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21 Democrat candidates, 1 Republican file for August primary in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The deadline to file for the August primary election was Tuesday at 4 p.m. and the incumbent supervisors in both Sumpter and Van Buren townships are facing opposition in the primary.

In Van Buren Township, 22 candidates (21 Democrats and 1 Republican) filed for seven board positions. In Sumpter, 12 candidates (all Democrats) filed for seven positions.

The following candidates have turned in their petitions and are certified to be on the ballot in the Aug. 7 Primary Election.

Independent candidates can be added to the ballot for the November General Election.

Candidates for VBT Supervisor: 4

- Linda H. Combs, 47216 Ayres
- Paul D. White (I), 17329 Haggerty
- Larry J. Fix, 13103 Ormond Dr.
- Timothy A. Szetela, 13211 Mantauk Ct.

Candidates for VBT Clerk: 2

- Leon Wright (I), 9961 Andover Dr.
- Karin Lamothe, 8466 Moms Dr.

Candidates for VBT Treasurer: 3

- Sharry A. Budd (I), 42700 N. I-94 Service Dr.

- John A. Herman, 6329 Greenwood Ct.

- Harry R. Roesch, 47541 N. Shore

Democratic Candidates for 4 Trustee positions: 12

- Albert Ostrowski (I), 41720 Savage
- Diane Madigan, 16163 Bak Rd.
- Denise Patridge (I), 46060 McBride
- Howard Daniel Wright, 52 W. Spencer
- Jeffrey Jahr (I), 45281 Harmony Lane
- Allen Babosh, 13213 Mantauk Ct.
- Angela Netto, 12860 Lake Pte. Pass
- Regina Miller, 13697 Pond Bluff Dr.
- Patrick Scott Brooks, 6225 Western
- Phillip Hart (I), 12992 Linda Vista
- Patricia Johnson, 7266 Anna Dr.
- Brenda McClanahan, 42783 Tavistock

Republican Candidate for Trustee: 1

- Ann Francis Fioritto, 44615 Greenbriar

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday afternoon about a dozen people demonstrated in support of the requested lot splits for the former greenhouse property on Bemis Road. The signs reflect how the problem has grown, now including the proposed water line along Bemis, planned to connect two dead-end lines. Lou Kovach, who now owns the greenhouse property, has denied Van Buren Township an easement on his property for the water line, hoping to encourage negotiations on the land split. Water pipes were delivered on Monday and stored on the county right of way on Martinsville Road.

Splits denied, water pipes arrive, drama grows in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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On May 9, Lou Kovach received official word that his request for splits of the former Coy Kendall greenhouse property had been denied by the Van Buren Township Parcel Board.

He had been told ahead of time that the parcel board members would deny his request.

He said he now must prepare a case for the township Zoning Board of Appeals, but

he is going to take special care in preparing that case, because if it is denied and he has to go on to Circuit Court, the only evidence he can use at court is what was presented to the ZBA.

Kovach and two of his neighbors on Bemis Road have refused to give the township easements for the 1,400-foot water line planned to remove dead-end lines in that area and create a loop for water circulation.

Kovach, Steve Memering, and Eric and Kellie Long, neighbors whose properties are in a line along Bemis, all have refused to give the water line easement needed in support of Kovach's project.

The properties currently have water service from Sumpter Township, across the street.

Kovach said he had hoped to use the easement request from the township as a negotiating tool for his parcel splits. But the township doesn't want to negotiate.

Kovach said the splits had been drawn out by former VBT Planning and Economic Development Director Bryce Kelley, but now the township won't approve the splits.

Kelley left VBT in 2008 after a new administration was elected. Now Kelley is Development Officer at Wayne County EDGE.

People throughout the community, especially those who knew the late Homer Morris who had the greenhouse, have shown support for Kovach's problem with the township.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Distinguished Graduates to be inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame

Belleville High School will honor four Distinguished Graduates who will be inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame on Sunday.

They are Alesia Hermosillo, Tim Marsh, David Medley, and posthumously, Karen Renton Reynolds.

The public is invited to attend the induction ceremonies at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the BHS Auditorium.

The ceremony will include induction of students into the BHS National Honor Society.

Alesia Hermosillo, '78

Alesia Hermosillo is honored as a distinguished graduate for her contributions to the community.

Alesia graduated from BHS in 1978. She was involved in the business and co-op programs and worked for General Motors at the Hydra-Matic plant. She graduated from Concordia College in 1993, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Administration. She earned her Master's Degree in Liberal Studies from Eastern Michigan University in 1997.

Alesia has spent most of her career as part of material management for General Motors. She has received much recognition for her efforts in quality control and team management including the UAW-GM People Make Quality Happen award. She served on the UAW-GM Joint Resource Team, the QNPM board, and the Maximo team. She is currently a member of the Labor Relations Team at the GM/UAW Center for Human Resources.

As a champion for public schools, Alesia concentrates much of her efforts and energy in helping the Van Buren School district. She served as co-chair of the Edgemont Elementary parents-teachers group and was the PTO president. She was a parent volunteer and Den Mother for the Cub Scouts. Alesia currently assists BHS in countless projects for the Band Booster program, the BHS swimming team, and Tiger Swim Club. She served on the principal selection committee and educational focus groups in 2010.

Alesia became an advocate for the American Cancer Society while facing her own diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer. She has organized and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, the Reach for Recovery program, chaired local fundraising events of the ACS, and has served as a motivational speaker to inspire others currently battling cancer.

Alesia shares her life with her husband, Michael, and their two sons Michael and Zachary along with her four step-children Traci, Jan-Luc, Matthieu, and Kyle, and a new grandson Noah.

Tim Marsh, '79

Tim Marsh is honored as a distinguished graduate for his contributions to the community.

Tim graduated from BHS in 1979. As a student, Tim was a stand-out whose work earned him an entry into the Cranbrook Wildlife Art Competition and a selected sketch published in *Water Under the Bridge*. Tim went on to win First Place 3-D and Best in Show his senior year. He then went on to study art at Eastern Michigan University.

Tim is a published artist, an art instructor to all ages, and the proprietor of his art studio Nature 2 Nature. He is a published poet and his art has been featured in Art Showcase Magazine, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, and at the White House. He is a member of Visual Arts Association of Livonia, The Detroit Artists' Market, The Guild, and the Colored Pencil Society of America. Tim's work had been included in many state, national, and international exhibitions. His many awards include being a seven-time recipient of the People's Choice Award of which he is most proud.

Tim serves his community by sharing his passion for art. He presents at local schools to encourage students to explore their artistic sides, he provides class and private instruction and studio tours to influence and inspire others. He is a founding member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and participated in the Art Colony of Belleville.

Tim measures his own success by the level of inspiration in others. His life's work is to help foster an appreciation of nature and artistic expression in others.

Tim shares his life with his wife, Karen, and daughters Emily, Kate, and Megan.

David Medley, '67

David Medley is honored as a distinguished graduate in the field of education.

David graduated from BHS in 1967. While attending BHS, David played and lettered in cross country and track while serving as team captain for both. He was the senior class artist, a member of National Honor Society, and the recipient of a Kiwanis scholarship.

David graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in 1971. He received his teaching certificate with a concentration in art. He earned his Master's Degrees in Social Foundations and Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University in 1979 and 1988.

David spent most of his career in the Van Buren School district. He was an art teacher, art department chair, coach, and assistant principal for BHS. He served as a union representative, negotiator, and president for the VBEA. He was a club sponsor for Art Club and Running Club.

David was the vice-president of his local school board in Saline and has been involved in many athletic programs through the Saline schools such as cross country and track. He also coached basketball with the Saline Community Recreation program. He served on the MHSCA Board, and is a member of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. He is also a member of the United Methodist Church in his community.

As a teacher, coach, administrator, board member, and mentor, David has served his community, Van Buren Schools, and the educational community in many ways. His positive example and encouragement paved the way for many students. He is known and well-liked for his fair, compassionate, and knowledgeable manner.

David shares his life with his wife, Claire, and his three children: Natalia, Andrew, and Landon.

Karen Renton Reynolds, '87

Karen Renton Reynolds is honored posthumously for distinguishing herself professionally with her efforts to change the work environment for women and parenting.

Karen graduated from BHS in 1987. As an honor roll student, Karen participated in powder-puff football and the business co-op program. Through co-op, she worked in the Van Buren Township Treasurer's Department and Hydra-Matic. She received the co-op award her senior year from Hydra-Matic.

Karen attended Cleary College and graduated with honors from Washtenaw Community College (WCC) in 1993. While studying at WCC, she worked for General Motors at the Willow Run Hydra-Matic plant as an Executive Secretary. Karen spent the majority of her career at the Ann Arbor Toyota Research & Development Center as an Administrative Assistant. She was recognized for her design contributions to the Toyota Tundra.

Karen was a pioneer for working mothers by establishing "mothering rooms" at Toyota for employees who were breastfeeding. In a male-dominated workforce, she paved the way and served as inspiration for other women to choose both family and career.

Karen served her community in many ways, but she dedicated most of her time in organizing events and fund raising for cancer research. She volunteered her time on a committee and participated in the annual Relay for Life from 2003 to 2006. She was recognized as the Top Fundraiser in 2004 and 2005. By advising and leading by example, she helped many stay strong and positive as they or their family members battled cancer.

Karen shared her life with her husband

James and their children, Noelle, Tayler and Kassidi. Karen lost her battle with cancer in 2007. As a model of optimism, compassion and empathy, she touched many lives.

VB Public School District gets accredited, 'on advisement'

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At a special, 20-minute meeting on May 9, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education learned that the district has been accredited by AdvancED "on advisement," which means it has 18 months to move toward improvement.

AdvancED replaces the previous North Central Association accreditations for each building.

There are five ratings: Highly Functional, Operational, Emerging, and Not Evident. The Van Buren District received two Operational and five Emerging scores.

This put the accreditation recommendation "on advisement" for 18 months. This is the first time the district sought accreditation as a district. In the past each school building was accredited individually.

"You've done a good job," said Quality Assurance Review team chairman Dr. George Griffin. "A lot of the standards are in place, but you've got work to do."

He said these should be addressed over the next 18 months and then the district should host another accreditation visit in five years.

A five-member team spent three, intense days assessing the district. Team members were:

- Dr. George Griffin, committee chairman, of Chapel Hill, N.C., a native of Detroit;
- Dr. Romain Dallemard, superintendent of Bibb County Schools, Macon, GA;
- Dr. Kristina Harmon, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, MI;
- Vicki Donnelly, South Redford Schools, MI; and
- Stephanie LaBelle, Van Dyke Schools, MI.

Dr. Griffin said the team interviewed 171 different people for the QAR, which included board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, citizens, and students.

He said within 30 business days the district will receive a detailed, written report on the team's findings.

Dr. Griffin commended the district's leadership team, the faculty and the staff. He said there were so many stories about what staff members do for students.

He also commended the district on

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT to hold special session to study flood insurance, FEMA

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees will hold a special work session at 4 p.m., Monday, May 21, to study the FEMA flood plain map situation and National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP) in depth.

The board was considering joining the NFIP as a participating community, but the item was removed from the board's May 15 agenda, so members could look into it further before committing the township to the federal plan.

Candidate for Trustee Allen Babosh told the board Tuesday that when he lived in another community, he had to buy the flood insurance and he found he was paying a lot for something he never would use. A tidal wave would have to move your house from its foundation before the insurance would pay anything. Traditional home insurance covers everything a person would need, he said.

At a recent meeting, Realtor Angela Nettore (also a candidate for trustee) warned the board of the NFIP as "making a deal with the devil."

The residents who got recent letters from their mortgage lenders cannot depend on the township to save them. Their 45-day deadline is up next week and there's no way VBT could sign up in time now to qualify them for the federal insurance. There are errors in the FEMA maps that need correcting and details of the NFIP that need discussion. The deadlines for comments to FEMA on the new maps are long past. What a mess.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Don Mason reported last Thursday that he has seen the first humming bird of the season. Don lives in Van Buren Township and owns Douglas Carpet on Main Street.

I received a call last week from a man in Macon, GA, who wanted to alert me to Dr. Romain Dallemand, superintendent of the Bibb County Schools in Macon.

My caller was a little irate because he said Dr. Dallemand was coming to Belleville to critique the Van Buren Public Schools when his own school district is failing.

Dr. Dallemand was a part of the Quality Assessment Review team that studied our schools and granted accreditation, on advisement, on May 9.

When he's at home, Dr. Dallemand is under fire for an April trip to Belgium to a business conference for himself and two other staff members at a cost of \$3,000 each. The caller said the children in the Bibb school district have to share books, have to air dry their hands after washing because there is no money for paper towels, and other problems, and the district shouldn't be spending money or employee time on his trips, the one to Belleville MI being the latest.

Dr. D. is being lauded in some parts for the "Macon Miracle," a plan to improve his school district that was designed by a committee of 4,500. His team went to Belgium to explain the Miracle, although it currently is just a plan and hasn't been proven yet.

One of our readers sent an email entitled "Drill, Lou, Drill!"

She said she was reading last week's

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



article "VBT resident stymied in plan to fulfill promise to deceased friend" when the ABC evening news had a story about the oil beneath private property.

The people interviewed were in Kansas, but a nationwide map of undiscovered oil wealth showed all of Michigan.

"I think Lou Kovach should start drilling," she said, adding the ABC website has more information.

She said, "It would be SWEET if Lou discovered oil on his property? ... God has a plan."

On Jan. 27, the non-profit Van Buren Civic Fund pledged \$2,500 as a matching grant to be used for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' new building. EQ quickly matched the grant. The Civic Fund had two stipulations: the Arts Council had to continue to provide youth-based programs at or above the levels of support of the previous two years, for an additional two years after construction -- and funds won't be provided until the building is completed and an occupancy permit is issued.

Kind of leaves me scratching my head that the funds to help build the building won't be provided until after the building is built. Then a revised letter was sent dated March 19 that adds a five-year time limit for the project (January 2017). The letter was signed by Civic Fund secretary Bob Thorne.

Two females from Belleville were arrested May 6 by Canton Police for shoplifting more than \$110 worth of items from the Walmart store on Michigan Ave. The two said they were sisters, age 16 and 20, and told police their parents died years ago and the older sister was taking care of the younger sister. Police found out the females are neighbors and their parents are alive. They were charged with third-degree retail fraud and obstruction of justice.

Marty Kalasz of Sumpter Township said a friend of his went to a meeting and heard U.S. Senator Carl Levin say "bull shit" seven times. He counted.

You may recall that Marty was suspended from the Sumpter Fire Dept. for 30 days for saying those very words -- one time -- and stomping out of a meeting labeled mandatory by township board members.

Since the law has changed on fire works in Michigan, people won't have to drive to Ohio to get their firecrackers this year.

In Van Buren Township, a rather big tent is expected to go up on June 25 in the Lakewood Shopping Center parking lot. That shopping center is where Kmart is located.



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Letters

Help me with history of Belleville Fire Dept.

To the Editor, Firefighters and their families:

2012 is the 100th anniversary of the City of Belleville Fire Department. I have been putting together an historical review of the department that I will hopefully present during the Harvest Fest in the fall.

If anyone has photos, newspaper articles or any other memorabilia of family members that were members of the BFD and are willing to share those items, please contact me at billemerson140@comcast.net or 699-7702. Items could be used in a display at the Belleville Area Museum or in my presentation. All items will be returned.

If you are a past member of the BFD, I would love to speak to you about your memories.

Our department has a long and wonderful history and I would like it presented in its fullest glory.

Thank you,
Bill Emerson, retired BFD

Demolition of BHS destroys best library site

To the Editor:

Because of the upcoming demolition of the high school, this will be my last comment on the library location. We have all been asked to attend the library board's meetings or make a suggestion. I choose the letter to the editor forum because it reaches more people.

About myself, I've worked over 42 years in many phases of construction and remodeling large buildings up to 24 stories, so I have some knowledge on such a subject.

All of which leads me to my conclusion that our old high school would offer the best of all worlds for a beautiful library. All the square footage, best location, best parking, least expensive, to include green spaces between the new school and the rectory. This is all my wonderful vision.

Thank you,
Jim Graham
Belleville

Canton Lions thank Belleville community

To the Editor:

Members of the Canton Lions Club would like to thank the Belleville community for their contributions to the Lions White Cane Week. The fund raising event held April 27 through May 6 was a complete success as we found the citizens of Belleville very giving and understanding.

The funds you donated will help support your community such as eyeglasses for school children, assisting the blind and hearing impaired. We also support the Leader School for the Blind, Pinrickton Center for multiple handicapped children in Taylor, and youth programs through the schools.

According to Larry Wegrzyn, president of the Canton Lions Club, funds are needed to support the many needs throughout the community of Belleville. Money raised during White Cane Week is but one of the events the club has to raise funds to meet the many needs of our community.

We get many requests for funds from various organizations such as Michigan Eye Bank to Detroit Radio Information Service who read to the blind from Wayne State University on specially designed radios. The Canton Lions are community based and place strong emphasis on assisting the local community.

The Canton Lions Club has 45 members and meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The meeting is held at the Cherry Hill School House located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. Lions Clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions Club, please contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or govbill1@comcast.net.

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More Letters

Great Mother's Day buffet at Charhouse

To the Editor:

It's been 20 minutes since my wife and I left the most pleasurable dining experience right here in downtown Belleville! The food was delicious, a variety to justify a royal feast, a myriad of delicacies that tantalized and satisfied every conceivable palate -- with service by Alexandra that was impeccable!

Those of you who missed the buffet at the Belleville Charhouse on Main Street, missed a fabulous Mother's Day epicurean delight at a price not too far from any other breakfast in or out of town. The made-to-order omelets, prime rib, ham, or turkey and assorted choices were copious in selection and rapid in delivery - in other words the buffet line moved as fast as any regular order placed individually.

To the Charhouse go our kudos and congratulations for providing a magnificent reason to "shop in Belleville". You have provided an "Epicurean Delight" and a happy Mother's Day!

Thank you

Cornell Anton, Jr., Belleville

I'm holding a bottle/can drive for my training

To the Editor:

Hello, local readers. My name is Jacqueline Riley, but in the Army Cadet program of Selfridge I am known as Sergeant Riley.

I will be conducting a bottle and can drive on May 31, in the Belleville Moose parking lot, located at 831 E. Huron River Drive, to help defer costs of my 3rd-annual training in Millersburg, Kentucky. I will be there collecting them between the hours of 4 and 7p.m. I will be displaying my Army gear and will be there to chat about my experiences, future plans, and aspirations with this program.

Being a young female in this program is always a challenge, but those challenges only make me a better leader. Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you on May 31st.

Jacqueline R. Riley
Van Buren Township

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Obituaries



Georgia Maxine Busch

GEORGIA MAXINE BUSCH

A wonderful lady passed away on March 28, 2012. Georgia Maxine Busch, 89. A longtime resident of Lake Leelanau, MI, 40 years on S. Skeba Rd. Daughter of George and Lily (Anderson) Myers was born in Cobden, IL on April 21, 1922. She enjoyed gardening, taking walks, playing cards and volunteering at Munson Hospital.

Surviving Georgia are her husband Daniel of 71 years, a son John (Cheryl) Busch, granddaughter Rachel of New Boston, MI, a daughter Diana Davis of Buffalo, NY and a sister Lilymae Ward of Fenton, MI.

She was predeceased by her parents, a brother Roy Meyers and two sisters Helena Barwick and Ruth Meyers. Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

CHARLOTTE 'BABE' PRICE

(April 5, 1928 – April 6, 2012)

Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of Charlotte's life from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Belleville-Area District Library.



LEONARD CHARLES WHITEHEAD

(April 8, 1921 - May 8, 2012)

Leonard Charles Whitehead, age 91, of Belleville, passed away peacefully at home, Tuesday, May 8, 2012. He was born April 8, 1921 in Bad Axe, MI to the late Charles and Jane (Johnston) Whitehead.

Leonard proudly served his country in the Army. He enjoyed gardening, loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed deer hunting. He was very devoted to his family.

Mr. Whitehead is survived by his sons, Leonard A. Whitehead, Don (Carol) Whitehead, both of Belleville, Gary (Shirley) Halverson of Florida, and Gene Whitehead of Wayne, MI, and his daughters, Elayne (Gene) Taylor, Gayle (Peter) Pitzen, both of Belleville, and Suzanne (late Malcolm) MacKay of Westland. Leonard is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Virginia, a son Brian, also, 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

Visitation was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, MI on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Disabled Veterans and would be appreciated by his family.

Please sign Leonard's on-line guest book and share a memory with his family at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Mildred Quiton

MILDRED QUITON

Mildred Quiton, age 96, passed away May 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Merth Quiton. Mother of Milo; Dick, Gregory, Priscilla & Dennis. Grandmother of Kim, Daryl, Charyl, Jamie, Kelly, Andy, Teri, Jeanne, Rick, Gretchen, Jeremy, Rami and Kari. Great- and Great-Great-Grandmother to many more.

Native of Detroit, Livonia, and Belleville for 90 of the 96 years. She loved playing cards and crossword puzzles and loved cooking. Visitation will be held Thursday, 7-9 PM with a Friday, May 18, 2012 11AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Interment in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. Please sign Mildred's on line guestbook and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



ROY E. SIMPSON, JR.

(September 21, 1953 - May 14, 2012)

Age 58, of Belleville. Army veteran. Survived by wife Kathleen, daughter Dawn, grandson Zander; 3 sisters. Visitation 2-8 p.m. Thursday with noon funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Oakland Hills Cemetery.

More Letters

The buck stops here if you have \$40,000

To the Editor:

Last week we were honored by another visit by the President – a fund raiser at Denise Ilitch's home. I feel sorry for the guy with all that he is responsible for in Washington: Solindra, Fast and Furious, Health Care, Secret Service not so secret. How does he find time for fund raising?

One of my favorite Presidents, Harry Truman, had a sign on his desk, "The Buck Stops Here," meaning "I take full responsibility for all that happens on my watch".

Today that same sign seems to mean the buck stops here if you have 40,000 bucks to sip cocktails with Denise and me. If you don't have it, don't blame me. It must be George Bush's fault.

I don't know about you, but I can hardly afford Diet Coke from Walmart. So much for us common people.

Mickey Widener

Van Buren Township

Here's a way to raise money for our schools

To the Editor:

I have a suggestion on how we, as a community, can raise money for our schools that would also be easy on our pocketbooks.

If, on every purchase at a local business, we rounded up the total to the nearest dollar, that additional money would be given to the schools. This obviously would mean more work and paperwork for the businesses involved, but I think a considerable amount of money could be generated for the schools, especially if the bigger businesses like Meijer's and Walmart were involved.

I don't know anything about getting a program like this approved or setting it up, but I was hoping that someone who does might like the idea and run with it.

Vicki Lucas
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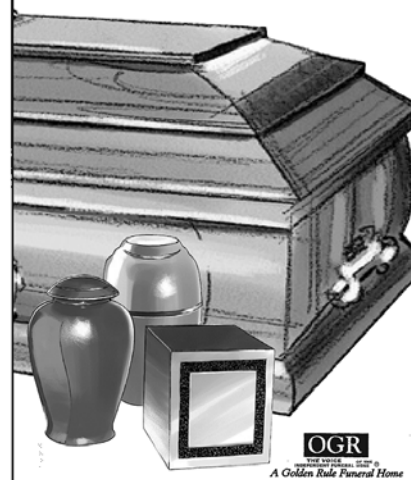
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More Letters

There seems to be more to the parcel split story

To the Editor:

I recently read your article regarding Homer Morris and Louis Kovach and the contest with city rule, aka, government. Some aspects struck me as peculiar.

First, it is an intriguing concept that a citizen needs to petition via a Freedom of Information filing, to look at information which by charter they already own.

Anyhow, I thought that constitutionally, public records belonged to the citizens. "Public" does infer communal, shared, civic, etc., no? I would be outraged if I were directed to petition or appeal to view information which is lawfully mine as a citizen! Perhaps it affords someone time to arrange and scrub, or perhaps just another method of domination in the kingdom.

Furthermore, it is fascinating that your citizens are required to pay additional fees to the body of people who are by charter supposed to be serving the community of people who have essentially prepaid for standard services, aka, taxes. Then, if I understood your article, you have to pay for an ANSWER or explanation! Wow, are you kidding me! The concept of "Serve" has many connotations, such as assist, provide, perform, etc. It seems conceptually unreasonable to be charged for customary services of government, but an explanation! Perhaps your governing body should publish their rates for answers. Sounds like more of a shakedown than assistance. I'm surprised the board did not re-invoice Lou for the additional \$250 it miscalculated.

Now, I am not a regular attendee of county meetings, but have of necessity attended a few. Like most people during their lifetimes, I desired to request permissions or clarification of zoning ordinances. No one ever requested any money to perform what they are in the business of being paid to provide.

Your article reminds me of the missing excerpts from the Alexander Butterfield tapes during the Nixon inquisition, albeit not of the same scope, but nonetheless comparative to the persons involved. I know Lou pretty well. He is a scientist by nature and consequently does little without proofs. Therefore, I would strongly believe that the missing drawings from the file you cited probably existed. The obvious

question is why they are not in the applicable file? Two possible explanations seem clear. Either there is administrative carelessness, or concealment for the purpose of a pre-arranged outcome. I suppose it is a regretful reality of human nature.

I would contact Bryce Kelly. Perhaps Lou is mistaken on the point, but Bryce Kelly certainly can clear up that point. And if they did exist, and they are not where they should be...hmm... Distortion of public records is immoral and dishonest in the least and in a strict sense maybe illegal.

Democracy, I think, is essentially an uncensored form of government in which all the citizens together determine public policy, the laws and the actions of their area. So, why would someone (Homer) decide to demolish their assets without an understanding of the effect and conclusion? I think it is reasonable to conclude there was some arrangement before Mr. Morris decided to absorb the expense and finality of demolition, especially as he was already burdened with financial problems. No one would destroy their assets unless there was a favorable conclusion. So the question of who, what, where, when, and how naturally develops. Moreover, why would Mr. Kelley take the time working with Mr. Morris on his project if there was no ostensible solution?

As a non-resident, it seems a simple solution to simply describe the implied ordinance dilemma and list the solutions. Then as democracy is structured to behave, have the citizens of this area decide with their logic and good sense. In concept, ordinances are created with the intention of benefiting citizens, not to find delight in another's misfortune. At the very least your ordinance board should explain (Free of charges) why their decision is helpful

to your citizens and by inference what harmful consequence is it protecting them from?

I enjoyed your writing. It is well thought through and presented. If you want to have some additional intrigue you might locate Mr. Bryce Kelley and inquire about his recollections. And if Mrs. Morris is still living, perhaps she has some documents relevant to your story, and at the least, some germane declarations. It seems these two people can reveal the answers to the questions you raise.

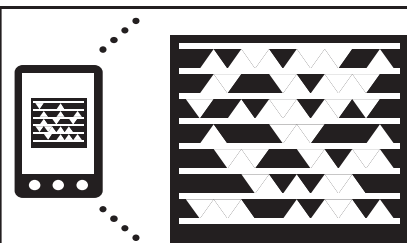
I think you have a rather cool story here, and it seems there is more to it. Paul Harvey would have said, "And now the rest of the story". It has intrigue, struggle, morality and great human interest. The original Homer of Iliad and Odyssey fame would

be proud, and I am certain the Homer of your Odyssey is equally pleased with your efforts to honor one's life work.

In any event, nice work! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy Dooley, Macomb, MI



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More Letters

Thanks to the staff of the Van Buren Schools

To the Editor and Community:

Lately it seems that public education has come under attack, and it seems that teachers have become the scapegoats for everything that is wrong with the educational system. Whether it is bad legislation passed in Lansing or lack of parental support, teachers are being vilified for things they have no control over.

Sadly it seems that the lyrics of the old country song should be changed to "Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be teachers." They are overworked and underpaid, but you wouldn't know that if you don't know just how much teachers do. It breaks my heart that athletes are paid millions of dollars to entertain us, but teachers are facing salary cuts, a lack of supplies along with a lack of respect.

Our district is suffering as are many other districts in the state. We are facing a deficit budget, closing schools and making huge changes in the way we educate the children of this district. As a district, we have to do

what is best for the future of our children. My hope is that we can all work together to make this a better district when all is said and done. I also hope that above all these changes are expressed to the children of this district as a positive change to minimize their anxiety.

When my husband and I decided to move to the Van Buren school district in 1994 our children were 14, 12, 6 and a newborn. At the time Van Buren was one of the few districts that had gone back to a six-hour day, bringing back art, music, and gym and the sports program was not pay to play. We wanted to raise our children in a diverse community that would reflect the real world we live and work in, and we found that here.

Eighteen years later, we can say we are happy with our decision to move into this district. Our three oldest have now graduated from college and our youngest will graduate next week from BHS, leaving for college in August. All of our children felt they were prepared for college upon graduation, however, our children received so much more than schooling though from the dedicated teachers we were privileged to work with. Their teachers obviously loved their profession and it showed in the way they inspired our children to always strive to do their best. Our children's fields of study

and career choices have been influenced by a special teacher, so never underestimate that a great influence a favorite teacher can have on a child.

I cannot express enough how much we appreciate the staff of this school district for being our partners in the education of our children. I say partners because it isn't the schools or the parents alone who educate children, but the two working together as a team. Being a parent means being involved in your children's lives and that includes their education – especially their education. Parents are their child's first teachers and need to impress upon their children how important education is and encourage them in their efforts. Parents need to work together with the schools to provide their children a full educational experience. Don't just turn your child over to the school and says it's their job to educate your child – be an active participant.

It wasn't always easy, though. There have been a few struggles, but it was during those struggles that the true partnership of parents and educators came together and the dedication of the staff of this district was revealed. I was always able to connect with teachers, counselors and principals to achieve the best outcome for a particular situation and always felt like my child's well-being was forefront in their minds. To the staff of Van Buren Public Schools, you have our gratitude and affection. My husband and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Patti McInchak

Allen Babosh announces bid for VBT Trustee

Editor's Note: The following statement of candidacy was released by Allen Babosh on Saturday.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I have submitted my nominating petitions to have my name placed on the Aug. 7, 2012 primary ballot for Trustee of Van Buren Township.

My wife, Angela and I are proud residents of Van Buren Township. The reasons we decided to move to Van Buren in 2004 are part of the reasons that steered me to run for the position of Trustee of Van Buren Township. My family and I have been active in community events and our support for Public Safety is well known.

When we moved here it was very important to find a community where residents care for one another. We also wanted a safe community to raise our 2 children and call home. We found them both here in Van Buren Township and I want to make sure that those same qualities continue for many years to come.

I currently work at New Center Community Services as the Transportation Supervisor for the entire company, with this experience I have seen what commitment to community can do and I know what Van Buren Township can become with the right leadership. Prior to that, I worked at Penske Logistics for over 16 years, working my way up to Operations Supervisor.

Because of my logistics experience I know the importance of Van Buren Township as a center for growth of commerce and manufacturing, because we are centered between 2 airports, major freeways and have close proximity to major railways. I understand that we need to attract businesses that want to work in partnership with us and want to come here because of what we have to offer. Our greatest strength is our citizens; we have a prime workforce that is already trained for any business that is ready to invest in Van Buren Township.

I know we must continue to look for new opportunities for Van Buren Township, but we must also balance that with our homes and families. We must not forget the reasons why people have decided to live here all their lives or like my family move here and call Van Buren Township home.

Some people think being elected to public office is a job. That is not true; it is a privilege and a responsibility to be elected to public office. A person who is elected to public office has the privilege and responsibility of the trust of the people who elected them to that office. Many have forgotten that, I promise you if I am elected I won't forget that and I won't let the residents of Van Buren Township down. Please at any time; email me comments or questions allenbaboshvbt2012@hotmail.com.



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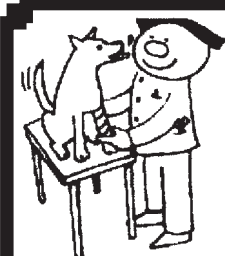
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Brenda McClanahan announces bid for Van Buren Township Trustee

Editor's Note: Brenda McClanahan has issued this news release explaining why she is running for Van Buren Township Trustee.

I've decided to campaign for election as a Trustee to the Van Buren Board of Trustees, because I firmly believe my experience in public service will add value to the Van Buren Board of Trustees.



McClanahan

On August 7, 2012, I, Brenda McClanahan, will be asking for your vote to the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees as a Trustee.

I believe that any viable candidate should have the education, skills, ethics, and experience to operate a fiscally responsible government. As a life-long public servant who is formally educated and has a track record of public service, I am asking for your support.

I completed my Master of Science Degree in Administration with a concentration in General Administration from Central Michigan University. I completed my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the University of Phoenix.

It takes education in the administration of organizational processes to make positive decisions that have a positive effect on the lives, and property values of our Van Buren Township Community.

My education is very important; however, but what I've done with my education is how I should be measured. As the vice-president of the Van Buren Public School Board I have been instrumental in managing a 50 million dollar budget. I have given back to the academic community by becoming an adjunct lecturer at Saginaw Valley State University, School of Graduate Studies, where I teach organizational finance in the College of Arts and Behavioral Science, in the Master of Arts – Administrative Science Program.

As a wife, mother, career professional, educator, and public servant, I have given everything to the communities I have served. I will maintain this momentum along with creating "unity in the community" in a concerted effort to take Van Buren Township forward. Please visit my website at www.electbrenda.com for my biography,

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Andrea Chamberlain announces bid for Sumpter Twp. Treasurer

Editor's Note: Andrea Chamberlain has issued this news release announcing her bid for Sumpter Township Treasurer.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Andrea Chamberlain, and I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sumpter Township Treasurer.

I have grown up in Sumpter and graduated from Belleville High School, class of 2001. Now I am raising my family here in Sumpter. I love the township for its peace and beauty and the pleasures of living in the country. I am committed to maintaining that peace and beauty while bringing a fresh perspective to the table.

I have been a long-standing member of the Michigan Democratic Party. More than just paying dues, I have volunteered for many Democratic campaigns -- on local, state, and federal levels. I am also a member of the Sumpter Democratic Caucus Club, the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, and the 15th District Democratic Organization.

I ran as an Independent candidate in the last election. It was such a positive experience, and I received so much encouragement, that I am very excited about my candidacy in this election. I think it is very important for the next generation to get involved in the community and make a difference.

If elected as Sumpter Township Treasurer, the residents will not be disappointed. I am sincere and dedicated, and I look forward to serving the people of Sumpter Township. Truly,
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Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro

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

Question from Robert in Romulus: I recently wrote an offer on my first home, which is a Bank-Owned. I have to assume the Certificate of Occupancy for the city requirements, I can't do the repairs until I close, but I don't know what the repairs are and how do I get the list of repairs?

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--Angela

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September Days hosts first golf invitational to earn funds for program

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Safe Boating classes at library**Coast Guard Auxiliary hopes to set new world record at Horizon Park**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla

based in Canton will try to break a world record in the number of people pictured together wearing life jackets (personal flotation devices) on Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville.

It's called "Ready Set Wear it – Life Jacket World Record Day."

The event is a part of National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25. The goal is to promote the different kinds of personal flotation devices available, and also to educate the public about life jackets and safe boating in general.

The auxiliary also will be at the Belleville Area District Library on Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25, to teach boat safety.

On Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. they will teach: How to choose the right Personal Flotation Device, knot tying, marine radio highlights and how to use your marine radio properly, weather basics (how to spot the warning signs before and after leaving the dock), and highlights from the Coast Guard Auxiliary's "Suddenly in Command Class."

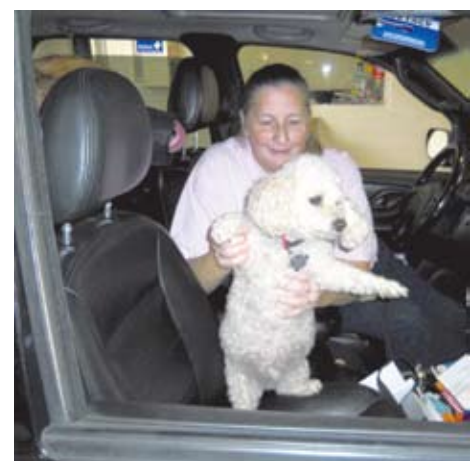
A person can be suddenly in command when the captain becomes incapacitated or falls overhead or when a person purchases a new boat and steps aboard for the first time.

Then, from 6 to 7 p.m. later Thursday, May 24, the auxiliary will present "Personal

Water Craft (PWC) safety."

PWCs are true boats and their skippers have the same legal responsibilities and should learn the "rules of the road, to the same degree as any other boater," the auxiliary said.

On Friday, May 25, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. there's a session for children, which includes mini safe boating lessons, coloring books, and knot tying.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Pat Wauford holds up her dog Zak at Saturday's Drive-in Dog Clinic at Van Buren Township. Belleville Animal Hospital gave inoculations to dogs right in their cars and the VBT Treasurer's Office sold dog licenses.

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Board Representative to the following Commissions and Memberships, and Volunteer Work:

- VBT Water-Sewer Commission
- Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club
- VBT September Days Senior Endowment Committee
- Michigan Democratic Party (MDP)
- VBT Cultural Advisory Committee (organizer)
- Belleville-Area Council for the Arts (Recording Secretary)
- VBT September Days Senior Center
- VBT Negotiation Committee (AFSCME Contract)
- Former Tri-Community Library Board
- Belleville-Area Historical Society
- Belleville-Area Museum (Front Desk and Archives)
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The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts** will be holding its monthly supper fundraiser this Sunday, May 20, from noon to 5 p.m. at the **Masonic Temple** on Main Street. The menu includes turkey and all the trimmings and an assortment of chocolate desserts. Adult tickets are \$9 and children 10 and under are just \$5. Proceeds go to BACA's Building Fund.

Denny's Restaurant on Rawsonville Road in the Kmart Plaza is offering sweet deals from their ad in today's paper, including free pancake puppies with a purchase of any regular breakfast, \$5 off any \$20 purchase, and buy-one-entrée-get-one-free Monday through Friday with purchase of two beverages. Kids 10 and under eat free on Tuesday and Saturday with the purchase of an adult entree. Call (734) 482-3880.

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The **Belleville Community Chorus** is holding a **Dining for Dollars** fundraiser on Wednesday, May 23, at the **Twisted Rooster** on Belleville Road. Simply present their flyer to your server and a portion of your paid bill will go to the community chorus. Flyers are available at the *Independent* office during regular business hours.

There's still time to enter the **Cutest Baby Boy & Girl Contest** at the Sumpter Township Country Festival on Memorial Day weekend. Up to 5 by 7 photographs of candidates newborn through 3 years can be dropped off at Sumpter Township Hall no later than May 22. The pictures will be displayed in the pavilion during the festival and winners will be determined by the total number of points collected. Donations of \$1 will get voters 10 votes with the proceeds going to the Township Parks & Recreation Dept. Contest ends at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 28 and winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m. Call (734) 461-6201.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting

at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 24 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.
- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day
- Sunday, June 3 – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., Veterans Memorial, Belleville



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Part-time Sumpter Police Officer Colleen Carefelle was promoted to full-time officer at the May 8 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. At right is Police Chief Jim Pierce.



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CAF5 Comedy Night to earn funds to help needy families, students

The Community Assistance Foundation (CAF 5) will host a benefit comedy night at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 19, at the Romulus Progressive Hall.

Doors open at 6 p.m. when a catered steak dinner will be served by Iron Mike's restaurant of New Boston. Tickets are \$30 a person for the whole evening – both dinner and show.

Belleville City Council Agenda Regular Meeting

Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence
2. Roll Call
3. Presentations & Citizens' Comment
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Public Hearing
7. Introduction of Ordinances
8. General Business

A. FY2012-13 Proposed Budget.

9. Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures
- 10-13. Officials' and Citizens' Comments
14. Action Items for Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.
15. Adjournment.

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

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Beer, wine and cocktails will be offered during the evening at additional cost. The evening will also feature a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.

All proceeds go to help families in need in the five communities served by the 34th District Court: City of Belleville, Huron Township, City of Romulus, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

Tickets are available by calling (734)

AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 10 a.m., at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

1995 Lincoln, 4-dr., VIN: 1LNLM97V8SY660049
1989 Oldsmobile, 4-dr VIN: 2G3AJ51W2K2405909

Belleville Police Dept.
6 Main Street

Date: May 14, 2012
Publish: May 17, 2012

Belleville, MI 48111
By Chief Gene Taylor

TOTAL RESOURCE AUCTIONS DETROIT Wed. Sale: May 23rd. Public is welcome at 10A.M.

All Public Buyers must provide a \$40 entry fee that is non-refundable and non transferrable. Also the \$40 cannot be applied to a vehicle it is simply an entry fee for the day. We would also like to announce that Van Buren Township Police Dept. will have a Police Auction at our facility for abandoned & unclaimed vehicles. For a complete list of sale items go to www.trauction.com. Our address is 13000 Haggerty, Belleville, MI 48111 and the phone# is (734-697-5679)

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CAF5 is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service to assist families and children in need

within the five communities. Donations are tax deductible under IRS provisions.

The Romulus Progressive Hall is at 11580 Ozga Road, Romulus.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

1990	CADILLAC	2D	1G6CB1334L4258413	12-6393
2002	KIA	4D	KNAFB121825177592	12-8924
1993	TOYOTA	2D	JT5ST87K1P0146936	12-9044
1993	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NW54D4PC764641	12-9211
1991	CHRYSLER	2D	1C3XJ4538MG135380	12-10020
2000	FORD	4D	1FAP55U3YA119381	12-10898
1994	FORD	SW	1FMDA31X5RZA49212	12-11190

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

1998	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD54Y1WU758153	12-5067
1996	HONDA	4D	1HGCD5631TA284738	12-10363
1985	FORD	2D	1FABP46W6FH158334	12-10704
1995	FORD	2D	1FASP11J1SW378898	12-10912
1998	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM50U4WG600792	12-11039
2000	GREAT DANE	TR	1GRAA0623YB022106	12-12155

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

Leon Wright,
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: May 17, 2012

2012 SUMPTER COUNTRY FESTIVAL Memorial Weekend

Thursday, May 24

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 5pm – closes @ 11pm

Princess Pageant 7pm

Saturday, May 26

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 12 Noon – closes @ 12 Midnight

12 pm – Parade –

Starts at Judd & Sumpter Rds.

Impersonators/Tribute Artists 2pm – 10pm

The Whatabouts, Jerry Lee Lewis, Patsy Cline,

Toby Keith, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn,

Sherman Arnold "Elvis",

The Blues Brothers,

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Friday, May 25

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 5pm – closes @ 12 Midnight

D.J. Music 5-8 pm

"RUSTY LUNCHBOX" 8 pm – close

Sunday, May 27

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 12 Noon – closes @ 12 Midnight

Classic Car Show Noon

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Dwight Carroll 4-7pm

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Monday, May 28

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Ordinance # 91-59C

Article II. Obstruction of Public Ways, Noxious Shrubs, Plants, Weeds and Other Conditions

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No.91-59B

Section 13-31. Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to prohibit the obstruction of public ways and to prohibit the noxious shrubs, plants, weeds, dead trees and other conditions to exist on public and private property that may be hazardous and unsightly to the public, to provide for the abatement thereof and to provide penalties for the violation of this Article.

Section 13-32. Conflict

Nothing in this Article shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with any existing law of the State of Michigan or the Township of Sumpter.

Section 13-33. Public Nuisance

The following conditions are declared to be a public nuisance:

- 1) Shrubs, bushes, vines, weeds or other plant growth obstructing a sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, road right-of-way or other public way.
- 2) Noxious weeds, as defined by state law (MCL 147.62 et seq.).
- 3) Weeds, grasses and undergrowth higher than six (6) inches.
- 4) Dead trees deemed hazardous to the public or to an adjacent property or existing on private property.

Section 13-34. Public Nuisance Prohibited

- A. A property owner shall maintain all property, occupied or vacant, improved or unimproved, free of the nuisances described above and in accordance with "established and prevailing neighborhood standards" of the area in which the subject property is located. For the purposes of this Article, "established and prevailing neighborhood standards" is defined as the prevailing and existing yard and lawn maintenance practices of all property within five hundred (500) feet of the subject property in question.
- B. This Article is not intended to prohibit or discourage the practice of developing natural groundcover areas, prairie yards, or gardens and lawn using accepted plantings and techniques. It is intended to abate and eliminate situations where property is in a state of actual neglect and shows no distinct plan or pattern of upkeep or maintenance.

Section 13-35. Exceptions

This Article shall only apply to those properties lying within the boundaries of the Township of Sumpter.

Section 13-36. Responsibility for Road Right-of-Way and Public Utility Easement

A property owner shall also be responsible for maintaining, free of the nuisances described in Section 13-31, and in accordance with established and prevailing neighborhood standards all public ways abutting his own property as follows:

- 1) The right-of-way between the paved roadway and the property owner's front property line or front right-of-way easement line.
- 2) Any private road right-of-way, which provides access to the property owner between the paved private road and the property owner's front property line or right-of-way easement line.

Section 13-37. Notice of Violation

In the event that a property owner fails to comply with this Article, the Township is hereby authorized and empowered to notify the property owner of the violation and to direct the property owner to remove the nuisance.

- A. *Publication in Newspaper.* The Official empowered to enforce the provisions of this Article shall notify, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, every person owning or occupying any land of the types described in Sections 13-34 and 13-36, that all noxious weeds, offensive weeds, or wild grasses, brush or underbrush, found on such lands shall be destroyed, cut, maintained or otherwise controlled as required in this Article. Such publication shall commence during the month of March and on any one (1) or more occasions subsequent thereto throughout the growing season. Such notices shall in abbreviated form, state the requirements of this Article under one (1) heading, and thereunder it shall be sufficient to list the property address, if known, the tax item number of the property involved and the name and address of the person owning the property as shown on the last tax roll of the Township. The particular offense need not be further specified and all offending properties and owners may be listed under the same general description of the notice to destroy, cut or otherwise control noxious weeds as otherwise defined by the terms of this Article. Such general notice, followed by the names of the offending properties, parties and addresses shall also, in brief form, state recommended methods of controlling, cutting, destroying or otherwise maintaining such offending properties as required by law.
- B. *Mailing Notice.* The Official empowered to enforce the provisions of this Article shall notify by ordinary mail every property owner in violation of this Article. Such notice shall be in writing, addressed to the property owner as appears on the latest property tax assessment roll, and shall inform the property owner:
 - 1) The nature of the violation.
 - 2) The time in which the violation may be abated, which time shall not be less than five (5) days nor more than fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice.

- 3) That the Township may act to abate the violation if the owner does not abate it within the time allowed.
- 4) That in the event the Township abates the nuisance, the cost of abatement plus an administrative fee shall be assessed as a lien against the property and placed upon the tax role regarding the property.
- 5) That refusal of the property owner to abate the nuisance or to allow the Township to abate a violation or nuisance shall result in prosecution.

The failure to receive such notice shall not be a defense to any action brought by a member of the public for injury or by the Township to collect the costs of abatement or impose penalties or other fees as authorized by this Article.

Section 13-38. Abatement

Upon failure, neglect, or refusal of any property owner to comply with the provisions of this Article, the Township or its authorized contractors or other designee(s) is (are) authorized and empowered to enter his property to abate the nuisance or to provide and to make payment for the abatement of the nuisance maintained.

Section 13-39. Violations and Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a civil fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Any actions by the property owner or the Township to bring the property into compliance after the issuance of a citation shall not constitute a defense to a prosecution for violation of the Article.

Section 13-40. Administrative Fee

An administrative fee shall be added to any costs charged by the Township to the property owner whenever the Township abates a nuisance under this Article.

Section 13-41. Charge to Owner

When the Township abates a nuisance provided hereunder, the cost of the abatement and the authorized administrative fee shall be billed to the property owner. The cost and fee shall be a debt of the property owner to the Township, which, if unpaid for more than thirty (30) days, shall be assessed as a lien against the property, including interest therein, until paid, and enforced and collected in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes.

This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on April 24, 2012, second reading and adoption on May 8, 2012 shall be published on or before May 17, 2012, and shall be effective on June 17, 2012.

Adopted, approved and passed by the Township Board of Trustees for the Township of Sumpter this 8th day of May, 2012.

Supervisor Johnny Vawters

Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance passed by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Sumpter at a regular Township Board Meeting held in the Township of Sumpter on the 8th day of May, 2012.

Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Belleville Area Independent, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Sumpter, on the 17th day of May, 2012.

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER

ORDINANCE NO.40 B

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 40(A) TO REGULATE CERTAIN ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PARKS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

The Township of Sumpter hereby ordains:

ARTICLE, 16-30, 16-31, 16-32, 16-33, 16-36, 16-39, 16-42, OF THE Sumpter Township General Ordinances are amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. TOWNSHIP PARKS

Sec. 16-30. Watercraft restricted.

No unauthorized water craft of any kind shall be permitted in any Park area unless the user of such watercraft is issued a permit by the Township Clerk following the submission of a completed and approved application.

Sec. 16-31. Swimming and wading.

Swimming and wading shall be allowed in the waters of Sherwood Pond only in designated areas during regular Park hours. Any child under the age of thirteen (13) years of age shall not swim in Sherwood Pond without a parent being present at all times.

Sec. 16-32. Alcoholic liquors prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any type of glass container within any Park. The consumption of beer and wine is allowed within the boundaries of the Park within legal limits of the law except that no beer or wine Kegs shall be allowed in the Park at any time. Other than beer and wine, no other type of liquor shall be allowed in the Park. All such open alcohol beverages shall be confined to the picnic area site.

Sec. 16-33 Motor Vehicles Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized off road vehicles in any park or on park trails.

Sec. 16-36. Animals prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bring or allow entrance by an unleashed animal into any Park. Any person bringing an animal into the Park shall clean-up all waste that is created by the animal by removing the same from the Park or by placing the same into a waste container located within the Park. No animal of any kind shall be allowed to enter the pond waters in any designated swimming area or beach area of any Park.

Sec. 16-39 Weapons, firearms, or fireworks prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into or possess with any park any weapons, firearms, or fireworks.

Sec. 16-42. Fires.

Fires will only be built in the grill area and started for cooking purposes only. No grills are allowed in or on the beach area. No open burning is allowed anywhere else in the park.

ARTICLE II.

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part there of which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from its passage by the Township Board, and shall be published along with the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Sumpter within fifteen (15) days after adoption. The notice of adoption shall include the text of the amendment, the effective date of the Ordinance, and the place and time where a copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected.

ARTICLE IV.

This Ordinance shall be recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk.

ARTICLE V.

All prior existing ordinances adopted by the Township of Sumpter inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

ARTICLE VI.

This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on April 24, 2012, second reading and adoption on May 8, 2012 shall be published on or before May 17, 2012, and shall be effective on June 17, 2012.

Adopted, approved and passed by the Township Board of Trustees for the Township of Sumpter this 8th day of May, 2012.

Supervisor Johnny Vawters

Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Sumpter at a regular Township Board Meeting held in the Township of Sumpter on the 8th day of May, 2012.

Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Belleville Area Independent, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Sumpter, on the 17th day of May, 2012.

Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:26 pm showing present Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 25 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve the agenda with added items. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve minutes of the regular board meeting April 10, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to accept minutes of the parks & recreation March 14, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of the parks & recreation March 21, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants for \$52,454.11. Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Nays: none. Motion carried unanimously.

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

8. Attorney: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Hamm to approve settlement agreement with police officer Louann Hamblin, the dispatch union POLC ending agreement and the attorneys report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Supervisor: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the supervisors report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response

11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve Rhonda Overman as chaplain for fire and police pending a background check by police. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the Boy Scout Troop 231 to build a 13 x 20 pavilion at the fire station to earn Eagle Scout award. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by J. Morgan to approve firefighter Jamie Goode to attend training this summer May thru September and pay for hotel stay cost \$1,193.40. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the purchase of radio equipment for the fire department not to exceed \$40,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Presentation by Gene Taylor Belleville Police Chief on Flag Day June 14, 2012 American Pride Project.

F. Presentation by IVSCOMM a voice over internet protocol

G. Presentation by the Nature conservancy & consider their proposal

H. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve to consigning our 1999 F-150 Water/Sewer pick-up truck to Fox Auto parts auction to sell. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman

to approve to award Diversified Excavating bid on Banotai Park Site work paid from Wayne County Parks grant \$23,448.40. 1 nay. Motion carried.

J. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve to direct the attorney or planners to draft ordinance requiring banks/Mortgage lenders to notify the township on foreclosures/abandoned homes. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve having Great Lakes do fireworks at festival Sunday May 27, 2012 if rain then May 28, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve to appoint Jim Chudzinski as alternate to Parks & Recreation. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve to have first reading of Ordinance 40-B regulate activity within the parks. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the contractual appointment of Malissa Baker as the Police Administration and operations coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve to have first reading of Ordinance 91-59C Obstruction of and noxious weeds changes and additions. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the new organizational chart/standard operating procedure for building and ordinance dept. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve moving from part time DPW & hiring Randy Lynch as full time employee with duties split between ordinance and DPW departments AFSCME position. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Motion by Bates, supported by J. Morgan to approve moving Michael Petrowski from part-time to full time employee in the DPW/Water department AFSCME union position. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to give disciplinary action and to suspend for 30 days Firefighter Marty Kalasz. 1 nay. Motion carried.

12. Announcements: New website for police www.sumpterpd.org also new hours for police Mon thru Fri 8 am to 6 pm. There is a call box located at station for emergency calls which will connect you to the dispatch.

13. Open Floor

14. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 8:30 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 April 24, 2012 at 7:26 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: May 17, 2012

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Candidates

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Candidates for Sumpter Township Supervisor: 2

- Johnny Vawters (I)
- Vincent Warren

Candidates for Sumpter Township Treasurer: 2

- John W. Morgan (I)
- Andrea Chamberlain

Clerk: 2

- Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr. (I)
- Crystal Wood

Candidates for four Trustee seats: 6

- Alan Bates (I)
- Don Swinson
- Peggy Morgan (I)
- Bill Hamm (I)
- James Clark
- Martin Kalasz

November races

There are two seats open that will be filled in the November General Election for both the Belleville Area District Library Board and the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

The library seats held by Michael Boelter and Joy Cichewicz are up for election in November.

The school board seats held by Toni Hunt and Brenda McClanahan also are up for election in November. McClanahan has indicated she will not run for reelection, since she is running for a trustee position in Van Buren Township.

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its community relationships, including partnerships with businesses and organizations, the volunteers, and parents.

The recommended improvements included defining clear expectations for students' learning and setting a vision and mission for future planning.

The team also recommended building stakeholder ownership of curriculum, improving research-based instructional practices and structured use of student performance.

Also, the team recommended aligning curriculum and instructional practices across the board and applying classroom knowledge and skills to real-world problems. The team noted an assessment system was necessary to clearly define performance, which Dr. Griffin said was not an uncommon recommendation.

"We really need multiple sources of performance data," he said, clarifying it was needed for students, schools, and the district.

Dr. Griffin said the written report will tell what the evidence is for each of these recommendations.

School Board President Martha Toth said, "I am kind of encouraged that we are Emerging, which shows a sense of urgency to the community, showing this is where we want to be going."

She pointed out that the team members are volunteers and do not get paid for their service.

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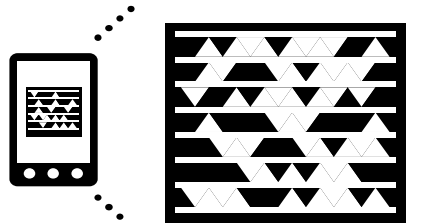
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Sunday, May 6:

0027 – noise complaint, 6748 Maurice
0256 – shots fired, 11086 Oak Ln.
0302 – noise complaint, 46121 Village Green Ln.
0422 – operating while intoxicated, 7477 Rawsonville
0459 – assault & battery, 11693 Meadows Ln.
1239 – driving under the influence, Bemis / Haggerty
1247 – assault & battery, 49000 Denton Rd.
1402 – property damage accident, 474 Sumpter
1521 – hospice, 11701 Hoyt Dr.
1618 – assault & battery, 25 Oak Blvd.
1813 – fraud, Meijer
2022 – fight, 8853 Parkwood Dr.
2021 – fight, 8897 Parkwood Dr.
2216 – assault & battery, 51207 Sylvia Dr.
2247 – assault & battery, 14468 Pond Bluff Dr.

Monday, May 7:

0142 – breaking & entering, 42132 Freeport Ct.
0243 – larceny from auto, 5816 Victoria St.
0528 – larceny from auto, 49050 Denton Rd.
0644 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41246 N. Woodbury Dr.
0655 – larceny from auto, 5999 Victoria St.
0806 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48821 Denton Rd.
0926 – property damage accident, I-275/Ecorse
1040 – larceny, 6850 Sheldon
1056 – larceny from auto, 41450 E. Archwood
1541 – property damage accident, Kmart
1547 – assault & battery, 41452 E. Archwood Dr.
1746 – retail fraud, Meijer
1942 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / Village Green Ln.

Tuesday, May 8:

0052 – noise complaint, 10880 Lighthouse Dr.
0113 – noise complaint, 11123 Oak Ln.
0918 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Denton
1008 – assault & battery, Sugar Bush
1011 – domestic assault, 49000 Denton
1036 – fraud, 970 Sumpter
1153 – trespassing, 129 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1157 – malicious destruction of property, 6850 Sheldon Rd.
1210 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1234 – breaking & entering, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
1501 – intimidation threat, 71 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1524 – hospice, 776 Sumpter
1848 – noise complaint, 9305 Parkwood Dr.
1950 – trespassing, Beck/Ayres
2009 – ATV/ORV complaint, Dellor/Mott
2214 – assault & battery, 275 Holly Ln.
2231 – property damage accident, 810 E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, May 9:

0028 – assault & battery, 26 Brandi Dr.
0031 – harassment call, 41501 N. Bellridge Dr.
0059 – disorderly conduct, 48649 S. Schooner Dr.
0759 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
0953 – holdup alarm, 2193 Rawsonville
1026 – intimidation threat, 14431 Pond Bluff Dr.
1108 – sexual assault, 47097 McBride
1223 – property damage accident, 6355 Monroe Ct
1535 – holdup alarm, 2153 Rawsonville
1541 – trespassing, 8335 Jeremy
1544 – breaking & entering, 6031 Victoria St.
1716 – PPO violation, 14468 Pond Bluff Dr.
1845 – disturbance, 2193 Rawsonville
1915 – larceny, 11839 Meadows Cir.
2030 – disturbance, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
2157 – fraud, Walmart

Thursday, May 10:

0506 – mental, 6850 Sheldon Rd.
0838 – malicious destruction of property, Water Works
1012 – property damage accident, Belleville/Westlake Cir.
1026 – assault & battery, 46 Park Estates
1040 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 9800 Belleville

1204 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler
1211 – malicious destruction of property, 43584 Arborview Ln.
1401 – disorderly conduct, 44401 S. I-94 Service
1612 – missing person, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown
1802 – larceny, 6177 N. Adams
1939 – assault & battery, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
2130 – fraud, Kmart
2138 – harassment call, Walmart
2304 – suspicious person, Savage/Lenmoore
2323 – harassment call, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.

Friday, May 11:

0032 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty / E. Huron River Dr.
0110 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
0246 – noise complaint, 50935 Old Michigan
0844 – malicious destruction of property, 7515 Rawsonville
0903 – dumping complaint, Colonial/Savage
1157 – violation of public health code/violation controlled substance act, Michigan/Rawsonville
1215 – private property accident, 46080 Lake Villa
1544 – property damage accident, Van Born / Belleville
1620 – fight, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1732 – juvenile complaint, 9202 Parkwood
1901 – suicide or attempt, Pond Ridge/Savage
2044 – suicide or attempt, 7730 Kirkridge Pk. Dr.
2324 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Tyler

Saturday, May 12:

0009 – disturbance, 10950 Belleville
0132 – noise complaint, 44 Rose
0155 – breaking & entering, 48356 Denton
0851 – assault & battery, 9697 Sawgrass Ct.
0858 – child abuse, 7730 Kirkridge Pare Dr.
1033 – larceny, 47097 McBride
1124 – private property accident, 5310 Westlake
1153 – suspicious situation, Check N Go
1156 – property damage accident, 48910 Denton
1222 – malicious destruction of property, 11693 Meadows Lane
1441 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
1443 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville
1535 – larceny, Walmart
1540 – assault & battery, 73 Rose Blvd.
1554 – trespassing, 45231 Greenbriar Dr.
1611 – noise complaint, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1704 – noise complaint, 10832 Jackson
1724 – juvenile complaint, VB Estates
1816 – trespassing, 50953 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1845 – private property accident, Walmart
1918 – animal bite, 44 Maple
2004 – intimidation threat, 88701 Belleville
2030 – assault & battery, 6720 Rogers Ave.
2043 – noise complaint, Camden/Country Walk
2042 – assault & battery, 213 Sugarbush
2057 – suicide or attempt, 10812 Buchanan
2145 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green
2208 – fireworks, 47616 North Shore Dr.
2241 – shots fired, 6 Maple
2259 – assault & battery, 48671 S. I-94 Service
2308 – fight, 94 Daisy
2353 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis / Sumpter

Also on this week's log are 273 traffic stops, 38 of which were on I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 6:

0044 – private property accident, 25 Main, minimart
0919 – vehicle lockout, 265 Sumpter
1323 – information, 494 Waterbury Ct.
1417 – information, 486 E. Waterbury Ct.
1430 – juvenile complaint, 167 Fourth, library
1511 – vehicle lockout, Johnny's
1642 – follow-up, 265 Sumpter
1724 – found property, BHS
1736 – suspicious person, 114 Carmell
2000 – suspicious vehicle, 5 Points
2238 – disturbance, 94 Potter Dr.
2306 – suspicious person, Wexford/Potter Dr.

Monday, May 7:

1110 – assist fire dept., 38 Santa Clara St.
1117 – E-911 cellular, 37 Santa Clara
1132 – vehicle repossession, 208 Astor Pl.

1213 – animal complaint, Belleville Fire Station
1237 – warrant arrest, Hannan/E. Huron River Dr
1315 – vehicle lockout, South Middle School
1356 – intimidation threat, BHS
1606 – found property, 6 Main St.
1613 – property check, 95 N. Biggs
1714 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 167 Fourth, library
1736 – juvenile complaint, Fred C. Fischer library
2020 – traffic hazard, Menlo Park
2111 – assist fire dept., 110 Wexford Ave.

Tuesday, May 8:

1224 – parking complaint, 376 Light Tower Ct.
1229 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
1409 – juvenile complaint, BHS
1425 – intrusion alarm, 110 Menlo Park Dr.
1651 – traffic complaint, 800 Sumpter
1943 – larceny, BHS
2132 – suspicious situation, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Ct.

Wednesday, May 9:

0526 – suspicious vehicle, Harbor Pointe
0620 – mental, 166 Biggs Ave.
1023 – parking complaint, Edison/W. Columbia
1106 – E-911 hangup/investigation, South Middle School
1126 – juvenile complaint, BHS
1142 – vehicle lockout, 409 W. Columbia, St. Anthony
1152 – civil matter, 378 E. Huron River Dr.
1341 – narcotics crime, BHS
1731 – traffic complaint, Harbour Pte./W. Huron River Dr.

1737 – intimidation threat, BHS

1740 – warrant arrest, 14468 Pond Bluff

1905 – found property, 6 Main

2039 – civil matter, 197 N. Edgemont

Thursday, May 10:

0100 – parking complaint, 207 N. Aberdeen
0850 – traffic complaint, Savage/Madelon
0901 – fraud, 321 S. Industrial Park Dr.
1131 – vehicle lockout, Edgemont School
1725 – suspicious person, Church/W. Columbia
2001 – private property accident, 515 main
2032 – found property, 317 Oxford Ct.
2205 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
2229 – agency assist, 81 Maple

Friday, May 11:

0248 – assist fire dept., 104 Menlo Park Dr.
1322 – intimidation threat, 6 Main
1931 – follow up, 305 Edison
2129 – assist fire dept., 39 Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, May 12:

0030 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln./W. Waterbury Ct.
0150 – property check, bus yard
0212 – agency assist, 48511 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0649 – traffic complaint, Main/Huron River Dr.
1225 – missing person, 54 Biggs
1645 – follow up, 42 Carmell St.
2209 – suspicious person, 200 Henry
2233 – suspicious situation, Sheldon/Savage
2301 – abandoned auto, 110 Wexford
2306 – disturbance, 95 Daisy
2342 – juvenile complaint, 490 Harbour Pte. Dr.

Also on this week's log are 20 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 6:

0115 – threats complaint, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0405 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Willis
0408 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot
0646 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1024 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
1112 – well-being check, Virginia
1235 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
1308 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell
1411 – ordinance violation, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1508 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1623 – suspicious incident, 27000 bl. Sumpter
1634 – shots fired investigation, 44000 bl. Clay
1643 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1743 – assist other agency, 8500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1930 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville
1935 – malicious destruction of property report, 45000 bl. Willis

2109 – larceny report, 22000 bl. Prince
2117 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2236 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.

Monday, May 7:

1433 – well-being check, Nevada
1436 – well-being check, Dakota
1608 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1659 – trespassing complaint, 44000 bl. Clay
1853 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty
1950 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd
2020 – assault, 42000 bl. Willow
2224 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Karr
2257 – fire, Rustic Lane

Tuesday, May 8:

0750 – well-being check, Nevada
0800 – suspicious vehicle, Harris/Elwell
1038 – assault, Edgewood
1117 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Harris
1134 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1137 – assault, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1155 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Elwell

1434 – larceny report, 45000 bl. Willis
1449 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow
1539 – 911 hangup investigation, 17000 bl. Elwell
1856 – warrant pickup, out of township
2245 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Lane

Wednesday, May 9:

0726 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willow
0845 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis
1148 – harassment complaint, 50000 bl. Willis
1348 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis
1405 – ordinance violation, 21000 bl. Elwell
1437 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1536 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Elwell
1704 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter
1759 – breaking & entering report, 47000 bl. Willow

2018 – warrant pickup, out of township

Thursday, May 10:

1010 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1059 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1506 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1923 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis
1931 – suspicious vehicle, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1933 – neighbor complaint, 46000 bl. Willis

Friday, May 11:

0132 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0320 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter
0747 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn
1103 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1427 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willis
1521 – alarm, 26000 bl. Haggerty
1643 – breaking & entering report, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz

1702 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Martinsville

1832 – threats complaint, Rustic Lane
1923 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1926 – neighbor complaint, Rustic Lane
1948 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville
2137 – loitering complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter
2238 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Martinsville

Saturday, May 12:

0406 – suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0504 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0908 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis
0949 – animal bite, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1018 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willis
1306 – larceny report, 21000 bl. Fenster
1429 – fire dept. assist, Willis/Sumpter
1506 – larceny report, Rustic Lane
1555 – suspicious incident, Willow/Sumpter
1557 – larceny report, 21000 bl. Fenster
1655 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd
1758 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2009 – shots fired investigation, 50000 bl. Judd
2059 – noise complaint, Elwell/Wear
2122 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Judd
2357 – operating while under the influence arrest, Judd/Sumpter

This log also contained 18 miscellaneous details, 123 patrol checks, 43 traffic stops, and 20 follow-up investigations.

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Van Buren School Board approves three new administrators

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved three new administrators.

The former Belleville High School Principal, Michael Van Tassel, was promoted to superintendent last winter, and since then the BHS post has been filled by interim principal Rod Fisher.

The newly appointed BHS Principal is Abdul Madyun, who will be paid \$106,610, plus fringes offered to all administrators.



Kullis

He has a one-year contract, effective July 1, 2012.

Diane Kullis, who was hired last August as a Special Education Supervisor, was promoted to Director of Instruction, with a one-year contract paying \$105,000, plus fringes, effective July 1, 2012.

Karen Johnston, an assistant principal at BHS, has been promoted to Supervisor of



Johnston

Special Services, at a salary of \$97,194, plus fringes. She has a one-year contract, effective July 1, 2012.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said it may look like the district, which is trying to climb out of a deficit budget, is hiring more administrators at a bad time. She said, however, this is a great investment for the district, so it can move forward.

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

- Approved the recommendation of Plante Moran CRESA to accept the bid of Asphalt Specialists to replace the South Middle School parking lot for a cost not to exceed \$295,762.40 to be paid out of Sinking Funds and be done by Aug. 1;

- Heard presentations from three elementary principals: Jeff Moore of Savage, Barb Santo of Tyler, and Michelle Briegel of Edgemont;

- Was informed of the recommended titles for the new BHS English Curriculum, which already was approved by the board;

- Approved the new middle school course: Spanish Language and Culture I and II;

- Approved offering Schools of Choice with a limited number of openings in all



Madyun

schools in all grades. Van Tassel said the district will not bump district residents out of their home schools as was done in the past;

- Approved the resignations of Harry Wagner, 3-year SMS crossing guard; Mechelle Rhodes, 12-year bus aide; and Traci McNally, 11-year lunchroom monitor at Edgemont; and the layoffs of paraprofessionals Jeanne Riley, Denise Armatis, Paula Brown, and Jack Loria;

- Approved the retirement of Judy Pappas, a teacher at Tyler Elementary, after 34 years of service;

- Approved the South Middle School Eighth Grade field trip to Cedar Point June 11; and

- Went into executive session to do a quarterly evaluation discussion on the superintendent.

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	6	10
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Huron High School	9	5
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	11	5
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Sumpter Planners ask twp. board for outdoor furnace ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its May 10 meeting, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission recommended approval of a new ordinance regulating the installation and use of outdoor furnaces.

Although the commission has been working for months on updating all the township land-use ordinances, members agreed this one should be pulled out and approved by the township board as soon as possible.

"I would like to accept this now," said chairman Jane Stalmack. "Because of the energy situation, I can see a lot of these popping up."

She said she would like the new ordinance to be in place when people start installing these for next winter.

Planning consultant Andrea Bibby, filling in for consultant Laura Kreps of Carlisle Wortman, said these used to be called "wood furnaces" but now they are "outdoor furnaces" because people burn different kinds of fuel, including cherry pits, corn cobs, and pellets.

"A lot of townships are asking people to pull mechanical permits to make sure they are installed safely," Bibby said. She said the furnaces are popular in rural communities, but you have to make sure the furnaces don't impact neighbors.

"A lot depends on what you're burning," said Commissioner Jim Clark, noting that wood can get very smoky.

"The biggest problem is people are burning what they're not supposed to be burning," Bibby said, referring to plastic and other refuse.

Clark said the clerk's office should have a paper to hand out listing what people are allowed to burn.

Bibby said such furnaces are becoming a lot more sophisticated in their design, although some people make their own.

Water line

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"Homer was a very nice guy and would do anything for anybody," Kovach said. "After he got sick, he could never muster enough effort and tenacity that this project would take to finish.

"Look at the effort, resources and community support it has taken me to just get this far and it still isn't finished."

Kovach recalled that when he was working with Homer Morris and Bryce Kelley, the idea was if the un-used greenhouse, which was becoming an eyesore, was torn down, the township would get the property cut into parcels so they could be sold for residential lots.

"My goal is simple," Kovach said. "It is to make the township complete its promise as I was asked to do."

On March 20, D.V.M. Utilities of Sterling Heights got the low bid for three water line projects in VBT for \$467,147.25. A 10% contingency was approved to be used at the recommendation and approval of the DPW Director to address any unforeseen conditions.

On Sunday, around 9 p.m., a truck carrying water pipes for the first project along Bemis Road, stopped at the greenhouse property and Jane Kovach happened to be driving by. She talked to the driver and convinced him he shouldn't unload the pipes on her son's property, which he had planned to do, she said, adding there will be lots of problems if he trespasses.

The trucker called his dispatch and was told to go to Walmart and park overnight. On Monday morning he was back and waited for directions from D.V.M.

Just before 9 a.m. D.V.M. president Dan DiLegge drove up and parked on the right of way and challenged *Independent* editor Rosemary Otzman with, "What are you doing on my work site?"

She replied that she was standing in the county right of way, but then Kovach invited her across his surveyed line onto his private property.

After some conferring between the trucker and DiLegge and the arrival of another truck with a large loader on it, the water pipes were taken to Martinsville Road where the process of unloading began.

Kovach stood by to make sure they didn't cross his surveyed lines onto private property.

As the first pipes were being moved to the ground, they were set down about a foot from Kovach's line, when DiLegge motioned to the driver to lift them up again and go closer to the line. The pipes came too close and knocked Kovach's stake back, which caused Kovach to start yelling.

The pipes were moved back, the driver came down to apologize to Kovach and take all the blame, while Kovach accused DiLegge of taunting him.

The pipes eventually were unloaded and later Monday a group of more than a dozen friends and supporters gathered at the site to hold signs prepared by Kovach.

On Tuesday afternoon, a surveyor checking Kovach's property lines was

questioned by Kovach. Kovach said the surveyor told him he was told to GPS Kovach's stakes marking his property line to see if they were correct.

Kovach's line was determined with a laser and optical method and the surveyor told him the line was perfect and the laser method is more accurate than GPS.

Kovach said a representative from Wade Trim told him that without the private easements, the project will have to be completely re-designed, which could cost from \$100,000 to \$200,000 more than expected.

Kovach has a website for people to keep up with the ongoing drama: www.joinhomershope.com.



A confrontation erupted Monday morning when the loader driver, obeying his supervisor's hand signals to go closer, moved the huge water pipes so close to Lou Kovach's marked private property line that the pipes bent over the stick marking the line. Kovach, left, strongly objected, accusing the supervisor of taunting him. The loader driver, center, got down off his loader and apologized, claiming it was his fault. At right is James Taylor, the new VBT DPW Supervisor, who tried to defuse the situation. A representative of Wade Trim was also present to watch the unloading of the pipes.



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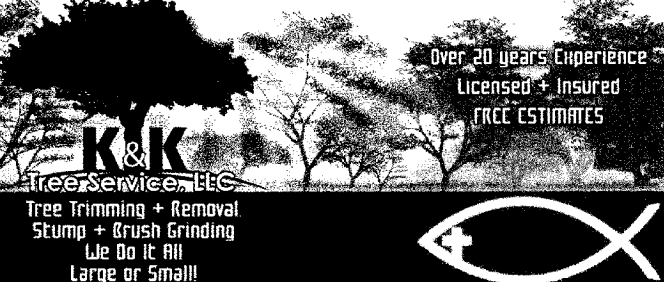
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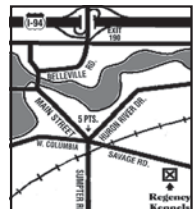
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Things to do in the Belleville area ...

- **Friday, May 18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**—Annual Rummage Sale at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville. Donations may be dropped off at the gym doors beginning May 7. 699-6817
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 18, 19, 20**—St. Stephen Catholic Church's Annual Spring Polish Festival at 18800 Huron River Drive in New Boston. Plenty of Polish foods, polka dancing, and live bands. Also, carnival rides, bingo, Vegas room, and men's softball tournament. (734) 753-5268
- **Saturday, May 19**—Volunteers are

needed to place American Flags on the graves of veterans buried at Belleville's Hillside Cemetery, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (Note: Volunteers often arrive early, but come whenever you can.)

- **Saturday, May 19**—Volunteers are needed for the BYC Lake Beautification Project, with registration at 9 a.m. at the BYC property on N. Liberty St. Group photo at 9:45 a.m., then teams and locations assigned to clean up the lake shore. First 150 volunteers get special, orange T-shirts. Burgers and hot dogs provided by BYC from 2-4 p.m. after the clean-up.

- **Saturday, May 19**—Michigan Lymphomathon 5K Walk at Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville. Everyone invited to take part. A team from the Belleville

Rotary Club is walking. Check in at 9 a.m., warm up to walk 9:40 a.m., welcome 9:50 a.m., walk begins at 10 a.m. Park at lot nearest Hawthorne Glade North shelter (\$5).

- **Saturday, May 19**—Martha Toth and her co-authors Jeannine LaSavage and Serina Brown will discuss their book "Passport 2 Purpose" at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. Copies of the book available for purchase and signing at the talk.

- **Saturday, May 19**—U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla is seeking to set a world record by having a large number of people wearing life jackets for a photograph at 1 p.m. at Horizon Park. More information at: www.ReadySetWearIt.com

- **Sunday, May 20**—Starting at 11 a.m., the children of Belleville Presbyterian Church will host the annual Alex's Lemonade

Stand to raise money for research seeking an end to pediatric cancer. For more information on the project, named for Alex Scott a victim of pediatric cancer who sold lemonade to raise money for the cause, see www.alexslimonade.org.

- **Sunday, May 20**—Belleville Area Council for the Arts fund-raising dinner at the Masonic Temple, 1-5 p.m. Turkey and stuffing with chocolate desserts. Dinners are \$9 each for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

- **Sunday, May 20**—BHS National Honor Society and Distinguished Graduate Inductions, 2 p.m., Auditorium.

- **Sunday, May 20**—Sunday afternoon tea at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd., with Mary Todd Lincoln, 3-5 p.m. Donation \$5. Games, prizes, and President Lincoln's favorite finger foods and desserts.

- **Monday, May 21**—State Rep. Dian Slavens invites the public to a coffee hour at 8 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main St., Belleville.

- **Monday, May 21**—Belleville Area Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m., in the lower level of First United Methodist Church, Belleville. Speaker is Ralph Sutherland, president of SE Michigan Beekeepers Association. Public welcome for fee of \$3.

- **Thursday, May 24**—Safe Boating program with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Belleville Area District Library, 4-6 p.m., drop in to learn a variety of helpful skills such as knot-tying and weather basics. 6-7 p.m., Personal Watercraft Safety teaches you the "rules of the road".

- **Thursday, May 24 to Monday, May 28**—Sumpter Country Fest in Sumpter Township. Parade is at noon on Saturday, May 26, beginning at Judd and going south on Sumpter Road to the fairgrounds.

- **Friday, May 25**—U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Belleville Area District Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m., children's activities including mini safety classes, knot-tying, and coloring books.

- **Friday, May 25**—Free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, 734-654-9020. Gathering at 8 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

- **Monday, May 28**—Thunder Rolls in Belleville, Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park, about 2 p.m., after all the motorcycles arrive.

- **Friday, June 1**—First September Days Senior Center Golf Invitational, 9 a.m., Harbour Club Golf Course, \$22. Sign up at senior center, 699-8918. Proceeds support the German Volunteer Program.

- **Friday, June 1**—Family Fishing Fun Day at Crosswinds Marsh, 9 a.m.-noon, no pre-registration required. FREE. Put on by Wayne County Parks & Recreation and Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation as part of DNR's Free Fishing Weekend. Prizes for biggest fish. Crafts for kids.

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