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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Betty Parkinson, Van Buren Twp.

Betty Parkinson named Honored Citizen from Van Buren Township

How many people you know are lucky enough to still be playing with their kindergarten friend after 91 years? Probably, not many. Come to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival Parade and meet two such people.

Betty Parkinson will be leading the parade as the Honored Citizen for Van Buren Township along with her long-time kindergarten buddy, Mildred (Midge) Artley who is the Honorary Citizen for the City of Belleville. Joining them will be Mary Sherwood the Honored Citizen for Sumpter Township.

Betty was born as Roberta Elizabeth Byrd on Nov. 9, 1915 at home. She was given the nickname Betty and it has stuck with her to this day. She started school in 1920 at a little church on Liberty Street and graduated in 1934 from Belleville High School as Vice-President of her senior class of 28 members.

Betty has had a varied work career. Her first job was in the coal office where she was in charge of doing taxes, making payroll and keeping the books while making \$7 a week. Her next position was as sales lady at Jacobson's in Ann Arbor. After that she moved up to secretary to the Dean at the School of Engineering at the University of Michigan where she stayed until she retired at the age of 67 in 1982.

Besides working, she has enjoyed other responsibilities and interests. She was married to Richard Parkinson and raised three children, William, Philip and Kay. She's kept active by walking the treadmill at the gym for eight years, swimming at the high school pool for 26 years and bowling in a league. She has gone parasailing, rode

in a hot air balloon and very recently ridden on the back of a BMW motorcycle. She is also quite a poet. Ask her to recite one of her poems for you sometime.

Now she has another accomplishment to add to her list – Honored Citizen for Van Buren Township. How many people can say that at almost 97 years of age?

--Written by Karen Copeland



Midge Artley, Belleville

Midge Artley named Honored Citizen from City of Belleville

An Honored Citizen of the 2012 Belleville National Strawberry Festival Parade, Mildred (Midge) Artley was born on a Canton farm in 1916, the daughter of Fred and Kitty Artley and the second youngest of ten children.

In 1918, when Midge was two years old, her family moved to Belleville, so that the children could attend Belleville schools. They settled into a four-bedroom home standing on one acre on West Columbia Avenue.

Midge began her education in the 1903 Belleville School which stood on Third Street where the Oakwood Healthcare Center is now located. In 1927, a large, new building was constructed on West Columbia, and when Midge was in the fifth grade, students were moved to the "new" Belleville School.

(This old building is now our current Belleville High School. It is slated to be razed this summer, and the new, state-of-the-art high school will open in September.)

Midge graduated from Belleville High School in 1934 in the depths of the Great Depression. She attended night classes at the University of Detroit and the Detroit Business Institute for two years. She later

worked for the Belleville A. F. Fielder Coal Company on South Street, Bendix Aviation in Wayne during World War II, and Kaiser-Frazier Corporation at Willow Run. After working for a time in Toledo, she gave up her long commute and in 1955, accepted a position with the Van Buren Public Schools as a bookkeeper and paymaster. She worked for the school district for 25 years, ensuring that the public funds entrusted to her care were accounted for with the highest integrity. Midge retired in 1980 after 44 years of continuous employment.

Midge has always been deeply involved in the Belleville community. To list just a few of her many affiliations, she has been a member of the Belleville Planning Commission, the Belleville and Van Buren Schools Election Boards, the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation, and the Strawberry Festival Committee. She is a longtime member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church, the Belleville Area Women's Club, Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, the Ypsilanti Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution, and a Life Member of the Belleville Area Historical Society.

At 95 years of age, Midge still lives in her family home on West Columbia. Midge says, "...Belleville is My Town. No better place to live in this good-old U.S.A.!"



Mary Sherwood, Sumpter Township

Mary Sherwood is Honored Citizen from Sumpter in parade

Mary Sherwood is the Honored Citizen from Sumpter Township in Saturday's Strawberry Festival Parade, joining Honored Citizens from the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township.

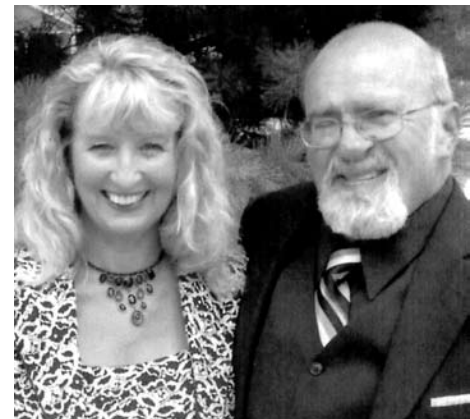
Mary also was honored as Grand Marshall of this year's Sumpter Country Festival Parade and her biography was published in the May 24 edition of the *Independent*.

Strawberry Festival Parade to have three Grand Marshalls

Three Grand Marshalls, and their families, will lead the Strawberry Festival Parade, which begins Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Grand Marshalls of the Belleville Parade also were honored over the Memorial Day weekend as Honored Citizens of Sumpter Township.

They are the Bies/Sobecki Family and Memory of Matthew Bies, Wendy and Andy Clark, and LeRoy and Kathy Paige. Their biographies were published in the May 24 edition of the *Independent*.



LeRoy and Kathy Paige



Gertie and the late Matt Bies



Wendy and Andy Clark



O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Sumpter Twp. Fire Fighters vote to unionize

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, attorney Rob Young announced that the Sumpter Township Fire Department has voted to become unionized. He said the vote took place a few weeks ago and the board did not oppose that taking place.

He said the fire fighters were the last township group to organize. He pointed out other employees are members of AFSCME and the police patrol and command officers are in separate bargaining groups.

"Everybody now is represented by unions," Young said, stressing it has all been positive. He said he would expect discussions – he didn't want to call them negotiations – will start very quickly, once an official letter is received by the board.

Young said Fire Chief Les Powell has been around a long time, but never with a union. Young said with Powell's help and Supervisor Johnny Vawters' help, the process will move forward.

Sumpter Township has had fire fighters from the beginning of the community. They were volunteers in the olden days and now are paid per call, although many volunteer hours have been put in without pay. An informed source said the new union is affiliated with MAFF – the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters.

This move would indicate the fire fighters are not happy with the recent township board meddling in their affairs.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I inadvertently demoted Van Buren Township Fire Fighter Dan Besson from Battalion Chief to Lieutenant in my front page story on the Huron Valley Steel fire in the May 31 issue. Sorry, Dan.

I'm sure he forgives me, since he has a forgiving nature and wonderful sense of humor. I have known Dan since he was a Belleville City Councilman. At that time he was also a dispatcher for Central Dispatch housed in the Belleville Police Department.

And it came to pass that Dan had to decide whether he wanted to be a council member or a dispatcher, since it was determined he couldn't be both.

He resigned his dispatch position and went to work for Van Buren Township Dispatch and eventually moved on to a position in Flat Rock. He has climbed the ranks in the Van Buren Township Fire Department, as well, and now is a BATTALION CHIEF.

Dan also is an excellent public information officer for the fire department and we do appreciate his detailed news releases and on-the-scene photos from fires and accidents.

Police in the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township were busy on Thursday, the last day of school in the Van Buren Public School District. Traditionally, youngsters walk in large groups throughout the downtown and in and out of stores on Belleville Road celebrating their new summer freedom.

Many parents required their children to go home on the bus that day, rather than join the celebrating crowds. But many youngsters were out and around. There were water balloon fights and kids squirting kids with spray bottles.

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FATHER'S DAY... WHAT DO YOU THINK?



One young man threw a rock through a school bus window near South Middle School. He was quickly identified and Chief Gene Taylor said he would be prosecuted because, "We don't tolerate throwing rocks at buses in Belleville."

After Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker survived a recall attempt last week, we received a notice from Michigan Rising that they have given up their attempt to recall Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. The Snyder recall effort was well short of its benchmark to have 200,000 petition signatures by June 1, the news release said.

Instead of working on a recall, the Michigan Rising group announced it was going to create a think tank to advance the best interests of Michigan and will be working to get out the vote in the August and November elections.

Locally, this means we won't see the people standing outside the school board meetings with clipboards seeking signatures to recall the governor.

We will, however, see people with clipboards outside the polls in August seeking recall signatures to oust Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Elisa Verde was valedictorian of the BHS Class of 2002 and at the time we published a story about how she had suffered from cancer when she was nine months old and her parents were told that she had a one

in three chance of surviving and that she would never walk.

She had a cancerous tumor compressing her spinal cord, paralyzing her legs. The Verdes and all their friends prayed together for Elisa as she experienced surgery, radiation and chemotherapy over the next year. She relearned how to crawl by Christmas, two months after diagnosis and she walked at the age of 18 months.

Little Elisa showed great curiosity and determination in the midst of her hospital experience and at home. She played with real stethoscopes, tongue depressors, and syringes, treating her bears and dolls before she could even talk. And, once she could talk she told everyone who would listen that she would someday be a doctor.

We are happy to report that in today's edition we are publishing a picture of Elisa Verde Kolk and a story about her getting her medical doctor degree from the University of Michigan.

And, it's interesting to note that Elisa's sister Emily is co-salutatorian of this year's BHS graduating class (sharing the honor with Joelle Laginess – Jacob Long is valedictorian).

Emily and Elisa are the daughters of Elizabeth and Juan Verde of Belleville.



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Letters

FMAR invites public to visit during festival

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue has had a very busy spring. The annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Dinner and Dance held at the Ypsilanti Eagles Club this year right on May 5, was our most profitable one yet! Thank you to all who attended and also the volunteer workers that night.

At the Sumpter Fest we adopted out 5 animals! We are looking forward to this weekend's Strawberry Festival. Look for the FMAR TNR van in the parade. Adoptable animals and FMAR literature will be available at our usual spot underneath the Higgerson-Neal Funeral Home's canopy.

As a way to help out FMAR and get publicity, Wolverine Trucking's Freightliner division on the I-94 North Service Drive has invited us to their 10-year anniversary event on June 14. All their customers have been invited. For every customer that shows up, \$2 will be donated to FMAR. Three percent of every part sold that day will also go to FMAR.

Customers will be offered a free BBQ lunch, and a 25% discount on parts that day. NASCAR driver Sam Hornish, Jr. with a NASCAR, and a Penske engine interactive display trailer will be on site.

Over the years Wolverine Trucking has offered FMAR help and support. Their desire is to continue to partner with us in the future. We wish them a happy anniversary and a BIG thank you for including FMAR on their BIG day. We know they care about homeless pets in a BIG way!

FMAR will be staffing the Texas Hold'em Poker nights at Vision Lanes Westland June 20-23 until 2 a.m. You can help FMAR raise funds by gaming then, and/or grabbing your golf clubs for the FMAR Golf Outing on July 14.

Thorne Hills Golf Course, 12915 Sumpter Road, will host this Best Ball Scramble at 1:00. Cost is \$50/person; \$200/4-person team. For more information call Doug at 734-787-4581 or FMAR at 734-461-9458. Interested in sponsoring a hole for this outing? Sponsorships are \$100/hole. Call Linda at 734-740-1571 with sponsorship questions.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that showed up at the shelter on June 4 for Clean-up Day. Working together we accomplished most of the items on the current list. Marcy's pulled pork lunch was a nice diversion. Future FMAR plans include a dog park in Sumpter Township. Stay tuned for further updates.

As always, FMAR thanks the community for helping us reach our goals. Happy Strawberry Festival, Belleville!

Linda Luke,
FMAR Fundraiser/Events Coordinator

Evan Basnaw earns bachelor's degree from LeTourneau University

LONGVIEW, TX -- Evan Basnaw of Belleville graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology from LeTourneau University.

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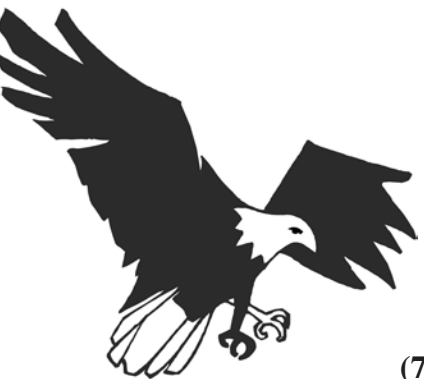
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More Letters

Disappointed in not hearing all candidates

To the Editor:

Last Wednesday evening my husband and I went to the candidates' night sponsored by the Belleville Women's Club at South Middle School.

The members of the Belleville Women's Club had worked hard on the event. They were welcoming, and had lovely refreshments.

We heard lots of interesting information from all of the people running who were opposed to our current supervisor. But Paul White, Leon Wright, and John Herman were not present because the moderator could not give out the questions in advance because she had only written the questions that afternoon.

This meeting was planned months in advance. Those questions could surely have been made up a week in advance.

I really came to hear ALL of the candidates and was very disappointed.

Sincerely,
Martha M. Wilson
Van Buren Township

Thank you for supporting my goals

To the Editor:

Hello. I am the Army Cadet who was collecting bottles and cans in the Moose parking lot on 5-31-12. I want to thank everyone who came out to support me and I enjoyed conversing with those who stayed and discussed my goals.

Your bottles and cans, along with a couple of monetary donations, will help cover the cost of my annual training in Kentucky.

I also would like to give special thanks to the Moose Lodge of Belleville for letting me use their establishment as a drop-off point. I am very fortunate to live in a community that is so generous and believes in my future.

Thank you again,
C/SGT Riley, Jacqueline
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Alva A. "Butch" Pluff

ALVA 'BUTCH' A. PLUFF

(April 6, 1949 - June 9, 2012)

Alva Adolph "Butch" Pluff, age 63, of Willis, MI, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, June 9, 2012. He was born on April 6, 1949 in Monroe, MI, son of Alva Arthur & Dorothy Jean (Renaud) Pluff. Butch retired from the Engineering Operators Local #324. He was married for 37 wonderful years, had a loving daughter and son-in-law and cherished the time he was able to spend with his grandchildren. He enjoyed camping, playing cards and going to the casino. Over the years, he made many special friends at Outdoor Adventures Campground in Standish, MI. He developed a very close relationship with Lloyd & Linda Pratt of Flint, MI.

Survived by his loving wife Dawn Rene (Bruder) Pluff; daughter Tamara Rene (Kenneth) Chilcutt; three grandchildren Brent, Ashley and Ethan Chilcutt; step-grandson Tyler Chilcutt; his mother Dorothy VanBrimer of Trenton; brother Donald (Shirley) Pluff of Hollister, MO; two sisters Sandy Bosk of Escanaba, MI and Mary (Robert) Jacobs of Carleton, MI; mother-in-law, Shirley Straub, in-laws Sandy (George) Brown and Keith (Ginger) Bruder, all of Belleville, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and step-father Robert VanBrimer.

Visitation was Tuesday, June 12, 2012, from 2-8 PM and 10-Noon Wednesday, June 13, 2012 with a Noon Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Father John Hagan officiated. Interment was in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice & Home Care and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for them to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Kenneth L. Rutherford

KENNETH L. RUTHERFORD

(November 11, 1930 - June 5, 2012)

Kenneth L. Rutherford, age 81, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born November 11, 1930 in Rensselaer, Indiana, son of the late Floyd & Helen (Forbes) Rutherford.

He was a longtime member of the Belleville community and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, MI and also a member of the Masonic Lodge Phoenix #13 of Ypsilanti, MI. Ken loved to play golf and go bowling. His greatest passion was his rose gardens.

Ken is survived by a daughter Janice (John) Warzocha of Willis, MI; three grandchildren Michael Storemski, Lori (Katie) Storemski and James (Deanna) Storemski; great-grandchildren Brian (Ali), Kirsten, Kenny, Austin and Olivia; two brothers Harold (Reiko) Rutherford and William (Barbara) Rutherford; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also his wife Geneva in December 1994.

Visitation was 12-2 PM Saturday, June 9, 2012 with a 2:00 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville with Father John Hagan officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for them to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

MARILYN GRACE RUESINK

(February 10, 1930 - June 8, 2012)

Age 82. Survived by daughter Elizabeth (Juan) Verde of Belleville, son Bill of Cincinnati, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother James P. Slear of Indiana. Services June 11 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Carole Ann Gambrel

CAROLE ANN (MITCHELL) GAMBREL

(February 13, 1960 - June 6, 2012)

Carole Gambrel of Belleville passed away peacefully June 6 with her family by her side. She was born February 13, 1960 to Joseph and Diana (Pavlack) Mitchell.

Carole is survived by her parents; sisters Joann (Carvil) Addington of Romulus and Debi (John) Hagerman of Belleville; brothers Joseph Mitchell of Ypsilanti and David Mitchell of Ann Arbor; nieces Amber, Nicole, Christina, and Jessica; nephew Jay; great-nephew Kolyn; great-nieces Joslyn and Lillie Ann; and her dogs Sassy, Sissy and Brutis.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



Kathleen Dillon Gibbons

KATHLEEN DILLON GIBBONS

(August 25, 1961 - June 7, 2012)

Kathleen Dillon Gibbons passed away on June 7, 2012 after a long illness.

She was born August 25, 1961 to Patricia Enright Looker and the late John F. Dillon in Brooklyn, New York and relocated with her family to Belleville, MI in 1967.

Kathleen graduated from Belleville HS and earned her degree in Dental Hygiene from Ferris State College. After college, she relocated to Brighton and later Whitmore Lake, MI and worked as a dental hygienist for a number of dental and veterinary practices in the region.

Kathleen is survived by her husband, Clay; her sisters Patricia and Kim; her brother John; her niece Alexa; her nephews Danny and John; and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

She was a devoted woman and Christian known for her compassion for others in times of adversity. Throughout her long bout with illness, her heart centered on the needs of others and inspired harmony and love in all those who knew her. Her deepest values can be summed up in the words of Mother Teresa: "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." She will be profoundly missed.

A memorial service is planned for late summer in Boynton Beach, FL.

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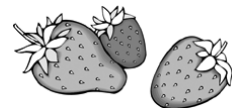
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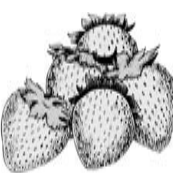


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More Letters

Many thanks for help with 'Hill of Beans'

To the Editor:

Many thanks for the participation of the actresses and actors who practiced tirelessly for the recent theater production "A Hill of Magic Beans, or Here's Looking At You Jack" by Matt Casarino and produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. held Saturday, May 20, at First United Methodist Church, Belleville.

Nakenya Yarbrough, Gage Estes, Alex Szczotka, Scott Testorelli, Cory Quigley, Andre Pheim, James McKenzie & Jeremy Bearden did a splendid job.

Big thanks as well to the co-directors, Alexis Tesner and Jenna Golles. Grace Smith worked on rehearsals, props, costumes, and kept the cast fed. Kris Spillman did a great job in compiling the show book and selling advertisements. Everyone worked hard to make the production a success.

Other BACA members who helped sell tickets and refreshments were Thelma and Neil Griffin, Jean Morris, Paul and Sue White, Betty Kurczewski, and Denise Partridge.

Thanks to the patrons who attended the production and to the donors and sponsors who bought advertisements for the playbill: Acclaim Handyman Service, Detlor Insurance, Antiques on Main, Sweet Chateau, Lakeside Beauty Supply Store, One Stop Hydro Shop, Williams Accounting, Trim-Co Contract Service, D. Jean Kolakowski, Family Dentistry, Village Barber Shop, Belleville Lock and Key, Aarie Styles Salon, Grace Smith, K. A. Kreations, and Threads 'N Treasures Quilt Shop.

Anyone interested in participating in a future theater production or who would like to help and promote the next theater production, please leave your name and number at 734-697-8123, Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Also, BACA is needing members to join up and participate in the many activities. If you wish to volunteer only, we would be happy to have you on our team. You can visit our website at www.bellevilleartscouncil.org to see some of the things we do.

Kay Atkins, president
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

Appreciation for work done by Clerk Wright

To the Editor:

I am writing this open letter to express my admiration and appreciation for the diligent work of the Van Buren Township Clerk, Leon Wright. For more than 15 years I have found him to be a man of sound principle and integrity, who has always been approachable, kind in nature and willing to help others.

Leon Wright has always been an active member of the community and of various

organizations, working to bring people together for the betterment of all. As Van Buren Township Clerk, Leon Wright has always conducted himself professionally with composure and openly with the upmost respect for others.

I am firmly confident that he will continue to strive to build bridges of inclusiveness and push for the progress and positive development that Van Buren Township needs.

Sincerely,

Hugh M. Bennett

Van Buren Township Resident

Vote for Linda Combs for VBT Supervisor

To the Editor:

I'm writing this to tell you about Linda Combs. I have known Linda for 20 years. I know her to be very fair, very helpful, and would be a great supervisor for Van Buren Township.

She's very caring and easy to talk to and will do her best to listen to your troubles and complaints. She will work with you and others.

If there were more people like Linda the world would be a much better place to live in. We truly need her for Supervisor of Van Buren Township to clean the mess we are now in. As a 70-year resident, I know and have seen what goes on.

Sincerely,

Eleanore Hendrickson

Van Buren Township

Tyra Jackson: Claim your fish trophy

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts held its annual Fish Photo and Fish Tale Contest last Saturday at Horizon Park and awarded all but one trophy – the one for Biggest Fish in the 13- to 17-year-old category.

The winner was 14-year-old Tyra Jackson, who caught a 6 and 3/8 inch bluegill, but left before the trophy presentation. Call Bob Mytych at the *Independent* office, (734) 699-9020, to arrange to get your award.

Free HVA Camp 9-1-1 program at Van Buren Park July 12, 13

Huron Valley Ambulance once again is offering a free, two-day summer camp for youngsters aged 8 to 12 who are interested in emergency services.

One of the locations is the University of Michigan Boathouse at Van Buren Park on the I-94 South Service Drive.

Camp 9-1-1 campers will tour an ambulance, learn CPR, interact with their local fire and police departments and visit a hospital emergency department.

HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as camp counselors, teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform life-saving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers.

The free 2-day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at various locations in HVA's service area. A total of 12 camps are scheduled this summer across southeast and south central Michigan with the following five camps set for this area:

- Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26 at Lyon Township Fire Station #1, South Lyon;
- Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10 at

the Plymouth Cultural Center, Plymouth;

- Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13 at the University of Michigan Boathouse on Belleville Lake in Van Buren Park;

- Thursday, July 19 and Friday, July 20 at the Eastern Michigan University - Student Center, Ypsilanti

- Wednesday, August 1 and Thursday, August 2 at Huron Valley Ambulance, Ann Arbor.

Camp 9-1-1 registration is first come, first served, and limited to 30 participants per camp. For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator at 734-477-6781 or email him at camp911@hva.org. Registration forms and information about the other Camp 9-1-1 locations are available online at www.hva.org.

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36th-annual National Strawberry Festival this weekend in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The 36th-annual National Strawberry Festival kicks off Friday afternoon in Belleville, with the midways at St. Anthony's and Main Street starting on Thursday and running from 5 to 10 p.m.

There are coupons at merchants around town that will bring \$3 in savings for the regularly \$20 unlimited rides wristband.

There will be more than 70 juried crafters setting up their booths along Main Street and crafters chairperson Janet Millard reports there are some very nice pieces for sale this year.

There will be the usual strawberry confections, food and booths along Main Street and, on Saturday at 11 a.m., the Strawberry Festival Parade will wend its way from Belleville High School to the downtown and right through the middle of the booths on Main Street.

On Saturday, before the parade, the Belleville Rotary Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., this year at St. Anthony Church's Recreation Building. Meals are \$7 for adults and \$6 for children under \$10. Use the dollar-off coupon in today's *Independent* for a reduced rate.

On Sunday, the 11th-annual Cinnamons' Father's Day Car Show will be held at Victory Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Anthony site

Besides all the activity in downtown

Belleville, the area at St. Anthony Catholic Church will be a beehive of activity.

Special sit-down dinners (or carry outs) are set for this weekend under the direction of Joyce Rochowiak. On Saturday, 2-7 p.m., a charcoal grilled chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, and all the trimmings, is available for \$10.

On Sunday, 1-6 p.m., a Polish dinner is available for \$11. It features stuffed cabbage, pierogi (three types), kielbasa and sauerkraut, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverages.

The activities and events at St. Anthony's will run from noon to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with Sunday hours from noon to 8 p.m.

The activities include a climbing wall, inflatables, baked goods, pony rides, petting zoo, Special Olympics Jail, and a big carnival midway.

There's live entertainment at the Beer and Wine Tent, open 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 1 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

There also will be juried crafter exhibits and an array of Strawberry Extravaganza Desserts in the pole barn.

Sunday is Father's Day and Polish Day at St. Anthony's and from 2 to 6 p.m. "Pan" Franek, Zosia & the Polka Towners will be playing.

Trinity Episcopal site

At Trinity Episcopal Church at 11575 Belleville Road, just south of the I-94

South Service Drive, church members are presenting their restaurant full of hot and cold items.

They will have sloppy joes, hot dogs, nachos, potato chips, pop, coffee, ice tea, bottled water, strawberry smoothies, strawberry shortcakes, hot fudge sundaes, strawberry tarts, strawberry cheesecake and dipping strawberries.

Again this year Trinity will serve gluten-free strawberry bread and gluten-free strawberry shortcakes.

The craft area will feature jewelry, woodworking, garden accents, apparel and much more. There is free parking.

Guests are invited to try the "Strawberry Pie Express" by pulling into the parking lot, stopping in the designated area, and placing an order for strawberry delights from the bakery.

The bakery is featuring strawberry glazed pies, cheese cake, tarts, jam, and bread.

Trinity's Strawberry Festival hours are 4-9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Belleville Presbyterian site

Belleville Presbyterian Church at 11900 Belleville Rd, also south of I-94, will offer juried crafters, food booths, strawberry treats, entertainment, and guided tours of the chapel -- one of the original seven Mary-Martha chapels build by Henry and Clara Ford to honor their mothers.

Trolley Transportation

To make it easier for guests to get around to the various locations of the festival, the Wyandotte Trolley will be running a continuous loop from the Meijer parking lot in Van Buren Township to all the festival locations and back.

The free rides are from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Circus at the fairgrounds

While not a part of Strawberry Festival, a circus also is being held at the nearby Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, with shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Strawberry Festival Parade units

Tina Brooks Green, chairperson of the 2012 Strawberry Festival Parade, provided the following list of units that have signed up to be in Saturday's 11 a.m. parade. They will not be in this order.

- Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer
- Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Joe Barnabei
- Congressman Dingell
- The Pet Resort
- Belleville Rotary
- Reggie Miller
- Karen Jacobsen for Congress
- Nicole Smith for Judge
- Brian Morrow for Judge
- Elect Tim Szetela
- Belleville Co-op Apts.
- VFW 4434/ PLAV 167
- Van Buren Township
- Jitterbugs Elite Dance
- Senator Stabenow
- Cynthia Kallgren for Congress
- TCF National Bank
- Adams Outdoor Advertising
- Belleville Lake Current
- Kevin Cox for Judge
- Culver's restaurant
- Charter One
- Myrtle Lodge #89BJ Carriage Rides
- Agape Cheer and Dance
- Open Arms Lutheran
- Washtenaw County Marine Corps

League #414

- Taylor Shrine Tin Lizzies
- Jazzercise
- Augusta Township Fire
- Rep. Dian Slavens
- Pete the Popcorn man
- Van Buren Township Officials
- BAWC
- John Herman
- County Exec. Robert Ficano
- Belleville High School Band

- Zap Zone
- County Commissioner Kevin McNamara
- Karin LaMothe
- A One Limo
- Meijer
- Larry Traskos
- Friends of the Library
- Mark Bernstein for U-M Regent
- Armstrong's Funland
- Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue
- Sumpter Fire
- Southwestern Wayne Democrats

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, June 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m., Keystone Academy. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, tentative, 7 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, June 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 20 – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, June 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

• Tuesday, June 26 – 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.

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VBPS to consider balanced budget for upcoming school year

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., June 25, at the Administration Building to consider a proposed 2012-13 budget that will get the district out of deficit.

Finance Director Karen Moffitt gave a brief overview of the proposed budget at Monday's regular school board meeting, saying the budget not only will pay off the deficit and end the state deficit elimination plan, but the district could end up with a positive fund balance of \$226,602 a year from now.

Her remarks were greeted with applause from the board and the small audience present at Rawsonville Elementary School.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel made sure board members had the detailed budget proposal in hand so they could study it in advance of the public hearing and the vote that will follow during the regular 7 p.m. meeting on June 25.

Supt. Van Tassel said he cannot say he is pleased to present the budget, because there are cuts and the district is laying off people.

But, he said, "It's gratifying to know the district won't be taken over by the state" like other districts.

He pointed out the Van Buren district is \$2 million over budget this year and to be able to pull off getting out of deficit in such a short time is great.

School Board President Martha Toth said if the district will have a balanced budget, the board will have to do something about the motion it passed that cut the board members' salaries by 13% but would go back up when a balanced budget is adopted.

She said the total amount is trivial, but it would be unseemly to raise their salaries at this time and so a motion would have to be passed to keep the lower board pay.

Moffitt confirmed that the balanced budget contained the reduced pay for board members.

She reported the 2011-12 expenditures were \$47,691,660, which was \$2 million in excess of expenditures over revenues. The revenues for 2012-13 are expected to be \$45,717,411 and the expenditures \$45,267,560.

Board Trustee Scott Russell thanked Moffitt for her work and, "Thank you, Mr. Van Tassel, Mr. Riutta (former Superintendent), and all the staff members who made this possible."

Moffitt said the assumptions for the new budget include enrollment decrease of 98 students, blended student count at 5,249, reduction of \$48 per student in Best Practices funds, no increase or decrease in foundation allowances, eight teacher retirements that will not be filled, salary half step increases due to the collective bargaining agreement, FICA expense at 7.65% of salary, retirement expense at

27.37% of salary, and the health insurance change for teachers.

Moffitt said the district was short \$2 million at the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year and the decrease in revenues expected next year adds about another million dollars.

But, it's all expected to work out to a balanced budget.

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

- Approved amendments to the 2011-12 school district budget, as recommended by Moffitt;

- Approved renewing membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan High School Athletic Association;

- Was advised of Belleville High School technology change orders approved by Van Tassel that included \$1,848.56 for two more security cameras; \$4,525 for a larger screen for the auditorium; \$15,209 for expansion of the district data storage and emergency backup; \$14,575 for video recording on a portable cart, and \$12,567 for purchase of 14 additional computers, some of which will be spares. Toth pointed out that while the computers are purchased with bond funds, the software will have to be paid from the general fund. Van Tassel said they are still determining what is needed;

- Approved retirements of the following teachers and administrators: Gail Anderson, 27 years of service; Peggy Jacobs, 33 years; Lynne London-Onuma, 27 years; Karen Mida, 31 years; Susan Norquist, 21 years; Valerie Peters, 38 years; Julie Schlicklin, 11 years; Margaret Voigt, 35 years; and Richard Wenzel, 38 years. These retirements were announced after retirees were honored by the board last week;

- Approved the retirements of Veronica McLeod, 33 years, and Sharon Hollandsworth, 27 years, both lunchroom supervisors at Haggerty; and bus driver Diane Vitale, 12 years. The resignation of one-year Tyler crossing guard Kimberly Bryant also was approved;

- Approved the hiring of Angela Stroud as administrative assistant to the superintendent, as of June 6, to take the place of Kathy Kovach, who retired. Also approved was the hiring of bus aide Auria Cummings as of May 8;

- Agreed to hold the rest of the summer meetings at the Administration Building instead of Rawsonville Elementary School, as planned, because of the latchkey use and summer cleaning at the school. The public was advised that the front drive to the Administration Building was temporary closed on Monday. Those attending meetings may have to use the back way by way of Davis Street;

- Announced an update on the New Tech high school within a high school will be given at the June 25 meeting. Van Tassel said they have a waiting list for incoming ninth grade students wishing to be in the New Tech program; and

- Approved minutes of the May 23 special disciplinary meeting that led to the

permanent expulsion of BHS Student A for violating state law MCL 380.1311(2) -- *If a pupil possesses in a weapon free school zone a weapon that constitutes a dangerous weapon, commits arson in a school building or on school grounds, or commits criminal sexual conduct in a school building or on school grounds* -- and the Student Code of Conduct. The suspension of BHS Student B for 180 school days and the expulsion of BHS Student C for 180 school days also were approved because they were found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct concerning weapons.

School Board supports putting 2-mill tax proposal on Nov. 6 ballot

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously Monday in support of placing a 2-mill, 5-year property tax proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot to get more money for school operations in Wayne County.

If school districts with more than 50% of the student population in Wayne County, excluding Detroit, support the Regional Enhancement Millage, the countywide tax will be put before voters in November.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel told the board that several months ago the superintendents of Wayne County met together to discuss the many districts that

were in dire circumstances and couldn't cut any more from their budgets.

The enhancement millage was suggested to be put on the ballot to get more money for operations.

"All they asked for is the opportunity for people to vote on it," Van Tassel said.

The millage is expected to raise about \$85 million when first levied in 2012. Revenue is slated to go to 34 school districts, including Van Buren (excluding Detroit).

"If it passes, we're looking at \$2 million additional in this district," Van Tassel said, explaining it comes on a per-pupil basis.

He said Detroit has a non-homestead millage renewal on its Aug. 7 ballot and they are a little jumpy about getting that passed.

School Board President Martha Toth said Detroit would be a donor district, contributing more than it gets back because of the loss in student population.

"This is not an endorsement of the millage," Toth insisted, saying, "We have to ask the voters."

She said if the districts with large student populations, such as Plymouth Canton, Livonia and few others support the proposal, that would be enough to get it on the ballot.

"You have to have the language for the November ballot by Aug. 28," said Trustee Sherry Frazier. "I personally don't think we have anything to lose."




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Reggie Miller excited to announce candidacy for Van Buren Twp. Trustee

The following announcement was released by Reggie Miller.

With a great deal of thought and reflection, it is with excitement that I announce my candidacy to run for Van Buren Township Trustee.



I am running with the vision to move Van Buren Township forward, and not for some type of personal gain. I believe that we need to restore a sense of openness, fairness, and civility among the people who work, live, and serve our Township.

Keeping Van Buren Township safe is my priority. I will do this by advocating for a high level of police visibility and continuing the focus on strategic crime deterrence.

The community has a right to know how their resources are being used, and we need to see an alliance in working together so that we can create "common sense solutions" to the challenges that we face in the Township. I have never viewed myself a politician, but more of a "community advocate" for the residents.

I want to work for you, I will represent you, and I will work hard for my community.

I am grateful to live in Van Buren

Township, and I want to give back to my community. Therefore, I will commit to taking one year's salary over my term, and donate it back into the community. I pledge to offer those proceeds to the Van Buren Public Schools, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and also the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department. In doing this, I hope to be a role model, and I hope it will inspire others. I realize how tough these economic times are, and we all have to roll up our sleeves and pitch in.

If elected, I will also waive any Township healthcare insurance benefits, which will save the taxpayers thousands of dollars each year.

I believe in service to the community, and I have been a longtime community volunteer for many years. Currently, I have the privilege of being appointed to the Public Safety Committee, for which I serve as Vice Chair. My work and volunteer experience has taught me to listen carefully to people, to be attentive and responsible at all times. I have been dedicated to my work with the township, and I look forward to continuing my service in a new capacity.

Reggie earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, where she majored in marketing and graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, from Cleary University, Ann Arbor. Reggie also holds an associate degree with a double major in marketing and communications from Purdue University North Central, Indiana. If you would like to reach Mrs. Reggie Miller, please call 734-883-9650, or email at ReggieMillerVBT@yahoo.com

About Angela Netro: VBT Trustee candidate

The following announcement was released by Angela Netro.

Angela Netro is a Democratic candidate for Van Buren Township Trustee.

I am a lifetime – 60 year – resident of the Van Buren Township/Belleville area. I am



Angela Netro

a graduate of the local schools: St. Anthony's and Belleville High School.

I have been a Van Buren Township homeowner for 26 years and a hardworking, real estate business owner.

I've watched my community grow from dense farmland and lakefront cottages to extensive subdivisions, strip malls, franchise stores and restaurants. I've observed longtime private businesses close and newer business owners opening their doors.

I talk daily with new residents and those who have lived in Van Buren for many years. I listen to their interests and concerns about their community. If I can be of service or direct them to the correct party to take care of their needs, I do.

Over the last 32 years, my real estate profession has enabled me to work with all of the three Belleville-area municipalities. Having worked on Van Buren Township committees, I am aware of the current concerns that affect the residents of Van Buren Township.

My business experience has given me the knowledge to understand the residents' and community's need for a "change" to achieve a stronger, competent Van Buren Township Board that is willing to work together on behalf of the residents and a positive future for Van Buren Township.

I am asking for your support and vote so that I can help make a difference for you and my township.

My #1 Goal as a Van Buren Trustee is to do advance research thoroughly and speak with residents on every matter that comes for a vote, so that I will be able to make a knowledgeable decision that benefits the residents of Van Buren Township.

- 7 years Van Buren Township Tax Review Board

- 26 years member Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

- Current member Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals

- 20 years member UAW/elected representative

- Former employee of Ford Motor Co.
- Member Lions Club International
- Previous Van Buren Township Election Inspector

- 26 years Belleville/Van Buren business owner

- Endorsed by Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club

- Endorsed by UAW Region 1-A

Harry Roesch enters race for VBT Treasurer

The following announcement was released by Harry Roesch.

A third candidate, Harry Roesch, has entered the race for Van Buren Township Treasurer.



Harry Roesch will be prepared, transparent, and fully accountable, he said.

Harry and Edith have lived in Van Buren Township for seven years. They have three sons, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

Harry graduated from Tri State College with a degree in engineering. With 35 years at Great Lakes Steel, Harry's experience includes management positions in operating, quality control, and technology departments.

Harry has learned that success involves working with others, sharing ideas, raising questions, and finding a common ground.

Harry has served on the Board of Directors at Community Focus Federal Credit Union for 16 years and is currently its chairman.

Harry was educated and trained as a stock broker and worked on project development at Detroit Steel Co. in Trenton, Michigan.

"We need to respect all that has been accomplished in the past and arm ourselves with the qualities needed for our changing times," he said. If elected, Harry said he will be open and welcome suggestions, working with the community to ensure the citizens are protected and their interests are represented.

"Are you ready for change or satisfied with the status quo?" he asks. "Please vote on Aug. 7."

Roeschfortreasurer@yahoo.com

Belleville Police announce Main St. closure for festival

Belleville Police announce that Main Street is scheduled to be closed Friday afternoon, June 15, for the annual Strawberry Festival and will reopen late on Sunday.

"Please come and enjoy the festival going on all weekend and please obey all parking signs," said Police Chief Gene Taylor.





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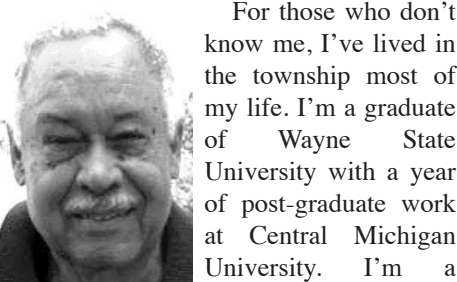
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Jim Clark announces for Sumpter Twp. Trustee

The following was released by Jim Clark.

My name is James Clark and I'm running for Sumpter Township Trustee in the Aug. 7th primary as a Democrat.



For those who don't know me, I've lived in the township most of my life. I'm a graduate of Wayne State University with a year of post-graduate work at Central Michigan University. I'm a Ford Motor Company retiree, a licensed builder and I have served Sumpter Township, over the years, in the following areas: Township Building Inspector (under Supervisors Hoffman and Banotai) and I'm currently serving on the Planning Commission.

I look forward to serving the residents of Sumpter Township as Trustee and will do my best to move the township forward, with your help.

Sumpter Township Democratic Caucus announces endorsements

The Sumpter Township Democratic Caucus is pleased to announce its endorsement of all Democrat incumbents running in the 2012 elections.

Included in that endorsement is Jim Pedersen campaigning for State Representative - 17th District and the Johnny Vawters Team consisting of:

- Johnny Vawters, Supervisor;
- Clarence Hoffman, Clerk;
- John Morgan, Treasurer;
- Alan Bates, Trustee;
- William "Bill" Hamm, Trustee;
- Peggy Morgan, Trustee;
- Don Swinson, Trustee (a new candidate).

This Team has governed for 8 years bringing about a change for unity among all Sumpter Township's elected board members and administrative staffs. In addition, that same Team has balanced the budget with minimum layoffs and has combined municipal services with other area townships with little or no ill effects on its citizens.

Sumpter Township Democratic Caucus

Women's Club debate for VBT candidates draws crowd of 100

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A "Meet the Primary Candidates" event on June 6 put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club for Van Buren Township candidates drew a crowd of about 100 interested voters in the audience at South Middle School.

But three of the candidates decided to pass up the opportunity to attend.

Moderator Janet Millard explained at the beginning of the event that incumbent Supervisor Paul White, incumbent Clerk Leon Wright, and candidate for treasurer John Herman could not be "accommodated" and would not be attending.

Later in the event, Millard explained that the three no-shows wanted the questions she would be asking in advance and wanted a more neutral moderator than Millard.

Millard said she just completed the list of questions the afternoon of the debate, so she wouldn't have been able to supply them. Also, she said she lives in Ypsilanti Township and is not biased.

She also said that White was asked to have the session video-recorded for showing on VBT Channel 12, but he said no.

(Millard announced that the Belleville Lake Current was recording the meeting and would put it on the internet.)

Later, White said Millard's statements concerning the three were correct. He said the three candidates also asked for an unbiased timer who would give warnings when time was close to being up and they would have been satisfied on this point if they had known Sophie Zoller was doing the timing.

He said he recalled the session before the 2008 election put on by the Women's Club and, "It was a set up." He said at least one candidate had the questions ahead of time and was able to get prepared on certain topics.

"I didn't want to be blind-sided," White said. "I didn't want a free for all."

He said he, Wright, and Herman decided together not to attend.

White recalled that the recording of the 2008 meet the candidates' event ran non-stop on VBT cable before the election.

White said the three candidates were cautious about the event and were willing to attend as long as everyone got the questions at the same time and there was a level playing field.

He said the three actually had a meeting that evening that had been scheduled prior to notice of the debate.

The five candidates that did attend the event started off by introducing themselves. Later they were given three minutes each to say why they were running for office and what they hoped to accomplish.

Candidates attending were:

- Linda Combs, candidate for supervisor;
- Larry Fix, candidate for supervisor;
- Timothy Szetela, candidate for supervisor;
- Karin LaMothe, candidate for clerk;
- Sharry Budd, incumbent candidate for reelection as treasurer; and
- Harry Roesch, candidate for treasurer.

The general questions that Millard came up with were:

• Public Safety continues to be an issue. Do you have a plan to fill the open positions and keep the funding levels with the current millage? (Two-minute reply)

• Tax abatements also cause some differences of opinion. Please tell us if you are pro or con abatements and what criteria you would use to assist businesses. (Two-minute reply)

• Two issues that will affect the residents and property values are the new flood plan designations and the Green Energy Plant planned for Grace Lake. Please give us your views. (One minute per topic was allowed, for a total of two minutes.)

She also asked the following question of the candidates for Supervisor: "Transparency seems to be a catch word these days. If elected, tell us your plan to have good communication with both the

other board members and the public."

Of the clerk candidate, she asked: "Please tell us what you think are the most important responsibilities of the office."

Of the treasurer candidates she asked, "In these hard economic times with the State sending less and less money, do you have a plan on keeping up with the funding of the township programs and departments?"

A written question from the audience asked how many of the candidates were part of the 2010 attempted recall against the four new VBT officials elected in 2008, and five of the six candidates present raised their hands. (Roesch did not raise his hand.)

Fix and Szetela said they signed the petitions and didn't do anything else in the campaign. Combs said she signed the petitions and, "I had to retire because of retaliation." (She was the former senior director.)

LaMothe said she was proud to state that she was the petitioner for the recall attempt.

Budd raised her hand for supporting the recall, but did not make a statement.

Women's Club president Raquel Breen made opening and closing remarks at the meeting.

Members of the audience were able to mingle with the candidates and ask questions at the end of the almost two-hour event.

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Local police report no businesses selling K2 in tri-community

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police Captain Gregory Laurain said on June 4 his undercover officers were sent out to check local party stores and other businesses and reported there were no stores in VBT selling K2 or other synthetic drugs.

"We don't have an issue here," said Captain Laurain. "We're on top of it."

Captain Laurain said the statement by Tom Fielder reported in last week's *Independent* concerning K2 (Spice) saying undercover officers found it for sale "everywhere", is information that is about a year and a half old.

Retired Police Captain Ken Brooks, who was active in Growth Works with Fielder, was quoted by Fielder at the Belleville City Council meeting June 4. Growth Works is an outpatient substance abuse treatment center with a contract to help juvenile offenders.

Fielder said Brooks reported sales of the synthetic drug in the township, but Laurain stressed that is outdated information.

About a year and a half ago, the growing presence of synthetic drugs was reported by Growth Works and Captain Brooks sent out a letter to VBT businesses warning them about the substance, which is legal to sell but devastating to users.

Then, Lt. Mark Buckberry, who was head of the special investigative unit (SIU) at the time, sent officers out to check township businesses and found there were

some sales of the substances, but it wasn't rampant, Laurain said.

He said Captain Brooks was proactive with sending the letters to alert businesses a year and a half ago and the department has remained alert to the problem.

Laurain said there was only one incident the department had with K2 that he knows of.

He said he understands French Landing party store, located on Belleville Road across from Meijer, posted a pledge at the store not to sell such substances.

Laurain said if anyone in the community knows of a local place selling K2 or other synthetic drugs, he or she should drop the police a line to let them know.

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said there have been no complaints about sales of K2 in the City of Belleville. He said merchants have been sensitive to the community and are not selling the synthetic designer drugs, although they are legal to sell.

Chief Taylor said the city is waiting to see what the Legislature does about the problem, since laws are being considered in Lansing.

Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce went out to talk to merchants last week about the substances and was assured by the businesses that they did not want to get involved in sales of the drugs.

Recently the use of K2 (also known as Spice) has been reported by the Detroit-area media since the substance, which

currently is legal, has been blamed for users becoming violent. One young man smoked K2 before dying on a Michigan beach. Murders have been blamed on the substance.

K2 supposedly is sold as potpourri, but some teens ingest it to get high. Side effects include agitation, confusion, panic attacks, hallucinations, seizures and stroke. Synthetic drugs are sold in brightly colored packages, which are attractive to youngsters.

Oakland County and several communities in Wayne County have enacted emergency ordinances banning the sale of synthetic drugs and the state legislature also is working on a state law.

At the June 5 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan said he, too, is working on an emergency ordinance to ban the sale of the substances in the township.

The federal government is working on a ban of fake marijuana and "bath salts".

In March, Sumpter Township Police issued a warning about "bath salts" after arresting a man who was high on the substance.

Officer Chaim Kozak was on patrol on Feb. 16 when he saw a man driving in circles in the middle of the Willis/Sumpter Road intersection.

The driver told Officer Kozak that he was lost. He had driven 10 hours from Iowa with a friend because they heard another of the friends was in a hospital in Michigan.

He couldn't remember what happened to the friend he drove in with.

When the driver was taken to the Sumpter Police holding cell, he started acting crazy, stripping himself naked and crawling the walls. Police called an ambulance.

Sumpter Detective John Toth said bath salts, a synthetic drug, was made illegal in Michigan last October due to the efforts of Senator Carl Levin. But, the substance is still legal in some other states, including Iowa.

The driver stayed in the holding cell until he got sober. He told Det. Toth that he used to do methamphetamines, but then decided to switch to bath salts because it is legal in Iowa.

Update: Sumpter passes emergency ordinance

On Tuesday, the Sumpter Township Board of trustees unanimously passed Emergency Ordinance 111 outlawing synthetic marijuana and other dangerous products. The ordinance, which will become effective immediately upon publication in next week's *Independent*, makes it a misdemeanor if found guilty of possessing, using, or trafficking in synthetic marijuana and other products or materials that are in a form that allows for human consumption. Many compounds are listed.

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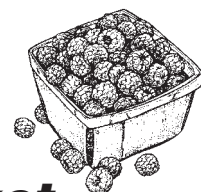


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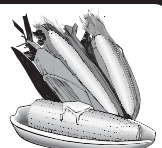
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3 Belleville sisters graduate in one week, from 3 different schools



Nicolette Acho (left), a 2003 graduate of Belleville High School graduate, earned her master's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her younger sister, Chelsea (middle), who graduated from BHS in 2004, also earned her master's degree. Chelsea graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Sport Management. The youngest of the three sisters, Kendall (right), was a 2008 BHS graduate and received her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University, majoring in English: communications and minoring in Journalism. They are the daughters of Deborah and Roy Acho of Belleville.



Elisa Jeanine Kolk

Elisa Jeanine Kolk graduates from U of M Medical School

On May 11, Elisa Jeanine Kolk received her Medical Doctor degree from the University of Michigan.

Elisa is the daughter of Juan and Elizabeth Verde of Belleville. She graduated as Valedictorian of the Belleville High School class of 2002.

She graduated with highest honors from Calvin College in 2006, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry.

Her husband Jackford Kolk and her 7-month-old son Macarius Kolk joined other family members in cheering her on in the graduation ceremony at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

Elisa will begin her residency in Family Medicine in July at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Westland. Elisa will return to living in Belleville during her residency.



Gabrielle Burgess Smith

Gabrielle Burgess-Smith graduates from Henry Ford Academy

Gabrielle Burgess-Smith of Van Buren Township graduated, as Salutatorian, from Henry Ford Academy on June 11 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

During the Seniors Honors Convocation on May 31 she received an attendance award and a trophy for being on the Principal's List for having a 4.0 or above grade point average for her entire high school career, grades 9-12.

Gabrielle also received a scholarship award and medal for being Salutatorian.

She received a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Eastern Michigan University and has been accepted into the Honors College and dormitory. She plans to major in Public Relations, with an interdisciplinary

study in communications and a minor in political science.

Gabrielle said she plans to either go into public relations or become a television news anchor.

Gabrielle has been a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars since she was in tenth grade.

In the spring of 2011, Gabrielle spent her practicum with the *Belleville-Area Independent* where she wrote a personal column, "Gabby", and covered news and feature stories.

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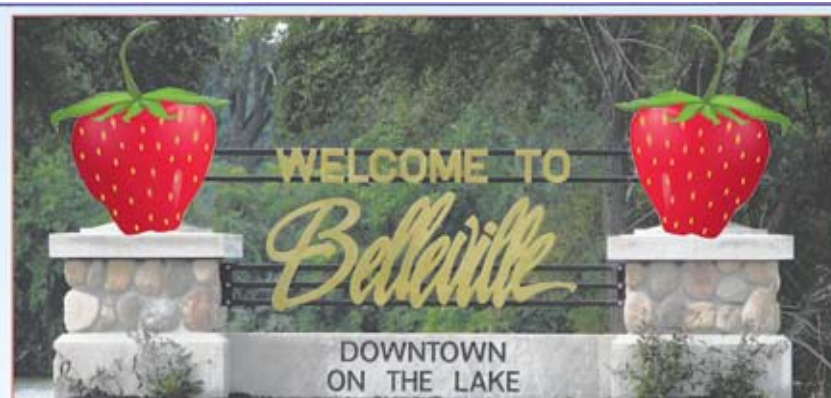
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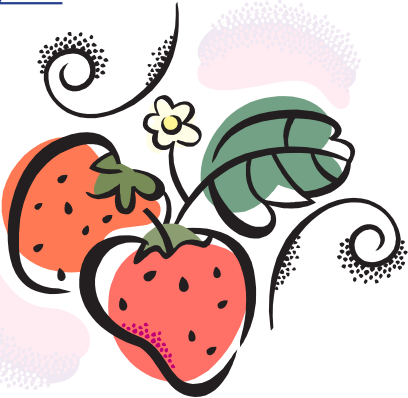


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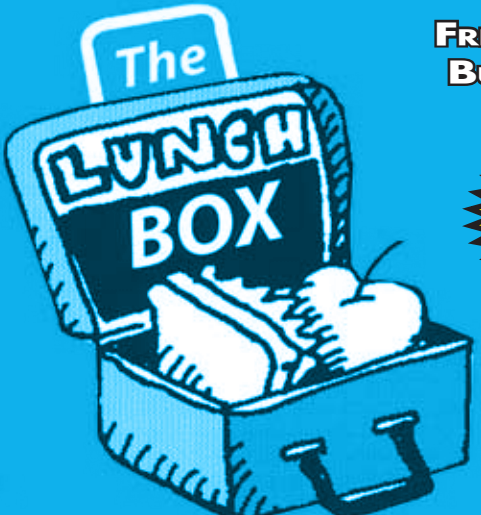
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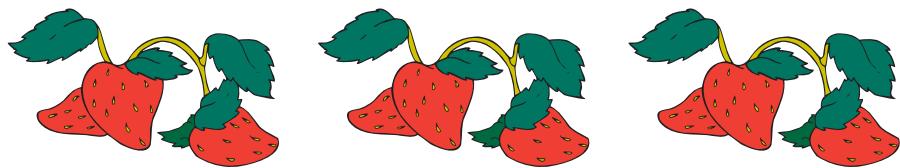
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**Re-Elect
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Denise
Partridge**

Long-time resident of Van Buren Township seeks to remain in public service. Denise has been a resident of Van Buren Township Quirk Subdivision since 1976. Denise was a Van Buren Township employee, mostly in the Treasurer's Office, for more than 30 years. She and her husband Steve have a blended family of five sons, five grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

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)
- Quirk Sub Concern Committee
- VBT Recreation Committee Liaison from the Cultural Advisory Committee

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BAF announces acquisition of ServoTech in City of Belleville

BAF Technologies of Dallas, a wholly owned subsidiary of Clean Energy Fuels Corp., on Monday announced the acquisition of Belleville-based ServoTech Engineering, Inc., an auto emissions solutions provider.

BAF, the leading U.S. provider of natural gas vehicle systems and conversions, recently produced its 20,000th compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle conversion. BAF is the first CNG converter to be recognized as a Ford Qualified Vehicle Modifier (QVM) for gaseous fuels.

"This makes BAF the only natural gas vehicle QVM with this level of access"

BAF President John Bacon said, "ServoTech's long-term relationship with

Ford will support BAF in developing calibrations more efficiently going forward. We expect this will enable BAF to have CARB-and EPA-approved vehicles on the road faster than ever."

Dr Hamid Servati, ServoTech's current president, will continue to lead the new BAF subsidiary's operations. As a Ford Qualified Calibration Modifier (QCM), ServoTech has direct access to the Ford engine calibration strategy. Each vehicle converted by BAF is registered through Ford Quality Fleet Care (QFC) for all warranty and service work.

"This makes BAF the only natural gas vehicle QVM with this level of access," Bacon said. "Currently, BAF has nine different engine families that were developed with ServoTech."

In addition, BAF crash tests all of its light-duty vehicle products to achieve FMVSS-303 compliance. It has a network of 65 Ford dealers across the country certified to service the company's CNG conversions.

Since 1987, ServoTech has provided auto emission solutions to the OEM and vehicle retrofit/aftermarket industry, helping manufacturers and vehicle converters comply with emission reduction goals and standards. The company offers research, development and testing services, manufacturing capabilities, software design and development, engine management systems and technical training and education.

In addition, ServoTech designs and manufactures emissions control systems for engine test cells, including a NOx controller, catalytic converters, and electronic controls.

ServoTech is located at 510 Savage Road in the City of Belleville.

Curves of Belleville rolls out red carpet to SilverSneakers members

Curves of Belleville is rolling out the red carpet to members of the award-winning Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program, the nation's leading exercise program designed for older adults.

SilverSneakers members are now eligible to join Curves of Belleville at no cost.

"We are so pleased to welcome local SilverSneakers members to Curves of Belleville," said club owner Robin Gragg. "As you age, your risks for debilitating disease increase, and being overweight or obese significantly adds to that risk."

"At Curves of Belleville, we have programs that help women of all ages do the three most significant things they can do to decrease their risks -- manage their weight, exercise regularly, and eat healthfully."

Gragg invited people to stop in or call and talk to staff to see if they are eligible.

There are 6,500 Curves locations and more than 2.5 million women in the U.S. who are eligible for the SilverSneakers program.

For more information about Curves of Belleville, call 734-697-2000.

About Curves

Curves works every major muscle group with a complete 30-minute workout that combines strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity through safe and effective hydraulic resistance.

Curves also works to help women lose weight, gain muscle strength and aerobic capacity, and raise metabolism with its groundbreaking, scientifically proven method that ends the need for perpetual dieting.

Founders Gary and Diane Heavin are considered the innovators of the express fitness phenomenon that has made exercise available to around 4 million women globally, many of whom are in the gym for the first time. With nearly 10,000 locations worldwide, Curves is the world's largest fitness franchise.

For more information, visit: www.curves.com.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED GENRAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET AND DEBT FUND BUDGET

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REVIEWING THE PROPOSED
OPERATING BUDGET AND DEBT FUND BUDGET
THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
555 W. COLUMBIA AVENUE
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the districts proposed general fund operating budget and debt fund budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Copies of the proposed 2012-13 budgets are available on June 22, 2012 and thereafter for public inspection at the Board of Education Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Kevin English, Secretary
Board of Education

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Belleville City Council Tentative Agenda Regular Meeting

Monday, June 18 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
9. A.FY2012-12 Fee Schedule Amendment
10. B. SMART 2013 Municipal Credits
11. Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures
12. 10-13. Officials' and Citizens' Comments
13. 14. Action Items for Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.
14. 15. Executive Session
15. A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.
16. Adjournment.

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Parkway Services Inc. is a local provider of portable toilets and septic cleaning for all outdoor activities, such as picnics, graduations, and construction sites. Call (734) 482-7633.

Customer Appreciation Day is June 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Valero's Gas Station/Tubby's** on Rawsonville Road at Martz Road. There will be a free moon bounce castle and a full-size Mountain Dew basketball hoop for kids, giveaways of hats and T-shirts and a chance to enter a contest to win a night's stay at Kalahari Resort. Free hot dogs, chips, and sodas will also be on tap. Stop in to start your day with a free cup of coffee, beginning at 6 a.m.

Tickets will be available at the door for tomorrow evening's (Friday, June 15) performance of **That Puppet Guy - Richard Paul** (ventriloquist) at 6 p.m. at the **Hen House** at 871 Sumpter Road in Belleville. The show begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under. An all-you-can-eat dinner buffet is included. Call (734) 697-1230.

Hidalgo's Mexican Restaurant on Sumpter Road in the Davenport Plaza is gearing up for Father's Day with free fried ice cream with any dinner purchase. Enter Dad in a contest to win a Father's Day Basket with a value of \$300. Drawings will take place on Saturday, June 16 at 5 p.m.

The strawberries are still available for picking at **Rowe's Produce Farm & Farm Market** on Martz Road just west of Rawsonville Road. They're open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For up-to-the-minute picking conditions, call (734) 482-8538 or visit www.rowesproducefarm.com.

It's Strawberry Festival time folks and once again I'll be out and about photographing the festival parade on Saturday. The lineup is supposed to be one of the largest ever and the weather is supposed to be sunny and in the 80's with no rain. Perfect. Our flower pots and streetscape perennials up and down Main are all blooming and our downtown will sparkle once again. It's so nice to be part of a small town, a beautiful lake and great people. I can't wait.

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2011

City of Belleville Water Department Consumer Confidence Report

The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. After this year you will be seeing this report by July 1st each year.

Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Detroit Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville has purchased approximate 171,642,000 gallons of water in 1998.

The system uses water drawn from Detroit River's 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120 feet deep. The Line slopes to a depth of 132 feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3-miles to the Southwest low lift pumps.

The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by hard hat divers or with cameras, for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from presence of animal or human activity.

Your source of water comes from the Detroit river, situated within lake St Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S and parts of the Thames River, Little river, Turkey River and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S Geological Survey, The Detroit water and Sewage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating in on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources.

The susceptibility of our Detroit river source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source water protection program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please contact DWSD.

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How Do We Know our Water Is Safe.

We obtain water from the City of Detroit whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The Chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment, and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the City of Detroit Water System. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit water and Sewage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected.

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What is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risks of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to causes disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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Minding Biz

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I love an election year here at the newspaper and I enjoy working with the candidates, campaign managers in some cases, and with other supporters who are out to get votes. Today's paper has many political ads and there will be more to come up until the August primary.

Some candidates are taking advantage of our latest advertising promotion featuring free color. We call it our **Show Your Stripes** promotion. Now through July 5, if you double the size of your display ad (or larger) for 4 weeks or more, you'll get free color. If you're not a current advertiser, but thinking about it, simply advertise in Belleville's real hometown newspaper for 2 months in color and get 1 month of color for free. Call me for the details at (734) 699-9020.

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

Van Buren Township approves concerts for annual summer series

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Six musical groups have been approved for the annual Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series.

At its regular meeting June 5, the VBT Board of Trustees approved using \$3,000 from the annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant to help pay for the series.

Total cost of the series is \$3,550, so \$550 will be coming from the Recreation Department budget.

All concerts are held at 7 p.m. on Fridays at the Van Buren Park on the South I-94 Service Drive near the Kmart shopping plaza. Cost is \$4 per car at the park gate to enter the park. Otherwise, the concert is free to the public.

In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Van Buren Township Hall Community Center, 46425 Tyler Road.

This summer's lineup, date of performance, and performance fees charged to the township are:

- Belleville Community Band, July 13, \$500;
- Kelsey Rose & TeeZer, July 20, \$700;
- Delirious Love, July 27, July 27, \$350;
- Toppermost (Beatles Tribute), Aug. 3, \$800;
- All Directions Band, Aug. 10, \$650; and
- Stolen Moments, Aug. 17, \$550.

Several township board members, who regularly attend the concerts, invited the public to attend the concerts and join in the fun.

They said the cost is only \$4 for a car full of as many people as you can stuff in, being sure to leave enough room for a cooler of food and soft drinks.

Trustee Denise Partridge suggested bringing along a pizza and to be sure to wear insect repellent.

Andrew Burns, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, said they are working at getting a food truck for the concerts, in addition to a Boy Scout concession stand.

Here's the schedule for Music Lakeside 2012

- June 21 - Steve King & the Dittilies
 - June 28 - Rock Harley as Johnny Cash
 - July 5 - Battle of the Barbershop Quartets
 - July 12 - The Music of Roy Orbison, Buddy Holley & the Everly Brothers
 - July 19 - Cats & the Fiddler
 - July 26 - Music of Hank Williams & Patsy Cline
 - August 2 - The Rootsologists with special guest Kenny Brinkley
 - August 9 - Motor City Brass Band
- Concerts are held on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. Rain location is the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street.
- The concerts are arranged by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Committee.



Kathleen Cline

Van Buren Township honors 10 employees for years of service

At its June 5 regular meeting the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees honored ten employees for years of service. Each employee was to receive a certificate of appreciation, lapel pin, and special drinking cup with straw.

Honored were:

- Kristy Bovitz, Water/Sewer Account Clerk, for 35 years of service;
- Laurie McIntosh, Water/Sewer Account Clerk, for 25 years of service;
- Mark Buckberry, Police Lieutenant, for 20 years of service;
- Vernon Morse, Accounting Coordinator, for 15 years of service;
- Carol Towles, Bookkeeper, for 15 years of service;
- Kathleen Cline, Deputy Clerk, for 15 years of service;
- Michael Shores, Fire Fighter, for 10 years of service;
- Ryan Bidwell, Police Officer, for 10 years of service;
- Scott Griggs, Police Officer, for 10 years of service; and
- Patrick Wehrman, Police Officer, for 5 years of service.

Deputy Clerk Cline was the only honoree that attended the meeting and received her award in person.

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Lead and Copper Testing.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Belleville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Required Additional Health Information.

To insure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Key to Detected Contaminants Table		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant level goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ND	Not Detected	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.
n/a	not applicable	
>	Greater than	

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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2011 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	Jan-Dec 2011	ppm	4	4	1.07	0.61 - 1.07	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/14/2011	ppm	10	10	0.21	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2011	ppb	n/a	80	33.1	11.9 – 49.2	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2011	ppb	n/a	60	16.8	10.3 – 26.0	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine) Residual	Jan-Dec 2011	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.77	0.60 – 0.86	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2011 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.3 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2011 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month	no	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E.coli</i> or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E.coli</i> positive.	entire year	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15	4ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3	168 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2011 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.02	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or a result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 14** – Popular garden speaker Janet Macunovich will present “Can’t Judge that Plant by its Cover” at 7 p.m. in the Belleville Area District Library. Free. She will talk about some garden plants, from the favorite to the obscure, to glean fun and useful information about their care, history and uses.

• **Friday, June 15** – Circus at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

• **Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17** – Strawberry Festival in downtown Belleville, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Belleville Presbyterian Church

• **Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17** – 2012 Michigan Pagan Festival, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road.

• **Saturday, June 16** – Strawberry Festival Parade, 11 a.m., preceded by Rotary Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

• **Monday, June 18** – State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites constituents for a cup of coffee from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main. Tell her what you think.

• **Monday, June 18** – Cruisin’ on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.

• **Tuesday, June 19** – Tuesday’s Cruzin the Belleville Moose, 6-9 p.m., music, food, drinks every Tuesday, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Wednesday, June 20** – Classic Car Show at Diamond Back Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Drive, sponsored in part by Ypsi Street Rods, 6 p.m. – dark, DJs, BBQ

• **Thursday, June 21** – Civil War Genealogy workshop, “When Johnny Comes Marching Home”, with Jana Sloan Broglin at the Belleville Area Museum, 6 p.m. Tickets \$3/\$5.

• **Thursday, June 21** – Free outdoor concert by Steve King & the Dittilies, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park in Belleville. Music Lakeside sponsored by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Thursday, June 21** – “The Other Book Group” meets at the Bayou Grill at 7 p.m. This month’s book: “This is Your Brain on Music” by Daniel Levitin.

• **Friday, June 22** – 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.

Johnson sentenced to probation, has to pay victim restitution

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Thomas Michael Johnson, 51, of Van Buren Township has been sentenced to one year probation and eight days on the 34th District Court work program. He also has to pay \$700 in restitution to his victim.

Johnson, who pled guilty on April 27 to one count of Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property, went before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on June 7 for his sentencing.

The sentencing had been delayed since he told Judge Green he was scheduled to have heart valve surgery in May.

Johnson was represented by court-appointed attorney Jeffrey Babbage. In his plea deal, in exchange for the guilty plea, two of three Receiving and Concealing charges were dismissed.

Babbage told Judge Green that Johnson is unemployed and living with family. Johnson said he hadn't been in trouble for the past 30 years.

Babbage told the judge that Johnson allowed some people to live with him that collected other people's possessions.

Johnson was arrested April 4 by Van Buren Township Police after being found with a stolen flat-screened TV and other stolen items.

VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain said Special Investigative Unit (SIU) personnel spent countless hours of surveillance and investigating trips to solve the rash of home invasions in the Denton Subdivision area from November through April.

He said they put together five cases after seeing Johnson attempting to transport stolen property from his residence in the 6500 block of Parkside in Town and Country mobile home park, adjoining the Denton neighborhood. He was carrying a flat-screened TV stolen from a Michigan Avenue home the day before, Laurain said.

Laurain said a search warrant was executed on Johnson's residence and a large cache of jewelry and electronics were seized along with prescription narcotic bottles from prior break-ins in Denton Subdivision.

The break-in victim who owned the flat-screened TV and other items police found in Johnson's possession asked for restitution. Judge Green ordered him to pay her insurance deductible of \$500, plus a \$200 increase in her insurance premium. Once that is paid, he must pay a court fine of \$400 and state costs of \$125.

Following the sentencing, Johnson had to see the probation department on another matter.

He was scheduled for a pre-trial hearing June 14 before Judge David Parrott on another charge from the Denton Subdivision crimes.

Each charge against Johnson is being heard separately by the court, according to Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan.



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- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be a result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

An Explanation of the Water-Quality Data Table

The following table shows results of our water quality analyses. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even in the most minute traces, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, and a key to units of measurements. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet or a treatment technique under certain conditions. The data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

Detected Contaminants Tables

These tables are based on tests conducted on our water by Detroit Water and Sewer Department in the year 1998 and within the last five (5) calendar years. They conduct many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is in the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is highly susceptible.

A copy of the full report can be obtained by contacting DWSD at 313-935-7106.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

This report was prepared by Keith Boc the Director of Public Services for the City of Belleville using data supplied by our water provider. The City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Should you have any further questions, concerns please feel free to call me at 697-9323.

This report is being provided to the residents of Belleville to in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the Specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

During 2003, DWSD conducted monitoring for the unregulated contaminant monitoring rule. None of the contaminants were detected. For more information contact DWSD at 313-267-3626

Water Quality Data for community systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street Belleville MI. 48111. Look for future year's reports to come prior to July 1st of each year.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2012

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Burns, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-two (32).

Supervisor White reminded the audience of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct three minute rule.

Treasurer Budd read a tribute to Cathy Horste who was a long time resident and Township Historian who recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Cathy Horste.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ostrowski moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes May 14, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2012; Special Work Study Session Minutes May 21, 2012.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to hear public comment on reprogramming of portions of the Township's fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Partridge, Ostrowski, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Supervisor White went to Director Carroll for an explanation. Director Carroll stated over the past several years the Township has been programming a portion of CDBG allocation into the Belleville Road sidewalk project. The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has raised some concerns about the cost benefit of the acquisition of the required easements versus the construction costs. To avoid losing the money previously allocated amounts in 2008 for \$41,495; 2009 for \$48,792 and 2010 for \$97,000 it is recommended that the funds be reprogrammed into funding those items that had to be eliminated from the Beck Road ball fields project in order to accommodate the storm water drainage.

The following comments and questions were made by the Board. Trustee Partridge requested Director Carroll review the details of the project. Director Carroll stated the following are included project: a playscape \$61,000, a pavilion \$25,000, six dugouts \$30,000 and remaining money for architectural design study for concession building improvements. Trustee Jahr ask for clarification of remaining money use. Director Carroll stated it would also go towards the improvements to the concession building. Treasurer Budd stated the money has to be reprogrammed into a project that is ready to go or the money will go back to the government. Treasurer Budd further stated in the original E.Q. improvement project agreement had included these items. Clerk Wright stated he is happy to see the Beck Road ball field improvement project is to be completed. Trustee Jahr stated he feels this is also a good project and a better use of CDBG funds than to pay for easements. Supervisor White reiterated the original Beck Road ball field project improvements and supports this use of CDBG funds. Trustee Hart requested the administration make sure they know the rules of requesting CDBG funds. Treasurer Budd stated she is sits on the Wayne County CDBG Board and the sidewalk project had been approved by Wayne County CDBG but Wayne County CDBG and HUD changed their minds. Treasurer Budd agreed this reprogrammed project is a good qualifying project for the use of CDBG funds, noting these funds must be reprogrammed and used by September.

The following comments and questions were made by the audience. John Delaney inquired about tournaments to be held at the ball fields and stated the sidewalks are needed on Belleville Road so residents can safely walk to Meijer. Treasurer Budd stated Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working on having the sidewalks done and there is still CDBG funds allocated in 2011 and 2012 for the sidewalks. Larry Fix inquired if the Township's insurance will cover if someone is injured on the playscape; improvements have been done in the past to the ball fields by volunteers; has the Township reviewed the Little League program balance sheet; no Little League tournaments have been held since 2002 although the Travel League has held tournaments. John Delaney reiterated the need for sidewalks on Belleville Road.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Partridge moved Ostrowski seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor White apologized to John Delaney for his inappropriate comment he made to him after the last Board of Trustees meeting.

On Monday, June 18th the American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Van Buren Township Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and for more information visit the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

Supervisor White read a letter from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary thanking him for speaking at Ready Set Wear It the Life Jacket World Record event to kick off National Safe Boating week.

Service awards were given to the following employees: Patrick Wehrman for 5 years of service; Michael Shores, Ryan Bidwell and Scott Griggs for 10 years of service; Vernon Morse, Carol Towles and Kathleen Cline for 15 years of service; Mark Buckberry for 20 years of service; Laurie McIntosh for 25 years of service; Kristy Bovitz for 35 years of service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve of reprogramming a portion of the Township's fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to accept the 2011 Audits from Plante & Moran as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-12 a request for approval of new Class C Liquor License with Dance-Entertainment permit for Toe Joe, LLC (formerly Mr. Bills) located at 41111 Huron River Drive. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to allow John Delaney to ask three additional questions regarding Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Project on Ecorse Road from Beck Road to Morton Taylor Road. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart and Budd. Nays: Wright and White. Absent: None. Carried. (Mr. Delaney had previously been to the podium twice for this agenda item.)

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-13 the intergovernmental agreement between Van Buren Township and Wayne County regarding the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Project on Ecorse Road from Beck Road to Morton Taylor Road. Carried.

Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve the use of \$3,000 from annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant towards the 2012 Van Buren Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Robert Cook and Walter Rochowiak to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire on June 1, 2014. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the June 5, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White ordered the April 2012 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Wright announced the following: on Saturday, June 9th Annual Family Fishing Day in conjunction with Wayne County Parks at the Crosswinds Marsh from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Friday, on June 22nd Takin' it to the Streets event at Tyler Elementary School Parking lot from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Preregistration for this event by Friday, June 15th. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Clerk Wright stated voucher procedures are being followed in the Township and acknowledged his staff for their work.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 10:00 p.m. to 10:29 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: K2/Spice synthetic marijuana emergency ordinance; request to have the FEMA floodplain item put on agenda for the Board to vote on; former Trustee stated he resigned; Belleville Area Women's Club Debate for the Van Buren candidates for offices of Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer; private roads; Supervisor's comments to a senior after the last Board meeting; Police Department management tool a point system; Huron Valley Ambulances housed at Fire Station; Fire Department; written plan for the FEMA floodplain by the Township; building permits, zoning ordinance and Planning and Economic Development Services Director.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 10:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Paul D. White, Township Supervisor
Publish: June 14, 2012

City of Belleville Public Notice

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012-13 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 City Budget has been presented by the City Manager and reviewed by the City Council with the Administration, resulting in various modifications being made to the proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 4, 2012 as required by City Charter for final determination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby determines that the 2012 property tax levy for the City of Belleville shall be 18.126 Mills for general operating purposes payable to the General Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the one percent (1%) collection fee be levied as provided by Statute; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the 2012-13 City Budget as follows:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDS.
General Fund	\$ 2,031,972	\$ 2,012,042
Major Street Fund	\$ 158,010	\$ 163,812
Local Street Fund	\$ 94,760	\$ 124,661
Cemetery Fund	\$ 76,100	\$ 75,112
Sanitation Fund	\$ 205,891	\$ 206,459
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 53,263
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 49,652
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 59,853	\$ 148,146
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 399,220	\$ 438,720
DDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 443,686	\$ 443,686

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to state law, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation within each Fund, but not from Contingency or Capital Reserve Accounts nor between Funds.

Adopted by City Council Resolution No. 11-058 on June 4, 2012.

Published: June 14, 2012

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Schedules for out for camps, workouts, BHS basketball, football, soccer, golf

By Bob Mytych
Independent Sports Editor

While the majority of the BHS students are enjoying the start of summer vacation, other student athletes are about to prepare themselves for a successful season of fall sports.

The basketball program at BHS has announced its summer conditioning schedule that will be geared towards individual skill development by building agility and strength.

Organizers also announced there will be a fee for the program. While all students are welcome to summer camp, the varsity event participation will be by invitation only. Varsity fees will be \$75 and Junior Varsity \$40. The funds will be used to pay for shootouts and summer tournaments.

The summer schedule began June 11 with summer workouts taking place at North Middle School. The weekly days are Monday and Wednesday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. during the months of June and July with no camp sessions held the week of July 2-6.

The Varsity schedule will consist of the John Glenn Shootout June 14-15, Adrian Shootout June 16-17, Romulus League June 19, 21, 26, and 28, July 10 and 12, and Spartan Shootout June 22-23.

The JV schedule will include Milan League June 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27.

Participants are asked to contact their coaches for details.

Football

The 2012 summer football calendar will begin with weight room workouts taking place at North Middle School.

Other key dates include:

Offense/Defense Camp at North Middle School on June 25 and 27, from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Passing League at Wyandotte, June 26 and 28, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Weight room at North Middle School June 18, 10:30 a.m.

No sessions July 1-7.

Passing League at Chelsea July 9, 11, and 16, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Weight Room July 27.

Conditioning Session July 30-31, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Conditioning at BHS Stadium, Aug. 1-2, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Liftathon, Aug. 3 at 9 a.m.

Equipment Issue, Aug. 3 for Juniors, 9:30 a.m., Sophomores, 10 a.m.

Football Practice begins Aug. 6, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Freshmen, 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Practice Sessions, Aug. 6-8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Helmets Varsity and JV.

Practice Sessions Aug. 9-10, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Full Pads Varsity and JV.

Practice Sessions Aug. 13-15, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Full Pads.

4-Way Scrimmage at Wynadotte, Aug. Freshmen 12 noon, JV 4 p.m., Varsity 6:30 p.m.

Picture Day Aug. 17, Varsity 10 a.m., Scrimmage DVD at 9 a.m.

Game Week Aug. 20 TBA

Game Week at Ypsilanti Lincoln JV / Freshmen TBD.

Game 1 Aug. 24 at Lincoln 7 p.m.

For info, contact BHS Varsity Coach Matt Davenport at (734) 216-7706 or Freshmen Coach Ken Lacross at (734) 377-5368.

Soccer

Belleville soccer has announced its summer tryouts and conditioning schedule. The conditioning sessions for 9-12 graders aren't mandatory but encouraged. Tryouts are mandatory for participants hoping to reserve a spot on the varsity and Junior Varsity teams.

Conditioning will begin Aug. 1 and continue through Aug. 10 at Savage Elementary School. All conditioning sessions will be from 8-10 a.m. Tryouts will take place Aug. 13-14, from 8-10 a.m. each day.

Participants are required to bring running shoes, soccer cleats, soccer ball, shin guards, and water to drink. All dates and times are subject to change. Call Varsity Soccer Coach Brent Held at (734) 740-0731 or Assistant Coach Ron Held at (734) 699-5866.

Golf

Belleville Golf practice will get under way Aug. 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harbour Club Golf Course -- Belleville's home course.

After that practice will run Fridays 9-11 a.m. and participants will receive a practice schedule. During the summer, the golf course and Belleville Coach Scott Wilsey have worked out a deal for BHS players

to play for free every Friday at 9 a.m. The intent is to play 9 holes and use the driving range and putting green for practice.

For information, email Coach Wilsey at scottwilsey@sbcglobal.net

BHS Athletics require that all student athletes have a valid school physical form before taking part in any sport.

VBT re-programs CDBG funds from sidewalks to ball field

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting June 5, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a public hearing and then unanimously approved reprogramming \$187,587 of federal block grant funds from the Belleville Road Sidewalk Project to complete work on the Beck Road ball fields.

Community Development Block Grant money from 2008, 2009, and 2010 had been set aside to purchase right-of-way on Belleville Road to build a sidewalk on the east side from Tyler to Robson roads.

Last fall, the township was informed that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had questioned the cost benefit of spending about \$185,000 to acquire easements on which to build a \$66,000 sidewalk.

Terry Carroll, director of planning and economic development, said the township had been awaiting the final determination on the funds for a number of weeks.

Meanwhile, the Wayne County Community Development Advisory Council approved an extension on the use of funds for 2008 and 2009 until Sept. 30, 2012, in order to allow time to get this issue resolved.

Because there had been no movement on a HUD decision for some time, Carroll recommended those two years be reprogrammed in order to save them from recapture.

"We have been successful in convincing Wayne

2012 Belleville Community Band Summer Concerts:

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH AT 3:00PM
First United Methodist Church
417 Charles St.

FRIDAY, JULY 13TH AT 7:00PM
Van Buren Park, I-94 Service Dr.

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH AT 3:00PM
First United Methodist Church
417 Charles St.

County, the entity that administers these funds, that the block group in which the Beck Road Ball Fields are located is eligible for funding because of the income of the individuals living in this area," Carroll wrote in a memo.

He specifically reported that the ball fields are located in Census Tract 28163, Block 588100, Block Group 3 and this area has had a low and moderate income population of 55.1% for the past two years.

The recent project funded by the EQ Company at the ball fields had to be scaled back considerably when unexpected storm water drainage issues arose during construction.

Several items did not get accomplished, including the pavilion and the playscape, and Carroll urged the board to reprogram the funds for 2008 and 2009 to cover these items instead of losing the money.

He said the estimates are: playscape, \$61,000; pavilion, \$25,000; and six dugouts, \$30,000; for a total of \$116,000.

Since these items exceeded the \$41,495 from 2008 and the \$48,792 from 2009, he suggested reprogramming the 2010 funds of \$97,300 that is also supposed to be fully expended this year.

That total is \$187,587. Carroll said the extra funds will provide for a contingency and other items might be able to be added to the ball field upgrades, such as a full architectural review of the concession stand, with a recommendation for improvements.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said in his opinion it is a better use of the CDBG funds than buying road right of way for Wayne County.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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

Sunday, June 3:

0041 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
0102 – loud party complaint, 10870 Lighthouse
0104 – noise complaint, 44274 Robson Rd.
0155 – suicide or attempt, 9662 Sawgrass Ct.
0158 – noise complaint, 6748 Maurice Dr.
0238 – loud party complaint, 9985 Jackson Ln.
0957 – larceny from auto, 48490 Denton Rd.
1052 – property damage accident, Hannan/Huron River Dr.

1153 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1256 – disorderly conduct, Frosty Boy
1303 – private property accident, 10276 Belleville
1337 – PPO violation, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1424 – breaking & entering, 6515 Outer Dr.
1502 – property damage accident, Belleville/ N. I-94 Service Dr.

1514 – trespassing, 41709 Arthur St.
1528 – disturbance, 8854 Parkwood Dr.
1554 – missing person, 6177 N. Adams
1637 – breaking & entering, 10819 Oak Lane
1846 – trespassing, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1859 – juvenile complaint, 6177 N. Adams
2032 – trespassing, 7231 Amanda Dr.
2036 – larceny, 24 Oak Blvd.
2118 – breaking & entering, 14270 Robbe Rd.
2320 – larceny, 41450 Archwood Dr.

Monday, June 4:

0141 – agency assist, Spirits
0759 – hospice, 6184 Western St.
0816 – trespassing, 7465 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1436 – narcotics crime, 47097 McBride, North Middle School

1452 – trespassing, Kirkridge
1551 – private property accident, Walmart
1609 – breaking & entering, 41782 Huron River
1735 – sexual assault, 10638 Oak Ln.
1948 – larceny, 48871 Denton Rd.
2011 – missing person, 6177 N. Adams
2102 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler, VBT
2123 – noise complaint, 41600 N. Belleridge Dr.
2155 – assault & battery, 6418 Western St.
2218 – juvenile complaint, 43 N. Ponderosa Trl.

Tuesday, June 5:

0020 – assault & battery, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
0650 – assault & battery, 9276 W. Walden
0710 – malicious destruction of property, 46131 Village Green Ln.

0759 – property damage accident, Haggerty/WB I-94
0836 – harassment call, 15305 Westlake
1050 – juvenile complaint, 8902 Parkwood
1308 – reckless driving, Tavistock/Andover
1435 – property damage accident, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.

1439 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1511 – property damage accident, 6 Main
1516 – assault & battery, 8958 Parkwood
1857 – property damage accident, 10341 Westlake
1910 – fight, 9879 Jackson St.
1930 – property damage accident, Walmart
1935 – juvenile complaint, Jackson/Buchanan
1942 – juvenile complaint, 48621 S. I-94 Service
2014 – larceny, 9732 Jackson
2015 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
2035 – assault & battery, 6496 Briarwood Dr.
2129 – juvenile complaint, 6760 Maurice
2148 – property damage accident, 43820 Stonebridge Dr.

Wednesday, June 6:

0008 – assault & battery, 48021 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0038 – noise complaint, 7976 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0405 – trespassing, 8813 Parkwood Dr.
1133 – malicious destruction of property, 6158 E. Adams
1303 – property damage accident, Beck/Tyler
1327 – narcotics crime, Victory Park
1429 – suicide or attempt, 158 Aspen
1505 – assault & battery, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1523 – assault & battery, 5930 Winchester
1543 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Grace Lake
1731 – personal injury accident, 7130 Rawsonville
1740 – shots fired, 8800 Parkwood Manor
1810 – disturbance, Van Buren Park
1912 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler, VBT
1949 – malicious destruction of property, 11051 Van Buren St.

2215 – assault & battery, 10850 Lighthouse Dr.
2241 – assault & battery, 43546 Revere Dr.
2323 – operating while intoxicated, 11000 Belleville
2323 – disturbance, 49835 Cross St.
Thursday, June 7:
0134 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park/Ecorse
0249 – breaking & entering, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
0355 – assault & battery, 49011 Denton Rd.
0858 – narcotics crime, 41474 McKinley
0923 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Jeannette
1002 – larceny from auto, 42738 Rebecca Ct.
1227 – trespassing, Kirkridge
1329 – private property accident, 48671 Denton
1338 – trespassing, Kirkridge
1339 – suicide or attempt, 10850 Lighthouse Dr.
1645 – breaking & entering, 5949 Vernon St.
1714 – fight, Archwood pool
1723 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1800 – disturbance, 41382 Edison Lake
1813 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 49070 Denton Rd.
2034 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Pk/Ecorse
2104 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor
2306 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Tyler
2336 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/Van Born

Friday, June 8:

0217 – assault & battery, 11 Birch Dr.
0445 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
0512 – assault & battery, 9029 Parkwood Dr.
1021 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler, VBT
1137 – larceny, 10562 Belleville, Walmart
1231 – sexual assault, 48430 Denton
1440 – solicitor complaint, 42039 Arthur St.
1747 – narcotics crime, 10850 Lighthouse Dr.
1913 – larceny from auto, 43114 Daniel Dr.
2037 – retail fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
2048 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
2136 – noise complaint, 48104 Martz Rd.
2214 – malicious destruction of property, 10149 Hamilton St.

2345 – noise complaint, Ecorse Service Dr. B / Mida Dr.

Saturday, June 9:

0141 – disturbance, 51250 Sylvia Dr.
0734 – assault & battery, 13970 Winding Pond Dr.
1012 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48611 Denton
1035 – malicious destruction of property, 7798 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1107 – private property accident, 44700 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1110 – domestic violence, 7493 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1210 – larceny, Van Buren Park
1249 – larceny, Sandy's Marina
1318 – intimidation threat, 11599 Meadows Ct.
1333 – hospice, 9769 Van Buren St.
1335 – larceny, 41685 Arthur St.
1433 – larceny, 9269 Parkwood Dr.
1506 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1611 – noise complaint, 48104 Martz Rd.
1721 – assault & battery, 120 Richard Run
1903 – juvenile complaint, 6760 Maurice dr.
1915 – shots fired, 48522 W. Huron River Dr.
1928 – property damage accident, 10856 Jackson
1926 – assault & battery, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.
1932 – assault & battery, 44751 Robson Rd.
2028 – juvenile complaint, Maurice/bypass
2034 – missing person, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown
2034 – fight, DNR/Rawsonville
2114 – disorderly conduct, DNR/Rawsonville
2208 – disturbance, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.
2217 – fireworks, Rolan Meadows
2237 – harassment call, 9045 Parkwood Dr.
2318 – noise complaint, 48104 Martz Rd.
2322 – assault & battery, 48771 Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 235 traffic stops, 40 of which were on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 3:

0109 – welfare check, 327 Charles
0113 – fireworks, Savage/Victorian Lane
0222 – suspicious vehicle, Victoria Commons
1032 – water leak found, 227 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1115 – vehicle lockout, Charter One
1357 – disorderly conduct, Frosty Boy
1413 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court.
1747 – traffic hazard, 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
2118 – disturbance, Skate Park

2211 – shots fired, 27 Menlo Park Dr.
Monday, June 4:
0643 – traffic complaint, Victorian Lane/Savage
0655 – animal complaint, 570 Sumpter
1158 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
1500 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1536 – civil matter, 178 N. Liberty
1648 – misc. complaint, 444 Main, Andrew's
1721 – prisoner check, 46425 Tyler, VBT
1733 – assist fire dept., 265 Main
1909 – disorderly conduct, 265 Main
1942 – suspicious person, Main/E. Huron River
2113 – intrusion alarm, 871 Sumpter
2206 – agency assist, 15435 Martinsville

Tuesday, June 5:

0848 – misc. complaint, 6 Main
0938 – harassment call, 6 Main
1146 – misc. complaint, 6 Main
1524 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 509 Estrada
1553 – property damage accident, 6 Main
1912 – fireworks, Church/W. Columbia Ave.
2025 – assist fire dept., 13 Carmell

Wednesday, June 6:

0752 – intrusion alarm, 1 Belle Villa Blvd.
0911 – narcotics crime, South Middle School
1045 – parking complaint, 795 Sumpter
1146 – animal complaint, Horizon Park
1242 – vehicle lockout, 60 Main

1343 – malicious destruction of property, Char House parking lot
1432 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
1711 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 75 S. Liberty St.

1747 – parking complaint, 52 Carmell
1828 – welfare check, 606 Estrada
1948 – private property accident, 573 E. Huron River Dr.
2037 – disturbance, Main/Third
2103 – suspicious situation, 485 High
2153 – suspicious person, 29 Carmell

Thursday, June 7:

1233 – assault & battery, Frosty Boy
1233 – private property accident, A&W
1250 – larceny, Capt. Nemo
1414 – found property, 375 N. Liberty
1439 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
1553 – missing person, 6 Main
1824 – assault & battery, BHS
1942 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 459 E. Waterbury Ct.
2339 – intrusion alarm, 883 Sumpter

Friday, June 8:

0249 – parking complaint, 148 Carmell
0805 – misc. complaint, 6 Main
0935 – neighbor trouble, 15 Carmell
1646 – larceny from auto, 337 S. Industrial Pk.
2027 – follow up, 509 Estrada
2040 – follow up, 226 N. Aberdeen Ct.
2159 – suspicious person, Victory Park
2203 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
2249 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter/Owen

Saturday, June 9:

0046 – suspicious person, Lakeview
0118 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell
1034 – property damage accident, Main/Third
1107 – fraud, 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
1254 – disorderly conduct, 644 E. Huron River
1526 – harassment call, 6 Main St.
1930 – intrusion alarm, 250 Henry
2029 – vehicle lockout, Lunch Box
2132 – missing person, 262 Aberdeen
2224 – traffic complaint, Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.
2243 – parking complaint, 31 Victorian Ct.
2257 – agency assist, 12864 Nautica
2325 – agency assist, 6089 Rawsonville
Also on this week's log are 19 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 3:

0459 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Pecan
0546 – property damage accident, Willow/Carleton West
0626 – warrant arrest pickup, Willow/Carleton West
1141 – juvenile complaint, Elwell/Harris
1229 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1602 – traffic hazard, Elwell/Wear
1752 – shots fired investigation, Willow/ Martinsville
1940 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Lane
2034 – accidental damage report, 42000 bl. Willow
2103 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear/ Sherwood

2109 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2117 – fire dept. assist, Dakota
2206 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, June 4:

0312 – citizen assist, Birch Ct.
0925 – citizen assist, Montana
1217 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1427 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1645 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1647 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1728 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1754 – property damage accident, Wyoming / Nevada
1805 – warrant arrest, out of township
1815 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1849 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1935 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1942 – suspicious vehicle, Pecan

Tuesday, June 5:

0029 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1224 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/ Willis
1244 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell
1328 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1433 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Elwell
1443 – harassment complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1539 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1704 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1838 – warrant arrest, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1906 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1911 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1915 – civil dispute, Montana
2046 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood
2057 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, June 6:

0400 – abandoned vehicle, Willis/Sumpter
0556 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willis
0814 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1016 – larceny, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1116 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1221 – suspicious incident, Edgewood
1604 – well-being check, Pecan
1609 – civil dispute, Montana
1747 – assist other agency, Bemis/Martz
1907 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1935 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2017 – recovered UDAA (stolen vehicle), 17000 bl. Martinsville

2020 – parking complaint, Carriage Ln.
2029 – 911 hangup investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2058 – assault, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2330 – fire dept. assist, Vermont

Thursday, June 7:

0416 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1122 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1305 – fraud report, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1323 – assault, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1505 – threats complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1702 – neighbor dispute, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1848 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, June 8:

0029 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1019 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1206 – larceny, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1358 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1519 – recovered UDAA (stolen vehicle), 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1745 – family trouble, Redwood
1909 – found property, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1956 – civil dispute, Wyoming
2032 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
2348 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 9:

0005 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0057 – suspicious vehicle, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
0249 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0729 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1111 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1239 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1259 – property damage accident, Willow/Carleton West
1727 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1755 – civil dispute, Colorado
1858 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis
2038 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2145 – ordinance violation, New Mexico
2243 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Willis
2344 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 25 miscellaneous details, 123 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops, and 13 follow-up investigations.

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Keystone board OKs budget, elects officers at annual meeting

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Keystone Charter Academy Board of Directors approved a slightly reduced, but balanced, budget for the 2012-13 school year and elected officers at its busy annual board meeting May 10.

Vesta Losen was re-elected president. New vice-president is Deborah Whyman.



Treasurer Amy Gusfa and Secretary Susan Meland were re-elected. Former vice president Paul Rice indicated he will be resigning from the board because of his busy schedule.

Officials are going through the steps to find a parent to replace Rice on the board, since Meland's child graduated from Keystone and she had held that role. Four names were mentioned as possibilities.

The board approved the amended 2011-12 balanced budget of \$5,944,797 and the new 2012-13 balanced budget of \$5,863,276.

During discussion, it was learned the \$81,521 reduction in the budget will be in the area of being more conservative in overhead, including a more centralized central office, with no reductions to classrooms.

The teacher salaries, books, and teaching supplies will not be impacted, said John Joyner of National Heritage Academies, who attended the meeting via speakerphone.

The new budget was based on 760 students with flat state aid of \$7,232 per student. There will be a decrease in revenue overall because of property tax relief, with, maybe, a little boost in state aid, Joyner said.

The board removed five items from the agenda so they can be finalized, executed, and brought back to the board to ratify. Doing the fine-tuning will be Treasurer Gusfa and attorney La Rae G. Munk.

Munk explained the services agreement and lease are not in final form from Bay Mills (the charter sponsor) and some legislative items at a state level are "hanging out there that could affect us."

Keturah Godfrey, who recently was named Keystone principal, gave the monthly report. She replaces Jaclyn Jeffrey, who has been promoted within the National Heritage Academies system.

In leaving, Jeffrey is taking four Keystone staff members with her to be in management positions and two others – teachers in first and third grades -- are leaving because of their husbands' jobs.

Godfrey said there are 80 applications for the Kindergarten position, with one good prospect relocating here from Florida. She said while filling the Kindergarten position, they also are scouting the candidates for the third-grade position.

The openings have been posted internally and externally, with the NHA corporate



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Members of the Keystone Academy Charter School Board of Directors (School Board) posed for a picture on May 10 following the group's annual meeting and election of officers. From left are Vice President Deborah Whyman, Secretary Susan Meland, President Vesta Losen, Treasurer Amy Gusfa, and Director Paul Rice.

office assisting with the screening, Godfrey said.

As of May 10, Godfrey reported there are 388 students on the Keystone waiting list.

The next meeting of the Keystone school board is at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 14, at Keystone Academy on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township. The meetings are open to the public.

"Laws control the lesser man...
Right conduct controls the greater one."
Mark Twain

Field fire off Bog Road on Saturday burns 20 acres in Van Buren Twp.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department, with the help of crews from the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Augusta Township extinguished a field fire Saturday afternoon that burned about 20 acres before it was extinguished.

VBT Battalion Chief Dan Besson said a

person called in a field fire behind 49905 Bog Road at about 4:15 p.m.

North and South Duty Crews from VBT were dispatched and found the fire.

Battalion Chief Folks established Incident Command and requested both VBT Fire stations, Belleville and Sumpter for assistance with off-road firefighting vehicles and personnel.

The caller who reported the fire provided transportation via an off-road vehicle to the location of the fire which was about a quarter mile from the main roadway, a two-track dirt road.

When Folks got there, he found a large field fire with about five acres burning and fire was spreading rapidly in all directions.

That when he called for Augusta Township off-road firefighting vehicles to come, as well.

Additional fire personnel arrived on the scene and were assigned to the outer edge of the fire and began to extinguish the fire manually using portable fire extinguishers (Indian Tanks) and grass brooms.

When off-road vehicles from Van Buren, Sumpter, Belleville, and Augusta arrived on the scene, they began to extinguish the fire using tank water and a fire pump carried on the vehicles.

The fire was extinguished and the fire personnel remained on the scene to assure all the hot spots were completely out.

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