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City Manager to discuss status of Skate Park with Wayne County

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Last week end the Skate Park in Belleville was hit hard by vandalism and graffiti, leading city officials to seek a possible early closure of the park, if Wayne County officials agree.

The park was funded in part by the county, with one of the stipulations being that the city keep it going for at least 10 years. The 10 years expires in June, but the costs of constantly repairing the fence and using city resources to paint over the profanity is causing concern.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Keith Boc gave another report on the current condition of the Skate Park.

He noted it was "hit hard" again last weekend and now the park is full of obscenities which cost money and city worker time to paint over.

When asked if he couldn't just leave the obscenities, he said studies show that the faster you get rid of graffiti the better it is, since graffiti draws more graffiti.

He said the "FU" letters are as large as a grown man.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall asked if the city could close down the park early, claiming it's closed for repair until June? Council members were skeptical if the county would allow that.

Boc said the fence has been torn down again. He said as soon as the city puts up a new fence, the vandals tear it down.

Councilwoman Tindall asked if it's worth putting the fence up at all.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said there is a liability issue and the city has to secure the facility.

Boc said the kids using the Skate Park are all using bicycles and no skateboards, even though there's a big sign warning that bicycles are not allowed.

He complained about a letter from Bob

Balderston published in the *Independent* last week encouraging bicycle use of the skate park.

"It's not for bicycles," Boc emphasized.

"When school closes for the summer, it will be even worse," Boc forecast.

"Can we contact the county?" Tindall asked.

City Manager Kollmeyer said she could contact the county officials and make a case with them, explaining how much the city has spent trying to keep it open.

Kollmeyer said she will explore options.

In other business at Monday's 20-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved accounts payable of \$131,930.48, including departmental purchases over \$500: to BioCare, \$2,733 for Fire Department physicals; and to Ed Smith, \$638.48 for CERTS trainers fee reimbursement, out of Police/DF funds;

- Heard Fire Fighter Collette McClinton announce that the Fire Department will be celebrating 100 years this summer and they are getting plans together to present to the council at its next meeting. They would like to celebrate on Oct. 13, which is the same day as Harvest Fest. Retired Fire Fighter Bill Emerson has been researching and writing a history of the department;

- Heard Tom Fielder announce that Flop E. Bunny is coming to Victory Park at noon on Saturday and the Historical Society will be hosting a lecture on the Civil War on April 21. Also the Parks and Recreation Commission has set a special event from noon to 4 p.m. on April 28 at Village Park, "Let's Go Fly a Kite," with advice on kites, demonstrations, and refreshments by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts;

- Heard Boc offer to pick up the five entries in the Bunnies on Main contest until after Tuesday's forecast rain and then put them up afterward to stay in place until the contest is up. The DPS installed the bunnies on lamp downtown and Boc said he will



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Children hunted for Easter eggs at Graham Park in Sumpter Township last Saturday afternoon, bundled up against a chilly, grey day. The annual event was put on by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission. This Saturday, Flop E. Bunny

will come to Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville at noon for a pre-Easter party, where pictures with the bunny are free, courtesy of the Belleville Central Business Community. Also on Saturday, Open Arms Lutheran Church on Belleville Road invites the public to its annual Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10 a.m.



A friendly, fuzzy Easter Bunny was in charge of festivities at Sumpter Township's Easter event for children last Saturday.

reinstall them after the rain, since some are fragile and would be ruined. "I've always been fond of bunnies," he explained;

- Heard Councilman Jack Loria explain that the colorful shirt he was wearing was created locally to celebrate National Autism Awareness Day, which was April 2. He said he was proud to say that he presently is working at Elwell Elementary School with five autistic young men; and

- Heard Police Chief Gene Taylor say his American Pride project is going well and there have been 100 flags sold. He said he has noticed more residents flying their flags. Chief Taylor said he has received inquiries from Dearborn, Milan, and Dexter on the flag project. His goal is to have every residence and business flying an American flag on Flag Day, June 14.

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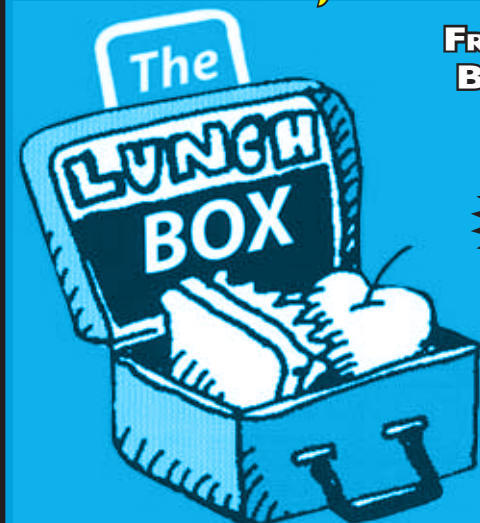
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter Township Board again tables new Fire Dept. Standards

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Standards of Conduct for the volunteer/paid-per-call Fire Department were tabled for the second time by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting March 27.

Township Attorney Rob Young said officials are still working on it and when it is done, he'll bring it back to the table. He asked that it be tabled again and the board unanimously agreed.

The Standards of Conduct were first tabled at the March 13 board meeting, but at the same meeting the board did approve a related document, the Standard of Procedures.

Both documents were presented by a committee made up of Treasurer John Morgan, Trustee Peggy Morgan, and Clerk Clarence Hoffman whose goal was to review Fire Department rules.

At the March 13 meeting, Fire Chief Les Powell objected to some of the new rules. Treasurer Morgan, who was presiding in the absence of the ailing Supervisor Johnny Vawters and the absence of Clerk Hoffman, said discussions with the fire chief or his representative could continue to tweak the rules. Treasurer Morgan emphasized that the board and fire fighters were all on the same team.

Chief Powell said he was told there would be no discussions, so he was happy to hear Treasurer Morgan's assurances.

But, the following Sunday, in an unusual move, Trustee Peggy Morgan attended a fire department meeting at the fire hall, saying she wanted to be present in case there were questions about the new procedures. Chief Powell objected to her presence and a confrontation erupted.

A few days later, Chief Powell voluntarily accepted 30 days suspension and six months of probation for insubordination to a board member.

While Chief Powell usually attends board meetings, he was absent from the March 27 meeting and there was no public mention of his status.

Some observers say there is more to the situation than meets the eye, with an ongoing attempt by particular former fire fighters to undermine the longtime fire chief and take over the chief's position.

(A similar situation happened in the City of Belleville recently when the fire chief was forced to resign after an anonymous writer, claiming to represent a group of fire fighters, sent a letter to city officials.)

In other business at the March 27 meeting, the board:

• Approved naming Hennessey Engineers as the township's new engineering

consultants, with Richard Kern assigned as primary liaison to Sumpter, backed up by John Hennessey. There were 12-15 applications for engineering firm and a committee whittled that down to three, who were interviewed at a special meeting on March 20;

• Approved paying two invoices for \$4,858.50 and \$518 from the former engineering firm, METCO, for storm water work, upon receipt of the work completed;

• Approved paying Giffels-Webster Engineers the balance owed of \$12,939.25 for work completed in association with METCO;

• Approved purchasing a larger ice machine for the PNA Hall for \$2,245, with the smaller machine being moved for Parks & Recreation use;

• Approved a storm water management agreement with Joe Nasser for his business at the corner of Sumpter and Willis, as required by the county;

• Heard Supervisor Vawters announce new appointments of board members as liaisons: Clerk Hoffman to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (and no longer with Fire Dept.); Hamm as alternate to Planning Commission and ZBA, as well as continuing with the Building Dept.; Peggy Morgan to new assignment to Fire Dept. and continues with Parks & Rec.; Bates continues with Water Dept.; Treasurer Morgan continues with Economic Development Committee and alternate to Water Dept.; and Supervisor Police and Senior Dept.;

• Approved a resolution to amend the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan;

• Approved removing the yearly \$20 charge for pond inspections, since there have been no such inspections after the original permit. Clerk Hoffman said those yearly inspection costs were illegal. If residents wish to alter their approved pond, they would have to come back to the township for approval;

• Agreed to have Clerk Hoffman appoint cemetery caretaker Wayne Bordine as sexton to inspect the graves he digs, instead of paying a building inspector to do so. There are one or two burials a year in the township cemetery. Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody said funeral home personnel inspect the depth of the graves and will not put a vault in if the depth isn't correct;

• Approved appointment of Mary Ann Watson as an alternate to the Board of Review;

• Approved having the clerk's office advertise in the APWA (American Public Works Association) for a full-time water & sewer department superintendent with a S1

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Breana Smith, 16, at right, shows off her Dean's List certificate from Eastern Michigan University with her mother, Marion Smith.

Sumpter Township teenager makes Dean's List at Eastern Mich. Univ.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Breana Smith of Sumpter Township, who celebrated her 16th birthday on March 24, recently was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2011 Semester at Eastern Michigan University.

This was the first time she qualified for the Dean's List, which required being enrolled for a certain number of college credits. By the end of this semester she will have 38 credits at EMU.

Breana is the daughter of Gary and Marion Smith of Elwell Road. She has been pretty-much home-schooled until joining the Early College Alliance at EMU.

She technically is a junior at Milan High School, although she has never attended that school. She will probably graduate early from Milan, with a high school diploma, since her requirements will be completed through the ECA program.

With the ECA program, the cooperating high school gets 15% of the per-pupil state aid and EMU gets the rest. Breana doesn't have to pay tuition or buy books, since it is paid through state aid.

The ECA program allows high school students to take classes at EMU, while still being a high school student, proving the

theory that students can successfully take high school and college classes at the same time.

Several high schools in Washtenaw County participate in ECA, including Ann Arbor and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. Each high school gets a certain number of slots in the program.

The beginning ECA courses teach the basics of college learning, making sure the student has the skills to succeed.

Marion Smith said under ECA, a student can earn up to 60 credits, which is half of a bachelor's degree. She said it is very much appreciated since college tuition costs are so high.

Breana attended Kindergarten at Summit Academy and Bethany, but then was home-schooled as a first grader. She went to Keystone Academy for second grade, but only stayed three weeks. She has been home schooled since then, until starting her EMU classes, which provide both high school and college credits.

Breana is in a home-school choir and the Bethany Bible Church choir. She attends Bethany Church, takes music and vocal lessons, and does competitive dance at P&P Dance Centre in Belleville.

OPINIONS

Editorial

It's time to get informed on details of Smart meters

John and Pauline HOLETON of Shelby Township raised the alarm about Smart meters at Tuesday's Van Buren Township Board meeting.

Although VBT has only Smart water meters so far, DTE is seeking to have electric Smart meters installed throughout the state to save themselves money. Several communities in Michigan petitioned the state to investigate electrical Smart meters and the study began in January by the Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Paula said there are some communities throughout the country who have moratoriums on Smart meters. Paula said she and her husband have visited 20-25 cities and townships in the state to warn about the health hazards and privacy issues of these microwave meters.

In January, Belleville residents Matthew Wagner and his sister Cheryl came to the city council meeting with concerns about the Smart water meters being installed everywhere in the city, including on their houses. They were told the water meters were safe and it was the electric meters that were under study by the state.

Also, Belleville residents had to allow the new meters or they wouldn't get water service. (See story on page 23.)

On Tuesday, VBT Supervisor White said the Smart meters were a hot button issue in the area. It's time to get informed on this subject, before DTE shows up with a local proposal.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Just before Bugles Across America started on Sunday at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park I saw a big, big Canada goose grazing in the park.

The *Detroit News* published an article on the weather last Thursday that included the information that because of the early warm weather, the Canada geese have flocked early to Belle Isle and have begun their reproduction process.

An official with the Michigan Audubon Society was quoted as saying female geese may be able to reproduce twice this season. She said other birds have come back early, too, because of the warm weather.

At Monday's city council meeting, Tom Fielder said that he saw a goose with goslings following behind at Horizon Park last week.

The City of Belleville has purchased enough grape seed extract spray to have three applications this summer to ward off the geese from Horizon Park, especially around the time of the concert series. If the geese reproduce twice this year the city might have to order more spray.

Last Friday we received a phone call from a man wanting to know what the "Bugles Across America" listing was in last week's Upcoming Events.

I explained that this event happens at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month. It's been going on in Belleville for more than seven years. It also is held at locations across the country at 7:15 p.m., local time, on the first Sunday.

The gathering is brief and features the Pledge to the Flag and "Taps" played by Ross Medos, bugler. Often there are words



of gratitude for servicemen and women, alive and dead, for service to our country. There are announcements sometimes. Once a folded American flag was presented to a grieving widow, who was very surprised.

The man who called me on Friday was there on Sunday to check it out. He's from Monroe and he brought a friend from Novi. They are both veterans and my caller was inquiring on how to get Bugles started in Monroe. They were advised: "First, you need a bugler."

The man from Novi, a Marine, had been a bugler and said 50 years ago he could have done "Taps," but not now. He said he can play it in his mind, but that's all. There was some discussion on how to get the tune out of his head through his ear so we all could hear it. They all agreed they need someone with a real bugle.

At Monday afternoon's Van Buren Township Board workshop session, Kim Merkel was giving a pitch for Code Red, an emergency system that would call people on their landlines, cell phones, or computers, as well as text messages, etc.

She set up a demonstration, so all the board members phones would ring at once and there was a string of "hellos" up and down the board table.

Trustee Jeff Jahr answered his phone, "Hello?" then added, "Just like a 12-year-old. I don't even like the woman." He referred to an irritating television

advertisement for a phone system. We all got a chuckle out of his antics.

I drove over to the Belleville Skate Park after Monday's city council meeting where Keith Boc had reported how bad it looked. I wanted to see for myself.

The *Independent* did a two-page spread of pictures 10 years ago when the Skate Park opened, since the graffiti appeared immediately.

On Monday, there were about 12 young people hanging out. One had a scooter he was using on the Skate Park fixtures. There was one bike there, as well. It looked like the reported obscene words had been painted over because I didn't see any from where I sat in my car.

Everyone was behaving nicely. I guess I expected a wild rumpus, from the report we got at the meeting.

I've been told in the past by a Belleville Police officer that the location is terrible for keeping an eye on, since it's back in the park away from roadways. He said the kids can see the patrol car coming from a distance and by the time it arrives at the park, things are quiet or everyone's gone.

I wonder where those kids will hang out once the Skate Park is gone.



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My husband Bill and I have raised three sons: Jim and his wife Donna, Jeff and his wife Rhonda and Jay and his wife Lynn. Between them we have been blessed with eight grandchildren.

Many generations of my family have lived, worked and raised their family here, the place we all call home. I ask for your continued support as the election season draws near and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve you.

Sharry Budd
Van Buren Township

Thank you to all who helped after my injury

To the Editor:

Thank you. Thank you.

I was injured on Monday, March 26, 2012 and was transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

I want to thank the City of Belleville Fire Department, the Belleville Police Department, H.V.A. attendants, St. Joseph E. Room of Doctors and Nurses, and my lunchroom co-workers at Edgemont School.

Thank you, again.

Mary Talaga
Belleville

Editor's Note: Mary Talaga, who has been a school crossing guard for more than 50 years, was doing playground duty as part of her lunchroom work when she was accidentally knocked down from the rear by a youngster playing football.

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and having the two as close together as possible."

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Dear *Independent* Readers:

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone that attended the Dinner for Breakfast fund raiser for my son Jordan Koger on March 22 at South Middle School.

Thank you to everyone who donated money, but could not attend. A very special thanks to Angela Mercer and the whole SMS staff and students who helped dot every "I" and cross every "T" to make the pancake dinner a wonderful event!

Also, thank you to King Pancake for the delicious pancakes and Tim Horton's for all the extras! A huge thank you to the community businesses that made such generous donations to raffle off. I cannot say thank you enough.

Sincerely,
Brandie Mason
Jordan's mother

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More Letters

30-year friend supports LaMothe for VBT Clerk

To the Editor:

I am writing today to show my support for Karin LaMothe, Democratic candidate for Van Buren Township Clerk. I have lived in Van Buren Township my entire life. I have known Karin (Glasser) LaMothe and her husband, Shawn, for almost 30 years since elementary school.

Karin moved to California with her mom and siblings in 1985 when her parents divorced, but she'd come back to Belleville every summer to visit her dad and Belleville friends. She maintained friends with all of us from Edgemont Elementary, so it was no surprise when she graduated from high school and returned here to Michigan to live.

Since I've known Karin, she has a love for people and a commitment to making a difference in the community. Karin and Shawn have volunteered with many projects and organizations, including: Belleville Cougars, Belleville Area Little League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Edgemont Elementary, and other church-related projects. They love this community and they believe in it. So do I.

Since I've know her, Karin has been an excellent leader. She and Shawn have gone through some tough times when he was unemployed. The way they faced these difficulties has been inspiring to me, as these challenges have only strengthened their commitment to overcome the tough times in life.

I wholeheartedly believe Karin will serve us as Clerk by doing what is right for the residents in the township. She will put the good of the people before any personal agenda. She knows I will be up at the township telling her what I think. That is what I like about her. She will listen to what people say, and she will consider the needs of the people here.

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Sincerely,
Scott McGuire
Van Buren Township

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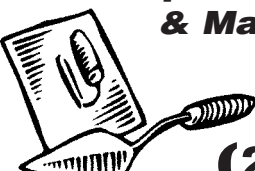
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Obituaries



Lottie Modzelewski

LOTTIE V. MODZELEWKI

(February 28, 1920 - March 29, 2012)

Lottie Virginia Modzelewski, age 92, of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012 at Heartland Healthcare Center, Canton, MI. She was born February 28, 1920 in Hamtramck, MI, daughter of the late Joseph & Bernice Tupacz.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She enjoyed running her family farm with her late husband Felix. She loved cooking for her family and was devoted to them and her many friends.

Lottie is survived by two daughters Phyllis Johnson of Belleville, MI and Janet (Jim) Dargo of Kalkaska, MI; 4 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Felix in 2010, also three brothers.

Visitation was 2-8 PM Saturday, and 4-8 PM Sunday with a 7 PM Scripture Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Visitation was 10-11 AM Monday, April 2, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville with an 11:00 AM Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

GLADYS SATTLER

(September 16, 1918 - March 29, 2012)

Age 93. Survived by 3 sons, Fred (Annette) Sattler, Stephen (Thiet) Sattler and Richard Sattler; 7 step-children; many grandchildren. Service April 2 at Faith Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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DORIS ANN LANCASTER

(May 4, 1929 - March 27, 2012)

Mrs. Doris Ann Lancaster, 82, of Romulus passed away on March 27, 2012 at her home. She was born on May 4, 1929 in Walnut Lake, MI, a daughter of Clare & Hazel (nee Richardson) Brimmer. On June 23, 1951 she was married to Richard B. Lancaster in Highland Park, moving to the Romulus area in 1955.

Mrs. Lancaster was a loving mother to her 4 sons. She loved gardening and took great pride in her flower and vegetable gardens. Doris kept an immaculate house and was also a wonderful cook and baker. Before her retirement in 1994, she had been employed for 25 years by the Van Buren Public Schools and was in charge of food service operations at Belleville High School. Prior to her employment at VBPS, she had worked at Burroughs Corp.

Mrs. Lancaster is survived by her loving sons; James (Peggy) Lancaster of Romulus, Randal (Bonnie) Lancaster of Saline, Mark (LeAnn) Lancaster of New Boston and Van Lancaster of Romulus.

Cherished grandmother of Jim (Eva), Lori (Aaron), Lane (Laila), Brandon, Joshua, Trever, Jeremy, Dennis and Bethany. Loving Gi-Gi to her great grandchildren: Carson, Luke, Anna, Timothy, Adrianna and Jayce. Adored sister of Joyce (Elbern) Geauvreau, Willis (Betty) Brimmer, Betty (Homer) Sabbe, Andy (Donna) Brimmer, Dale Brimmer, Harriet (Ronald) Pigeon, Fred Brimmer, Carol (Robert) Egan and Nancy (Tom) VanDelinder. Doris was preceded in death by Richard her loving husband of 57 years on August 26, 2008.

A memorial service for Doris was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. with Pastor Duane Bonner officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI. 734-697-9400

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GEORGE BENEDICT LaMOthe

(September 7, 1914 - March 28, 2012)

Age 97 of Van Buren Township. Survived by children George (Glenda) of Belleville and Theresa (Teri) Julien of Denver; sisters Eunice Wagner and Sister Ruth LaMothe. Services March 31 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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ROBERT 'BILL' WENCEL

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Beloved father of Jeffrey (Nannette) Wencel, Jerry (Sheila) Wencel and Jacqueline (James) Piper and step father of Jamie (Chad) Ruff. Loving grandfather of Justin, Miranda, Megan, Shelby, Jessica, Brandon, Tyler and Dalton. Dearest brother of Donna and Gary (Mary).

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Martha Wencel; his sisters Ethelyn, Pearl and Winnie; and his brother Frederick. Funeral service will be Friday, April 6, at 5:30 PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Friday, 1:00-8:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Code Red emergency network makes pitch to VBT Board of Trustees

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's workshop session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Kim Merkel, regional sales manager for the Emergency Communications Network, gave a pitch for her Code Red service.

Merkel of Ormond Beach, FL, was asked by Supervisor Paul White to explain the emergency service to the board who might consider it for the township.

The service has several versions, costing from \$12,500 to \$19,000 per year for a three-year agreement, based on the township population.

The service allows local government officials to record, send, and track personalized voice, email, text and social media messages to thousands of citizens in minutes.

Merkel told the board it could use Code Red for emergency and non-emergency situations, including boil-water alerts, road closures, hazmat spills, as well as tornados, flash floods, severe storms, etc.

The weather alerts are customized so only those in the paths of the storms are alerted by the National Weather Service, she said.

She said in the middle of the night, nobody has their TV or radio on, or can hear their weather radio squawk, but they would hear their phones.

Merkel set up a demonstration where she called the phones of the board members to show them how the alerts would come. The phones all rang and then her recorded message came through.

She said township residents can sign up for Code Red, but she also has access to national lists of phone numbers, both land lines and cell phones, that can be used. People who don't want to be contacted can opt out, she said, noting most people want weather warnings to stay safe.

She said with missing people, escaped prisoners, and sex offenders being sought, an image can be included on some phones and computers.

People who don't pick up the phone are called again.

Trustee Denise Partridge asked if this

would take the place of emergency sirens and Merkel said it wouldn't, but it would augment sirens.

She said sirens, depending on the wind, can be heard only one-half to one mile.

"We have communities no longer repairing their sirens because of this service," Merkel said referring to Code Red.

When asked, she listed her Michigan clients as all of Lenawee and Ingham counties, as well as Lansing, Romulus, Ann Arbor, Village of Caro Fire District, and a new one, Branch County.

She said there are 10,000 community users across the country.

Merkel explained the free mobile apps for some smart phones, with capabilities of being available across the country when traveling.

When asked, she said the price is based on using 37,500 minutes per year and unused minutes can be rolled over and more is charged for using more minutes.

Supervisor White said he called the emergency manager for Ingham County and he was "tickled pink" with the service. He said the emergency manager for Lenawee County, which has only the weather service, also was very pleased.

Diane Madigan asked about getting just the weather alerts with a three-year contract and Merkel said that would cost \$12,500 and would have no minutes attached.

September Days Senior Center to host 'Lunch with Bob' Ficano

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will be at the September Days Senior Center for the ongoing "Lunch with Bob" series from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 9.

A healthy lunch will be provided to area seniors and there will be a raffle, as well as other information and activities.

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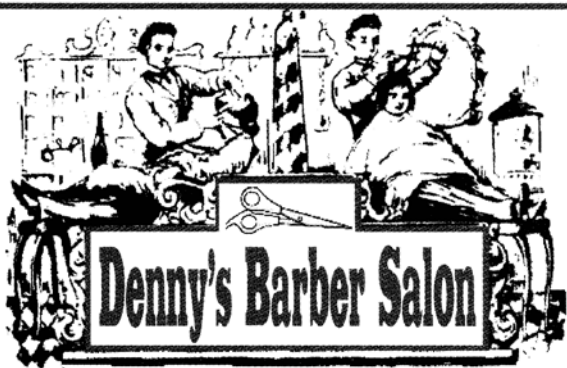
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The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts** will be holding its third **Dinner Fundraiser** on Sunday, April 15, from 1 to 5p.m at the Masonic Temple on Main Street. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The menu will be ham and all the trimmings and fresh desserts. The ever-popular Chinese Auction will also take place during the event. Proceeds will go to BACA's new building fund. Call (734) 697-8123.

The **Belleville Area Museum** will open a **Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit** on Thursday, April 12, and will have a special Civil War lecture on April 21, with a charge for tickets.

The **Friends of the Belleville Area District Library** will present Ginger Bruder at 7 p.m. April 12 as part of its free Homegrown Knowledge Series. Ginger will tell of men from our tri-community who took part in the Civil War and what happened to them.

The library also is holding a contest for some lucky reader to win a Kindle Fire during **National Library Week**, April 8-14. Fill out an entry form at the library during regular hours.

Bunnies on Main, the Council for the Arts' sponsored display of handmade straw Easter bunnies, are erected along Main Street for viewing through April 10.

Open Arms Lutheran Church on Belleville Road will be holding its annual **Easter Egg Hunt** this Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

A live re-enactment of Jesus' **Last Supper**, as painted by Leonardo da Vinci, will take place tonight (Maundy Thursday) and tomorrow (Good Friday) at 8 p.m. at the **First United Methodist Church** on Charles Street. The event is free and everyone is invited.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 699-9020 with your suggestion.

Attn: Service members of all Armed Forces -- Sumpter Twp. needs you

Sumpter Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission is reaching out to all Tri-Community service men and women. We are in the process of putting together our Souvenir Booklet for our 36th Annual Sumpter Country Fest which will be held this year May 24-28.

The theme this year is "Welcome Home Troops". We are looking for all local service men and women that came home to gather for a picture to be our cover for our booklet. We are looking for a picture of OUR OWN to be the center of our booklet and to be dressed in "Duty Uniform" (example Army-ACU's/combat uniform).

If you are interested in being a part of history of the Sumpter Township Country Fest, please contact Sharon Pokerwinski at 734-461-0989 or email spokerwinski@comcast.net by April 11 for more details.

If you have a great group picture of your unit when they arrived home, please submit it for us to consider. Also if you are interested in marching in our parade on May 26, let us know that, too.

Sharon Pokerwinski
 Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation



VBT: McDonald's requests OK for upgrade to Belleville Road site

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

By the time the renovations are done, the McDonald's restaurant on Belleville Road may have one less curb cut on Belleville Road, a rear entry/exit to the Farmer Jack shopping center, two lanes for drive-up orders, and a bright exterior.

These were the plans discussed at a public hearing at the March 28 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

Ken Van Tine and Mike Kazarian, representing McDonald's, said they had been going back and forth with the township's planning department in a long process that came up with the present plans.

Kazarian said if the township approves the requested special approval for the second drive-through, six weeks of work will begin this summer.

He said the restaurant will not close completely. The drive through will close for the work on construction of the second lane, but the walk-in restaurant will remain open.

When work is being done on the inside, the walk-in will close and the drive-through remain open. There will be intermittent total closings for half a day at a time for painting and other work, Kazarian said.

He said all 530 McDonald's restaurants in Michigan are being redone as part of a five-year plan. He said there were 42 major remodels in Michigan last year and they plan another 44 this year, with additional 15 to be renovated from the ground up.

Terry Carroll, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said the side-by-side drive throughs will eliminate stacking up, that in the mornings extends out to Belleville Road.

Van Tine said it wasn't that the inside servers couldn't keep up with the orders, but that the customers sometimes took their time deciding on what they wanted to order. The two lanes should speed things up. The two lanes will merge into the one pickup window.

This has worked well in other locations.

Carroll said the plan is to punch out an island in the back to make another entry/exit. The southern-most curb cut on Belleville Road will be removed and the northern entry enlarged for an in-out drive, similar to Tim Horton's.

Sally Hodges of planning consultants McKenna Associates said the applicant worked well with the staff and the proposed appearance of the building changed in response to the township's requests.

Commissioner Donald Boynton said the brick color should coincide with all the others along the Belleville Road corridor, which were more a cherry-plum shade.

Hodges said the township hasn't set a building color, but referred to a general palette.

Kazarian said the current building has painted brick and they are just going to

repaint the brick.

Boynton said the pylon sign should be a short, monument sign.

Kazarian replied they had talked about that and when the drive is changed the sign may be in the way, so it would have to be moved.

Commissioner Carl Johnson asked when the commission will be able to look at plans for the back access and the new traffic flow.

Kazarian said they could get it for the next meeting. He said they can design it and stop at their property line. Negotiations continue with the property owner behind them.

Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson said if McDonald's wants approval of these plans, the non-conforming, high-rise sign in back needs to come down.

Van Tine said when he and Kazarian first met with the township, the tall sign wasn't up. Kazarian said he works on the construction side for McDonald's and so he wasn't in on the sign situation.

The non-conforming sign was in danger of falling, so it was taken down, repaired, and put back up.

"As I reported in September or November, they brought in an estimate to us for replacement and it was less than 50% ... so we were required, under our ordinance, to let them put the sign back up," Carroll said.

Commissioner Ken Guenther said in 2001 or 2002, McDonald's was going to tear down the building to renovate it, but they would have had to tear down the high-rise pylon, as well, so they decided just to remodel.

Guenther said in his opinion, the high-rise sign is not really needed.

Van Tine pointed out that the overall signage will decrease with the proposed changes.

"There's a lot of residents who don't have a problem with that sign," said John Delaney during the public comment.

He said just because you can't see it from I-94, as some claim, doesn't mean it isn't

needed. He said people can use it to find the restaurant from southbound Belleville Road and other routes in the township. Delaney said it is not conforming, but it is legal.

Thompson asked about the landscaping in front and whether they will put in benches and bike racks.

Kazarian said they have added bike racks to the plans, but haven't added seats, since it is yet to be determined where the bypass lane in front would go and the seats might end up too close to the restaurant or too

close to the lane.

"This looks formula," Thompson said, criticizing the plans, "We're a premier community and we want something a little different."

Kazarian said they actually had made concessions for the township plan. He said they will not be using their standard stone, but will have a cobblestone look, as requested.

Also, the parapet is 2-3' higher than usual and the color of the building lines up with

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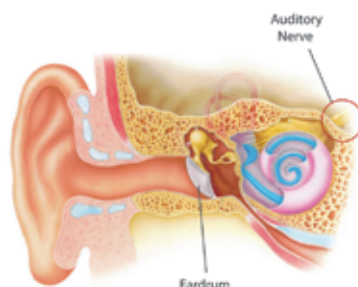
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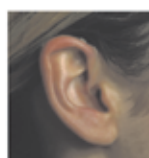
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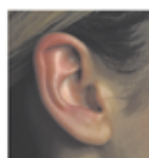
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VBT Plan

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the other colors along Belleville Road.

"We have made changes," Kazarian emphasized, suggesting that because he's "living McDonald's" the changes seem a lot to him, but may not look like it to Thompson.

The planning commission is expected to make a decision on the request at its next meeting on April 11.

In non-agenda comments, Delaney said he has forwarded information he has uncovered to commission members on Hoosier/Ameresco and attorney Tim Stoepker. He said the groups are known for their SLAPP lawsuits.

[SLAPP refers to a *strategic lawsuit against public participation*. It is a lawsuit that is intended to censor, intimidate, and silence critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defense until they abandon

their criticism or opposition.]

Delaney urged the commissioners to study the information he provided. The commission is currently considering a request from Hoosier/Visteon to construct a landfill-gas-to-electrical-energy plant on the Visteon Village/Grace Lake Corporate Park property and Stoepker is the attorney that attends the VBT sessions.

Republic Services donates \$3,500 to help Sumpter get more emergency sirens

Stephanie Glyssen, representing Republic Services that operates a landfill in Sumpter Township, announced Republic will donate \$3,500 to help pay the match for a grant for another emergency siren.

Glyssen made her remarks at the beginning of the March 27 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

She said Sumpter has a chance to get six more emergency sirens through the Department of Homeland Security and a match of \$3,500 per siren is needed to pay for permitting, licenses, and other things.

Sumpter currently has nine sirens.

Glyssen challenged the community residents, businesses, politicians and others to step up with donations, no matter how little or large, to help get the sirens.

She said Republic wants to make sure Sumpter Township is "safe going forward".

Richard Kern of Hennessey Engineers, which had just been appointed the township's new engineering firm, said they would donate \$500 for the sirens.

Glyssen said she had just been to see the damage left by a recent tornado in Dexter. She said she was impressed that no one was killed because of the early warning system in place.

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Sumpter Board

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or S2 classification. Actually, Supt. Marvin Drews decided not to resign after all, but to work part time, so those that apply will be kept on file;

- Approved paying Burnham & Flower \$120,635 for insurance for 2012-13;
- Approved the amended 2011-12 budget and the 2012-13 budget as detailed by Jim Glahn in a hearing before the meeting;
- Approved paying warrants totaling \$3,384,571.68;
- Approved the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes of Feb. 15 that reports the commission is seeking 501c3 non-profit status. Ron Traskos, CPA, will begin the process;
- Announced that there has been a petition submitted to pave Judd from Sumpter to Rawsonville and at the next meeting it will be decided where the township will go from there;
- Announced the 6 p.m., April 5, meeting for residents at the township hall to discuss floodplain insurance now required by FEMA; and
- Learned there has been an offer to purchase the vacant ATEK building on Rawsonville Road.

Huron Valley

Conservation Assn. sets buffet at Eagles April 17

The Huron Valley Conservation Association will hold an all-you-can-eat Home-Style Buffet dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

The menu will be: fried chicken, roast pork loin, sauerkraut & sausage, ham, mashed potatoes, red cabbage, corn, carrots, gravy, salads, bread, and desserts.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 12 and younger. Carry-outs will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the HVCA educational projects. For more information and/or tickets call Buddy Hamrick, 734-697-8616, or Kris Matthew, 734-662-7852.

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Belleville Rotary Club President Joyce Rochowiak is flanked by the two newest members of the club inducted this past month: Jeremy Richardson and Mary Jo Suchy.

St. Anthony to host baby shower to benefit home for expectant mothers

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, will host a baby shower from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, with all donations to benefit Mary's Mantle, a Catholic Home for Expectant Mothers.

Food, fellowship, games and entertainment will be provided.

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Museum kicks off Civil War series with lecture on Mich.'s contribution

The Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society will kick off their 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial Series with an exhibit opening on April 12, which coincides with the 151st anniversary of the attack on Fort Sumter.

A lecture entitled "Michigan in the Civil War" will be given by Al and Dave Eicher at the museum at 2 p.m. April 21.

Tickets for the lecture are \$8 for historical society members / seniors / students, \$10 for non members and are on sale now. Limited seating is available. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

The Civil War lasted from April 1861-April 1865 and was a turning point in our nation's history, said Museum Director Katie Dallos.

More than three million men fought in the war and roughly 620,000 men died. It gave way to medical, political and social advancements.

"Our Civil War Commemoration Series aims to honor these veterans and portray the life of families on the home front," Dallos said. "A list of Civil War veterans buried in Belleville-area cemeteries will also be provided for self-guided walking tours."

The museum is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Special exhibit admission is \$2.

The 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Series is hosted by the Belleville Area Museum and sponsored by the Belleville Area Historical Society and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

Belleville Area Museum

2012 Civil War Commemoration Events

- April 12 – Nov. 3 – Civil War Exhibit
- April 21, 2-4:30pm -- Lecture: "Michigan in the Civil War" with Al and Dave Eicher (\$8 for historical society members / seniors / students, \$10 for non members)
- June 2, 6 p.m. -- Civil War Gala at Trinity Episcopal Church
- June 21, 6-8 p.m. -- Genealogy workshop with Jana Sloan Broglin, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" (\$3 Historical Society members / students / seniors; \$5 non-members)
- Oct. 5-7 -- Civil War Encampment Weekend at Van Buren Park (\$5 per person or \$10 Friday-Sunday pass)

Ginger Bruder explores 'Tri-Community in the Civil War' on April 12

Ginger Bruder will explore "The Tri-Community in the Civil War" at a free lecture at the Belleville Area District Library at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 12 – the 150th anniversary of the first shot in the war.

Local genealogist and amateur historian Bruder will recount the lives and fates of the local sons – those who survived to return after the war, those who returned home for burial, and those who never came home at all.

The first shots of the American Civil War rang out at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. It didn't take long for the men of the young state of Michigan to join to fight to preserve their country, including those from Belleville and the townships of Sumpter and Van Buren.

"Follow these brave young men – who walked the same streets and perhaps even lived in the same houses as you and your neighbors – as they joined the Iron Brigade and fought in such battles as Gettysburg or the Siege of Petersburg," Bruder said.

The presentation is a part of the ongoing Homegrown Knowledge Series sponsored by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library.

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Dave Curson, left, was named the first-place winner in the annual Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club Chili Cookoff. Congratulating him, at right, is SWDC President John Herman. Second place chili awards went to Leon Wright and Sharon Curson.

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Sumpter Board approves balanced budget for 2012-13 fiscal year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township bookkeeper Jim Glahn, CPA, presented a balanced \$3,576,160 budget for the upcoming 2012-13 fiscal year to the township board at a hearing before the regular township meeting March 27.

During the regular meeting that followed, the board approved the proposed budget, along with the amended 2011-12 budget of \$3,702,210 and gave Glahn and employees their thanks for working to balance the budgets.

Glahn said last year the township had to make several changes and cuts because of declining revenue from the landfill. There were more than \$500,000 in decreases and they ended up with a balanced budget.

He said he does not foresee further cuts necessary for the upcoming year.

The amended 2011-12 landfill revenue was \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million is expected for 2012-13.

Glahn said dispatch did not move to Huron Township as soon as expected, so Sumpter did not save as much money as expected. However, Sumpter will save

almost half of what it paid when it ran its own dispatch.

The latest date for dispatch's switch to Huron Township was April 1. Glahn said there have been plans made to pay the dispatchers that are leaving extended benefits past the time of their job loss to soften the blow.

Glahn said the water fund is a problem. Detroit Water Department is tacking on a mysterious \$200,000 service charge, so water is costing more, beyond any rate hikes, he said.

He said the township is seeing the effects of inflation in many ways. Landfill royalties hit bottom, going down 70% of what it was eight years ago when he joined the township, which was "a huge drop."

He said population in the township has decreased by 15% and there is \$126,000 less state shared revenue.

Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative is the township's largest taxpayer. In spring 2010 Wolverine bought the FirstEnergy Generation 340 megawatt peaking power plant on Rawsonville Road. In 2010, Wolverine appealed its property assessment and won.

Almost all of the \$3.5 million tax it paid went to the Lincoln School District, along with portions of that total to the zoo, Wayne County Community College, the jail and other entities, along with a small amount to Sumpter, he said.

The state dropped the Wolverine assessment from \$71 million to \$68 million and all the extra tax it paid had to be paid back.

Sumpter had to refund close to \$90,000, he said. Also, Wolverine's taxes for 2010 and 2011 were lowered, as well, and Sumpter will see a portion of that decrease.

When Wolverine appealed its assessment to the state, the state treasurer sent letters to the township and school district to set money aside in case Wolverine won its appeal.

He said for just one year the school operation fund had to refund \$157,000 and the debt fund \$64,000. There was a total of over \$500,000 from the school district.

All the entities together paid back \$1.906 million to Wolverine.

Glahn said Sumpter sent its check to hit the March 28 deadline to pay without interest.

Since the township revenue was lower, "We are fortunate the unions all agreed to keep the status quo with no pay increases," Glahn said.

He said it was fortunate the township got ahead of its problems.

"I was there and I told them they couldn't continue this way and they listened," Glahn said, praising the officials who took him serious in the past, so the budgets could be balanced.

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2012

Meeting called to order by Treasurer J. Morgan at 6:45 pm showing present: Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, and P. Morgan. Excused absence: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, & Trustee: Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 22 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan supported by Hamm to approve the agenda with items S thru W added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments only on Agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Hamm to approve the regular board meeting minutes February 14, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve block grant public hearing minutes February 21, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve the special board meeting minutes of February 21, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept the minutes of Planning Commission February 9, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the warrants totaling \$1,442,594.89. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Kennedy, Vawters, & Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the water & sewer report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police/Ordinance: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the Police/Ordinance report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the building report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the fire report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the treasurers' report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the supervisors report as presented by Deputy Supervisor Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve all the reports. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to extend lease for the Public Service Credit Union to August 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to go out for bids for senior grass cutting paid out of C.D.B.G. Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to accept with regrets the resignation of fire fighter Joshua Beaudrie. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to go out for bids for grass cutting at abandoned/blighted/foreclosed properties. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve to go out for bids for site work at Banotai Park paid out of 2010-2011 Wayne County Parks Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to **TABLE** to pay METCO invoice #0518-47 Storm Water \$4,858.50. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Bates supported by P. Morgan to **TABLE** to pay METCO invoice # 0518-48 Storm water \$518.00. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve paying METCO invoice # 1009A-1 concrete work \$1,630.50. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve to pay METCO invoice #1009B-1 concrete work \$2,125.50. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to approve to pay METCO invoice #1009-3 Concrete work \$515.00. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to upgrade the server at township hall cost \$4,569.99. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to **TABLE** to pay Giffels-Webster Engineers the balance owed \$12,939.25. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to approve to set a special meeting to interview 3 Engineering firms finalists on March 20, 2012 at 11:00 am. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to set a public hearing regarding the 2012-2013 budget March 27, 2012 at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone from R2 to C2 for 19865 Sumpter 81-038-01-0009-000. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the list of changes to Standard Operation Procedures as recommended by fire committee and to **TABLE** the Standards of Conduct for the Fire Department until next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Bates to approve the purchase the property at 23496 Sumpter 81-064-99-0013-004 for \$15,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to purchase a Dell computer server for police department cost \$5,779.47. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the PNA rental fees as presented by the PNA hall committee. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve the hiring of Stardust & Clean as cleaning agents for PNA hall as recommended by PNA hall committee. Motion carried unanimously.

U. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to instruct the Clerk's Office to handle rental applications of PNA hall as recommended by PNA hall committee. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to update the ordinance regarding noxious shrubs, plants & weeds. Motion carried unanimously.

W. Motion P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to replace the cemetery ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to adjourn at 7:20 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 13, 2012 at 6:45pm 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.

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Published: April 5, 2012



Sumpter seeking bids

The Township of Sumpter is seeking sealed bids for site work/parking lot installation/concrete work for Banotai Park. Specifications may be picked up at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sealed bids are due in the Township Clerk's Office no later than April 12, 2012 at 4:30 pm. Bids will be opened on April 13, 2012 at 10:00 am.

Publish April 5, 2012



Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012 11:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Vawters at 11:00 am showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 2 residents.

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

A. First interview was Spicer Group present Ron Hansen and Evan Pratt.

B. Second interview was Hennessey Engineers, Inc. present Joan Hennessey, John Hennessey, J.W. Papez, & Richard Kern.

C. Third interview was Wade Trim present David Nummer and William Fisher.

4. Open floor

5. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 1:08 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider a request for an Exemption of New Personal Property pursuant to Act 328, Michigan Public Acts of 1998, as amended for Constellium Automotive USA, LLC 6331 Schooner Dr., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

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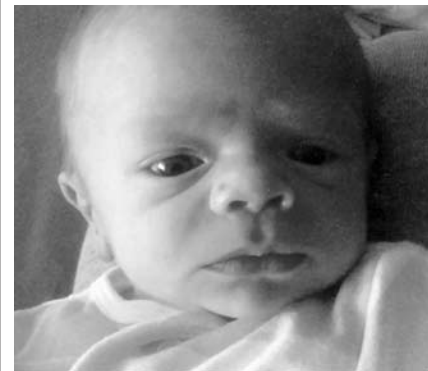
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Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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Welcome, Chase Anthony Thomas



Tiffany Moody and James Thomas of Sumpter Township announce the birth of their son Chase Anthony Thomas. He was born at 7:49 p.m. March 14, 2012 at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 21.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sister Haidyn Thomas, age 3. Grandparents are Craig and Barb Moody and Jim and Debbie Thomas.

District Library Board sets up side ledger for bond reimbursement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board unanimously authorized putting expenses related to planning for a new library in a subsidiary ledger so that these expenses can be reimbursed from future bond proceeds.

The action was taken by resolution at the March 13 meeting of the board.

Treasurer Elaine Gutierrez said the ledger was, "So we have that ready when we do pass a bond issue so that it will be reimbursed on the budget, so that we can

add that money into the fund balance so that we'll have more assets.

"Right now we're using that money in the budget and our fund balance is going down, whereas we'll be reimbursed for that later and build up the fund balance again," she said.

City Councilwoman Kim Tindall asked from the audience if these amounts will go back to cover retroactive expenses.

"We'll have to go back and break out the expenses and this will take a little time," Gutierrez said.

"You may need to go back into last year's budget to identify some costs," said Belleville resident Mike Renaud.

"It's the fund balance and that continues year after year," Gutierrez said.

"Being devil's advocate, what if the bond

doesn't pass?" asked Belleville resident George Chedraue.

"The resolution states *future bond proceeds*," said vice chairman Christina Brasil. "This could happen two years from now or, God forbid, 20 years from now."

"Are you going to make it public?" Renaud asked, pointing out it was public funds involved.

Library Director Deb Green said the reports could be made quarterly.

Attorney/closed sessions

Vera Howell, a Belleville resident, told the board that she feels the library board needs its own attorney, which should not be the Belleville city attorney. John Day represented both the library and the city.

Howell said she thinks there should be two attorneys – one for the library and one for the city.

"We do have another attorney, and if there is ever a conflict of interest, she can step in," said secretary Joy Cichewicz. "Her name is Anne Seurnyck. She is a well-known attorney for libraries. The reason we have two is having a local attorney is much more cost-effective. She lives in Grand Rapids."

(Seurnyck was officially hired by the board on Feb. 8, 2011 at a cost of \$190 per hour.)

"Think about it," said Chairman Mary Jane Dawson. "What's the big slogan? Shop in Belleville. Mr. Day is a local attorney... We had her (Seurnyck) here about a year ago."

"We may have two attorneys, but I think John Day handles most of the legal issues," said Chedraue, an attorney who lives in Belleville.

"He's handling this land acquisition transaction. I think that's why Vera is wondering why you have the same attorney for the city and land acquisition.

"That's not my question," Chedraue continued. "I wish John was here because of one of the questions I have.

"My theory has always been, 'What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.' At the last city council meeting the fact was brought up that members of the library talked to members of city council concerning what happens at closed door meetings.

"Don't look surprised, it was, and it was in the paper. And, what happens at closed door meetings ... what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

"Once you start opening and telling people outside of the closed-door meeting what you guys talked about in a closed door meeting is no longer privileged and is no longer a closed-door meeting.

"So, I can technically ask everyone here tonight: What was your discussion during your closed-door meetings because somebody went and talked to people at City Council at the meeting.

"Don't look surprised. Kereen [Mayor Conley] said it. She talked to someone on this board, whoever that was. I'm not your attorney, but my advice would be, you know they used to say 'Loose lips sink ships?' And, Eisenhower did have a couple people executed because they talked too much because they caused problems.

"If you don't want to have this problem of me asking that question at the next meeting, my advice is please don't talk to other people confidentially about what goes on in closed door meetings," Chedraue concluded.

In other business at the 59-minute, March 13 meeting, the library board:

- Discussed problems with maintenance of the present building. Board member John Juriga said the railing on the porch was loose and Mark Burger was called to take care of that. Burger pointed out the supports of the portico roof are rusted and it could blow away in a heavy wind. Davenport was called to look at solutions. Also, the parking lot drain grate was lifting up and cutting people's tires. They had Davenport take it out because it hadn't functioned for 25 years;

- Heard Director Green report that the City of Romulus may levy a library tax, which does not take a vote of the people, to support the library;

- Heard Green report the library had to call the police for its first-ever fight on the porch a few weeks earlier. Both girls were taken into police custody and banned from the library for one month. Several library patrons expressed concern;

- Heard Green report that Chuck Syer, the security guard, has found a replacement for himself when he moves: Aaron Saylor. The two will work together to increase the patrol from five to ten hours a week;

- Heard Green report the Friends of the Library are helping to promote National Library Week and are purchasing a Kindle Fire to give away as a grand prize. Raffle tickets can be earned by checking out a book, getting a library card, or submitting a "Why I love my library" note;

- Heard support for the library board's work offered by Julea Ward, a seven-year resident of Van Buren Township. She said the idea of a library on the lake was exciting and she would like a big library;

- Heard Regina Miller of Van Buren Township voice concern about the hydroponic shop and the cleaners who are in the area, 397 Main, being considered for a library site. "We owe it to them to let them know," Miller said and Chairman Dawson said it was her understanding that the owner of the building alerted them;

- Heard Green announce the library fundraiser "Murder Maestro Please" dinner theater at the Bayou on May 8 for \$25 per person; and

- Heard board member Mike Boelter say that when the board went to the city council meeting, the council was going to make a list of questions. Chairman Dawson said this list has not been received. She waved a copy of the Feb. 12 city council minutes in the air and then tossed the document over to the secretary, apparently to include in the minutes of the library board meeting. "They passed a motion," she emphasized.

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Jitterbugs Elite Dance Inc. won Top First, First Overall, and got High Point Award at the Kids' Artistic Revue competition in Walled Lake March 18. Back row, from left, are Devon Stakley, Cierra Barrett and Samantha Robson. Front, from left, are Victoria Jeross, Lauren Swallow, and Alyssa Schubert. In addition, Samantha won first place and second overall in her division for Solo and Devon and Alyssa won first place for their Duet. Jitterbugs is affiliated with the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Arts Council sets another fund-raising dinner for April 15

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has scheduled its third fund-raising dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, to help fund its planned new building on Main Street.

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Sumpter Township Board sets proposed fees for rental of PNA Hall

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Editor's Note: The crowded March 13 agenda of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees had 23 action items. The *Independent* reported on some of them in last week's paper. Here's the rest of the story.

The PNA Hall, set to reopen March 29 after being closed all winter as an economic measure, has been scrubbed and polished and has a new, large ice maker.

At the March 13 meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the preliminary PNA Hall rental fees.

A committee of Trustees Peggy Morgan and Bill Hamm and Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis worked on the details and presented the proposed rental fees.

The rental fees are Friday and Saturday, \$550 plus, \$200 security deposit, and from Sunday through Thursday, \$250/\$100 security.

There no longer will be free rentals to non-profit agencies. There was some discussion as to what, exactly, the motion at the last meeting said about the PNA opening. Details were to be brought back to the next meeting.

The committee also recommended the Clerk's office handle renting of the PNA Hall, which the board approved.

Showings will have to be done during regular business hours.

Before the hall was closed last winter, Trustee Linda Kennedy had handled renting details. She became ill and hasn't attended a meeting in almost a year and has been unable to handle rental duties.

In other business at the March 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved Stardust cleaners as the company to clean the PNA before opening and after use in the future. Trustee Peggy Morgan said they got estimates for cleaning and the Sumpter Township resident was the low bidder at \$100 per cleaning and \$300 for the initial first deep cleaning;
- Approved an upgraded Noxious Weeds and Shrubs ordinance;
- Approved a new ordinance to replace

the former Cemetery Ordinance;

- Heard Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody report that the township just got word that two roads have been upgraded from secondary to primary road status, which means they will be maintained by the county like Sumpter Road. The new primary roads are Harris, from Savage to Martinsville, and Martinsville, from Harris to Judd;

- Heard resident Mary Ban said she talked to Keystone Academy school board president Vesta Losen about the 8 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. backups at the corner of Sumpter and Bemis. She said Losen will study the situation. Ban contends a left-turn arrow is called for on Bemis to clear the congestion, but Deputy Supervisor Moody said he sat at the gas station and watched the corner and while traffic is backed up during those times, it clears within 20 minutes. He said he did put in a request with the county for an arrow, "But, don't count on it"; and

- Heard Ban discuss the closing of Elwell School, saying she has copies of the letters published in the *Independent* on the subject. "It's a shame the school board didn't let you know [in advance]," she said. She said that Keystone, a public charter school, got high scores in the national NWEA testings for grades 2-8. She said the scores were 19% higher than the Van Buren and Lincoln schools and 10% higher than the state average. "It's unfortunate one person has all this power," Ban said of the Van Buren schools. "I think it's a disgrace" that they want to tear Elwell down. She said it should be sold to another group to use. "So many people are hurt by this," Ban said. Ban also agreed with letter-writer Cornell Anton that the present high school could be used for a district library and the drainage pond and parking, set for the site of the present BHS, could be put in the "back 40" of the site. Township attorney Rob Young reminded Ban that the district library plans still require a vote of the people. Ban replied, "A lot of people say: No Way."

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Benefit set May 5 in New Boston for man needing kidney transplant

A benefit will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Sportsman's Club in New Boston to help the family of Johnny Valchine, who is unable to work as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Tickets are \$10 each. Friends are bringing dishes to pass for the meal being offered.

Valchine is married to Angie and they have two children. There is no money coming in and no insurance so friends are putting on the benefit to help. Valchine formerly owned the Roman Empire pizza place on Huron River Dr.

Bladez hair salon on E. Huron River Drive at Biggs Avenue in Belleville is collecting donations for the family and will answer any questions on the situation at 734-697-5600.

Willow United Methodist Church sets chicken supper for April 11

Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, will serve a chicken supper on Wednesday, April 11, starting at 5 p.m.

The menu is: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

Adult tickets are \$9 with children 12 and under charged \$5. Carry-outs will start at 4:30 p.m. Serving continues until sell out.

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	2	5
	3	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, March 25:

0009 – assault & battery, 49051 Denton
0017 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0052 – noise complaint, 38 Locust Dr.
0107 – suicide or attempt, 6 Birch Dr.
0208 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen Ln.
0235 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville
0246 – larceny from auto, 49345 S. I-94 Service
0331 – suicide or attempt, 7732 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0411 – shots fired, 6583 Shelley Dr.
0824 – missing person, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
0926 – malicious destruction of property, 51250 Sylvia Dr.
1010 – warrant arrest, 51207 Sylvia Dr.
1356 – juvenile complaint, 6760 Maurice Dr.
1526 – malicious destruction of property, 6936 Anna Dr.

1524 – assault & battery, 48521 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1547 – shots fired, 6418 Western St.
1612 – shots fired, Martz/Lohr
1617 – retail fraud, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1623 – narcotics crime, Western/Cedar
1652 – fight, 42054 Zachary St.
1759 – malicious destruction of property, 9570 Belleville
2041 – disturbance, Sylvia Dr./Maurice Dr.
2047 – assault & battery, 7981 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2214 – harassment call, 9122 Parkwood Dr.
2259 – weapons violation, Village Green

Monday, March 26:

0135 – mental, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0644 – holdup alarm, 13554 S. Cumberland Dr.
0648 – juvenile complaint, 9285 Parkwood Dr.
1038 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46171 Village Green Ln.
1141 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1258 – property damage accident, 6213 Beck Rd.
1310 – juvenile complaint, 42500 N. I-94 Service
1344 – juvenile complaint, 47097 McBride
1357 – private property accident, VB Plaza
1641 – larceny, 41775 Ecorse
1725 – assault & battery, 49070 Denton Rd.
0558 – fraud all, 12108 Westlake
1813 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
2158 – fraud all, 9701 Belleville Rd., Meijer
2259 – mental, 10955 Buchanan St.
2322 – assault & battery, 41 Brandi Dr.

Tuesday, March 27:

0132 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler
0501 – disturbance, 48870 Denton Rd.
0705 – malicious destruction of property, 48 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0749 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Huron River Dr.
0751 – personal injury accident, Savage/Haggerty
0810 – malicious destruction of property, 42806 Berkdale Dr.
1153 – private property accident, 41441 S. Bellridge Dr.
1230 – assault & battery, 7306 Westlake
1324 – malicious destruction of property, 9721 Hamilton St.
1446 – fraud all, 9000 Haggerty Rd.
1732 – PPO violation, 13332 Linda Vista Ct.
1935 – juvenile complaint, 44083 Harmony Ln.
2035 – mental, 9865 Wheeler St.
2116 – missing person, 41553 McBride
2150 – property damage accident, S I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

Wednesday, March 28:

0103 – operating while intoxicated, Walmart
0221 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green Ln.
0726 – assault & battery, 46121 Village Green Ln.
1128 – indecent exposure, BP gas, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1222 – mental, 41553 McBride
1641 – breaking & entering, 41472 E. Archwood
1834 – juvenile complaint, Millard/Van Buren
1857 – breaking & entering, 6730 Rogers Ave.
1849 – disorderly conduct, 10276 Belleville
2108 – assault & battery, 9282 Parkwood Dr.
2256 – noise complaint, 10058 Jackson

Thursday, March 29:

0004 – narcotics crime, 45501 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0309 – disturbance, 49050 Denton
0840 – property damage accident, 16800 Lohr
0859 – narcotics crime, 47097 McBride
1026 – breaking & entering, 44012 Timberview
1413 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1508 – private property accident, Walmart
1659 – juvenile complaint, 72 Maple
1700 – disorderly conduct, 89 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1925 – agency assist, Lakeview
1930 – juvenile complaint, 1210 Westlake
2011 – fraud all, Meijer
2053 – intimidation threat, 49946 W. Huron River

Friday, March 30:

0037 – fight, The Creek
0557 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton
0804 – malicious destruction of property, 8700 Belleville Rd.
0845 – larceny from auto, 49070 Denton Rd.
0905 – larceny from auto, 41500 N. Bellridge
0939 – shots fired, 11150 Oak Ln.
1006 – malicious destruction of property, 49251 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1007 – malicious destruction of property, 41533 S. Bellridge Dr.
1231 – larceny from auto, 41611 S. Bellridge Dr.
1338 – trespassing, 48731 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1446 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1453 – property damage accident, I-275/Hannan
1457 – property damage accident, NB I-275 south of Hannan
1612 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1751 – property damage accident, Belleville/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1903 – private property accident, 41472 E. Archwood Dr.
1903 – PPO violation, 46820 Hull Rd.
1924 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1949 – disturbance, Walmart
2014 – suicide or attempt, 9450 Haggerty
2048 – malicious destruction of property, Valero
2054 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Morton Taylor Rd.

2117 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville
2131 – fraud all, Walmart
2332 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis / Rawsonville
2336 – disturbance, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, March 31:

0015 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville / Martz
0158 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0727 – larceny, 5910 Belleville
1001 – assault & battery, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.
1021 – larceny from auto, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.
1042 – private property accident, 41358 Ecorse
1237 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1248 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake
1331 – larceny from auto, 41601 S. Bellridge Dr.
1340 – larceny from auto, 10890 Lighthouse Dr.
1347 – larceny, 26 Brandi
1711 – property damage accident, 8701 Belleville
1725 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Tyler
1807 – fraud all, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1852 – malicious destruction of property, 8306 Westlake
1930 – assault & battery, 40731 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2141 – juvenile complaint, Peninsular/Ventura
2256 – noise complaint, Moose Lodge

Also on this week's log are 219 traffic stops, 27 of which were on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 25:

0059 – misc. complaint, 25 Main, minimart
0132 – follow up, 357 Victorian Ct.
0150 – intimidation threat, 87 Carmell
0300 – narcotics crime, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
0317 – domestic assault, 204 Belle Villa Blvd.
0745 – civil matter, 149 N. Liberty St.
1315 – private property accident, 5 Pts./minimart
1323 – malicious destruction of property, 91 Belle Villa Blvd.
1350 – malicious destruction of property, 79 Henry
1655 – trespassing, Hillside Cemetery
1827 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa

Blvd.
1845 – suspicious person, E. Columbia/Madelon
2202 – agency assist, Main/E. Huron River Dr.
Monday, March 26:
0202 – agency assist, 99 Carmell
0251 – assist fire dept., 16 Loza Lane
0714 – parking complaint, 661 Greylock
1326 – assist fire dept., 125 S. Edgemont
1340 – misc. complaint, 573 Main St.
1625 – warrant arrest, South Middle School
1727 – follow up, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.
1802 – juvenile complaint, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.
1831 – vehicle lockout, 35 Main
1843 – harassment call, 27 Carmell
1939 – domestic assault, 400 N. Liberty St.
2002 – E-911 cellular, 166 N. Liberty St.
2002 – suspicious person, 166 N. Liberty St.
2004 – assault & battery, Main/Second

Tuesday, March 27:

0858 – Cross Guard detail, S. Edgemont/E. Huron River Dr.
0901 – traffic complaint, Main/Denton
1317 – E-911 cellular, 125 N. Edgemont
1622 – background investigation, 669 Greylock
1704 – fraud all, 75 Menlo Park Dr.
1809 – domestic assault, 69 Henry St.
1830 – narcotics crime, Robbe St./Madelon St.
2253 – juvenile complaint, BHS

Wednesday, March 28:

0132 – parking complaint, Church/Henry
1152 – information, 444 Main, Andrew's
1253 – trespassing, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.
1422 – juvenile complaint, Church/Third
1437 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
1527 – neighbor trouble, 400 N. Liberty St.
1717 – warrant arrest, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
1730 – harassment call, 27 Carmell St.
1844 – suicide or attempt, 400 N. Liberty St.
2257 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.

Thursday, March 29:

0857 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1021 – prisoner transfer, 34th District Court
1036 – larceny, 110 Henry
1046 – abandoned auto, 56 Main St.
1717 – traffic complaint, 6 Main
1823 – assist citizen, 197 N. Edgemont Ave.
1903 – disturbance, Lakeview
2107 – juvenile complaint, 167 Fourth, library

Friday, March 30:

0238 – intrusion alarm, 17 Santa Clara St.
0329 – noise complaint, 86 Carmell St.
0741 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, South Middle School
0742 – information, BHS
1232 – intrusion alarm, 300 Sumpter
1313 – private property accident, 795 Sumpter
1337 – intrusion alarm, 91 Belle Villa Blvd.
1638 – parking complaint, 444 Main, Andrew's
2212 – juvenile complaint, BHS

Saturday, March 31:

0008 – noise complaint, 85 Carmell St.
1529 – fraud all, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Ct.
1551 – juvenile complaint, South Middle School
1858 – found property, 6 Main St.
2254 – agency assist, 936 E. Huron River Dr.

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

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 25:

0008 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0107 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0922 – breaking & entering report, Rustic Ln.
0943 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0950 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1239 – larceny report, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1336 – ORV complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1401 – ordinance violation, 27000 bl. Sumpter
1405 – ordinance violation, 26000 bl. Sherwood
1409 – ordinance violation, 26000 bl. Sherwood
1413 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Willow
1417 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Willow
1425 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Willow
1431 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Willow
1524 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Karr
1532 – ordinance violation, 21000 bl. Karr
1624 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1640 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1739 – ORV complaint, Haggerty/Willis

2056 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter
Monday, March 26:
1141 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1607 – harassment complaint, 43000 bl. Deborah
1611 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Sumpter
1710 – breaking & entering report, Knollwood
1740 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1803 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
1834 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1850 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2011 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty
2302 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Willow

Tuesday, March 27:

0152 – violation park rules, 45000 bl. Wear
0756 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Kozma
1123 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1324 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis
1659 – neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1858 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1929 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Elwell
2002 – civil dispute, Pecan
2225 – well-being check, Wyoming

Wednesday, March 28:

0037 – family trouble, Creekside
0825 – malicious destruction of property report, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0829 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0913 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1029 – 911 hangup investigation, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1226 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1238 – harassment complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1422 – well-being check, Birch
1610 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1651 – civil dispute, Timberlane
1655 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1711 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Savage
1727 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2127 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming
2348 – suspicious incident, Bohn/Fenster

Thursday, March 29:

0803 – ordinance violation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0831 – suspicious vehicle, Griffin Ct.
0952 – threats complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1035 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1112 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1115 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1143 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1240 – alarm, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1302 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1411 – fire dept. assist, Washington
1419 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1433 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1514 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Lane
1709 – larceny report, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1821 – suspicious vehicle, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1851 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Carleton West
1939 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2047 – warrant arrest, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2129 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2151 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Friday, March 30:

0435 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0831 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
0914 – fire dept. assist, Walnut
1010 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1102 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1128 – 911 hangup investigation, 17000 bl. Elwell
1307 – threats complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1514 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1539 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Willis
1758 – identity theft report, 23000 bl. Elwell
1901 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2114 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Clark
2212 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis
2224 – suspicious incident, Rustic Lane
2310 – suspicious vehicle, Roy Ct.

Saturday, March 31:

0427 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Tyler Rd.
0741 – malicious destruction of property report, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1118 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1134 – assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1149 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1440 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1541 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Lane
1547 – animal complaint, Oregon
1712 – neighbor dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona
1716 – animal complaint, 20000 Sumpter
1737 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1944 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2034 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week's log are 27 miscellaneous details, 112 patrol checks, 87 traffic stops, and 23 follow-up investigations.



Belleville resident Frank Godlesky recorded his first hole-in-one in 20 years of golfing on Sunday, March 25. Godlesky, along with his playing partners Art Mackie and Jerry DeBuyssher, watched as his 9-wood shot at the 132-yard Hole No. 3 at the Harbour Club Golf Course went in for an ace.

**2012 Belleville High School Varsity
Baseball Schedule**

Mon 3/26 4:00PM @ Westland John Glen
Wednesday 3/28 4:00PM @ Wayne
Saturday 3/31 11:00AM @ Ypsilanti
Saturday 3/31 1:00PM Ypsilanti
Monday 4/2 4:00PM vs. Redfrd Union
Wednesday 4/4 4:00PM vs. Robichaud
Saturday 4/7 11:00AM @ Allen Park
Saturday 4/7 1:00PM @ Allen Park
Saturday 4/14 11:00AM @ Monroe
Saturday 4/14 1:00PM @ Monroe
Wednesday 4/18 4:00PM @ Garden City
Friday 4/20 4:00PM vs. Redford Thurs.
Saturday 4/21 11:00AM vs. NB Huron
Saturday 4/21 1:00PM vs. AA Huron
Wednesday 4/25 4:00PM vs. Romulus
Saturday 4/28 11:00AM vs. Franklin
Saturday 4/28 1:00PM vs. Franklin
Wednesday 5/2 4:00PM @ Dearborn
Friday 5/4 4:00PM @ Edsel Ford
Saturday 5/5 11:00AM vs. Ypsi Lincoln

Saturday 5/5 1:00PM vs. Lincoln
Monday 5/7 4:00PM @ Fordson
Monday 5/7 6:00PM @ Fordson
Wednesday 5/9 4:00PM @ Romulus
Wednesday 5/16 4:00PM vs. Dearborn
Friday 5/18 4:00PM vs. Edsel Ford
Monday 5/21 4:00PM @ Annapolis
Wednesday 5/23 4:00PM vs. Crestwood
Tuesday 5/29 TBA @ 5/29, 6/1
Saturday 6/9 TBA @ Regionals Belleville
Home Games in Bold

**2012 Belleville High School Junior Varsity
Baseball Schedule**

Monday 3/26 4:00PM vs. John Glenn
Wednesday 3/28 4:00PM vs. Wayne Memorial
Saturday 3/31 11:00A vs. Ypsilanti
Saturday 3/31 1:00PM vs. Ypsilanti
Monday 4/2 4:00PM @ Redford Union
Wednesday 4/4 4:00PM @ Robichaud HS
Monday 4/16 4:00PM vs. Milan
Wednesday 4/18 4:00PM Garden City
Friday 4/20 4:00PM @ Redford Thurston
Saturday 4/21 11:00AM @ AA Huron
Saturday 4/21 1:00PM @ AA Huron

Wednesday 4/2 4:00PM @ Romulus
Saturday 4/28 11:00AM @ Franklin
Saturday 4/28 1:00PM @ Franklin
Wednesday 5/2 4:00PM vs. Dearborn
Friday 5/4 4:00PM vs. Edsel Ford
Monday 5/7 4:00PM vs. Fordson
Monday 5/7 6:00PM vs. Fordson
Wednesday 5/9 4:00PM vs. Romulus
Thursday 5/10 4:00PM vs. Woodhaven
Saturday 5/12 10:00AM @ Chelsea
Saturday 5/12 12:00PM @ Chelsea
Wednesday 5/16 4:00PM @ Dearborn
Friday 5/18 4:00PM @ Edsel Ford
Monday 5/21 4:00PM vs. Annapolis
Wednesday 5/23 4:00PM @ Crestwood
Home games in Bold

**2012 Belleville High School Girls Varsity
Softball Schedule**

Thursday 3/29 4:00PM vs. Ypsi Lincon
Friday 3/30 4:15PM @ AA Huron
Friday 3/30 5:30PM @ AA Huron
Monday 4/2 4:00PM vs Redford Union
Tuesday 4/3 4:30PM @ Ypsilanti
Wednesday 4/4 4:00PM vs. Robichaud
Wednesday 4/18 4:00PM @ Garden City

Friday 4/20 4:00PM vs. Redford Thurston
Saturday 4/21 11:00AM vs. Monroe
Saturday 4/21 1:00PM vs. Monroe
Wednesday 4/25 4:00PM vs. Romulus
Friday 4/27 4:30PM @ Allen Park
Friday 4/27 6:30PM @ Allen Park
Saturday 4/28 2:00PM vs. Tay Kennedy
Saturday 4/28 2:00PM vs. Tay Kennedy
Wednesday 5/2 4:00PM @ Dearborn
Friday 5/4 4:00PM @ Edsel Ford
Monday 5/7 4:00PM vs. Fordson
Monday 5/7 5:30PM vs. Fordson
Wednesday 5/9 4:00PM @ Romulus
Saturday 5/12-13 9:00AM Canton Inv.
Wednesday 5/16 4:00PM vs. Dearborn
Friday 5/18 4:00PM vs. Edsel Ford
Saturday 5/19 TBA @ Madonna Classic
Sunday 5/20 TBA @ Madonna Classic
Monday 5/21 4:00PM @ Annapolis
Tuesday 5/22 4:30PM vs. Milan
Tuesday 5/22 6:00PM vs. Milan
Wednesday 5/23 4:00PM vs. Crestwood
Tuesday 5/29, 6/1, 6/2 TBA at Districts
Saturday 6/9 TBA @ Regionals
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- Saturday, April 7 – Flop E. Bunny at Victory Park in Belleville, noon – 2 p.m., all free fun courtesy of the Central Business Community.
- Tuesday, April 10 – Van Buren Township

September 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 at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

Belleville DPS Director Keith Boc insists city's Smart meters are safe

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

At the Jan. 17 meeting of the Belleville City Council, resident Amy Wagner asked the council to consider the safety of the Smart water meters being installed throughout the city.

Wagner said she had sent an email to Mayor Kerreen Conley to alert her to concerns she had over the meters.

Wagner pointed out the State of Michigan is currently studying Smart meters to measure electricity because of concerns voiced by several communities over their safety and security.

Wagner had concerns about the city's new water meters being hacked and asked about any plans to credit consumers for water charged for and not used.

Mayor Conley said she got Wagner's

email over the weekend. She said the Smart meter the city is installing is for water only. She said the state is studying the electrical side of the company.

She said she sent Wagner's concerns to Director of Public Services Keith Boc.

"I think there's confusion on the term Smart meter," Boc said, adding it has become a generic term.

He said the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is studying the Smart meters for the electrical utility only. He said that meter does a lot more than the city's water meters will do.

"The only thing we record is how much water you use, the account number, and the person on the account," Boc said.

He said the electric Smart meter has a lot stronger signal. He said the new water meters aren't much different than those in use now. He said the new transmitters have now been put on all the houses in the city.

He said currently the city is using old meters. The new ones will be more accurate and will last longer, since they have no moving parts. The new meters haven't been delivered yet.

Boc said contrary to concerns, the city will not be able to shut the water off or regulate the flow through the Smart meters.

"The primary difference is you don't have to come to my house to read my meter," said Councilwoman Kim Tindall.

Boc said the transmittal signal strength is less than a cell phone. As far as hacking, Boc said, a person could hack into the present system. He said the information sent by the new meters is encrypted.

Boc said the meters do have a tamper alert.

When asked what would happen if a resident refuses to have the Smart meter installed, Boc said the city would shut off the water to that site.

"There's no way to read the meter, otherwise," Boc said.

Wagner said she was comforted to know there is no way for the city to shut off the water through this device and there would be no hacking.

"The EMFs are the only issue," she said, referring to electromagnetic frequencies. She said she has no microwave oven in her house or other microwaves because of a chance they could cause cancer.

She said studies on EMFs are 50% inconclusive and, "I don't like playing with those odds."

She said in the future when DTE wants to put electric Smart meters in the city, she hopes the city will consider the EMFs.

Mayor Conley stressed that the state is looking at the electric Smart meters only, since those are the ones that cities in the state have been concerned with.

Several cities in Michigan passed resolutions last fall asking the state to investigate the electric Smart meters including Warren, Southfield, Shelby Township and Oak Park. Other communities throughout the nation also have expressed concerns over those meters and some have banned their use.

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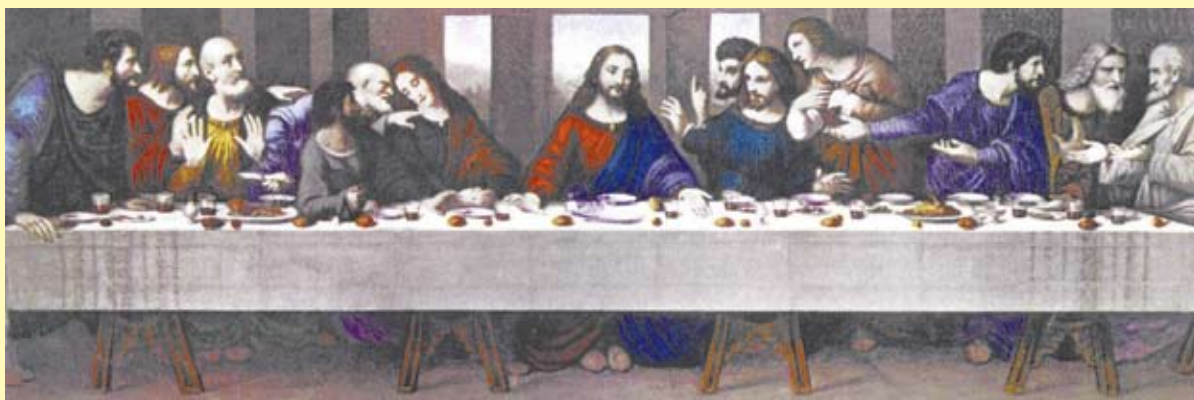


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