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Van Buren Township barn fire kills five horses, 15 roosters

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An early morning barn fire on Jan. 25 killed five horses and 15 roosters at 48932 Martz Road in Van Buren Township.

The property is next to the railroad tracks near Lohr Road with the 5,100-square-foot barn located considerably back from the roadway.

Fire Department Public Information Officer Dan Besson reported that fire fighters were dispatched at 6:08 a.m. after the 911 center received multiple calls reporting the blaze.

Besson said the duty crew from Fire Station #1 responded with Engine 1 and the duty crew from Station #2 responded with Engine 2. The Engine #1 crew reported the barn was well-involved with fire when it arrived.

Fire fighters had to force entry through a locked gate at the road to get back to the barn. VBT Police Officers were already on the scene, Besson said.

The fire fighters used master streams (large amount of water running through a large nozzle attached to a fire engine) to quickly knock down a majority of the fire before entering the barn with hand-held attack lines.

Despite their efforts, the barn and the animals inside could not be saved, Besson said.

Mario Marquez of Detroit, owner of the property, said the fire claimed the lives of five horses and 15 roosters and he did not have insurance on the property.

Two sheep, a dog, and several other roosters located on the property in adjacent buildings were uninjured during the fire and were turned back over to Marquez.

The cause of the fire is undetermined. Loss was estimated at about \$100,000.

Besson said the fire was brought under control at 7:16 a.m. and fire personnel cleared the scene at 9:50 a.m.

The Belleville Fire Department provided additional resources on the scene through a mutual aid request.

Besides Engines 1 and 2, VBT fire apparatus assigned to the call included Engine 3 and 4 and Utility 1.

VBT Police investigate unsuccessful armed robbery at Cititrend

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police are investigating an attempted armed robbery that was foiled when the cashier couldn't open her cash drawer.

VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said a black male wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, a brown vest over the top and red sweatpants, entered the store at 2041 Rawsonville Road just before 1:57 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Cititrend is the business at that address in the Lakewood (Kmart) Shopping Center, the former location of Rite Aid.

Captain Laurain said the man stated he had a gun and then brandished a semi automatic pistol to the cashier. The cashier attempted to log in to her cash drawer, but apparently entered her employee number incorrectly, which locked her out of the cash drawer.

Laurain said when the man saw this, he ran out of the store without further incident in an unknown direction.

VBT Police are reviewing video footage from the incident as the investigation continues.

State Rep. Dian Slavens maintains perfect voting record in Lansing

State Representative Dian Slavens, D-Canton, achieved a perfect voting record for the 2011 legislative session, according to a news release from her aide Jessica Tramontana.



Photo courtesy VBT Fire Department

Van Buren Township Fire Fighters, from left, Bruce VanGemert, Lacey Marcotte, and Danny Wilson, work to extinguish a small fire above the office area of the barn on Martz Road. The barn, five horses, and 15 roosters were destroyed in the Jan. 25 early morning blaze.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

State Representative Dian Slavens held a constituent coffee hour on Monday morning at Belleville Charhouse. A big item of discussion was the Emergency Manager law, which Rep. Slavens said she voted against. From left are Jim Fitch, Mary Billings, Roger Rose, and Rep. Slavens.

The news release said the lawmaker did not miss any of 613 votes the House took in the last year, but Michigan Votes, a source that keeps track of votes in the House and Senate, lists two missed votes: one on Dec. 8 and one on Dec. 15.

Tramontana told the *Independent* that Rep. Slavens abstained from those two votes on House Bill 5105, the court consolidation

package, because they were judicial bills and could potentially affect her husband since he is a judge.

The aide said the Michigan Votes source doesn't reflect not showing up for a vote vs. intentionally abstaining from a vote because of a potential conflict of interest.

The two abstentions account for the two "missed" votes that weren't really missed.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Senior warns others about telephone scam she almost fell for

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Marcella Henderson waited more than three hours at the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee meeting on Jan. 18 to tell the story of how she almost got taken in a scam – and to warn other seniors about the danger.

Henderson said she has learned that VBT Police Officer Adam Byrd will be at September Days Senior Center at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, for a Public Safety Round Table. She said she will be there, too, to tell her story and warn the other seniors.

Byrd, formerly the community policing officer, is now primarily assigned to road patrol. But he will be at the meeting to tell seniors about crime trends in the township.

Henderson waited until the end of the Public Safety meeting to tell her story. She knew the meeting would be recorded and shown on the VBT cable channel. She wanted her message to get out to as many people as possible.

She began by saying she wanted to tell about a scam and, “I about got caught up in it.”

She said she recently received a 9 a.m. telephone call that began with, “Hi, grandma.” She thought it was her grandson and said his name.

The “grandson” said he was in Peru after his buddy won a contest that provided two free tickets to Peru and the buddy invited him to go along.

Henderson said she mentioned how nice that was for his friend to take him along.

The “grandson” continued his story: His buddy had a cousin in Peru and they were riding along in the cousin’s car when the cousin was stopped for speeding.

The story went on: The police found the cousin had an expired license and then found pot in the glove box.

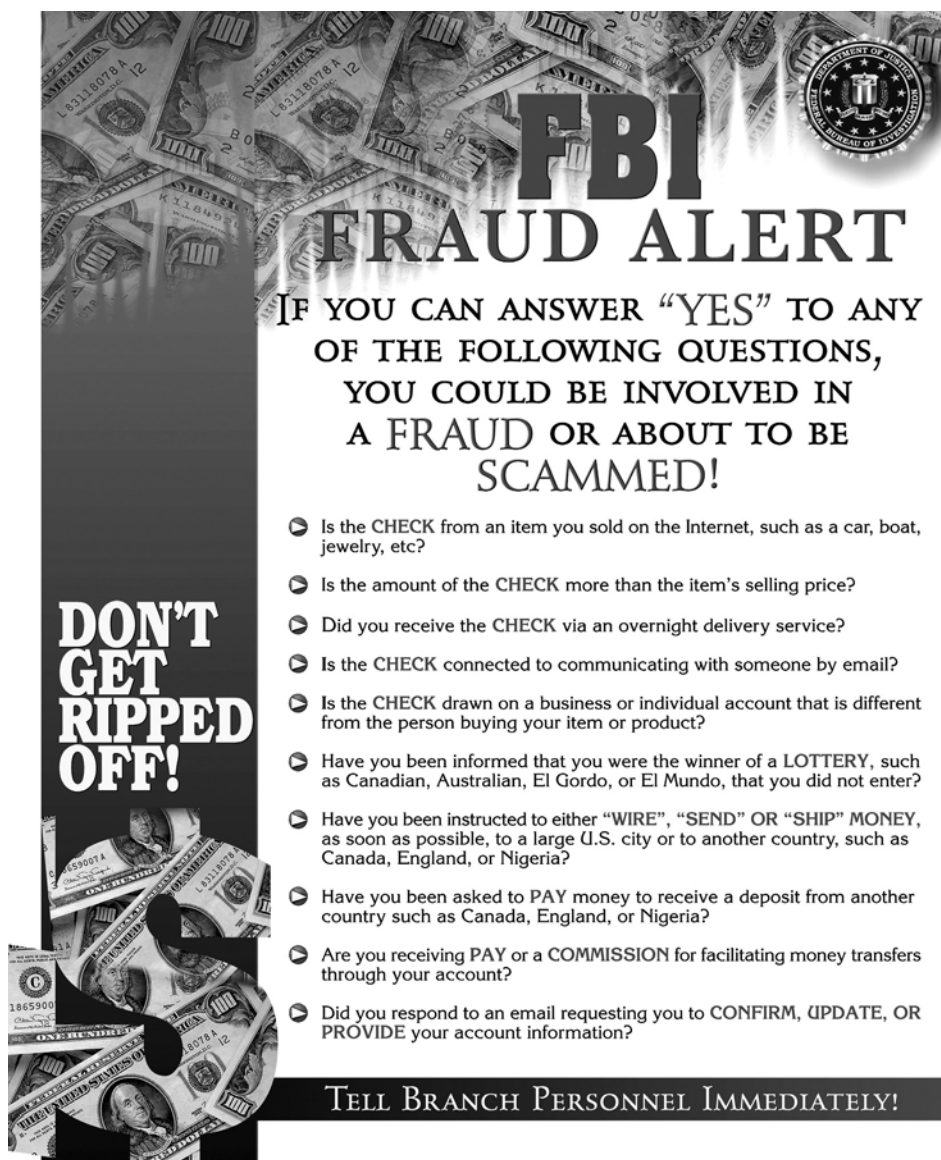
Her “grandson” said he took a drug test, which came out negative. He was supposed to be in the American Embassy and had a court-appointed attorney, who wanted to talk to her.

The “attorney” asked which case this was and she gave her grandson’s name. The “attorney” said he needs \$2,600 and couldn’t take a credit card. He emphasized her grandson was a good kid who innocently got caught up in something.

He told Henderson to send the money by Western Union and told her two sites close to her home where the service was available.

“I went to my bank to get the money,” Henderson went on, as members of the committee listened politely.

She said the “attorney” had told her not to say anything to anyone, since it might get back to Peru and her grandson could be



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punished for saying bad things about the country.

“The bank teller said, ‘Are you sure it’s not a scam?’” Henderson went on, saying the teller said her grandmother was caught in a scam like that and lost \$7,000, only the story was that a family member was in a bad accident and the money needed to be wired to Canada.

“She got right in my face,” Henderson said of her teller.

Henderson said the teller had never done that before, so she decided to do some checking. Her grandson lived in Alaska with his mother. Henderson didn’t want to call her daughter because she has been ill and she didn’t want to upset her with news her son was in jail in Peru.

But, Henderson reluctantly dialed the number and her grandson answered the phone. She asked about him being in Peru and the grandson knew nothing about it.

She said she gave her grandson the phone number she was supposed to call to get a routing number for the Western Union cable and her grandson gave the man a good talking to.

The man told him, “I know where your grandma lives and I’ll get her.”

The grandson reportedly told the man he has a shotgun.

“I want people to know this. I’d hate for other seniors to get involved in something like this,” Henderson said.

“Thank God for my tellers,” she added.

She said she and her son live together, but he wasn’t home. When he found out what happened he told her never to send any money without telling him.

“I want to get the word out,” she stated.

Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan said he got a similar call on his cell phone while he was out of town, but he noticed it was an Indiana exchange so he answered.

The person calling said McClanahan had a problem with his student loan, and McClanahan told the committee he does have a student loan.

He said the man said all he needed was McClanahan’s Social Security Number to clear it up. That’s when he got suspicious and started asking questions about where the loan was from. When the answers were wrong, McClanahan said he hung up the phone.

“I was very nearly the victim of a scam,” he said.

Henderson said it was her understanding

that scam artists hit particular areas at one time and, “They’re hitting this area.”

She said if she can keep just one other person from getting scammed, she’ll feel her efforts have been worthwhile.

Public Safety Committee vice chairman Ramone Crowe said the stories in the scams keep changing, but people need to remember not to give information or money to people they don’t know.

“And, once you send it by Western Union, it’s gone and the police can’t help you,” Henderson stated.

Belleville Fire Dept. sets fund-raising bus trip to Greektown Casino

The Belleville Fire Department invites the public to join members on a bus trip to Greektown Casino on Saturday, March 3, that will benefit the fire department.

Cost is \$40 per person, which includes \$20 in free play at the casino.

Guests will be picked up at the Chase Bank parking lot at 456 Main Street, Belleville, at 3:30 p.m. and will return to the same location at 10:30 p.m.

They will travel in a deluxe motor coach with reclining seats, overhead storage, and a restroom.

They plan to have loads of fun on the bus, including a 50/50 drawing and prize drawings. Alcohol is allowed and guests are advised to bring their own, but no glass bottles.

To purchase tickets, call Kelly Grant, president of the Belleville Fire Department Auxiliary, at 734-788-9639.

Auxiliary members also will be at the fire station at Liberty and Second St. on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. to sell tickets.

County Farm Bureau sets membership roundup, chili cook-off, free dinner

The Wayne County Farm Bureau will hold a Membership Roundup and Chili Cook-Off/Buffer Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township.

Those wishing to participate in the Chili Cook-Off are asked to provide a pot of their best chili. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili as voted on by the attendees of the event.

For more information, or to RSVP (by Monday, Feb. 6), contact Kathy at the Wayne County Farm Bureau, 734-981-6960 or by email at KBoyer@ctyfb.com.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Parents should attend Feb. 7 meet

There were two public meetings set to inform the community about results of a recent in-depth study on trends in student population and use of school buildings in the VB Public Schools.

One meeting was set for Feb. 1 and the second, and last, is planned for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Rawsonville Elementary School.

The consultants will report that the student population is falling, and will continue to fall at least until 2016, so it is prudent to close some schools and consolidate the students into fewer buildings.

The debt elimination plan, filed with the state last fall, promises the closing of at least one school for the school year that begins next fall. Maybe two will close.

There also are proposals to put all the 5th and 6th graders together into one middle school and all the 7th and 8th graders together in the other middle school.

With the proposals that will be before the school board, at least half of the student population will be going to a different school this fall.

School Board President Martha Toth urged parents to attend these meetings so there will be no surprises when the school board acts to close or consolidate their children's schools.

Final decisions on which schools will close will be made within a few weeks. Go to Tuesday's meeting if you want to know what's happening, so it won't be a big shock when it finally happens.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I-94 was closed between Ann Arbor Saline Road and Telegraph shortly after 11 a.m. Friday as the President traveled back to Air Force One at Metro Airport after speaking at the U of M.

At about 11:17 a.m., it was reported President Obama's entourage was passing Belleville Road.

The President's cargo planes flew into Willow Run Airport, I'm told, with the three helicopters, the limousine, etc.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, WXYZ-TV showed a news report about a 41-year-old "homeless" woman in Belleville named Linda who begs for a living because she lost her job last summer and needs to support her six-year-old daughter. She carries a crude, hand-lettered, cardboard sign asking motorists to help the homeless.

Linda said she gets food stamps and some kind of unspecified government aid that will run out soon.

The television reporter told how Linda waves goodbye to her daughter after the school bus picks her up at the motel where they live (looks like the Super 8 on the South I-94 Service Drive) and then Linda walks three miles to her "job" of begging at the Rawsonville I-94 ramp.

She must be one of the panhandlers that we get complaints about constantly. The beggars hang out at the I-94 ramps at Rawsonville and Haggerty roads. Some are quite aggressive and bang on car windows. We've been approached while delivering *Independents* at the Rawsonville Road McDonald's and at Tim Horton's.

Linda told the reporter she had a bad experience in a homeless shelter and so

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doesn't want to go back there. A Michigan State Police Trooper from the Brighton Post knows her and says she shows no signs of substance abuse. He got together with a towing company in Ypsilanti to accept donations for her. It's all on the WXYZ website.

I was driving south on Sumpter Road on Saturday morning when, just south of Hull, I saw men in camouflage outfits walking around in a cornfield full of Canada geese. It was very strange. Why didn't the geese fly away?

My son, Jim, pointed out the geese in the cornfield were decoys and the guys were hunters. There were a lot of decoys.

There had been some calls on the police scanner recently complaining about hunters shooting in places people didn't want them shooting. One dead goose got blood on someone's trailer and that merited a call to police.

As far as police calls, I understand the Van Buren Township police radio was down all day Monday and Tuesday. They were using the fire channel for calls.

As we arrived at deadline Tuesday afternoon, it was unclear if the VBT Public Safety Committee would be meeting the next day, Wednesday, Feb. 1, its regular meeting day.

The VBT website said it was cancelled, but there were all kinds of memos going back and forth across the internet saying it was going

to be held. We will see.

On Monday morning the Belleville Civil Service Commission met to interview two prospective part-time police officers.

One of the candidates works part time at the Monroe County Juvenile Detention Center. He said he works with behavior modification, teaching those in detention how to do the basic things in life.

One of the things is making their beds and the beds are torn apart five times a day (searching for contraband?) and the kids have to remake them appropriately.

Boy, that would be one thing you could threaten misbehaving teens with: If you don't shape up, you'll be sent to a place where you have to make your bed FIVE TIMES a day.

That same candidate told of when he was working in Las Vegas and got called to a lake where two fishermen were up on a picnic table and afraid to get down because of a four-foot-long alligator that got wound up in their line and was circling the table.

The animal control officer came and the police officer was asked to hang on to the thrashing tail until it could be put in a container. Scary. They agreed someone had released the alligator, since alligators aren't usually found in the desert.



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Letters

**Join me in supporting
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To the Editor:

On a Saturday afternoon in the middle of winter, many people choose to go sled riding, ice skating, or even stay indoors where it's warm. But on Feb. 11, a group of brave individuals will make the choice to willingly jump into the freezing waters of Belleville Lake in the name of charity.

One of those individuals is me, Theresa Gutierrez Mull. I was born and raised in Belleville and am a current resident of Plymouth. I, along with my husband Kevin, am returning to my hometown to take the plunge.

The reason for this seemingly irrational event is to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan. Both of us are long-time coaches of Special Olympics. My passion for the organization started at a young age when I attended events that my brother, Peter Gutierrez, participated in.

After college I started helping my father coach basketball, and from there I began coaching softball and hockey for the Plymouth-Canton local.

It is for my brother and the many spirited Special Olympics athletes in Michigan that I am participating in the annual Polar Plunge into Belleville Lake at the Moose Lodge.

Participation includes raising money

for Special Olympics, wearing a funny costume and then jumping into the ice-cold water. With the mission to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports, Special Olympics is an organization that has benefited many children and adults with intellectual disabilities for over 40 years.

Those interested in supporting Special Olympics are welcome to participate in the Polar Plunge on Feb. 11. More information about how to participate and how to donate can be found at www.SOMI.org.

Theresa Mull
Plymouth

BACA invites you to fund-raising dinner

To the Editor:

The public is invited to dinner!

Belleville Area Council for the Arts is holding its first monthly capital fund-raising dinner on Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Masonic Temple, corner of High and Main from 1-3 p.m.

We have room for and are cooking for 125 people. First-come is first served. Adult meal is \$9 and children under 10 are \$5 each. The menu includes roast beef and all the trimmings plus homemade pies for dessert.

Come enjoy the meal and spend some time visiting with your neighbors. Or, you can get dinner to go. We aim to please.

BACA will plan monthly dinners and the menus will be based on the month or a holiday falling in a particular month. Entertainment and other activities are planned.

Please come and support our endeavor to raise money for the property acquisition and fundraising project on Main. Thanks.

Kay Atkins, president
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

February Birthdays

Feb. 1 – Ryan McArthur

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Thanks for donating to Sumpter children

To the Editor:

Thank you to those who donated to the 2011 Sumpter Township Annual Children's Christmas event.

This past Christmas event was once again a triumphant time for the children of Sumpter.

Without the support of those who contribute, this mainstay event would perish, leaving hundreds of children very disappointed.

Thank you to the following for your sincere donations:

- Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation members, for numerous hours of volunteer help;
- The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, for their support and help;
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Keystone application deadline nears

To the Editor:

Keystone Academy is announcing its open enrollment deadline. This deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at 5p.m. All applications received by this deadline will be eligible for the tuition-free public charter school's lottery drawing. The lottery will take place on March 19, 2012 at noon.

Also of note, Keystone Academy is hosting the following events: Kindergarten/Young 5's Kindergarten Enrollment Information Meeting on Monday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m., Open House on Monday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., and a general Enrollment Information Meeting on Monday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Pauline Quinley

PAULINE QUINLEY

(April 18, 1920 - January 28, 2012)

Pauline Quinley, age 91, resident of Sumpter Township for over 50 years, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, MI. She was born April 19, 1920 in Corbin, Kentucky, daughter of the late Walter & Georgia (Grinsted) Gambrell. Pauline attended Grace Baptist Church, Belleville for many years. She worked for Sumpter Township and was appointed as Clerk for a few years, as well. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed camping and was a member of various clubs. She also loved to Square Dance. She performed with her husband in full costumes for over 50 years and was in numerous different clubs. For 25 years, they spent 6 months of the year at Upriver Campground Resort in North Fort Myers, Florida. She had many special friends there and made wonderful memories.

Mrs. Quinley is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Edgar Lee Quinley, a daughter C. Faye (Larry) Traskos of Belleville, a son Ken (Rosemary) Quinley of Shepherd, Montana, two grandchildren Tracy and Wendy Traskos, and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a sister Eilene Faye Lindemann.

Visitation was Wednesday, February 1, 3-8 PM with a 6:30 PM Eastern Star Service and a 7:00 PM Funeral Service. Deacon Peter Cornell officiated. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Darryl B. Phillips

DARRYL B. PHILLIPS

(February 17, 1948 - January 29, 2012)

Darryl "Horseman" Phillips, age 63, resident of Sumpter Township for over 40 years, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI. He was born February 17, 1948 in Detroit, MI, son of the late Robert and Dora (Thompson) Phillips.

Darryl took pleasure in training horses and riders, which earned him the nick name "Horseman." Also, in past years he enjoyed hunting. He also had a passion for education and received his Associate's degree in Psychology from Ashworth University on-line and he also attended Washtenaw County Community College.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife Eartha L. Phillips; three sons Michael Phillips of Sacramento, CA, Walter Phillips of Ypsilanti, MI and Che (DeeAnn) Phillips of Honolulu, HI; and 11 grandchildren. Darryl is also survived by his step-mother, Theoshia Phillips of Mississippi; 10 siblings Bobbie Smith, Verdell Ingram, Wydell Littleton, Miller Littleton, Daran Littleton, Zachery Littleton, Rhaheim Phillips, Theoshia (Steve) Allen, Shariess Phillips and Ruby (Karon) Knott; also his in-laws, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces & nephews & friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Vincent Phillips in 1986.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 6, at 11:00 AM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI with a gathering from 10-11 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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BHS Tigers get Doubled-up by Romulus

The stage was set last week for one of the biggest showdowns of the season in Southeast Michigan. But not even the home-away-from-home excitement of playing at the prestigious Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University would prove to be enough as the Belleville boys' basketball team lost to near the top-ranked Romulus, 69-33.

Belleville opened up the scoring with a pair of 3-pointers by Jamie Pearson and Bryce Moon, but that was quickly erased with the Eagles leveling the score and taking the lead later on in the opening period. The Eagles scored the next 17 straight points in the midst of six straight possessions. From there, the defense shut down nearly all of Belleville's shooting lanes.

At the half, the Tigers trailed 32-13. Belleville had a chance to get back in the game at the start of the second half, but they missed six free-throw attempts that they might have been able to build on. The Eagles scored the next eight points to cap off a 23-0 run and blow open their lead 47-13 through three periods.

The fourth period started with Romulus sitting out its starters, which allowed the Tigers to cut into the deficit a little.

Pearson was Belleville's top point getter, scoring six points.

The loss put Belleville's record to 4-5 on the year with Edsel Ford scheduled to come to town on Tuesday of this week.

Homegrown Knowledge series features librarian Hilary Savage

The February program in the Friends of the Library Homegrown Knowledge series will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, with librarian Hilary Savage telling about her two years in France.

The presentation will be "Pardon My French: Two Years in France with Hilary Savage."

Belleville Area Animal Rescue Center sets party Feb. 11 at Belle Villa

The Belleville Area Animal Rescue Center will hold an informational meeting / party from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Belle Villa Estates Clubhouse in Belleville.

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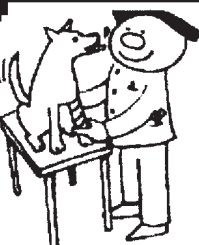
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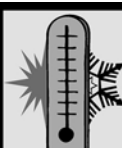
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Question from Stanley in Sumpter Township: I have tried to get help for the last year and half to reduce my home mortgage payment. It took almost a year to modify my mortgage and it was turned down. I also tried to refinance, and was told that the value of my house was too low for the refinance loan ratios. I really do not want to lose my home. Can you provide any other options for me?

Answer: Stanley, many home owners are currently in your situation. There is a federal initiative program that has had some updates recently that allow home owners to refinance for a lower rate no matter if they are underwater on home value. Certain credit requirements and some timely mortgage payment history have also become less strict. This program is associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. You can call a Lender for further details or go on line to www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/programs/lower-rates/pages/harp.aspx. I wish you the best in keeping your home
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Correction: Three school board terms extended to five, not six years

On page 3 of the Jan. 26 edition of the *Independent*, we wrote about a School Board discussion on the new state law concerning terms of board members and that board elections would be only on even-numbered years.

The story should have said that the four-year terms of Kevin English, Brent Mikulski, and Martha Toth were extended to five years by the legislature so that the terms would end in an even year. We mistakenly said they had been extended to six years. We apologize for the mistake.
-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

September Days Seniors to resume Arthritis Exercise sessions

September Days Senior Center's Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will resume at 10:15 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3. The class is also offered on Wednesdays at 8:15a.m. For more information, call 734-699-8918.

September Days Senior Center sets Public Safety Roundtable Feb. 7

September Days Senior Center will hold a Public Safety Roundtable discussion at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, to alert seniors on crime trends in the area.

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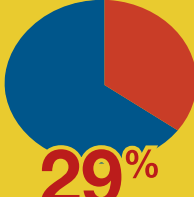
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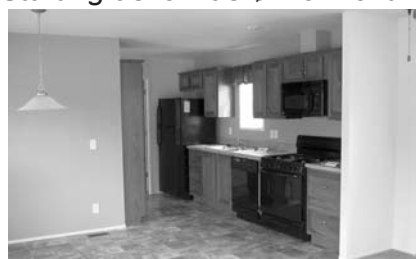
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The center offers Christian-based Pre-K educational curriculum for infants through school-age children. To learn more, call **Dorene Mroz** at (734) 697-2985.

SMC Products, LLC is a service and automotive supply company that just opened next to Tornado's Pizza on Sumpter Road. Owner **Shane Campbell** offers competitive prices on 3M automotive products, including abrasives, pads, and chemicals, Buff and Shine products, and tools, Auveco automotive clips, and other items for the commercial and do-it-yourself body shops. SMC Products also carries brand names including DeWalt, Makita, Production Professional Car Care Products. Call (734) 325-6934 to learn more.

The Pet Spa 2 in Belleville at 970 Sumpter Road in the Cork N" Bottle Plaza is offering 10% off full grooming with their business card advertisement in today's paper. They're open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 10 a.m. and Thursday, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. They're closed Sunday and Monday. Call (734) 697-4444.

Beltone Hearing Center at 889 Sumpter Road will educate you on just how many Americans experience hearing loss and the warning signs. Right now they're offering free hearing screenings for a limited time. A coupon in their ad from today's paper will save you \$1,000 off their True Hearing Systems (2 aids). They're open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. To make an appointment, call (734) 732-4394.

Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road will be holding a community **Valentine Party** on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free and all children must be accompanied by an adult. On tap will be games, craft making, cookie decorating and other activities. For information, call (734) 697-8687.

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The party kicks off at 5 p.m. at the **Bayou Grill** on Main Street featuring \$3 shots, 50 cent wings, \$5 ravioli and \$4 pulled pork sliders.

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

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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

Sunday, Jan. 22:

0037 – loud party complaint, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
0346 – assault & battery, 9961 Rolan Meadows
0409 – assault & battery, Mott/Dellor
0624 – suspicious person, 6500 Western
1134 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 45707 S. I-94 Service
1405 – breaking & entering, 27 Oak Blvd.
1449 – malicious destruction of property, 10900 Lighthouse Dr.
1553 – disorderly conduct, 10638 Oak Lane
1554 – assault & battery, 10638 Oak Lane
1657 – shots fired, 6720 Rogers Ave.
1753 – shots fired, 14586 Brookside Dr.
1900 – assault & battery, 7583 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2155 – malicious destruction of property, 41000 E. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Jan. 23:

1035 – larceny, 7696 Belleville
1251 – larceny, 84 Park Estates
1252 – private property accident, 51300 Michigan
1312 – private property accident, 51300 Michigan
1539 – disturbance, 41264 N. Woodbury Dr.
1602 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46425 Tyler
1603 – property damage accident, Haggerty / E. Huron River Dr.
1636 – assault & battery, 12475 Martinsville
1742 – operating while intoxicated, Cedar Woods
1833 – noise complaint, 48011 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1836 – breaking & entering, 6005 Hancock Ave.
1936 – breaking & entering, 63 Park Estates
2039 – malicious destruction of property, 51207 Sylvia Dr.
2110 – suicide or attempt, 295 Holly
2316 – trespassing, 48870 Denton

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0519 – breaking & entering, 13219 Vista Dr.
0808 – dumping complaint, Van Born/Beck
1146 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 10574 Oak Lane
1304 – larceny, 9599 Wildflower Ct.
1356 – shots fired, Westlake
1542 – loitering, Walmart
1602 – felony assault, 46425 Tyler
1700 – missing person, 40 Brandi
1832 – missing person, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1833 – noise complaint, 10743 Oak Lane
1930 – breaking & entering, 6104 Western
1956 – larceny, 46131 Village Green Lane
2019 – narcotics crime, 10079 Willis
2039 – fraud all, 48601 Denton
2120 – breaking & entering, 51097 Union St.
2253 – breaking & entering, 102 Maple

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

0043 – noise complaint, 49060 Denton
0109 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 10766 Oak Lane
0449 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 41482 Archwood
0548 – hospice, 7055 Sheldon
0754 – mental, 5964 Vernon
0914 – larceny, 40977 Riggs
0920 – larceny, 5964 Vernon
1339 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler
1350 – assault & battery, 46425 Tyler
1357 – robbery, 2041 Rawsonville
1423 – larceny, 11875 Quirk
1757 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / s. I-94 Service Dr.
2020 – narcotics crime, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
2347 – hospice, 17000 Renton Rd.
2352 – disturbance, 7465 Kirkridge Park Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 26:

0758 – property damage accident, Belleville / Robson
0930 – hunting complaint, 44700 N. I-94 Service
0958 – shots fired, 44065 Harmony Lane
1118 – assault & battery, 48041 S. I-94 Service
1303 – fraud all, Walmart
1330 – malicious destruction of property, 1000 Sumpter
1339 – harassment call, 46425 Tyler
1441 – missing person, 40 Brandi

1504 – suicide or attempt, 51250 Sylvia
1519 – property damage accident, 9566 Hamilton
1609 – fight, 11791 Meadows Lane
2047 – fraud all, Kmart
2303 – assault & battery, 41 Brandi
2304 – assault & battery, 41 Brandi

Friday, Jan. 27:

0159 – private property accident, 54 Park Estates
0656 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
0903 – property damage accident, 39600 Tyler
1123 – narcotics crime, 9273 Parkwood Dr.
1209 – private property accident, 51095 America
1307 – private property accident, 46425 Tyler
1457 – trespassing, 14 Pine Dr.
1531 – property damage accident, WB Ecorse/W. of Airport
1559 – retail fraud, Meijer
1738 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1914 – breaking & entering, 51082 Old Michigan
1928 – fraud all, Walmart

Saturday, Jan. 28:

0213 – disturbance, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0232 – assault & battery, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0304 – malicious destruction of property, 9250 Parkwood Dr.
0920 – hunting complaint, Sumpter/Hull
1215 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren Park
1335 – assault & battery, 51097 Union St.
1407 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1444 – unattended death, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
1514 – disturbance, 9145 Parkwood Dr.
1711 – larceny, 8112 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1732 – assault & battery, 5 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1806 – noise complaint, Harbor Club Apts. Bldg. 7
2114 – property damage accident, WB I-94/rest area

2117 – intimidation threat, 129 S. Ponderosa Trl.
2137 – assault & battery, 9878 Wheeler St.
2156 – breaking & entering, 45150 Hull
2220 – noise complaint, 10046 Jackson
2322 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville
2326 – private property accident, 11022 Oak Lane
Also on this week's log are 254 traffic stops, 45 of which were on the freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 22:

0239 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park/Capistrano
0343 – assist fire dept., 87 Carmell
0929 – warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler
1120 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1342 – civil matter, 781 Sumpter
1456 – domestic assault, 31 E. Huron River Dr.
1915 – warrant arrest, 46145 Village Green
2140 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
2210 – family trouble, 65 N. Edgemont Ave.
2331 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-Op
2349 – intrusion alarm, BHS

Monday, Jan. 23:

0533 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 167 Main
0755 – assault & battery, BHS
1033 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
1202 – prisoner transport, 34th District Court
1311 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia/Church
1500 – parking complaint, 409 W. Columbia, St. Anthony
1454 – E-911 hangup/investigation, lat/long
1540 – narcotics crime, 271 Henry
1628 – suicide or attempt, 476 W. Columbia
1832 – vehicle lockout, 251 Henry
2314 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Denton

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0104 – suspicious person, 400 N. Liberty
0215 – assist fire dept., 176 W. Columbia
0401 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 105 Astor Pl.
0752 – intrusion alarm, Johnny's Grill
0816 – disorderly conduct, BHS
0902 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
0940 – property damage accident, W. Columbia/ Main
1036 – assist citizen, 218 South

1058 – background investigation, 6 Main
1205 – juvenile complaint, 409 W. Columbia, St. Anthony
1547 – minor in possession, BHS
2323 – intrusion alarm, 496 Main

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

0103 – assist citizen, 6 Main
0737 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
0952 – misc. complaint, 143 Potter Dr.
1001 – civil matter, 6 Main
1147 – background investigation, 6 Main
1447 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter
1611 – background investigation, 6 Main
1651 – abandoned auto, 156 Clarence
1838 – misc. complaint, 485 High
2018 – suspicious situation, 206 Main

Thursday, Jan. 26:

0038 – intrusion alarm, 405 main
0111 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa
0149 – parking complaint, Aberdeen Ct./Victorian Lane
0826 – intrusion alarm, 410 Harbour
1201 – suspicious situation, 25 Main
1312 – warrant arrest, 6 Main
1530 – private property accident, St. Anthony's
1555 – larceny, 955 Sumpter
2118 – suspicious situation, 140 Church
2154 – parking complaint, 336 Oxford Ct.

Friday, Jan. 27:

0329 – suspicious person, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
0710 – traffic complaint, Sumpter/Bemis
0926 – suspicious person, 243 Anaheim
1119 – abandoned auto, 156 Clarence
1236 – parking complaint, 575 Sumpter, Co-Op
1647 – property damage accident, Main/Huron River Dr.
1830 – suspicious person, 400 N. Liberty
1840 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 184 Dos Rios
1931 – suspicious person, Secretary of State
2234 – suspicious vehicle, 60 Loza Lane

Saturday, Jan. 28:

0029 – suspicious vehicle, Goofy's
0924 – hunting complaint, 801 Estrada
1009 – civil matter, 127 Main
1220 – intrusion alarm, South Middle School
1242 – intrusion alarm, 201 Third
1305 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
1813 – assist fire dept., 213 N. Aberdeen Ct.
Also on this week's log are 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 22:

0002 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd
0145 – minor in possession violation, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0933 – 911 hangup investigation, 23000 bl. Haggerty
1355 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1630 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
1746 – disorderly person, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1803 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1929 – fire dept. assist, California
2230 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2349 – missing person report, 21000 bl. Clark

Monday, Jan. 23:

0028 – family trouble, Birch
0118 – assist other agency, 7500 bl. Rawsonville
0152 – mental health commitment, Redwood
0614 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Elwell
0750 – warrant arrest, out of township
0944 – civil dispute, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1259 – larceny report, 44000 bl. Dunn
1307 – missing person report, New Mexico
1518 – fire dept. assist, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
1611 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Haggerty
1642 – juvenile complaint, Birch
1806 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1819 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd
2047 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0524 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1019 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1733 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville
2053 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2152 – breaking & entering report, Montana
2238 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

0513 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Lane
0752 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1007 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1108 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1224 – trespassing complaint, Redwood
1405 – misc., 23000 bl. Sumpter
1629 – warrant arrest, out of township
1657 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Dunn
1719 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow
1727 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn
2141 – mental health commitment, Virginia
2341 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow

Thursday, Jan. 26:

0236 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell
0914 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1002 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Willow
1125 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow
1507 – fraud complaint, 51000 bl. Willis
1521 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willow
1747 – recovered stolen vehicle, 49000 bl. Willis
1823 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
1825 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Wumpter
2129 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2323 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Arkona

Friday, Jan. 27:

0033 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Karr
0127 – civil dispute, Hampshire
0338 – flee and elude, 41000 bl. Willow
0824 – property damage accident, Clark/Willow
0836 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis
1125 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot
1321 – malicious destruction of property report, 47000 bl. Willis
1356 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Willis
1523 – missing person report, 48000 bl. Willis
1704 – abandoned vehicle, Arizona
2012 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow
2230 – family trouble, Hampshire
2330 – assist other agency, Clark/S. Huron

Saturday, Jan. 28:

0410 – 911 hang-up investigation, Virginia
0524 – 911 hang-up investigation, Virginia
0652 – mental health commitment, Virginia
0912 – runaway juvenile report, 41000 bl. Willow
1028 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Harris
1039 – larceny report, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1430 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1522 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1548 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Willow
1800 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2141 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2201 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Elwell
2321 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd

Also on this week's log are 89 patrol checks, 35 traffic stops, 14 details, 8 follow-up investigations, and 9 citizen assists.

Belleville teenager charged with making two bomb threats in AA

Cody Sliwin, 18, of Belleville is scheduled to be in Washtenaw County District Court today, Feb. 2, for a preliminary exam on two counts of making false report of a bomb.

Police said Sliwin made two false bomb threats that forced evacuation of the Starbucks coffee shop and Noodles & Co. restaurant at Arborland shopping center the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 21.

Police used a bomb-sniffing dog from the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety to check the restaurants and found nothing.

After the businesses both reopened another bomb threat was called in for Noodles & Co. Police returned to the restaurant and again found nothing. Both restaurants are located at 3601 Washtenaw Ave.

If convicted of the charges, Sliwin could face up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Feb. 5 – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., Veterans Memorial, Belleville
- Monday, Feb. 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Van Buren Public Schools Public Forum, 7 p.m., Rawsonville Elementary School. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 9 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Rawsonville Elementary School

Tentative Belleville City Council Agenda Regular Meeting Monday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
2. Roll Call
3. Presentations, Follow-Up List, Citizen Comments
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Public Hearing
7. Introduction of Ordinances
8. General Business
 - A. City Wide Yard Sale Date
 - B. Mayor's Appointments to Boards & Commissions
9. Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures
- 10.-13. Comments
14. Action items for next meeting
15. Adjournment

This is a tentative regular meeting agenda based on information which was available as of Tuesday before the meeting. Items may be added or deleted prior to the official agenda being distributed. This is not an official meeting notice.

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- Tuesday, Feb. 14 – VBT Sept. Days Senior Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop 6 p.m., followed by meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT BZA, 7 p.m. And, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

National Heritage Academies Keystone Academy Public Notice

Keystone Academy
47925 Bemis Rd
Belleville, MI 48111-9760
734-697-9470 (phone)
734-697-9471 (fax)

OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2012-2013 academic school year ends on Wednesday, 2/29/2012 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades Young Five Kindergarten - 8 and can be obtained at the school, at www.NHAschools.com or by calling NHA at 866-NHA-ENROLL. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held on Monday, 3/19/2012 at 12 p.m. at the school. Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Keystone Academy admits students of any race, color, and nationality or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic abilities, measures of achievement or aptitude, disability, status as a handicapped person, homeless status, English proficiency, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and athletic or other school-administered programs.

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Belleville Presbyterian Church Community Valentine Party

Saturday, February 11, 2012

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Belleville Presbyterian Church

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Request for Proposals PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

The City of Belleville is accepting proposals for Professional Legal Services until

4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 21, 2012.

Proposals will be accepted for consideration if received by the City Clerk's office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 21, 2012.

Respondents will submit eight (8) copies of the proposal. A brief oral presentation of the proposal may be requested such interviews will be scheduled on or before March 16, 2012. The intent of this oral presentation will be to provide your firm an opportunity to clarify the proposal and assure a mutual understanding.

Proposal must be submitted together in one sealed envelope marked "Professional Legal Services", and addressed to

Kerreen Conley, Mayor
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111

Publish : February 2, 2012
February 9, 2012



City of Belleville Public Notice



BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

1996 Chevrolet Corsica, VIN# 1G1LD55M4TY263679
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The vehicles are being stored at J&T Towing in Belleville. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by February 17, 2012, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the February 20, 2012 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, Michigan between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

Date: January 20, 2012

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES 2012

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for lawn care and related services. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "LAWN CARE BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. EDT Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting, tour and question/answer session on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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Bethany Bible Church offers Basketball Camp for kids 5-11 years old

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

Bethany Bible Church in Belleville will be holding a weekly basketball camp starting in late February for children ages 5-11 years old.

The camp, which is open to the public, will take place at the church gym every Saturday, beginning Feb. 25 and running through March 31.

The cost is \$30 per child if registered by Feb. 17, and \$40 per child after the 17th. Three sessions will be available: 8:30- 9:45 a.m. for 5-6 year olds, 10-11:15 a.m. for 7-8 year olds, and 11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. for 9-11 year olds.

Participants will also learn the fundamentals of the game, gain confidence, develop good sportsmanship, and build friendships, while learning the skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and defensive tactics.

Paid registration will include 4 weeks of clinical instruction, 2 weeks of games, a team T-shirt, and snacks and refreshments.

Registration forms and medical release forms can be downloaded at the church's website at www.bethanybiblechurch.com or can be picked up at the *Independent* office in Belleville at 152 Main Street, Suite 9 during regular business hours.

Registration can also be done in person at the church, located at 810 East Huron River Drive. Call (734) 697-7456.

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