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Council approves closing Main Street on summer Mondays for car show

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council unanimously approved a plan to close part of Main Street every Monday this summer between 6 and 9 p.m. for a "Cruisin' on the Bayou" car show.

At Monday's council meeting, the project was discussed at length and the approval stipulated working out the many details involved. Supporters wanted to get a decision in time to get it in the Cruisin' magazine which lists all summer events.

The Monday cruise events will run from June 4 through Sept. 24, and longer if the response demands. The street will be closed from Fifth Street to Third Street.

Dan Wilson of the Cruisin' Team said he has been doing cruises for 30 years and their event in Depot Town brings 500 cars.

He said it was a great opportunity for Belleville because people who bring

their cars and families can use the city's restaurants, drug store, hardware store and visit the museum, library, and antique store. They can go out for ice cream at Frosty Boy.

He said people will come from all over, even from Ohio, for a family outing. He stressed the cars coming will be worth from \$3,000 to \$30,000 and they are not kids, "Not a bunch of Yahoos – no trouble."

There will be a disc jockey and art activities for children at the Bayou, but no vendors unless approved by the city.

"It's not about the Bayou Grill; it's about Belleville," stressed the Bayou representative.

Still to be worked out are some details, including what about the usual banning of parking on Liberty Street When Main Street is closed? Fire Chief Bryan Loranger said fire trucks can't get through when there's

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VBT to help residents hit by FEMA floodplain insurance mandate

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Reacting to wails of woe from residents targeted for costly flood insurance in the newly revised FEMA floodplain maps, on Tuesday the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved a quickly assembled plan to help.

The board also approved an expenditure of \$7,100 to pay for surveys by engineers Wade Trim to determine the elevation of homes on some 58 targeted properties.

Sumpter Township recently held an emergency meeting on the floodplain maps and laid out a plan to help the homeowners, with the township and Hennessey engineers splitting most of the cost.

At Monday's work-study session of the

VBT board, mention was made of the story in the *Independent* on Sumpter's floodplain plans and questions were asked why VBT didn't move faster to help.

Over the past few weeks, residents throughout Southeastern Michigan started getting letters from their mortgage companies and banks saying if they didn't buy flood insurance within 45 days, the institutions would buy the insurance for them and add it to their mortgages. Premiums were estimated at up to \$2,000.

The banks, in turn, were being pressured by the federal government that insures their funds.

Many properties which weren't in floodplains in the past, now are in

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Sunday, the new members of the Tri-Community Citizens Emergency Response Team posed for a picture at the Sumpter Township Fire Hall after completion of two full days of training. From left are instructor Steve Jones of the City of Belleville, Chris Warren of Van Buren Township, Chris Hamm of Sumpter Township, Jennifer Blackburn of the City of Belleville, Paul Teitgen of Van Buren Township, and TC-CERT coordinator Edward Smith, a Belleville Police Reserve Officer. This puts the TC-CERT roster at 20 volunteers trained to help professional emergency crews. Another training event will take place April 28 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Smith said another training session for new volunteers will be offered in the fall.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Local descendants of Civil War soldiers posed for a photo following Ginger Bruder's presentation at the library last Thursday on residents of Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter who served in the Civil War. In the 1860 census 1,100 people lived in the Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren area and 200 went to war. From left are descendants Darryl Raymond, Keith Bruder (and wife Ginger), Daniel Salsbury, Roberta Cullin, Connie Reed, Lori Minthorn, and Gerry Cullin.

Crain's: Visteon sells VBT headquarters for \$81.1 M

Late Tuesday, *Crain's Detroit Business* reported that Visteon Corp. has sold its Van Buren Township headquarters to Sovereign Partners, LLC, a New York real estate firm, for \$81.1 million.

Visteon also reportedly signed a 15-year lease to continue occupying the 527,000 square feet it uses in the Grace Lake Corporate Center. Sovereign will manage the rest of the property,

where major tenants are General Electric and Dana Holding Corp.

Sovereign's principals are Darius and Cyrus Sakhai. William Gentile joined the firm and moved to Michigan in 2007, according to Sovereign's website. Sovereign currently has interest in more than 6 million square feet of property, the website said.

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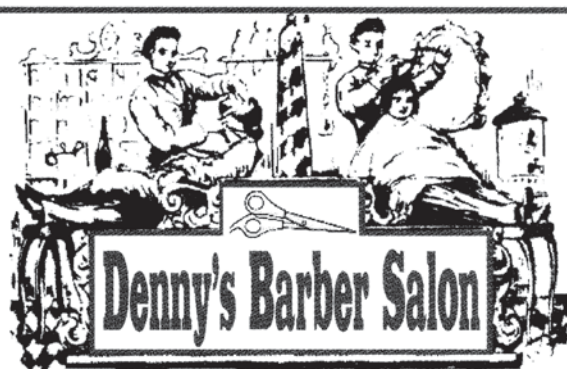
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Belleville-area man bound over on drug, home invasion charges

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

William Fred Ayres, 49, of various addresses in the Belleville area, was bound over for trial at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for drug and home-invasion charges filed by the Sumpter Township Police.

Ayres entered a not-guilty plea to the drug-connected charges of possession of cocaine less than 25 grams, habitual offender 4, and commission of a felony using a motor vehicle, which allegedly happened on March 28.

Ayres also pleaded not guilty to home invasion 2nd degree (a 15-year felony), larceny in a building (4 years), and habitual offender 4, which allegedly happened on March 26.

On April 11, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott presided over Ayres' preliminary exam and found enough evidence to send him on to be arraigned on the evidence at circuit court on April 25.

"Dustin was very important to our case. Without Ken Toney's son we probably wouldn't have been able to prosecute anything but the drug charges," said Sumpter Police Det. John Toth, referring to Dustin Cox, 20, of Sumpter Township who testified at the preliminary hearing.

Cox is the son of Van Buren Township Police Officer Ken Toney and Shawn Cox-Toney. Officer Toney said he is very proud of their son, who has a goal of joining the FBI. Cox currently is working on his accounting degree.

"Ken Toney's son saw someone breaking into his neighbor's home and jumped into police mode," Det. Toth said.

Cox saw the unusual vehicle in the drive of a man he had worked for and then saw a unfamiliar man walking out of the side door of the garage with construction supplies and driving off.

"He knew it wasn't right," Toth said of Cox, who jumped into his vehicle and went after the fleeing van.

Cox followed the vehicle from the 19000 block of Haggerty in Sumpter and cornered it at the former Pro-Tech business at Haggerty and E. Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township, where he got a good look at the license plate.

At that point the driver "flipped him off" and drove off at a high rate of speed, so Cox disengaged, "like a good police officer would do," Toth said.

The eye-witness information was turned

over to Sumpter Police Sgt. Jim Cayce, who determined the vehicle was stolen.

Two days later, Sumpter Officer Beth Egerer was on patrol with rookie Officer Dave McKean when they came upon the same vehicle on Sumpter Road, with its flashers on. It had just run out of gas.

Toth said the female driver got out of the car to talk to police, while Officer Egerer ran the plate and found it was stolen. Sgt. Pat Gannon and Det. Toth were called.

Ayres was just awakening in the vehicle, following a multiple-day bender on cocaine, Toth said.

Sumpter Police set up a lineup and Cox picked him out as the man he saw stealing construction materials.

Toth said the Wayne County Prosecutor's office declined to prosecute the female.

"If it wasn't for Ken Toney's son being a good neighbor and acting quickly," we wouldn't have been able to prosecute him on the home invasion," Toth said. "If he was my son, I'd be super proud."

Ayres is being detained in the Wayne County Jail because of parole violations.

Michigan Department of Corrections records show Ayres was on parole after serving 5 years of his 3-15 year sentence for a 2004 home invasion 2nd degree.

He also has served time for other convictions for home invasion 2nd degree, larceny from a person, breaking and entering, and fleeing a police officer.

Det. Toth said there have been a series of break-ins in Sumpter and Van Buren and Romulus also are getting hit. He said in Sumpter, the stolen articles are mainly Quads, tools, and Razrs.

'Let's Go Fly a Kite Day' set in Belleville on Saturday, April 28

The City of Belleville Parks & Recreation Commission and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts invites the public to its first "Let's Go Fly a Kite Day" in Belleville. The free event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, weather permitting. Participants are advised to bring their own kites. Information is available on types of kites -- as well as kites to purchase -- at Kites & Fun Things, 1049 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 734-454-3760, email info@kitesandfunthings.com or see www.kitesandfunthings.com . There is a 10% discount offered on purchases at Kites & Fun Things if you mention "Let's Go Fly a Kite Day" in Belleville. Demonstrations and instructions will be available at the event. Light lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase.



Photo by Lyn Lacy

State Rep. Dian Slavens, left, and Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club President John Herman, center, join Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano for Lunch with Bob on April 9 at the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township. Ficano provided a healthy lunch for seniors, along with senior information and games.

VBT Planners approve plans for McDonald's upgrade, Belle Tire build

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The high-rise McDonald's sign will remain for the time being, but the proposed big American flag at the new Belle Tire will be reduced in size.

These were among decisions made by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its regular meeting April 11.

McDonald's wants to renovate the exterior and upgrade the site at its location on Belleville Road and agreed to remove the pedestal sign in the front and replace it with a monument sign, as long as its menu boards in the back and the signs atop the new canopy can remain in place.

McDonald's agreed to repaint the brick building in the color approved by the township (brown instead of red), changes to landscape traffic islands and put new plantings in front, along with a bike rack and bench.

The township is developing a cross-access agreement model and McDonald's will be the first to use it, said Terry Carroll, VBT director of planning and economic development. This way, the businesses will deal with the township for access agreements instead of negotiating with each other, he said.

McDonald's plans to have an entry/exit at the back of the site so customers can come and go from the shopping center behind. McDonald's was negotiating with the shopping center owner.

Carroll said the back curb cut could be six months from now or six years from now or, "Could be never."

In the future, McDonald's plans to close the southernmost curb cut onto Belleville Road and widen the northern entryway. The new traffic flow was considered by the planning commission, but will be addressed later.

Ken Van Tine, architect for McDonald's, and Gary Winbush, operations manager for 29 McDonald's locations, negotiated with the planning commission and agreed to put bricks around the pedestal bases of the menu boards in back to make them into monument signs, but not the order board.

But changing the canopy with signs over the order lanes was difficult because it would be too expensive for McDonald's to make a special order for this one store.

The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend to the township board special land-use approval for a drive-in restaurant (there's no VBT category for

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT may consider class-action law suit on FEMA flood maps

Van Buren Township Trustee Jeff Jahr is urging the township board to get together with other communities to file a class-action law suit against the federal government on the recently redrawn floodplain maps that is mandating expensive federal flood insurance for targeted homeowners.

Parcels that were never in floodplains, now are in floodplains. This is based on new satellite maps from the Army Corps of Engineers. EPA Region 5 in Chicago selected Wayne County for the new maps because the county has the densest population in Michigan. FEMA is being accused of wanting to refill its coffers after the Katrina and other disasters, so it's mandating new flood insurance for stunned property owners.

The flood insurance is being required by all mortgage holders who are insured by the federal government. VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd said one family went out and paid off its mortgage so it wouldn't be involved, since those without mortgages aren't mandated to carry the insurance. But not everyone is able to do that, Budd said.

Trustee Jahr, an attorney, said in America it is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty, but this requires the homeowner to go to the expense of proving himself innocent. Big Brother, who never stepped foot in VBT, is requiring people to pay a significant amount of money, Jahr said, and it's not right. We agree. It's not right.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Some local senior citizens are very upset with Meijer for changing the way the sales circulars are delivered. Seniors used to get the circulars in the mail on Fridays, with other store ads in the Red Plum mailing.

But then Meijer changed its procedure and is putting the circulars in weekend editions of the Detroit newspapers. Many of the seniors don't get weekend papers.

On Friday, one of our readers came in fuming over the change. She said she called Meijer who told her she could access the sales circular on the internet, but the senior was having none of that.

She said she always marks the items she's interested in on the circular.

She said local seniors take buses from the two senior residences in Belleville to shop and they need to have the sales information to plan their destinations.

The lady said she called the Van Buren Township store (store #72), but the manager said the change in procedure came from headquarters in Grand Rapids.

Our reader is asking seniors to show their Senior Power and call Meijer headquarters telling them they want the circulars back in the mail. The number is 1-800-543-3704.

A news article out of South Bend, Indiana, reports the grape industry in Southwest Michigan took a big blow the night of April 11-12, when the temperature hit 23 degrees at 11 p.m. and stayed that way for the rest of the night, with no clouds and no winds.

One 120-acre vineyard, had all the grapes completely wiped out, with only brown leaves left by morning.

Another vineyard had almost all the juice grapes destroyed and about half the wine



grapes. Some say it was the worst damage to grapes in 70 years.

Speaking about damage, the wind on Monday knocked down some trees and branches throughout our area, putting out power to 100,000 in Southeastern Michigan, including portions of Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township. Reportedly Keystone Academy was without power for a while, along with South Middle School and other schools.

We received a call from a lady on Monday morning asking for the phone number of the Chamber of Commerce – quickly!

She said the old gas station at Third and Main is being blown down and the Chamber director's car is parked underneath. We gave her the number, Rachel got the call and moved her car just in time. By the end of the day, all the aluminum siding had been peeled off the gas station canopy.

Last Thursday at the library, Ginger Bruder gave an interesting presentation on the local men who went to serve in the Civil War. Of the 1,100 people who lived in the Sumpter, Van Buren, and Belleville area then, 200 went to war.

She said it is her dream to get the National Archives War Records for all 200. The records cost \$75 each, but they are full of valuable information and, sometimes, even diaries.

As Ginger works her way through the

records of the local men who went to war, "They all become people to me," she said.

She agonizes over the burning and sinking of the Sultana river boat that carried five times too many men than it was made for. The soldiers were going to Vicksburg to muster out after the war and 1,500 died in the Sultana disaster. Two soldiers from Belleville survived.

On our Van Buren Township police dispatch log for publication this week was a hold-up alarm on Fairfield Dr. and a robbery at 11530 Belleville Rd., the Shell station, so I checked with Captain Laurain. He said the Fairfield alarm was homeowner error. The hold-up alarm at Shell turned out to be a misunderstanding. The employee called police saying a customer bought several items but didn't pay for three ice cream bars. After all was sorted out it was found that the ice cream was not on the receipt when rung up. "Case closed," he said.

At Monday's work session of the VBT Board of Trustees, Trustee Al Ostrowski unsuccessfully tried to get the board interested in rescinding the special approval it granted a year ago to Hoosier Energy and Visteon. Wonder what the Visteon sale does to the Hoosier project.



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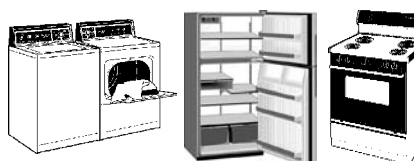
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Letters

Sign my petition if you think FEMA is insane

To the Editor:

It was mentioned in the paper last week about the petition I was passing around at the meeting in our town hall. I wanted people to know that you can still sign it. I plan on sending it to our Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow.

Here are the reasons why: I think if the governor sees that the whole township is against killing the middle class again, financially, when so many are losing their homes already cause they can't afford their mortgage, now expecting us to pay another \$1,800-\$2,000 a year just may cause the foreclosure rate to rise.

Maybe we are strength in numbers. They are only forcing people who have mortgages to do this. As the paper stated most people are thinking that FEMA is trying to reimburse themselves from Katrina and other disasters that have happened in recent years.

How much do we have to support our government? I think that they keep taking from the middle class way too much. The rich stay rich and we already support the low-income people and we are working our tails off just to stay afloat. What more do they want from us? We, as a whole, are suffering and are seeing the empty houses and the business going out of business.

At least the government will get a sense of how the public is feeling about this latest jab to our wallets. This new flood plain does not improve our community; it destroys it. Yes, we cannot change this flood plain, but does everyone realize that

this makes our property not worth much? We can't build on them, say a garage or so, and who would want to buy our properties if they are built on a flood plain?

This affects everyone in Wayne County, not just Sumpter. Think about it. Would you buy a house that's sitting next to a flood plain? What if it flooded, could you be just as affected as others?

So, if you think that these points sound sane and you think that FEMA is insane, come by and sign this petition, whether you're in the flood plain or not and thank you much for your support in advance.

Feel free to stop by sometime to sign it. I am leaving it on the front porch on the seat with a rock on top from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. as long as it's not raining. If you feel like helping by getting people to sign this and would like a sheet to pass around to your family and friends just call me and I can send one to you.

I am hoping to receive these back and gather all signatures together and send it out to our government by the end of the month (April 30, 2012).

My name is Kathy Duke and the address this petition will be at is 17500 Sumpter Road in Belleville, Sumpter Township (2 houses south of Bemis on the west side). If you need to call me for some reason my number is (734) 699-6994.

Again thanks in advance for your support!

Kathy Duke, Sumpter Township

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More Letters

I'm looking for a special obituary I had in 2010

Easter Sunday, April 7

To the Editor:

Back in 2010, when my mom Ruth Stromme died, her obituary was published in the local newspaper up north and here (*Independent*). [She died Feb. 9 and the obituary was published in the *Independent* on Feb. 18.]

The arrangements were handled by Peterson Funeral Home of either McBain or Cadillac.

Around that same time someone there sent to me a beautiful copy of a northern Michigan (?) lady who spent her life as an author and wrote about it.

I desperately need another copy of that lady's obituary, but unfortunately, I have forgotten the name or any of her I.D.

As you can tell by my handwriting, I have only got about 20 days left of life, if that long, so I need your help kind of fast. They estimate my death in 20 days.

I can be reached at 734-697-3662 or through the *Independent*.

Thank you very much,
Cathy Stromme Horste
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Cathy said the obituary touched her and brought tears to her eyes because it told of the deceased woman's sadness at the thought that she would never write another book.

April Birthdays

April 14 – Lucy Claire Van Ger Way
April 18 – Ricky Ostrowski
April 19 – Taeley Ostrowski
April 25 – Julianna Lochly
April 29 – Jackie Chicowski

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Obituaries



Jeremy Allen Vandercook

JEREMY ALLEN VANDERCOOK

(December 17, 1989 – April 12, 2012)

Jeremy A. Vandercook, age 22, of Willis, passed away April 12, 2012.

Beloved son of Rodney and Lori Vandercook. Loving brother of Tabatha. Dearest grandson of Frank (Bertha) Vandercook and Krista Brennan.

He was preceded in death by his half-brother Thomas Brennan and his grandfather Harry Brennan.

Funeral service was Sunday, 7 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Sunday, 1-7 PM. www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

BARBARA MARIE BIRECKI

(April 10, 1958 - April 9, 2012)

Age 53, of Taylor. Survived by companion Carl Barton; 4 children Anna, Christine, Gerard and Shawn; 8 grandchildren; 7 siblings. David C. Brown Funeral Home. Mass at St. Constance Catholic Church, Taylor.

GLOYCE CECILIA LAUTH

(November 22, 1928 – March 28, 2012)

Gloyce Cecilia Lauth (nee Szykowski), 83, of Grayling, formerly of Belleville, passed away March 28, 2012 with family at her side.

Gloyce was born in Detroit, MI, on November 22, 1928, the daughter of the late Cecilia Barbara (Sontowski) and Edmund Szykowski. She married Edmond Lauth, Jr. on May 7, 1949 in Detroit.

Gloyce is survived by her husband; four daughters and two sons, Pamela (Pete) Mendis of Britton, MI, Janice (Dan) Welt, Paul Lauth, Mark (Donna) Lauth, Cecilia Queener and Sharon (Mark) Innes, all of Belleville. She is also survived by her sister Marcella Sosnowski of Hesperia, CA; 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Jerome Szykowski.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 28, at St. Anthony Parish in Belleville.

LOUISE GRIMES

Mrs. Louise Grimes, a long-time resident of Bohn Road, Belleville, passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Arrangements have been entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, 3015 South Inkster Road, Inkster.

Public visitation will be Friday, April 20, 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Home-going service will be held on Saturday, April 21, at United Christian Church, 19510 West Chicago, Detroit. Family hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Service 11 a.m.

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Rudolph "George" "Lucky" Schiller

RUDOLPH 'GEORGE' 'LUCKY' SCHILLER

(July 21, 1933 – April 11, 2012)

Rudolph "George" Schiller, age 78, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born July 21, 1933 in Saskatchewan, Canada, son of the late John & Caroline (Kosowski) Schiller.

He proudly served Her Majesty in the Navy Sea Cadets in Canada. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. He enjoyed the outdoors, working around his house, farming, horses, deer, and most animals. He especially loved dogs. He was a dog show judge and founded the Endangered Breed Association also the Great Lakes American Pit Bull Terrier Club. He was even named Dog Man of the Year.

George is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Deann (Stech) Schiller; three children Deborah Zagula of Ypsilanti, MI, David (Donna) Zagula of Romulus, MI and Michelle Schiller of Commerce, MI; two grandsons Dylan and Christian; a brother Ronald Schiller; four sisters Peggy, Ann, Fran and Sister Mary Stella; also numerous nieces, nephews, friends and animal companions.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother John Schiller, also a sister Joey Schiller.

A Gathering will be held 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Saturday, April 21, 2012 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with a 1:30 PM Memorial Service. Father Thomas H. Cusick will officiate.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 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.

SUSAN 'KAYE' PAGE-HARRISON

(May 9, 1944 - April 15, 2012)

Susan Kathryn "Kaye" Page-Harrison, age 67, of Belleville, Michigan passed away at her home, surrounded by her family on Sunday, April 15, 2012. She was born on May 9, 1944 in Redford, Michigan, daughter of Alva D. "Al" and Lilly Ruth "Ruth" (Broome) Burr.

Kaye is survived by her husband, Charles D. Harrison for 25 years; three children Donald (Andi) Page, Michelle Page of Wayne, Michael (Norbert Birman) Page of Brooklyn, New York; four step-children Cynthia Harrison, Anthony Harrison, Delano (Valarie) Harrison and Deelano Harrison all of Milan, MI; 2 grandchildren Ashley Page, Elizabeth Page; 6 step-grandchildren Eric & Stephanie Echols, Jennifer, Eric, Christopher & Nicholas Harrison; also 2 great-grandchildren Gracie and Zander Harrison.

Kaye loved to read Stephen King mysteries, listening to all types of music, playing computer games and doing daily cross word puzzles. Most of all she loved her family and spending time with them.

Preceded in death by her parents, one brother, one step-son, and one step-daughter.

Visitation will be held from 3-6 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, on Thursday, April 19, 2012 with a funeral service to follow at 6:00 P.M. with Pastor Duane Bonner officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local Humane Society or ASPCA and would be appreciated by the family.

Please sign Kaye's on line guestbook and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

MDOT bridge repairs to slow traffic on I-275

On Monday, the Michigan Department of Transportation began \$23.5 million worth of bridge repairs on a 13-mile stretch of I-275. It will upgrade 34 bridges between Hannan Road in Van Buren Township and 6 Mile Road in Northville Township. The project is expected to last into late November and will slow down traffic on the stretch most of the summer.

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Larry E. Whitman



LARRY EUGEN WHITMAN

(February 12, 1947 - April 9, 2012)

Larry E. Whitman, age 65, of Saline, MI, died at 3:15 a.m. Monday, April 9, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He had been in poor health for many months. There was a memorial service at Rupp Funeral Home in Monroe on April 13. The Rev. Fred Smith officiated (cousin of the deceased) and military honors were provided by V.F.W. Post 1138, Monroe.

Born February 12, 1947 in Monroe, he was the son of the late James and Loretta (Moore) Whitman. He and his family were members of the Kentucky Park Missionary Baptist Church of Monroe. He served in the U.S. Air Force from May 20, 1966 until March 16, 1972. Larry was employed by General Motors Willow Run Plant for 30 years, retiring on Jan. 2, 1996. He was a member of the American Legion Post 322, Saline.

He graduated from Monroe High School in 1965, where he was quite a football star, making it in the local Monroe paper quite often for his skills on Defense. He also enjoyed reading, collecting movies and Civil War relics, owning many original pieces from Robert E. Lee. But one of his all-time favorite things to do was go to the flea market. Any would do, but mostly Pennsylvania and Middlebelt flea market. He loved a good bargain.

His first marriage in 1969 to a Ms. Joyce Clark produced his first child, Carolyn M. Whitman (Pate) who is now married to Rodney S. Pate of Belleville.

His second child Larry Allen Weinburg (Whitman), who shares his name, was born in 1978. In the early '80s he had a short-lived second marriage to a Ms. Larea Drummonds (Miricle). Then on July 13, 1988 in Toledo, Ohio he married the love of his life and Guardian Angel, Kathleen O'Hara, and they have a son together, Mr. James Monroe Whitman (named after his grandfather, Larry's father). The three have made their home in Saline. Previously, Larry was from the Belleville area for a good part of his life and knew many people and went many places, Hawaii being one of his favorites. Surviving are his wife Kathleen and their son James Whitman of Saline; his other older son Larry Allen Weinburg (Whitman) of Wayne; his daughter Carolyn M. Whitman (Pate), Daddy's little girl, and her husband Rodney S. Pate of Belleville; two grandsons Dylan James Lee of Belleville and Alex Ryan Weinburg of Wayne; brothers James and Dolores Whitman of Hephzibah, GA, and Ronald (Buddy) Whitman of Brooksville, FL, and Peggy Whitman; and nephew Chris Emala. Also, sister Brenda (Kenny) Emala of Jacksboro, TN and nephew Jason (Christy) Steffes and Lil Kaylee Lynn Loretta, his great-niece of Jackson. And, a whole host of nieces, nephews, and cousins and friends that loved his unique humor and infectious smile.

Memorials may be made to the Saline Young Adults Program.



Season Dawn Miller

SEASON DAWN MILLER

(February 13, 1979 - April 17, 2012)

Season Dawn Miller, age 33, passed away at Oakwood Hospital, Wayne, MI. She was born February 13, 1979 in Louisiana, daughter of Devaughn & Tammy (Roberts) Stephens. She attended Greenwood High School and Fort Smith Seventh Day Adventist Church, both in Arkansas.

She worked for General Motors for several years selling uniforms to various manufacturing plants in Southeastern Michigan. She loved her family and cherished time spent with her son.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 17 years, Shane Miller, son Christopher Lee Stephens-Miller, both of Romulus, MI; parents Devaughn & Tammy Stephens of Greenwood, Arkansas; grandparents Chiquita & Bill Roberts of Fort Smith, Arkansas; a brother Brenden Stephens of Greenwood, Arkansas; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be 3-8 PM Friday and 10-11 AM Saturday, April 21, 2012 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with an 11:00 AM Funeral.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to be used for her son, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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The Belleville High School Class of 1962 is planning its 50th reunion in July and is trying to get classmates together.

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BHS Class of 1992 sets 20th reunion in Sept.

The Belleville High school class of 1992 will hold its 20th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Emagine Theater-Star Lanes in Royal Oak. No reservations at the door. Reserve tickets before Sept. 1. Cost is \$50 per person before June 1 and \$55 per person thereafter. For more information, see the Facebook event page "Belleville High School Class of 1992 Reunion" or send an email to tolliveramy@gmail.com.

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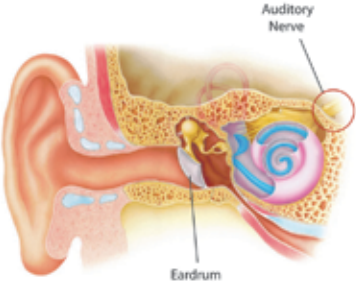
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City Council

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parking on both sides of Liberty. Do the no parking signs have to be put up each Monday? DPS Director Keith Boc said it takes his men half a day of work to put up similar signs for Strawberry Festival.

Steve Jones suggested making signs that say no parking on Mondays, 6-9 p.m., and then leave them up all summer.

Then, there's the job of putting up stop signs at Liberty and East Huron River Drive to help traffic move along when Main Street is closed. And, there are barricades and signs that have to be put up and taken down each Monday after the DPS has gone home.

Wilson said volunteers from the cruisers will put up signs.

"It's the general consensus this is a good idea," said Mayor Kerreen Conley, speaking for the council. "To work out all the details in a council meeting is not a good idea." She suggested the Cruisin' Team sit down with the police chief, Boc, and others to work out the logistics.

After four weeks of operation, the Cruisin' Team was directed to report to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer to let the city know how it's going and if all the details had been worked out.

Brian Copsey of the Bayou, who was not present, was quoted as saying he would personally contact all the businesses affected by the street closing and others, to keep them informed of the project and give them the opportunity to take advantage of all the potential customers that will be in town.

Fire Dept.'s 100th anniversary

The Fire Department's request to close Main Street for a parade on Oct. 13 during Harvest Fest to mark the 100th anniversary of the department was deferred until the next council meeting, until details have been ironed out for the whole day of celebration.

The Fire Department had planned to park antique fire equipment at Victory Park, but may decide to park them on Main Street with other visiting current fire department vehicles from other communities. If so, Main Street would have to be closed longer than for the parade.

The 100th anniversary celebration includes a private dinner on Oct. 12 for all past and present members of the fire department, a breakfast on Oct. 13, the parade, an historic muster of fire apparatus, a kids area, and a Chinese lantern release at dusk from the Denton Road bridge.

The lanterns would be a tribute to all past fire fighters who served the city, said Fire Chief Loranger.

Tom Fielder said the museum has a fire exhibit on display and is planning a round table in the future, so people who remember the Belleville High School fire, for example, can share their memories.

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

- Approved the Canton Lions Club request to accept donations for White Canes on the streets of Belleville on various times from April 27 to May 6. They will borrow the required reflective vests from the Belleville Police Department;

- Approved the request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans Post #167 to accept donations for Buddy Poppies May 10-12 on the streets of Belleville. They have their own reflective vests; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$189,575.09, including the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Allie Brothers for police uniforms, \$732.30; to Bio-Care for physical exam, \$725; to Blue Ribbon for demolition of house, \$3,900 (from funds in trust); and to Service Electric, \$865.90 for lamp/ballast.

VBT & FEMA

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floodplains. Homeowners said the value of their property immediately dropped with the designation.

Of the VBT 529 parcels identified as touching the floodplains, 75% are expected to be relieved of the flood insurance requirement as a result of aerial photograph analysis by Wade Trim. This will require a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) which Wade Trim will prepare for a cost of \$175 and file electronically.

Twenty percent are expected to be relieved of the flood insurance requirement as a result of a Wade Trim survey of the lowest part of the primary residence on the property and comparing that to the flood elevation. This, too, needs a LOMA for \$175.

Five percent of the targeted properties are expected to have to buy flood insurance, but, since VBT is not a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, that was not possible for the homeowners.

The township is in the process of applying to the federal government for participation in the nation program, so the less-expensive flood insurance will be available and residents won't have to pay the expensive rates charged by mortgage lenders.

Meanwhile, the township is sending letters to all 529 of the parcels identified on the floodplain map giving them the options for surveys and LOMAs.

At Monday's meeting, property owners were able to go into an adjoining room at township hall to have their addresses brought up on a computer so they could see the floodplain status of their properties, as determined by FEMA.

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To the Editor:

The Belleville Relay for Life and Wal-Mart have teamed up to raise money to fight cancer.

We would like to invite everyone to our Roller Skating FUNdraiser on April 22. The event will be held at the Rollers Skate Park in Sumpter on Sumpter Road. It is open to the public and will take place during the open skate from 2-5 p.m.

A portion of all the entry fees collected during that time will go to help FIGHT CANCER! We will also have glow bracelets and other items for sale.

This is a great way to support your local businesses and raise money to fight cancer in your community.

I would also like to invite all the residents of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter to come out to our Relay for Life on Saturday May 5. The event will take place at Quirk Park and will run for 24 hours starting at 9 a.m. on May 5. There will be live entertainment and lots of fun!

Relay for life is FREE to attend, however, donations are always welcomed.

If you have any questions please contact April Warner at (734) 697-2078 or april_warner26@hotmail.com.

WE would love to see everyone at our fundraiser on April 22 and at relay on May 5. Together we can FIGHT cancer and create a world with more birthdays!

Thank you,
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- **Saturday, April 21** – Boy Scout Troop 793 all-day Scrapbooking & Crafters Workshop, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., St. Anthony Church gymnasium 699-3290.
- **Saturday, April 21** – “Introduction to Square Foot Gardening,” 10-11:30 a.m., Belleville Area District Library, free program with instructor James Lee. Registration recommended, 699-3291, because space is limited.
- **Saturday, April 21** – “Michigan in the Civil War” lecture at Belleville Area Museum, 2 p.m., tickets \$8/\$10, includes admission to new Civil War exhibit. Lecture by Dave Eicher; re-enactors from 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry on hand.
- **Saturday, April 21** – “An Evening with Elyse” fund raiser to help Belleville’s contestant in the Miss Michigan 2012 pageant June 16. The event will be 7-8:30 p.m. at Bethany Ministry Center, 810 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Tickets at \$10 each include concert, Miss Michigan wardrobe viewing, coffee, desserts.
- **Saturday, April 21** – Yankee Air Museum holds Italian Bistro Night fund raiser at museum’s Collections & Exhibits Building at Willow Run Airport, 6:30 p.m. dinner, followed by swing dancing. \$30/\$35 in advance, \$35 at the door, information 734-483-4030
- **Sunday, April 22** – Baby Shower 2-5 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church to benefit Mary’s Mantle, a home for expectant mothers, 697-2988
- **Saturday, April 28** – Antique Appraisal Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Grace Baptist Church gymnasium, sponsored by Belleville Area Council for the Arts, first item \$10, additional items \$5 each, limit of five items per person
- **Saturday, April 28** – Final walk-through of old Belleville High School, 10 a.m. – noon.
- **Saturday, April 28** – “Let’s Go Fly a Kite Day” in Belleville, noon to 4 p.m., Village Park (Victoria Commons), free
- **Saturday, April 28** – Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation fund-raising dinner, 6-8:30 p.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church. Tickets at the door.
- **Saturday, May 5** – Friends of Michigan

Animals Rescue 5th-annual Cinco de Mayo Dinner fund-raiser, dinner at 6 p.m., Ypsilanti Eagles Hall, 2935 Holmes Road, Ypsilanti, tickets \$25, tickets & information, 461-9458

- **Saturday, May 5** – “Murder, Maestro, Please” dinner theater at the Bayou Grill to benefit the library, 6-10 p.m., \$25 per person
- **Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m. (24-hour event)** – Relay for Life at Quirk Park, fund raiser for American Cancer Society.
- **Saturday, May 5** – Sumpter Township residents only may drop off up to seven non-commercial-size tires at the township recycling center behind township hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 10** – Homegrown Knowledge Series at library, 7 p.m., “Yankee Air Force Museum” with Randy Hotton, free.
- **Saturday, May 12** – Drive-in Dog Clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Water/Sewer Building, 46425 Tyler Road, behind township hall. Vaccinations (\$16, rabies; \$28, distemper) and dog licenses (\$5/\$2.50) for township dogs, 699-8903.
- **Saturday, May 12** – Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents “A Hill of Magic Beans, or Here’s Looking at You, Jack,” a children’s comedy at 3 and 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Tickets \$5.

Western Wayne Athletic Conference names 17 from BHS

Belleville High School has announced that 17 of its student athletes were selected to the All-Conference Team in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference for the winter sports seasons.

They include Nathaniel Blake, bowling; Ari Budiono, swimming; Kaylynn Counts, basketball; Nicholas DeFelice, bowling; Shames Delahaye, wrestling; Ryan Dybicki, bowling; Michael Hermosillo DeBoer, swimming; Zachary Juchartz, wrestling; Brandon Kandler, bowling; Blaise Michina, swimming; Jamie Pearson, basketball; Daniela Perez, bowling; Tanishia Townsend, bowling; Brandon Robinson, swimming; Angel Ward, basketball; Sydney Wall, bowling; and Tyler Wall, bowling.

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District Library Board votes not to put bond question on Nov. ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Unless the Belleville Area District Library Board is able to come up with sites for two new library buildings, architectural drawings and an estimate of their costs, the question won't be put before voters in November.

At the library board's April 10 meeting, the board voted unanimously not to apply for the November 2012 ballot until it has further information.

Board vice chairman Christina Brasil, who brought the tabled item back for consideration by the board, said more information is needed before this can be brought before voters.

She said she thinks the board doesn't have enough information to go for a bond.

Board member Michael Boelter said the proposed contract with Anders C. Dahlgren of Library Planning Associates in Illinois is a part of the equation. Later in the meeting the board approved a \$2,970 expenditure to have Dahlgren update the space needs for the Belleville library, since his last assessment was in 2004/05.

Dahlgren noted the second site added to the equation since then is an important shift from the initial planning efforts. He said questions have been raised recently as to whether a plan with core work dating back seven or eight years is useful.

"As I like to say, the tectonic plates of library service keep on shifting," Dahlgren wrote in a March 26 letter to Library Director Debra Green.

"After all, when we worked together on that earlier plan, neither iPod, iPhone, nor iPad had been introduced yet.

"In response to these and other changes, we're starting to see libraries adjust how they forecast collection needs," he said.

For the \$2,970, Dahlgren will do a study and update resource and service inventory needs and an estimate of the library's corresponding space need.

An optional service would cost \$1,825 to have Dahlgren come to Belleville to present the updated findings to the library board and/or to an open community meeting.

The board did not approve that part, but left it open for a future decision.

As to the bond vote, everything must be filed with the county by Aug. 15 to get on the November ballot.

Board member John Juriga said he would feel better if board members Joe Monte and Elaine Gutierrez were present at that night's meeting to make the decision to put off the vote. Monte was out of town and Gutierrez was working at an income tax service.

"We have to have a site. We don't," said board chairman Mary Jane Dawson.

Juriga, a retired school teacher, said he always told his students, "When in doubt, leave it out. We're not ready."

"There are three board members up for re-election," pointed out Brasil. "I'd like us to be unified."

She said the last big bond vote in the community was for the high school and it took a while, and several site proposals, before it got passed. She said the library board is talking about three to four sites for the main library building and has made no decision.

Resident Mike Renaud advised the board to work on a list of what it needs to accomplish, such as site and architectural drawings. He noted South Dakota had five potential sites for a library with a drawing for each one and cost for each one.

He said they could put checkmarks next to items on a list for what they need as they get them.

"As far as the board members changing,

that's the point of having a board," Renaud said. "It flows. Eighty percent of the board is enough to make a decision. You shouldn't hold off until you get a full board."

Juriga said the board is dealing with the DNR for the property north of the bridge and that's almost impossible to do, since there are three separate offices involved. He said the board is waiting for questions from the city concerning the board's request for the city donation of property. Also, the city is waiting for its new attorney to come fully on board.

Barbara Rogalle Miller asked which board seats were up in November and she was told the seats up were now filled by Michael Boelter, John Juriga, and Joy Cichewicz.

At the April 10 meeting, the board also:

- Heard Vera Howell discuss reports in the media that citizens are disrespectful to the board and she noted if the board doesn't refute that, people think it's true. Board members said they did not think public comments at the meetings were disrespectful. Dawson said it's not a good idea to get into a debate in the local newspapers. Howell said the people are united in the goal to get a nice library in a place that is right for all the citizens. "We don't mean to be disrespectful," Howell said the people who wrote about being disrespectful don't come to the meetings;
- Heard Miller say people should write letters to the editor to discuss the location,

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On Wednesday, April 25th, 2012, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will Begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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1996	MERCURY	4D	2MELM756XTX604490	12-4746
2003	FORD	4D	2FAFP71WX3X215754	12-6233
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U93G105073	12-6513
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1997	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX52KXVH245380	12-7821

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2001	PONTIAC	SW	1GMDX03E01D144075	11-34315
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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright,
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: April 19th, 2012

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Budget Public Hearing
March 27, 2012

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Vawters at 5:30 pm showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 24 residents.

3. Public Hearing: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to open the amended 2011-2012 budget and the proposed 2012-2013 budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. James Glahn spoke and commended the Township Board and the employees for helping to balance the budget. He stated that the Detroit Water Department where we receive our water from has implemented a service fee which the township has had to raise water fees to the water customers.

	Amended	Proposed
General #101	\$ 3,770,310	\$ 3,644,260
Royalties #227	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,100,000
Fire Fund #206	\$ 356,500	\$ 343,000
Police Fund #207	\$ 926,250	\$ 926,250
911 Fund #261	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000
Federal Commodities #282	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Water & Sewer Fund #591	\$ 2,066,100	\$ 2,134,100

Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to close the hearing at 5:51 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Public Hearing Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 27, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: April 19, 2012

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 27, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 24 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve minutes of the regular board meeting March 13, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve minutes of the special meeting March 20, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of Parks and Recreation February 15, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants:

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to pay warrants totaling \$3,384,571.68 Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Absent Kennedy.

7. Parks & Recreation: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve the parks & recreation report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the storm water permit/resolution for Mr. Nasser at Willis & Sumpter Gas/Store and to approve the attorneys report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Supervisor: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to appoint the following: 1. Clerk Hoffman will be the liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. 2. Trustee Hamm will be the alternate on the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals and continue to be the building department liaison. 3. Trustee P. Morgan will be the liaison to the fire department and continue to be the liaison to the Parks & Recreation Commission. 4. Trustee Bates will continue to be the liaison to the Water/Sewer Department. 5. Treasurer J. Morgan will continue to be liaison to the economic development committee and alternate to the water department. 6. Supervisor Vawters will continue to be the liaison to the police, senior departments and to approve the supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response

11. Old Business:

A. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to pay Metco invoice #0518-47 storm water upon receipt of work that was done. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to pay Metco invoice #0518-48 storm water upon receipt of work that was done. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to pay Giffels-Webster Engineers the balance owed \$12,939.25. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to **TABLE** the Standards of conduct for the Fire Department until the attorney finishes and he will bring back to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve to purchase ice machine for the PNA Hall cost \$2,245.00. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve resolution 2012-04 to amend the 457 deferred compensation plan. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve to give attorney directions to remove the yearly re-inspection charge for a pond permit and cemetery ordinance changes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to hire Hennessey engineering firm. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to appoint Maryann Watson as alternate to the Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve to direct the Clerk's office to advertise in the APWA for a full time water & sewer department

superintendent with at a S1 or S2 classification. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the yearly insurance for 2012-2013 with Burnham & Flower cost \$120,635.00. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the amended 2011-2012 budget and the proposed 2012-2013 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements: Meeting for residents who received a notice from FEMA regarding flood zone will be April 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

14. Open Floor

15. Adjournment: Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: April 19, 2012

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes April 2, 2012

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Blackburn	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of March 15, 2012 and the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 19, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS None.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 12-036** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to adjourn meeting at 7:52 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: April 16, 2012; published April 19, 2012

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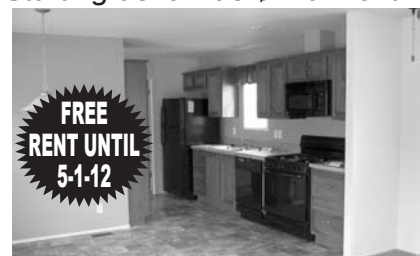
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Michigan Tech names four Belleville students

Michigan Technological University in
Houghton has released the Dean's List for
the 2011 fall semester, which includes four
students from Belleville.

Brian Mitchell, who is studying Computer
Network and System Administration, and
Michael Tuer, studying Computer Science,
both received straight-A averages of 4.0.

Also named to the Dean's List are Alex
Juchartz, Chemical Engineering, and
Roger Yeager, Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology-Biological Sciences.

VBT Plan

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drive-through).

The planners then voted unanimously to grant preliminary site plan approval. Once all the approvals are in place, the McDonald's project is expected to take six weeks this summer.

Planning commission chairman Carol Thompson said she did a poll about the high-rise McDonald's sign and some people didn't even notice it was there. Others said it was "old school, an old way of doing things." She said young people just use their Smart phone to find locations of restaurants.

Thompson said she would like to see it come down in the future.

Winbush said when the sign was down for repairs recently, the store saw a significant drop in sales. He said there was a double-digit decrease when the sign was down.

"Thanks for telling me that," Thompson replied. "We want all of our businesses to do well."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said she doesn't have a problem with the sign, but then added that she's probably "old school". Budd said she looks for the sign when traveling to pinpoint the location of the restaurant.

Van Tine said he knows there are freeway signs, but he wants to know it's right there at the exit, not several miles away. He'll go on to the next exit if he can't see exactly where it is.

Also, at the April 11 meeting, the commission approved the final site plan for Belle Tire construction at 10595 Belleville Road, just north of Express Tire.

Chris Enright, architect representing Belle Tire, agreed to downsizing the reduced American flag from 15x25' to 12x18', two-thirds smaller than usual because township planning consultant Sally Hodges said the smaller flag was in better proportion to the building.

Wade Trim engineering consultant Dave Nummer said there was concern about what would happen if electricity went off to the pump station for the pond at the back of the property, so Belle Tire has agreed to a light and alarm to alert the public that the generator needs to be turned on.

Commissioner Ken Guenther, who lives on xx behind the Belle Tire site, had concerns about the wall at the back of the property with a 4" gap underneath.

Nummer said that was an engineering requirement so the residential lots behind can drain to the lower elevation at the Belle Tire site.

Guenther said water always drained into residential lots there and he asked if they would promise the Belle Tire site would be lower. Enright replied, "I promise."

For both the McDonald's and Belle Tire sites, Battalion Chief Dan Besson had done reviews of the plans for the fire department and the commission praised his detailed comments.

Carroll said some of the things pointed out were actually building permit issues and should have come from the building department. Carroll promised a "shakeup" on future reviews.

The commission will hold a special workshop meeting at 6 p.m., April 19, to consider the noise protocol and other issues connected to the request for a landfill-gas-to-electrical-energy plant on the Visteon property.

Downtown Belleville LED Street Lighting Demonstration begins

The Downtown Belleville LED street lighting demonstration project is being installed this week.

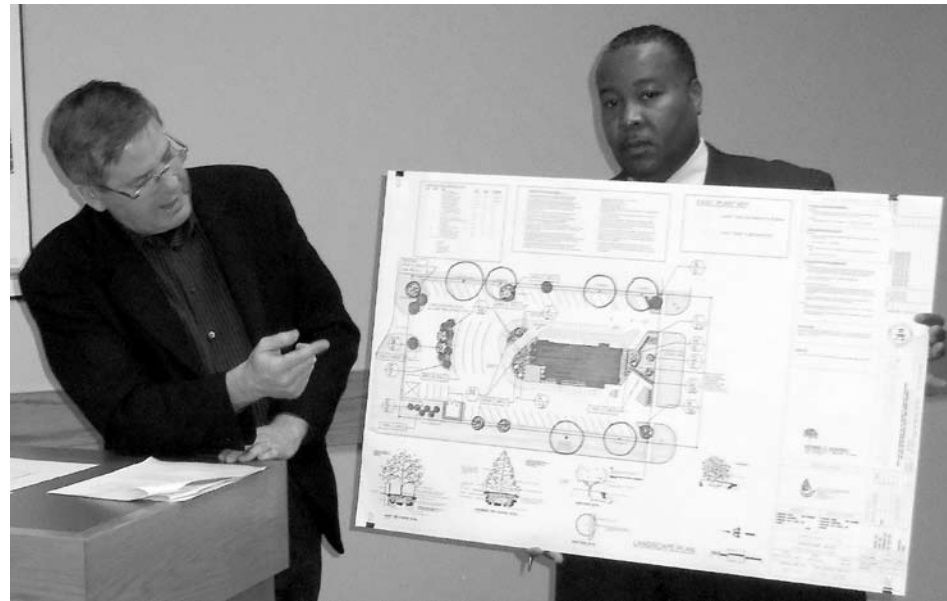
Doane's Landing will host four LED street lights installed by Airport Lighting on Monday, April 16.

The second site will host three LED street lights on the east side of South Street near Davis, and will be installed later in the week by Rauhorn Electric. The demonstration project will be available for public viewing for three weeks.

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) wants to know what people in the community think about the LED lighting. The demonstration sites will have signs encouraging feedback though a short survey on the DDA website, www.buyitinbelleville.com.

The Belleville DDA is considering converting to energy-efficient street lighting in order to reduce energy and maintenance costs. A retrofit with new LED lighting is proposed for the existing 146 vintage style light poles on Main and South Streets, and at Horizon Park, 4th Street Square and Doane's Landing. The DDA has applied to DTE's Energy Saving Program, and received conditional approval for an incentive rebate.

Carol Thompson, Coordinator
Belleville Downtown Development Authority



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Ken Van Tine, at left, architect for McDonald's, shows the new traffic flow through the site once the back entry/exit to the shopping center is opened and the south curb cut on Belleville Road is removed. Holding up the plan is Gary Winbush, operations manager for 29 McDonald's restaurants.



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	2	5
	3	5
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	5	5
	6	10
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	8	5
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	11	5
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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, April 8:

0032 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0117 – assault & battery, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0317 – fireworks, 85 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0903 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, 48581 Denton
0918 – larceny from auto, 41446 Coolidge St.
1157 – malicious destruction of property, 117 Richards Run
1233 – malicious destruction of property, 13682 Pinewood Ln.
1418 – larceny, 50778 Michigan Ave.
1539 – malicious destruction of property, 10930 Belleville Rd.
1747 – suspicious person, 11511 Rickman Dr.
1758 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1804 – ATV/ORV complaint, Maurice/Sylvia
1831 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren Park
1839 – malicious destruction of property, 13655 Pinewood Ln.
1936 – harassment call, 73 Rose Blvd.
2000 – juvenile complaint, 6760 Maurice Dr.
2152 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville / Martz

Monday, April 9:

0446 – larceny, 198 Spencer Ave.
0939 – larceny, French Landing Dam
1055 – harassment call, 42073 Savage Rd.
1307 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville
1348 – malicious destruction of property, 49285 Hull
1546 – narcotics crime, 8107 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1619 – juvenile complaint, 89 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1627 – malicious destruction of property, 48500 Denton Rd.
1630 – larceny from auto, 1 Village Center Dr.
1706 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 1 Village Center Dr.
1707 – larceny from auto, 1 Village Center Dr.
1714 – juvenile complaint, 6578 Outer Dr.
1925 – breaking & entering, 72 Rose Blvd.
1934 – disturbance, 106 Maple Dr.
2016 – operating while intoxicated, Twisted Rooster
2110 – disturbance, 49174 Sonrisa St.
2357 – larceny, 2235 Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, April 10:

0138 – suspicious person, 46145 Village Green Ln.
0420 – suspicious person, 13 Pine Dr.
0612 – disorderly conduct, 45501 S. I-94 Service
0904 – suspicious person, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
0908 – larceny, 45501 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1022 – private property accident, 6300 W. Adams
1323 – fraud, 43430 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1330 – shots fired, Rawsonville/Martz
1540 – juvenile complaint, Jackson/Tyler
1549 – fraud, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1616 – juvenile complaint, 47322 Hull
1725 – disorderly conduct, 10800 Belleville Rd.
1740 – mental, 47322 Hull
1736 – assault & battery, 3308 Westlake Circle
1803 – fraud, Meijer
1942 – PPO violation, 46145 Village Green

Wednesday, April 11:

1026 – fraud, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1216 – larceny from auto, 41567 Bellridge
1224 – disturbance, 48581 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1335 – private property accident, Meijer
1336 – breaking & entering, 9502 Haggerty
1440 – larceny, 51 Rose
1444 – suspicious person, 6160 Denton
1458 – water leak found, bypass & RR bridge
1826 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1841 – PPO violation, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1850 – juvenile complaint, 49285 Hull Rd.
1855 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1914 – property damage accident, Walmart
2003 – juvenile complaint, 8757 Ironwood Dr.

2044 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
2107 – holdup alarm, 42829 Fairfield Dr.
2143 – assault & battery, 921 W. Huron River Dr.
2324 – harassment call, 687 Savage Rd.

Thursday, April 12:

0033 – suspicious situation, 10860 Lighthouse Dr.
0049 – suspicious person, 10989 Van Buren St.
0245 – suspicious person, 48791 S. I-94 Service
0411 – malicious destruction of property, 6597 Parkside Dr.
1022 – trespassing, 49021 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1211 – harassment call, 9976 Churchill Dr.
1227 – harassment call, 11175 Haggerty
1353 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1407 – suspicious situation, 51189 Old Michigan
1407 – harassment call, 687 Savage Rd.
1431 – assault & battery, 41551 Bellridge
1439 – felony assault, 8804 Parkwood Dr.
1504 – private property accident, Walmart
1642 – robbery, 11530 Belleville
1705 – breaking & entering, 41560 Ecorse
1828 – ATV/ORV complaint, 14408 Woodgrove
2031 – noise complaint, 10936 Van Buren St.
2054 – ATV/ORV complaint, 7240 Belle Pointe
2157 – fraud, Meijer
2316 – noise complaint, 10176 Rolan Meadows

Friday, April 13:

0006 – suspicious person, 8701 Belleville Rd.
0158 – operating while intoxicated, 5957 Vernon
0233 – property damage accident, 11 Brandi
0329 – suspicious person, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
0517 – suspicious person, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
0743 – property damage accident, Bemis/RR tracks
0849 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11275 Oak Lane
0944 – assault & battery, 48880 Denton Rd.
1033 – suicide or attempt, 10812 Buchanan St.
1339 – suspicious person, Country Walk
1551 – assault & battery, 11000 Belleville
1614 – fraud, 44089 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1622 – assault & battery, 10940 Belleville
1703 – fraud, 474 Sumpter Rd.
1738 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
1756 – assault & battery, 11550 Belleville

Saturday, April 14:

0040 – disturbance, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0132 – noise complaint, 50521 W. Huron River, Pine Creek
0256 – missing person, 13136 Ventura Dr.
0306 – assault & battery, 120 Maple Dr.
0416 – juvenile complaint, 10684 Jackson St.
0425 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen Ln.
1040 – intimidation threat, 6109 Westlake
1055 – intimidation threat, 7891 Haggerty Rd.
1124 – suspicious person, Hull/Roulo
1302 – loitering, 10276 Belleville Rd., Walgreen
1636 – shots fired, 15963 Hoeft Rd.
1638 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1656 – private property accident, 13307 Westlake
1844 – private property accident, 10850 Lighthouse Dr.
1946 – fight, 8865 Parkwood
2008 – disorderly conduct, 41577 S. Bellridge
2101 – disturbance, 41 Brandi
2214 – noise complaint, 7302 Westlake
2343 – larceny, 48356 Denton

Also on this week's log are 302 traffic stops, 79 of which were on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 8:

0150 – suspicious vehicle, 563 E. Thornhill Ct.
0249 – mental, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0752 – mental, 166 Biggs Ave.
1202 – agency assist, Sumpter/Bemis
1206 – assist fire dept., 59 Loza Lane
1450 – assist fire dept., 48 Potter Dr.
1533 – E-911 cellular, 138 Clarence St.
1905 – intrusion alarm, 228 Belle Villa

Monday, April 9:

0228 – parking complaint, 583 E. Thornhill Ct.
0236 – parking complaint, 308 Oxford Ct.
0243 – parking complaint, 215 N. Aberdeen Ct.
0911 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, BHS

0911 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1037 – follow up, 15422 Pebblebrook
1102 – found property, 6 Main
1226 – agency assist, 476 W. Columbia Ave.
1422 – serve warrant, 13332 Linda Vista
1453 – intrusion alarm, 405 Main St., museum
1751 – suspicious situation, 577 E. Thornhill Ct.
1936 – agency assist, 106 Maple
2021 – domestic assault, Andrew's Pharmacy
2230 – agency assist, 24 Oak
2259 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, April 10:

0027 – agency assist, 400 N. Liberty St.
1211 – assault & battery, 105 Wexford Ave.
1746 – intrusion alarm, South Middle School
2102 – assist fire dept., Main/Second
Wednesday, April 11:
0120 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0737 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
0922 – private property accident, 271 Henry St.
1232 – malicious destruction of property, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1719 – private property accident, 271 Henry St.
2330 – malicious destruction of property, 524 Main St.

Thursday, April 12:

0107 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr. / Madelon St.
0706 – assist fire dept., Henry/South
1159 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
1209 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op
1553 – suspicious person, 190 Belle Villa Blvd.
1626 – fraud, 91 Potter Dr.
1720 – trespassing, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.
1941 – fight, 145 Menlo Park Dr.
2254 – juvenile complaint, Thornhill Ct./Victorian Lane

Friday, April 13:

0123 – suspicious situation, 214 N. Aberdeen Ct.
0750 – intrusion alarm, 530 W. Columbia Ave.
0755 – breaking & entering, 326 Edison Ave.
1135 – motorist assist, 5 Points
1304 – welfare check, 250 N. Liberty St.
1351 – suspicious person, BHS
1459 – animal complaint, 35 W. Wabash Ave.
1526 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1648 – trespassing, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1724 – juvenile complaint, Tuscan Manor
1724 – juvenile complaint, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1818 – misc. complaint, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1848 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
2244 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park

Saturday, April 14:

0308 – agency assist, 120 Maple
0855 – suspicious person, Hayward's
1602 – abandoned auto, 156 Clarence St.
1815 – suspicious person, 404 Main St., Bayou
1830 – assist citizen, Liberty/High
1905 – assist citizen, 400 N. Liberty St.
Also on this week's log are 29 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 8:

0049 – disorderly person, Brookview
0152 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Willis
0450 – well-being check, Creekside
1120 – larceny report, Oregon
1124 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1250 – animal bite complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1416 – threats complaint, Rustic Lane
1453 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Lane
1623 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
1659 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1732 – fight, Country Club
1940 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1952 – suspicious incident, Utah
2130 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2223 – suspicious incident, Maine/Delaware
2247 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willow

Monday, April 9:

0108 – mental health commitment, 19000 bl. Wilmot
0925 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0932 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 50000 bl. Willis

1033 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1046 – civil dispute, California
1233 – death investigation, 40000 bl. Harris
1320 – fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1503 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1747 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Karr
1927 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd
2034 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis

Tuesday, April 10:

0830 – larceny report, Rustic Ln.
0917 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0953 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willow
1608 – disorderly person, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1716 – suspicious incident, Oakville Waltz
Sumpter
2226 – ORV complaint, Willis/Martinsville
2243 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Wear

Wednesday, April 11:

0040 – larceny report, Birch
0329 – fire dept. assist, Pecan
0705 – ordinance violation, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
1050 – threats complaint, New Mexico
1222 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1329 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Elwell
1407 – family trouble, Montana
1425 – larceny report, Timberlane
1822 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1828 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter
2007 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willow
2125 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr

Thursday, April 12:

1121 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1608 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1645 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1719 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
2005 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Elwell
2017 – ordinance violation, 18000 bl. Lohr
2037 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow
2108 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood
2144 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
2246 – suspicious person, Harris/Savage

Friday, April 13:

0705 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0914 – ordinance violation, 39000 bl. Willis
0918 – alarm, Oregon
0918 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Willis
1046 – citizen assist, Stonecrest
1451 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully
1627 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1826 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow
1855 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
1913 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
2038 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow
2043 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2208 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Bak
2218 – threats complaint, Country Club
2254 – animal complaint, Lohr/Davenport

Saturday, April 14:

0952 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1120 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1231 – civil dispute, Tamarack
1256 – suspicious incident, Tulip
1533 – ordinance violation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1626 – larceny report, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1719 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1801 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1947 – warrant arrest, 40000 bl. Arkona
2131 – breaking & entering report, Rustic Lane

Also on this week's log are 16 miscellaneous details, 122 patrol checks, 55 traffic stops, and 19 follow-up investigations.

I-94 Marine set to hold Coast Guard Boater's

Safety Course in May

I-94 Marine & Watersports and the Canton United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have teamed up to provide a boater's safety class, beginning May 5 at the store, which is located at 43466 N. I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. The class is open to everyone. The cost is \$10 per participant. The class will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required by email at uscgaux.pv@gmail.com. For information, call Debra Yeager at (734) 252-9055.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Rollers Ice Cream Shop next to the **Rollers Skate Park** on Sumpter Road should be opening by May 1, according to the owners there. Hurry up Kathleen and Bewey; your banana splits are the bomb.

The folks over at **Columbia Court Apartments** in Belleville are gearing up for a white elephant and bake sale on the weekend of May 4-6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. All proceeds from the sales will directly benefit the residents of Columbia Court. For information call (734) 699-6964.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston will be holding its annual **Spring Indoor Flea Market** April 26-28. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call (734) 753-9048.

Kathie Steigerwald of **Brown Family Center** in Belleville is now sales director with **TKM Awards** of Dearborn, offering products such as trophies, plaques, name badges, engravings, and much more. Call (313) 570-6115

Doug's Need-A-Tent is now taking reservations for the summer. Doug offers setup and pick up of tables, chairs, tents, and much more for your graduation, reunion, or other special event. Call (734) 740-1483 for information.

An **Old Memory Tour of Belleville High School** is set for Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The tour is free for anyone who would like one last opportunity to walk the halls of the old school.

Belleville High School will be offering a **Career Transition Fair** on Thursday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the BHS cafeteria. The event will provide an opportunity to inform students with post-secondary and employment planning needs; give them a chance to speak with college representatives, and other vocational and community resources.

The nesting female Mallard duck has returned and taken up residence once again in the outdoor garden center at our Walmart store on Belleville Road. The momma-to-be seems to choose a cozy spot among the plants there and the rest is left up to nature. Sales associates have put up a do not disturb sign nearby. Cool.

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 charge to be in this column.

District Library

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size, and the city attorney issue. She said since these proceedings aren't recorded and shown on television the public at large doesn't witness the discussions;

- Discussed problems with the present library building and whether the canopy, which is being held up by nine rusted supports, should be torn down or fixed. Juriga said Davenport Brothers is currently working on the barrier-free ramps. He said Davenport said he could fix the canopy for \$11,250, but an engineer is needed to look at it before any money is spent. Bids must be taken, Brasil stated;

- Heard Dawson report that she and library board attorney John Day met April 5 with the appraiser hired for the DNR property. They walked around, took pictures, and also looked at the "outlot". He also will be contacting the museum to see if there are old maps of the site before the road was put

in. The appraiser will get back to the board in a month or so. He's been paid \$2,000, half of the \$4,000 total;

- Noted the district library had to refund \$6,108 in taxes to Wolverine Power Supply in Sumpter Township after Wolverine appealed its 2010 assessment to the state and won; and

- Heard Dawson remind everyone that the new Other Book Group will be meeting around the community on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday April 19, when it will meet at the Bayou for book discussion, food, and drink. The book for April is "Faith" by Jennifer Haigh. Dawson said the first meeting drew seven people on the night of the tornado warnings in March and those attending saw hail hit the front window of the Bayou.

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- Thursday, April 19 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m., Keystone Academy. Also, special workshop session of the VBT Planning Commission, 6 p.m., to discuss proposed cogeneration plant on Visteon property.
- Monday, April 23 – Van Buren Public

Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Rawsonville Elementary School

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

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

• Thursday, April 26 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.

• Monday, April 30 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.



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Congratulations to a family-owned business, Accurate Transmission, for 13 years on April 13, 2012. From left are Darrell Ciaravino, Charles Jeffery, Charles Jeffery Sr., and owner Louis Jeffery.

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