dakota
1632 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1708 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West
2037 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2039 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2303 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter

Tuesday, Dec. 4:
0129 – property damage accident, Wilmot/Willis
0214 – civil dispute, Timberlane
0452 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
0755 – fire dept. assist, Birch
1017 – warrant arrest, out of township
1139 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1232 – animal complaint, Judd/Rawsonville
1753 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1830 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1923 – larceny, Vermont
2143 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Wednesday, Dec. 5:
0018 – follow-up investigation, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1029 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1409 – identity theft, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1617 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1741 – disorderly person, Birch
1800 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1843 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1941 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1957 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2014 – warrant arrest, Dakota
2203 – family trouble, Judd/Haggerty
2212 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
2245 – assist other agency, Dakota
2303 – fire dept. assist, Arizona

Thursday, Dec. 6:
0959 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1022 – fire dept. assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1137 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1201 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1242 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1318 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1346 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1411 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1416 – well-being check, Redwood
1713 – suspicious incident, Timberlane
1758 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
2028 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2102 – warrant arrest, out fo township
2107 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2126 – warrant arrest, Rustic Lane
2136 – warrant arrest, Wayside
2244 – warrant arrest, Washington
2312 – warrant arrest, Utah

Friday, Dec. 7:
0922 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1039 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
1226 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1346 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1401 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1650 – assist other agency, out of township
2241 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sherwood
2311 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Judd

Saturday, Dec. 8:
0010 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0043 – warrant arrest, Bemis/Sumpter
0142 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0155 – disorderly person, New Mexico
0230 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0550 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1315 – lost property, Rawsonville/Willis
1400 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1650 – suspicious incident, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
2041 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2136 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2201 – suspicious incident, Alaska
2249 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Also on this week’s log are 41 miscellaneous details, 135 patrol checks, and 77 traffic stops.

“Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising.”

Mark Twain



Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro

I am here to answer questions pertaining to buying or selling real estate. Send your questions to "Ask Angela", c/o *Belleville-Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Ste. 9, Belleville 48111 or send me an email at nettroandco@comcast.net. I'll answer questions in this column.

Question from Harold in Ypsilanti:
I am considering moving out of state. What is the best way to start the process of finding a home in another state?

Answer: It is always better to have an agent working and shopping for your new home. If you have a local Realtor that you have done business with or has come highly recommended to you, ask the local Realtor to refer you to a Realtor who is experienced with selling homes in the specific area of the state you want to relocate to.

You can also look on different Realtor on-line sites and shop not only homes in the area you want to move to, but also look at the different agents selling in those areas to get contact info, to talk to any agents you would consider to work with in finding your new home.

It is important to do your homework of the area you want to move to, as well as the agent your going to do business with. Good luck on your relocation!

SELLER TIP: If you decorate your home for the holidays and have your home listed for showings, please take into consideration not to over-clutter the home inside with decorations, that could make it hard for the prospective buyers to be able to safely and comfortably walk through

the home. The buyer may take it off their Wish List, due to it not appearing as spacious as it is.

-- Angela

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Birthdays

Dec. 16 – Kevin Warren

Dec. 17 – Samantha Calhoun

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