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F R E E

Thunder Over Michigan ground parade set for Aug. 3 in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

American and German Military World War II vehicles and re-enactors will parade up Belleville's Main Street at about 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, to promote that week end's Thunder Over Michigan event at Willow Run Airport.

This is the fourth year for the popular parade, which is enhanced by flyovers of old military aircraft.

This year the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's WWII "Harvard" Trainer Formation Team and the Yankee Air Museum's WWII B-25 "Mitchell" Bomber will participate.

Each aircraft will fly three passes down the parade route during separate time slots while the ground portion of the parade is in progress.

The military vehicles will leave Willow Run Airport and convoy to Belleville's Victory Park, where they are expected to arrive around 6 p.m.

After staging at the park for the parade, the vehicles will proceed up Main Street at about 6:30 p.m. and stage again, after the parade, on High Street. They expect to leave town around 7:45 p.m.

The public is invited to inspect the vehicles and visit with the WWII "soldiers" during the stagings, and view the military parade.

Michael Luther, Yankee Air Museum's Air Show Director, was present at Monday's City Council to get approval for the various street closings required by the event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Loria wanted to make sure the tracks on the vehicles wouldn't damage Belleville's new Main Street surface and Luther said in the past Police Chief Gene Taylor had inspected the rubber pads on the tracks to make sure they weren't worn out. They will be inspected this time, as well, Luther said.

During an early parade, one of the vehicles had a damaged pad and there was

some sparking and scuffing of the road surface, but no real damage to the street, Chief Taylor said on Tuesday.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the City Council:

- Voted 3-2 to make the *Belleville Lake Current* the city's new Newspaper of Record. Voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Loria, Councilman Tom Smith, and Mayor Kerreen Conley. Voting no on that motion were Council members Brian Blackburn and Kim Tindall. There were three bids for the service opened at the July 2 council meeting from the *Current*, the *Belleville-Area Independent*, and *The View*;

- Was informed by City Manager Diana Kollmeyer that the request for bids for Engineering Services has gone out and will be opened Aug. 20;

- Agreed to put off bidding out Planning and Zoning services because present consultant Birchler Arroyo had presented proposals for working with the planning commission on a Downtown Overlay District and Clear Zoning. The request for bids will be put off until these projects are over, possibly the end of the year or in the spring;

- Approved naming Mayor Conley as the city's official representative to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and City Manager Kollmeyer as the official alternate;

- Approved a resolution approving the Senior Alliance's Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services; and

- Heard City Manager Kollmeyer say she has been considering the issue of possibly closing the Skate Park and people are calling her wanting the park to continue. She said she will bring a recommendation to the council to have a public hearing on the subject, to give people a chance to speak.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Sarah Palin addressed an appreciative crowd of close to 3,000 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

Sarah Palin wows large crowd at Wayne County Fairgrounds Saturday

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Former Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin charmed a crowd of about 3,000 Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in temperatures hovering in the 90s.

The Patriots in the Park rally started at noon. Palin arrived at the microphone at around 4 p.m. and spoke for about half an hour, bringing the crowd to its feet many times with cheers and applause.

Former Alaska Gov. Palin was the keynote speaker at the event put on by the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus and Americans for Prosperity with all proceeds for the \$5 per car parking fee going to the Fallen and Wounded Warriors Fund. There reportedly were about 1,900 cars parked.

Lynn Phillips of Wounded Warriors said the fund has distributed nearly \$1 million to veterans in need of help for food, housing, and the other basics of life.

A banner near the speakers' platform on the fairgrounds identified a list of other supporters including Van Buren Township activist John Delaney and Democratic candidate for VBT Supervisor Larry Fix.

Master of Ceremonies was Thayrone X, the popular owner and host of a talk show on WAAM radio. But it was Scott Hagerstrom, State Director of Americans for Prosperity, who introduced Palin.

When Palin bounced out of an air-conditioned travel trailer, the crowd that had been patiently waiting for her greeted her with open arms. She complimented them for coming out in the heat to the Tea Party rally when they could have been spending time at home with their families.

The crowd responded to her comments with boos, when President Barack Obama's programs were mentioned, and with cheers when she spoke of America's exceptionalism and love of freedom.

Speaking of joblessness, she called out, "President Obama, if that's what you call hope, we want change," and the crowd jumped to its feet cheering. She claimed Obama's "hokey-change agenda wiped out a whole generation of prosperity."

Palin asked the crowd if they can afford four more years of this and people roared, "No." She asked them to chant "Four

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman

Almost 3,000 people sat out in the 90-degree sun at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Saturday, waiting for Sarah Palin to appear as the keynote speaker at Patriots in the Park.

Sarah Palin

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more months" and they did. She noted the November Presidential Election is not far away.

Palin referred to Willow Run and the Liberator Bombers constructed there that made it the Arsenal of Democracy and help save the free world.

She spoke on behalf of limited government and promised, "So help us, God, we will succeed" in saving the country from European-style socialism.

"Freedom is a God-given right and freedom is worth fighting for," she said and the crowd again jumped to its feet cheering.

"Don't be bummed and lose courage though the opposition looks daunting," she said, urging them to move forward in honor of those who fought and died to make the U.S.A. the strongest and best country in the world.

"Are you willing to do it again?" she asked and the crowd, again, stood up and cheered.

A long line of speakers took to the microphone before Palin arrived, including Jeff Fitzgerald, Speaker of the Wisconsin House of Representatives, who told of his experiences in passing tough legislation in his state and his disbelief when Democrats fled the state to head off votes on legislation.

Troy Mayor Janice Daniels, a Tea Party member, told of how she is under assault for voting the way she said she would during her election campaign and using her freedom of speech to express her opinions. She is facing a recall election.

Mickey Blashfield told of The People

Should Decide ballot initiative that collected 609,220 signatures seeking to let voters decide on building a new bridge to Canada.

A Van Buren Township Fire/Rescue team on bicycles made their way through the crowd checking on the welfare of members of the audience, who were spread out on the grass over a large area, some under umbrellas and shelters and others in the broiling sun.

After Palin's comments were ended, audience members headed for their air conditioned vehicles and then out of the fairgrounds. As they walked to their vehicles, Tea Party leader Daniel Benefiel asked the crowd to remember the Occupiers who destroyed, burned and trashed the areas they used. He said those present should clean up after themselves and leave the fairgrounds in good shape.

Van Buren Township Police and Michigan State Police directed traffic from the fairground's south exit to the North I-94 Service Drive and then west to Rawsonville Road. Those exiting the northern fairgrounds driveway were sent north on Quirk Road by police.

Shortly after the crowd was out on the streets from the Tea Party event, a group of more than 200 motorcycles roared through the township in a benefit run starting and ending in Taylor to earn funds for charity.

Van Buren Tea Party

At Tuesday's Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting, Dennis Moore, leader of the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus, said a Van Buren Township Tea Party is being formed and 100 new members signed up Saturday at the fairgrounds. For information, email www.bigler@gmail.com.

VBT to bill Americans for Prosperity for Saturday's security costs

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township will bill Americans for Prosperity for police overtime costs to provide security and traffic control for Saturday's Patriots in the Park event at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

About 3,000 people came to the free event to listen to the keynote speaker Sarah Palin, a national figure who had been a Vice Presidential candidate and Governor of Alaska.

About 1,900 cars were parked at \$5 each to raise money for Wounded Warriors.

Co-sponsors of the event were the Michigan unit of Americans for Prosperity and the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus.

At Monday's workshop session of the VBT Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan gave a report on the event and the extra security required.

John Delaney, who worked hard on Saturday's event but doesn't speak for the Tea Party, said there was a "snafu" the previous Thursday with the township wanting to charge \$1,300 for a special event permit. He said thanks to intervention by Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Denise Partridge, that fee was waived. Delaney said the fairgrounds never before has been charged a fee for a special event held there.

He said there still may be a \$400 charge that, he said, would come out of the funds for Wounded Warriors.

Delaney claimed the overtime by VBT police was not requested or needed.

Supervisor Paul White said he doesn't know if the money will be paid, but an invoice will be sent.

"Van Buren Township will do what Van Buren Township has to do," White said. "We have been told all the money goes for Wounded Warriors. We will see..."

McClanahan said on July 9, he was contacted by Carl Berry, who said he was hired by Willow Run Tea Party and Americans for Prosperity to be head of security for Sarah Palin. McClanahan said Berry told him they would need police protection the following Saturday. They expected from 5,000 to 10,000 people.

McClanahan said they had other meetings and strategized.

"We were asked. We didn't just show up," McClanahan said.

He said his department has a responsibility for the public safety.

"We didn't know Palin was coming until late Tuesday," White said, adding he and other officials went to the fairgrounds the next day and found there were no plans for parking or porta johns.

He said rain was predicted and so they

suggested a tow truck stand by in case it was needed to pull cars out of a muddy turf. Additional offsite parking was arranged.

"It was a last-minute thing for Van Buren Township," White said, adding that on Thursday morning they met with fairgrounds management.

McClanahan said the township found out on Tuesday about the Saturday event. He said they found out later that Palin didn't sign her contract until Wednesday.

He said the crowd was not as large as they anticipated.

Trustee Jeff Jahr asked how much will be reimbursed and McClanahan said the township doesn't have a written agreement for security.

"But, it's a matter of public safety," Trustee Jahr said and McClanahan replied, "Absolutely."

McClanahan said they are compiling the overtime costs for the billing.

Delaney said there was no special event permit issued because Terry Carroll wasn't available on Friday to issue it.

Delaney said there were 25 people with concealed weapon permits from the Willow Run Tea Party and 25 more from the Canton Tea Party who patrolled the event. He later said there were uniformed state police for the motorcade and Palin had Secret Service and FBI with her, along with her personal security.

Delaney complained that VBT police were standing around waiting to have their pictures taken with Sarah Palin's motor coach instead of patrolling.

McClanahan said Carl Berry, retired police chief from Plymouth, was in charge of personal security for Sarah Palin and he asked for the pictures of police and fire with Palin.

"We had a meeting Friday with Carl Berry on how the thing would be handled and the crowd controlled and we did it exactly that way," McClanahan said.

Delaney said McClanahan was out in the sun working while his other officers were in the shade under the canopy for 40 minutes before the picture was taken.

Captain Greg Laurain said there were no law enforcement issues that occurred or any EMS calls due to the heat.

"There was a very good crowd of people that attended and appeared to have a great time," Captain Laurain said.

"The Fairgrounds, Willow Run Tea Party and Americans for Prosperity were very good organizations to work with during this event," Laurain said.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Everyone likes fireworks, but have they gone too far?

Since the 4th of July, residents of Sumpter Township, the City of Belleville, and Van Buren Township have stood up at their regular municipal meetings to plead for help with the new state fireworks law.

At Monday's City Council meeting there were complaints about the late-night fireworks explosions and fear over dry conditions and fire.

Last week, Sumpter Township residents asked what could be done about the noise from fireworks at late hours.

Tuesday evening, Albert Obeginski of Ecorse Road asked the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees for an ordinance to keep firework shooting 300' from homes and buildings and also a provision for the fire chief to prohibit fireworks when the weather is too dry.

His neighbor Michael Reese said kids in the trailer park shoot off fireworks and the embers fall on his dry trees and log cabin house. He and his wife Donna fear fire.

They brought to the meeting a handful of sticks from the rockets that fell in their yard. Gary Marshall brought the remnants of a rose-colored balloon that floated aloft by way of hot air from an open flame. His balloon had a hole burned in it the size of a baseball. He, too, fears fire.

Officials in all three communities told the residents they would look into it and that legislators in Lansing are considering changes to the law because of all the complaints. We support fine-tuning the new fireworks law in Michigan - for the safety and peace of mind of our citizens.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

You won't be able to read the City of Belleville legals in the *Independent* after Aug. 1. At Monday's meeting of the City Council, there was a 3-2 vote to replace our longtime services as Newspaper of Record with the *Belleville Lake Current*.

Congratulations, to the *Current*. The publication recently turned two years old, so now it qualifies as a real newspaper under state statute.

I read that some 40 members of the Devils Diciples (that's the way they spell it) motorcycle group have been indicted for various alleged criminal enterprises.

I remember that group from the late 1970s when I was editor of the *Richmond Review* in northern Macomb County and they planned to kill me.

It's a long story. I covered the funeral of one of their members from Richmond who had been stabbed in Windsor. A large group of motorcyclists came to town and many people locked up their houses and pulled down their shades in fear.

I was much younger then, and fearless, and covered the funeral, including the wine-drinking mourners out behind the funeral home on their bikes.

I staked out a place by the side of the road at the cemetery, which was perfect to take a picture of the hundreds of bikers coming up the hill. I got my pictures and they were great.

Several years later, a man came to our office to get an old paper from our archives that showed the pictures and coverage of that event. He had been a Devils Dicile and since had gotten on with his life, but he enjoyed the pictures and found himself



in one.

He told me that on that day the bikers had decided to run me over on the hill, where I was standing to take the picture, but at the last minute, they veered away and didn't go through with the plan.

Sure was chilling to me to hear his tale.

Yes, I do remember the Devils Diciples.

Gary Marshall was sitting outside his home on Robson Road in Van Buren Township at about 10 p.m. Saturday when a big "fireworks balloon" fell out of the sky near him. He said it had a big hole in its side, about the size of a baseball, where it had burned.

He said he had seen them flying around in the neighborhood recently. Gary also had complained about the non-stop fireworks in his neighborhood, sometimes after midnight when most of his neighbors are in bed. Gary said police told him there's nothing they can do about it because of the new fireworks law.

Gary said he found out why the band shell at Van Buren Park is facing the way it is, so performers are looking into the setting sun. It was built for a special concert, he said.

He said on Sept. 4, 1982 Johnny Cash (and possibly Jerry Lee Lewis) had a concert there and the township built the band shell so there would be the largest area to accommodate what they knew would be a big crowd.

Gary said a friend of his told him that he attended that concert and left early after a lot of people were getting drunk and couples were having sex openly on blankets. There weren't enough Van Buren Police to handle the large crowd, Gary reports.

He said if you Google "Johnny Cash and Belleville", you'll get information on the event.

One of our readers dropped by to say he went behind St. Anthony's Rectory last week and looked at the demolition under way at the old Belleville High School. He could watch through the fence.

What made him mad was that part of the wall was torn away to show open rooms in the high school piled high with desks and filing cabinets. He said the desks and other still-usable items were being demolished along with the building.

On Monday, he said he saw shop equipment in the rubble, being thrown out with the walls, floors, roof and other parts of the building.

Besides the demolition of a solid, brick building that was not maintained as it should have been to keep it functioning, he said the wasting of the items inside the building made him heart-sick.



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Letters

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An open letter to the person or persons that broke into my locked barn the week end of July 4, 2011:

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The past few days with the heat and storm, we had a power outage.

I could have used my generator just to run fans and try and stay cool.

I wonder, did you lose your electrical power?

We are disabled seniors who can no longer work anymore. Did you enjoy my generator? Did you stay cool and comfortable in the heat of 100-degree-plus? We didn't.

I hope one day when you become a senior, you will remember stealing from seniors. Please do not print my name
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: A year ago this writer wrote a letter about the burglary that took place in the Savage/Lenmoore area. In a second letter, he offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the burglar(s). He asked for all information to be sent to: P.O. Box 285, Belleville 48112.

My thanks and my vote go to Clerk Leon Wright

To the Editor:

How fortunate we are in Van Buren Township that Leon Wright is our Clerk. He is a man of sterling character, an energetic, effective public servant who treats his constituents with respect and solves problems creatively.

How impressive that for the first time in memory our clerk has reached out to our young citizens, going to the high school to explain the voting process, going there to encourage young people to register to vote and even to become election inspectors, starting them on a path of responsible citizenship. (Yea, Clerk Wright!)

Clerk Wright also organized a voter registration for students at Wayne County Community College. Clerk Wright knows how to get the job done. Need a FOIA? Just ask the Clerk and it happens, no artificial delays and no excuses, just service. And that is what we want. And want to continue.

Clerk Wright has given our Township excellent service. I ask our Van Buren residents to re-elect Clerk Wright. He has my vote and my thanks.

Barbara Rogalle Miller
Van Buren Township

Music students need used band instruments

To the Editor:

The Instrumental Music Department of Van Buren Public Schools is asking the community for donations of used band instruments to be used for children who do not have the financial means to participate in the band program.

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Mark Twain

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More Letters

Kovach finds missing document at VBT

To the Editor:

A missing document has been found that indicates that the former director of development and planning at VBT corresponded with Homer Morris on his Bemis Road land splits. This document has been in the possession of VBT officials since 2006.

The FOIA request received on Friday contained among other things a letter between Bryce Kelley and Homer Morris, the then-owner now deceased, indicating to Homer the township would approve the lots splits created by VBT.

The May 15, 2006 letter from Bryce Kelley clearly shows the township intent to split the property including the re-sectioning of the property to provide flag lot access to the newly formed parcels.

Paul White continues to block the land division of the property that was a plan created by the township back in 2006. He has authorized the township attorney at OUR expense to defend his personal pursuit.

Not only has he violated his fiduciary duties of the township by not bringing this matter to the board for a vote, but also tries to defend the illegal conduct of his current and former staff where a promise and intent was made to divide Homer Morris' property. In addition, he is trying to use an ordinance that I believe oversteps the bounds of the Michigan Land Division act to defend his agenda.

He has also authorized the township attorney to defend his point of view on that matter, as well, at OUR expense. All of the above issues will be decided in the upcoming circuit court hearing where the judge not Paul White will decide who is right or wrong.

Paul White's action continues to show how extremely easy it is for him to hide behind the township's lawyers when WE are paying for it. I am not using other people's money as Paul White chooses to do, but my own to defend a now dead man's dream to save his home and provide for his family. I promised Homer I would do what is right and just after his death.

Paul White, you were able to outlast Homer Morris who passed away in 2010 but you will not outlast my will, drive and motivation to make this right in the end. I am waiting in kind for your response.

Louis Kovach
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Obituaries

BARBARA ROSALIE CRANDALL

(July 11, 1933 - July 10, 2012)

Barbara Rosalie Crandall, age 78, passed away at home July 10, 2012. She was born July 11, 1933 in Royal Oak, Michigan to the late Robert and Josephine (Janicki) Crandall.

Barbara enjoyed gardening and cake decorating. She was a supporter of the Humane Society of Huron Valley and she was very devoted to her family.

She is survived by a son Duane G. (Edie) Galloway of Winnsboro, TX; two daughters Wendy Lynn Galloway of Belleville, MI and Tina Jane Galloway of South Lyon, MI; six grandchildren Janet Galloway, Timothy Gullett, Jr., Matthew Gullett, Derick Galloway, Steven Grant and Amanda Longo; four great-grandchildren Samuel Hernandez, Ian Grant, Arianna Grant, and Lukas Longo. Also survived by three brothers James Crandall, Fred Crandall, and Robert Crandall. She was preceded by in death by two infant daughters, Janet Lee Galloway and Susan Elizabeth Galloway.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangement made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

GLORIA J. DAU

(October 5, 1931 - July 12, 2012)

Gloria J., Dau, age 80, passed away July 12, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother of Ray (Pat), Phyllis (David) Currie & David (Deanna). Dear grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 9. Funeral service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, was Monday, July 16, at 11 a.m. Visitation was Sunday 2-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.

DOROTHY MARGARET POLDERDYKE

(October 7, 1939 - July 11, 2012)

Age 72, died in Autumwood Hospice of McBain, MI. Survived by husband Fred, sons Phil of Canton and Kevin of Westland, daughter Laura of CO, grandchildren, 5 siblings. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Theodore Sienko

THEODORE SIENKO

(September 9, 1920 - July 6, 2012)

Theodore Sienko, age 91, died July 6, 2012 after a brief illness. Ted was born in Detroit, MI, on September 9, 1920. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1940.

From August 19, 1942 to August 18, 1945, Ted served in the United States Coast Guard and received a Good Conduct Medal for his service; he was honorably discharged as a Water Tender, Second Class on February 27, 1946.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his parents Mary and Anthony Sienko, his brothers Sigismund and Steve Sienko, and his sisters Helen Sokol and Martha Ostrowski.

Ted married Betty in 1946 and lived in Belleville until his retirement from Detroit Edison in 1982 after 41 years, at which time they moved to Florida. Ted also served as a volunteer fireman for Belleville for over 25 years.

He is survived by his daughter Susan (Mike) Parrish of Sunrise, FL, daughter Mary Jane (Jerry) Pietryla of St. Charles, IL; four grandchildren Christine Pietryla of Chicago, IL, Stacey Parrish of Margate, FL, David Pietryla of St. Charles, IL, and Jeffrey (Kelly) Pietryla of Park Ridge, IL. Also survived by his sister Bernice (Marvin) Worden of Lake, MI and his brother Edward (Donna) of Belleville.

Cremation services have taken place. Donations may be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Suite 100, 5420 N.W. 33 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 or any charity of your choice.

GRETCHEN NORMAN

(July 4, 1917 - July 11, 2012)

Age 95, passed away in Alma. Survived by five children, 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Service was July 14 at David C. Brown Funeral Home; burial at Tyler St. Cemetery.

More Letters

Garage sale to earn funds for Komen 3-Day

To the Editor:

The *Strider* Perky Puppies will be hosting a garage sale Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21, with all proceeds going to the 2012 Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day.

The *Strider* Perky Puppies is the official 3-Day team of the BBC *Striders*, our Belleville area running/walking club. The Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day starts on Friday morning, Aug. 17, at Oakland Mall in Troy and ends with the Closing Ceremony on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 19 at the Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn. Walkers cover 60 miles over the three days to fight to erase breast cancer forever.

Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds raised by the 3-Day fund national research and large public health outreach programs. The remaining 25% funds local community and Affiliate outreach programs. Virtually every major advance in the fight against breast cancer in the last 29 years has been impacted by a Komen grant. Susan G. Komen has become the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

Garage Sale hours are Thursday, July 19, noon to 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 43620 Burtrig Road, Belleville. Burtrig runs west

off of Martinsville Road, just north of Bemis Road.

For more information about the *Strider* Perky Puppies and why we are "Striding to Fight Breast Cancer", please visit <http://www.the3day.org/goto/BBCStriders>. Thank you for your support in the fight against breast cancer!

Sue Wade, Marie Young
Strider Perky Puppies

We support Sharry Budd for VBT Treasurer

To the Editor:

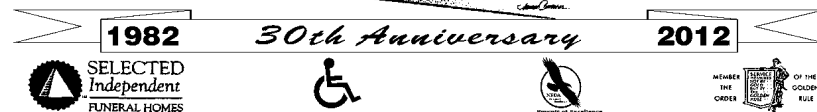
We are writing in support of Sharry Budd for Treasurer of Van Buren Township. Sharry has been our Treasurer for the past 16 years and has done an outstanding job. She and her family have been outstanding citizens of this community for many, many years.

She is honest and her character is impeccable. She has done an excellent job of keeping our books in order and maintaining a good relationship with the people in this community.

We have known Sharry for many years and she is a fair person in solving solutions to a problem. I and my husband Walter will be voting for Sharry Budd for Van Buren Township Treasurer on Aug. 7, 2012.

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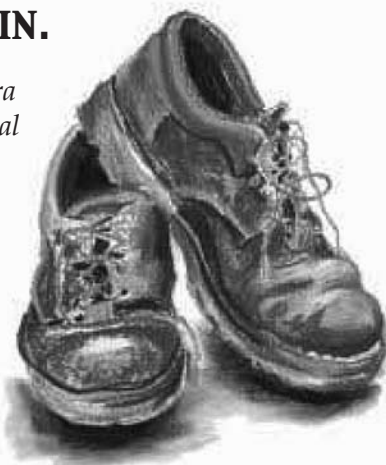
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Candidate 'outraged' over article on wife

To the Editor:

When I first decided to run for Van Buren Township Supervisor, I realized that there would probably be personal attacks on me and even some false statements by people who are opposed to positive development in Van Buren Township. Never did I imagine that local community newspaper would write a misleading and defamatory story about my wife in a shameless effort to discredit me. I find this attack particularly shocking since the editor who wrote the article defaming my wife called on all candidates and their supporters to run a clean race only a few short weeks ago.

I am outraged that, instead of focusing on the real issues that we, as a community, are facing, the paper would write the a story dictated by a person from outside our community who has been harassing my family with a frivolous lawsuit and that my wife has been rightfully defending herself from for over 3 years and that she has asked an appellate court to dismiss entirely.

These types of attacks are the reason why we as a community are divided and standing still. These personal attacks bring us all down and prevent us from coming together and building the Van Buren Township we all want! We need to change our focus, stop bickering among ourselves and start looking forward. Everyone wants to make the Township better but we are faced with a declining township budget because of falling property values and an 11% vacancy rate. We must have a plan, a written vision, to solve our problems and move forward. I am working on that plan and vision with the constant feedback from all members of the community.

I have a plan for moving the Township forward but I need the support of the community to put that plan into action, starting with their votes for me for Township Supervisor. We can change and improve the Township with the right leadership and the right vision. Please vote on August 7th.

Tim Szetela, candidate
Van Buren Township Supervisor

Editor's Note: The article on Rebecca Kesler and the law suit against her, written from information found in court documents in the public domain, was published in the July 12 edition of the *Independent* and is available for readers to study for themselves on the newspaper website at www.bellevilleareaindependent.com. Also, see story on page 9.

Endorsing Johnny Vawters for Supervisor

To the Editor:

Johnny Vawters, sitting Supervisor, is running for re-election Tuesday, Aug. 7, for the same position – Sumpter Township Supervisor.

In the words of Benjamin Disraeli, "Real politics are the possession and distribution of power". Johnny Vawters, utilizing the words and leadership approaches of Mr. Disraeli, has been successful by sharing the responsibilities in the governing of Sumpter Township. Mr. Vawters and Team (elected official board and administrative staffs) have balanced the budget with minimum layoffs and have combined city services with other area townships with little or no effect on Sumpter's citizens.

It has been a long time since we have had a public official with such great ability, irreproachable integrity, and dedication to good government. Johnny Vawters' capacities and experiences as an able administrator will be most valuable in carrying out this important responsibility.

It is for these reasons I am endorsing his candidacy and am asking you to vote for him on Aug. 7. Your vote will continue a positive performance of governing with grace, dignity, integrity and intelligence!

Jewel Butler
Committee to Elect Johnny Vawters
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Judge Parrott gets 'righteously angry' at defendant Kesler

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

During Monday morning's session in the courtroom of 34th District Court Judge David Parrott, the judge raised his voice several times in addressing defendant Rebecca Kesler, startling other court

officials who are used to Judge Parrott's soft-spoken ways.

The cameraman from Channel 7 television news, who had been waiting for Kesler's court appearance, said the judge "sure woke me up." Channel 7 had been drawn to the case because Kesler had won \$50,000 in a television game show.

After the court session, David Williams, the attorney for plaintiff Kevin Hirsch, described Judge Parrott as "righteously angry".

Hirsch sued Kesler for breach of contract and in May, Judge Parrott made a judgment of \$13,000 against Kesler. But Hirsch has been unable to collect.

He asked Judge Parrott to appoint a Receiver, who would have the power to go into Kesler's house and elsewhere to seize items to satisfy the judgment. The court session Monday was concerning the request for a Receiver.

But, Judge Parrott said since the judgment was just ordered in May, it is too soon to use such harsh means to collect.

Judge Parrott told Williams that other means are available to try to collect. He said they can obtain discovery to find her assets and she's obligated to respond.

He said he would deny *without prejudice*, so the motion for a Receiver could be later re-filed if they are unsuccessful in finding assets to attach to satisfy the judgment.

Attorney Williams spoke at the beginning of the session stating Judge Parrott has jurisdiction of the judgment and its enforcement, although Kesler had argued otherwise in a Response Brief in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Receiver.

Williams said every judgment would be stayed if a defendant could appeal which would stop enforcement.

He said there are no less drastic measures that can be tried and that is why he and his client are asking for a Receiver to be appointed. He said they can't garnish her wages because she's not working.

Williams said a court officer has been out six times to Kesler's home, but they

wouldn't answer the door.

Williams said Kesler has moved all her assets and she says the entire contents of her residence belongs to her husband Timothy Szetela or the Trust of Timothy Szetela.

"Which is pretty amazing," Williams said of the idea that Kesler owns absolutely nothing.

In her Response Brief Kesler said the trust was set up four years ago, before the law suit against her was filed.

But, Williams told the judge, in 2011 there was a vehicle registered in Kesler's name.

Williams said there was \$50,000 in her name when she won [in the Who Wants to be a Millionaire game show in 2010]. He asked, "Where did it go?"

Judge Parrott named a number of places the money could have gone, including paying taxes, bills, and the like

Williams charged that Kesler and her husband are hiding her assets.

Kesler said under court rules once an appeal has been filed, the jurisdiction switches to the new court. She cited Michigan Court Rule 7.107.

Judge Parrott asked if she read the rule underneath it and she asked if he meant 7.109 and he responded, no, he meant 7.108.

He said an appeal does not "stay execution".

Judge Parrott said under Rule 7.108 there are certain things that have to be done and said she hadn't done these things.

"Your argument is frivolous, again," the judge said, voice rising.

He said he thinks her misinterpretation is intentional. "I can't believe you are that monumentally incompetent," he stormed.

He said this could be a criminal contempt of court.

He said this is at least the third time she has filed frivolous briefs and, arguably, it could have been four or five times.

"I've had it with you," Judge Parrott continued. "You went to law school. You have a law degree... I can't change the judgment... Had they [the plaintiffs] filed a response to this, I would have granted them sanctions..."

Kesler tried to talk and Judge Parrott told her to take a seat.

He said her motion made a couple of good points until she got to the third point. That's the one that made him "righteously angry."

At that point he denied the plaintiff the "harsh method" of appointing a Receiver and told them to try other means.

He warned Kesler not to give him anything frivolous again.

As Kesler was leaving the courtroom, she softly said, "Nobody came to my house."

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To the Editor:

I would like to thank the teachers for their concessions on the recent contract ratification. I am aware of how painful some of these cuts were to them, especially those with families.

I know I speak for the Board when I say with deep appreciation how well the teacher's union, along with the other bargaining units, worked with the school administration to balance the budget for the 2012/13 school year. We will have to continue to make concessions, both the administration and staff, if we are to survive as a District.

It is no secret that the public schools system in this country is under siege. There is no other word for what is happening. Budgets are being drastically cut, individual districts are being forced into adopting charters while abandoning the public school system, and teachers are being pressured into showing growth in even the most uncooperative students of which they have little control. Everyone is demanding higher test scores and few have workable ideas on how to achieve those scores. The situation borders on the absurd.

We must band together and ride the storm out, but we can only do so in the spirit of cooperation and trust. Accountability must be the watchword on all levels of the public schools system. From the Board of Education on down, everyone must be held accountable for their decisions as being made in the best interest of the students and the community. If not, we fail in our responsibilities.

Again, thank you for everyone's dedication and commitment to the success of our students.

Thank you again,
Brent Mikulski
Van Buren School Board Trustee

Elect Linda Combs for VBT Supervisor

To the Editor:

Linda Combs should be our next township Supervisor.

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She had an open-door policy. Hiding behind closed doors was not the way Linda did business. Linda has an understanding of the needs of the people of this township.

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Sincerely,

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- Certified Advanced PADI/Diver
- Endorsed by Commissioner Kevin McNamara
- Endorsed by Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club
- Endorsed by Sumpter Township Democratic Caucus Club

Paid for by the CTE William "Bill" Hamm for Sumpter Township Trustee, 21411 Karr Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

- Elect -

Johnny Vawters' Team

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Johnny Vawters, Supervisor
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Clerk
John W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alan D. Bates, Trustee
Bill Hamm, Trustee
Peggy Morgan, Trustee
Don Swinson, Trustee

**VOTE:
AUGUST 7**

1. Hired more road patrol officers
2. Hired and certified new firefighters
3. Reduced speed limits on certain roads from 55 to 35
4. Worked diligently on correcting the FEMA flood zone
5. Hired assessing personnel
6. Shared services neighboring communities for cost savings



Denny and Lori Przystup, 1962



Denny and Lori Przystup, 2012

Denny, Lori Przystup celebrate 50th wedding anniversary on July 14

Denny and Lori Przystup met on a blind date in 1961 and married a year later. On July 14, they will celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small dinner party with friends and family.

Denny and Lori were married on July 14, 1962 in Engadine, MI. They have two sons: Jeffrey (Melissa) from Belleville and Paul from Grand Junction, CO. They also have three grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Kyle and Hannah.

The Przystups lived and worked in the Belleville area until 2008, when they moved to Fruita, CO, after retirement.

BHS Class of 1954 sets 58th reunion July 27-29

The 58th reunion of the Belleville High School Class of 1954 will be held the weekend of July 27-29 at the home of Lois Mida-Zilka, 3226 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188.

The reunion party will be picnic style and very casual attire. Cost is \$15 per person. Camping space is available on Lois' Mida-Zilka's property.

For more information, call her at 734-397-2675 or cell 734-546-2950.

The reunion committee also contains Earline Allen Cox, David Feight, Hugh McArthur, and Ron Rounsifer.

RE-ELECT PEGGY MORGAN FOR SUMPTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE!



Re-Elect



Peggy Morgan

**Sumpter Township
Trustee**

ENDORSEMENTS: Sumpter Democratic Caucus Club, Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, Kevin McNamara, and (in past) Region 1A UAW

**Member of MEA
(Michigan Education Association)**

- *Balanced Budget for 8 Years!
- *Township Liaison to Parks and Rec & Fire Department!
- *Improvements to PNA Hall (including Parking Lot)!
- *"Reduced Speed Limit" Signs for School Zones @ Elwell, Keystone, and Bessie Hoffman Schools!
- *Stop Light @ Bemis & Rawsonville Roads!
- *Helped bring in Over \$300,000.00 in Grant Money (at no cost to residents) to Improve Township Owned Parks!

Paid for by the CTE Peggy Morgan, 46300 Claxton Dr., Belleville, MI 48111

- Elect -

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Don Swinson, Trustee

**VOTE:
AUGUST 7**

1. Reduced Speed Limits on some Gravel Roads (from 55 to 35 mph)
2. Early Warning Sirens Throughout Sumpter
3. Re-negotiated contract w/ Republic Waste for each Resident to receive a Waste Receptacle.
4. Services such as Senior Grass Cutting and Snow Plowing
5. New Street Lights Installed at Judd/Rawsonville Roads, Bemis/Lohr Roads, and at Willis/Wilmut Roads

PROVEN LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE PLUS UNITY PRODUCES PROGRESS!



Re-Elect

Alan D. Bates

**Sumpter Township
Trustee**

**VOTE:
AUGUST 7**

1. Water Department Liason.
2. Served on library commisions.
3. Helped create and maintain channel 12 and the Township website.

ENDORSED BY:

15th Democratic District, UAW Region 1A, Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, Sumpter Democratic Caucus Club

Paid for: Committee to Re-Elect Alan D. Bates, 17469 Odyssey, Belleville, MI 48111



- Elect -

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**VOTE:
AUGUST 7**

1. Balanced the budget with minimum layoffs.
2. Merged dispatch with Huron Township to reduce costs.
3. Contracted with Republic Services to improve rubbish pick-up.
4. Have made major improvements to Banotai and Graham parks.
5. Started program to help citizens with the FEMA flood insurance problem.
6. Passed ordinance to protect citizens from synthetic marijuana and other dangerous products.

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



As of the July 4 holiday, **Artaffair on Main**, the 2-day fine art and antique fair coming to downtown Main Street in a few weeks, has 34 paid artisans, another 4 waiting on deposits, and a handful of others that are expected to arrive in the mail any day.

By the time the event gets underway July 28-29, we hope to be up to 40. I say “we” because one of the reasons I joined the board of the arts council several years ago was to bring an art fair to this magnificent lakefront community. This will be our second year in the row and it’s already growing.

The folks that sit on the executive board, as well as its directors, young and old, share a common vision and determination to bring the arts and every possible opportunity to the table. The **Concert Lakeside Series** on Thursdays and the **Community Art Show** coming up next month are just a sample of what we do.

While our on-going efforts to raise money for BACA’s new building on Main Street continue, it sometimes takes endless hours of work and volunteers are always welcome. To help out at Artaffair, call Chairperson **Steve Jones** at (517) 403-0351. To learn more about joining us through membership, sponsorship, or for just the details of our next event, visit www.bellevilleartscouncil.org.

Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue of Sumpter will be holding an adoption event titled **Microchip and a Movie** tomorrow night, July 20, at the **Blue Sky Ice Cream** place on Huron River Drive at Eureka in Romulus.

Pets can be micro chipped for just \$25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with the movie “We Bought a Zoo,” set to start at dusk. Bring your own chair and bug spray. Popcorn and the movie are free. The no-kill shelter will also have animals up for adoption. To learn more, call (734) 461-9458.

Open Arms Lutheran Church and Child Care on Belleville Road next to the VBT Fire Station will be holding a **Vacation Bible School**, Aug. 5- 9, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each day. Free dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. Call the church office for information at (734) 699-5000 or visit www.openarmscenter.com

The folks over at **Honey Pest Control** say bee season is nearing its peak and owner **JC Honey** has the remedy. With 30 years of experience in the control of ants, bees, fleas, bed bugs,

rats, mice, roaches, and spiders, Honey offers a money-back guarantee. Honey serves all of Wayne County and surrounding areas. The company is licensed and insured and offers discounts to seniors. Call (734) 699-6889

Sumpter Township’s **Family Fun Day** is this Saturday **July 21**, 12 noon at **Graham Park** at the corner of Sumpter and Wear Roads. The event is free and open to the community and will feature fun activities, such as children’s games and prizes, horse shoes, Tug O’ War, and the annual softball game between the Sumpter and Belleville police and fire fighters. The annual fun day is sponsored by Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation. Call (734) 461-6201.

Huron Valley Ambulance of Ann Arbor has announced that registration is underway for paramedic classes in EMS Education for startup in September. HVA has 30 years of experience training EMS providers and has been nationally accredited for over 10 years. To register or to learn more call (734) 477-6331 or visit www.hvaedu.org. Financing is available.

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For Van Buren Township Treasurer
VOTE ON AUGUST 7, 2012

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VOTE FOR
LARRY J. FIX
 SUPERVISOR, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 7, 2012

Van Buren Township, is our community better off now than it was four years ago? We need a Supervisor who is ready to face the challenges and issues and not ignore them or our citizens!

Grace Lake bond debt is not going away!

FEMA imposed flood plane will devastate our property values!

62% increase in home invasion crimes will not be diminished by using patrol officers as revenue collectors!

Property owners are being ignored along with our Master Plans while a potential toxic co-gen facility is planned for the northeast end of VBT!

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE BACK OUR COMMUNITY!

We need a problem solver with a vision and hope for our community.

VOTE FOR UNITY AUGUST 7TH

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, July 19** – Free outdoor concert with Cats & the Fiddler, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, High Street in Belleville. Music Lakeside sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Thursday, July 19** – “The Other Book Group” meets at the Bayou Grill at 7 p.m. This month’s book: “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” by Jonathan Foer.
- **Thursday, July 19** – Zumba Night begins at 7 p.m. with the Lincoln Golden Ages Seniors. If you like dancing, music, exercising and having fun, this is for you. West Gym at Lincoln High School (parking is available across from the football stadium), 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Cost \$10 at the door. For information: 734-484-7045 or 734-483-8366.
- **Friday, July 20** – Van Buren Township Summer Concert Series: Kelsey Rose & TeeZer, 7 p.m., Van Buren Park, \$4 per car entry fee at gate
- **Saturday, July 21** – Sumpter Township Family Fun Day begins at noon at Graham Park, corner Sumpter and Wear roads. Free food, games, fun. Includes softball game between Sumpter and Belleville police and fire departments.
- **Sunday, July 22** – Belleville Area Garden Walk from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring five decorated gardens. Fund-raiser for the Friends of the Library. Advance tickets at \$10 available at library, Antiques on Main, Garden Fantasy.
- **Sunday, July 22** – Garden Market Place on the Belleville Area District Library front yard, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Complements the Garden Walk to raise funds for the library.
- **Monday, July 23** – Cruisin’ on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 24** – Tuesday’s Cruzin the Belleville Moose, 6-9 p.m., music, food, drinks every Tuesday, 831 E. Huron River Dr.
- **Wednesday, July 25** – 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, July 26** – Free outdoor concert with the Music of Hank Williams & Patsey Cline, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, High Street in Belleville. Sponsored by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Thursday, July 26** – African American Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month’s book: “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom” by August Wilson.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, July 19** – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m., at Keystone Academy
- **Monday, July 23** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- **Tuesday, July 24** – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 25** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 26** – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 1** – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 6** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 7** – Primary Election
- **Wednesday, Aug. 8** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 9** – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m., at Keystone Academy. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 13** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- **Tuesday, Aug. 14** – Van Buren Township LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 15** – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown

Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Aug. 16** – Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville, 5-7 p.m., Horizon Park

• **Monday, Aug. 20** – Van Buren

Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Aug. 21** – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.



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Diane Madigan for Van Buren Township Trustee



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My Goals as Trustee are:

- ◆ To support businesses that will better serve the community both now and in the future.
- ◆ As an animal advocate, to represent you in preserving your rights to responsible animal ownership.
- ◆ As an independent thinker, to thoroughly and thoughtfully research every topic brought before the Board of Trustees.
- ◆ To support the hiring of additional patrol police officers and fire fighters to obtain a 2010 level of service.
- ◆ To insist on accountability and responsibility in providing services.
- ◆ To remain a source of support and information to the residents.
- ◆ To put the SERVICE back into Public Service.

Any questions, comments or wishes of support: please contact me at
DianeMadiganVBT@aol.com or 734-699-9207.

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Amanda Yax named to Dean's List at Lewis Univ.

ROMEDEVILLE, IL -- Amanda Yax of Belleville was among those honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for spring semester 2012. Yax was studying Air Traffic Control at Lewis University.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.0.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman

The walls of the old Belleville High School are coming down to make room for a retention pond and parking lot for the new BHS. On Sunday this was the view from the St. Anthony Catholic Church parking lot, just east of the high school site.



SUMMER FAMILY FUN!

GARDEN WALK AND MARKETPLACE A DISTRICT LIBRARY BENEFIT JULY 22

ARTAFFAIR ON MAIN, ARTS, ANTIQUES, MUSIC AND EATS, JULY 28-29

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN WWII PARADE AUGUST 3 6PM MAIN STREET

ANNUAL BRIDGEWALK AND TASTE OF BELLEVILLE AUGUST 16

MUSIC LAKESIDE THURSDAYS 7PM, thru AUGUST 9

CRUISIN' THE BAYOU CLASSIC CAR SHOW
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CITY WIDE YARD SALE AUGUST 25-26



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Downtown Development Authority

Kayla Priebe signed to play soccer at Ashford University in Iowa

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

Belleville High School graduate Kayla Priebe has committed to play soccer at Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa this fall.

Kayla was a soccer and cross country star at BHS and was named to the National Honor Society three times, as well as the Western Wayne Athletic Conference All-Academic Team as a junior.

Kayla, who will major in Biology, is the daughter of Richard and Michelle Priebe.

BHS Class of 1972 seeking classmates for 40th reunion

The 40th reunion of the Belleville High School Class of 1972 will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott, 30559 Flynn Road, Romulus. Price is \$50 each (\$100 per couple). Mail checks, payable to BHS Class of 1972, c/o Joyce Cooley, 42045 Lakeland Court, Plymouth 48170-2507. For more information, contact Joyce Renton Cooley, 734-420-2562, or Sharon Zatirka, 724-262-4660.

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 July 21 – Andrew Attard
 July 27 – Donna Belle Penn
 July 28 – Janet Schonsheck

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Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, WASHTENAW COUNTY, CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE # 12-1793-NC
 In the matter of NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
 TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Aug. 7, 2012 at 3 p.m. at 22nd Circuit Court, 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48107 before Judge O'Brien, Bar No. P-331-82, for the following purpose: Change the name of Elijah James Sutton to Elijah James Chadwick.
 Date: July 19, 2012
 Petitioner: Natalie Sutton, 51074 Mott Rd., Lot. #137, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 585-8627.
 Publish: July 19, 2012

2012 MICHIGAN HUNTER SAFETY CLASS -- FREE

Sponsored by:
 VFW Post 9568
 Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association
 Huron Valley Conservation Association

Registration for the Class (required):
 Location: VFW Post 9568
 Date & Time: **Thursday, July 19** from 5 pm – 8 pm – OR -- **Saturday, July 21** from 12 noon – 3 pm. Class materials will be passed out. If it is impossible for you to come to one of these registrations, call one of the numbers given below ASAP.

The free, two-day class will be held on:
Saturday, July 28, 9 am - 4 pm AND
Sunday, July 29, 9 am - 4 pm
 At VFW Post 9568 in Romulus, 39270 Huron River Drive (between Hannan and Northline) 734-941-3030. Refreshments (including lunch) will be provided.

- A Michigan Hunter Safety Certificate (which can be earned in this class) is required if you were born after Jan. 1, 1960 and you want to purchase any Michigan hunting license, or you are planning an out-of-state hunting trip.
- We have found that boys and girls who are at least 10 years old have the greatest success in the Hunter Safety class.
- Michigan's Mentored Youth Hunting program for youth 10 and under and the apprentice license for anyone 10 years of age or older are available for those without a Hunter Safety Certificate.
- A boy or girl who is 10 years of age or older with hunter safety certification can purchase regular hunting licenses.

For more information & telephone sign-up, call: Kris Matthew, 734-662-7852 or 734-646-3763 (HVCA & WCRHA), David Parrott (HVCA), Jack Allen (WCRHA), Bob Williams (VFW), Romulus VFW Post, 734-941-3030, or email: HVCA2010@aol.com

Sign-up sheets available at VFW Post 9568, Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

1995	GMC	SW	1GKEG25K1SF545328	12-15952
1996	BUICK	4D	1G4HR52K2TH427024	12-16136
1992	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WN54T7N1150690	12-17185
2000	BUICK	4D	2G4WS52J2Y1256790	12-17521

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

2001	PONTIAC	2D	1G2NF12TX1M615896	12-14241
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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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



Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Primary Election to be held on August 7, 2012 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

The Public Accuracy Test will be held on Tuesday July 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Publish: July 19, 2012



City of Belleville Public Notice



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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 18, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Crusin on the Bayou Car Show Review

A decision was made to extend the area being used for the car show by using Roys and Fourth Street down to Charles, keeping the alley open.

B. Alzheimer's Association – Solicit Donations.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve **Resolution No. 12-074** to approve a request by the Alzheimer's Association to solicit for donations at 5 Points and Main at High Street if needed for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's Annual Fundraiser on August 18th and 19th 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M and Safety vests will be borrowed from Belleville Police Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. RFQ's – Newspaper of Record

Sealed bids for newspaper of record were opened and read as follows:

- Belleville Area Independent: \$5.00 per column inch for legal notices and classified ads.

- The Belleville View: \$19.95 per column inch from July 3, 2012 to July 2, 2013.

- Belleville Lake Current: \$7.98 per 2 column inch and \$3.99 per 1 column inch.

Bids were referred to administration for review and recommendation.

D. FY2012/13 Water/Sewer Rates

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve **Resolution No. 12-075** to approve an overall total utility rate increase of 5% effective July 1, 2012.

Abstained: Conley
 Ayes: Blackburn, Loria, Smith, Tindall
 Nays: None.
 MOTION CARRIED.

E. Fire Department Grant Opportunities

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 12-076** to Allow BFD to apply for a grant in an amount that is sufficient to get 11 personal 800 MHZ radios for each person on the department, 5mobile, and 1 base unit with a match of 20 percent that must not exceed the amount budgeted for and the stipulation that City Manager review grant before it is submitted.

Abstained: Blackburn
 Ayes: Conley, Loria, Smith, Tindall
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 12-077** to allow BFD to submit a grant for 11 sets of turn out gear with a match of 10 percent that is to be paid for from the Fire Department budget with the stipulation that City Manager review grant before it is submitted.

Abstained: Blackburn
 Ayes: Conley, Loria, Smith, Tindall
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 12-078** to allow BFD to submit a grant for a usable fire truck to replace Engine 451 with a 5 percent match on an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 with the stipulation that City Manager review grant before it is submitted.

Abstained: Blackburn
 Ayes: Conley, Loria, Smith, Tindall
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED.

F. FY2012/13 Budget Amendments

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve **Resolution No. 12-079** to approve budget amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 12-080** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: July 16, 2012; Published: July 19, 2012

BHS Class of 1957 sets 55-year reunion in Sept.

The 55-year reunion for the Belleville High School Class of 1957 is set for Sept. 21-22 at the Holiday Inn Express and

Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road.

Friday evening's informal gathering starts at 6 p.m. Saturday social time starts at 5 p.m., followed by dinner. For additional information contact: Donna (Watkins) Gotts at 734/331-9180 or donnagotts@aol for more details.

Seeking graduates of BHS Class of 1973

Graduates of the Belleville High School Class of 1973 are being sought so their 40th reunion can be planned for sometime in

2013. Please send the names, addresses, and contact numbers for the classmates to Laura Kingsley Delsh at bellevillemi1973.40@comcast.net or call her at 734-485-2744.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



TO THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given, that a Primary Election will be held in Wayne County Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at which time the following will be voted upon:

United States Senator, Representative in congress, State Representative, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner (District 1 – 15) Township Offices, Delegate to County Convention, Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Non- Incumbent – 3 Positions, Judges of District Court – 19th and 22nd, Judges of District Court 36th – Non-Incumbent – 2 Positions.

Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage

The Wayne County Art Institute Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 and formed to allow for continuing support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing art institute services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$8,284,722 in 2012. Yes or No

Proposition J

Jails Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2002, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2011 rollback rate of .9381 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2012 through 2021) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$38,859,493 in property tax revenue in 2012. Yes or No

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 13, 2007 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, August 8, 2000, 1 mill, 2009; Wayne County Jail August 6, 2002 1 mill, 2011. Wayne County Parks August 2, 2005 0.25 mills 2010. Wayne County Community College. November 6, 2001 1.5 mills 2010, November 3, 1998 1 mill Indefinitely. Sumpter Township August 6, 2002 1 mill 2011, August 3, 2004 0.7 mills 2011, August 3, 2010 2 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools June 9, 2003 18 mills 2013, Huron School District May 2007 18 mills 2012 (non homestead only), Lincoln Consolidated June 1994 18 mills 2013 (non homestead only), June 2003 2.0 mills 2013, November, 2008 .1 mill 2012. Van Buren School November 2008 Sinking 1.13 mills 2015, August 2006 18 mills 2011, Bonds November 2008 2.98 2039.

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday August 4, 2012 from 8 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day is he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

- Precinct 1,3 Sumpter Community Center
23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
- Precinct 2, PNA Hall
45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
- Precinct 4 & 6 Fire Station #1
20550 Sumpter Township
- Precinct 5 Bessie Hoffman School
50700 Willow

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

Publish July 19, 2012



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approx. 11 residents.

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

4. Public Comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting June 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to accept minutes of parks and recreation meeting May 16, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants totaling \$181,202.55. Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously.

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

8. Attorney: No Report.

9. Supervisor's: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve to sign SMART agreement for 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve to adopt a driving record review policy. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve from Diversified Excavating to install new parking lot at PNA hall and replace sidewalk with new for \$17,117.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve to hire Stardust & Clean Janitorial service to maintain permanent rest rooms at Banotai Park \$30.00 per cleaning. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve to participate in the foster care summer youth program sponsored by Michigan Works, Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth & SEMCA. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements

13. Open Floor

14. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on June 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: July 19, 2012

7-year-old girl saves father from bleeding to death in Belleville apt.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Bianca, age 7, was visiting her father Richard Barney, III, at his apartment at 240 North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville on Friday, June 22.

Her mother Jessica had arranged for the little girl to go to her grandparents for the night, but she didn't want to leave her father and begged to stay overnight. She got permission.

On Saturday morning, she was there when he needed her most – to save his life.

At 8:40 a.m. Saturday, Patrick Mahon was sitting outside on the bench next door at 220 North Liberty, when Bianca (who everybody calls "Bee") ran up to him and said her father couldn't breathe.

Mahon has been a trauma room nurse at Henry Ford Hospital for 22 years and before that was a Navy Corpsman for four years. He ran inside and found Barney on

Ecorse man claims he was robbed by person who gave him a ride

Van Buren Township Police responded to a report of a robbery at 5:50 p.m., July 9, at Haggerty and I-94.

VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said a 32-year-old Ecorse man said he was robbed by an unknown person that picked him up in Ecorse, stating he was going to Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

While en route to Ann Arbor, the driver stopped in Romulus to pick up another male at an unknown apartment complex, according to the victim.

Then the man picked up in Romulus pulled a gun and wanted the victim's watch and money. A struggle ensued in the back seat of the vehicle between the victim and the Romulus man.

The driver, who was driving on Haggerty Road, stopped the vehicle at the BP gas station at the I-94 freeway and the complainant jumped out.

He told police the vehicle containing the driver and the Romulus man headed north on Haggerty.

Captain Laurain said the complainant had no other information to give to police and sought no further help.

the floor propped up against the couch, "sweating bullets". Barney said his stomach hurt and Mahon said it felt hard.

Since it was a hot day and he knew Barney had asthma, Mahon picked the man up to take him outside to get some air. That's when blood poured out of his mouth all over the room.

It was later determined he lost two pints of blood in his living room and another pint before getting to the operating room at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Mahon called 911 and he said the female dispatcher hung up on him. He redialed and a male dispatcher was on the line. He listened to the information and dispatched Belleville Police and Fire.

The dispatcher reportedly said he was impressed with the details of the emergency reported by Mahon and Mahon explained his credentials. The dispatcher asked him to continue talking.

Mahon said Police Sgt. Todd Schrencengost was at his side immediately and they waved over the volunteer fire fighters who were arriving at the station just across the street after being toned out.

Fire fighters Brian Blackburn and Chris Zweng were the first to arrive.

Mahon said the emergency crews didn't realize the scope of the problem until they looked into the living room at the blood.

"It looked like there had been a massacre," Mahon recalled.

Margie Laginess, the manager of the apartments, said her mother was a nurse, as well as her boyfriend, Mahon, so she was used to emergencies, too.

Laginess said she was told that if Barney had been alone another ten minutes, he would have died. Mahon said he would have drowned in his own blood.

Laginess praised little Bee for running to get help instead of just sitting next to her father, the way some children do in



Richard Barney, III, and his daughter Bianca (Bee) smile for the camera.

emergencies.

Barney had suffered headaches from the heat and so he had taken a lot of aspirin which thinned his blood. He had eaten chicken wings the night before and Laginess said she was told by the emergency room staff that after they got him on the operating table, they found a hole in his esophagus that might have been caused by swallowing a chicken bone.

Laginess said Barney is known for wolfing down his food and she has cautioned him to slow down and chew each bite.

During the time the emergency crews were helping her father, Bee clung to

Mahon for comfort.

Laginess said Police Chief Gene Taylor wanted to honor Bee with an award before the City Council, but then the chief was hospitalized himself. Chief Taylor said he would like follow through on this when he gets back to work in August.

He said often children are so afraid they just stay next to the suffering adult instead of going for help and Bee is special.

Laginess is planning a cookout and picnic to honor Bee and the police and fire fighters who helped. She said she would like that party to be after the session at City Council, whenever that turns out to be.

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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, July 8:

0005 – fireworks, 10300 Jackson St.
0108 – loud party complaint, 11685 Meadows Ln.
0124 – loud party complaint, Renton/Bemis
0131 – breaking & entering, 6720 Country Ln.
0530 – disturbance, 48861 Denton
0609 – property damage accident, 16548 Haggerty
1243 – property damage accident, 43444 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1411 – intimidation threat, 56425 Tyler Rd.
1414 – property damage accident, Denton / Michigan
1436 – assist fire dept., Van Buren Park
1519 – property damage accident, 765 E. Huron River Dr.
1550 – harassment call, 48015 Bayshore Dr.
1651 – assault & battery, 42542 N. Cumberland
1722 – private property accident, Walmart
2201 – noise complaint, 6214 Gilmore St.
2234 – disorderly conduct, 47818 W. Huron River Dr.

2235 – loud party complaint, 8157 Kirkridge Pk.
2252 – noise complaint, 48945 Ashbury
2302 – suspicious situation, 41 Birch Dr.
2306 – narcotics crime, 8899 Parkwood Dr.
2315 – suicide or attempt, 49011 S. I-94 Service

Monday, July 9:

0055 – juvenile complaint, 4 Maple Dr.
0104 – disorderly conduct, 6105 Denton Rd.
0104 – assault & battery, 9 Maple Dr.
1111 – trespassing, 6060 Vernon St.
1303 – reckless driving, 41382 Edison Lake
1427 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 13000 Haggerty
1549 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Fairview
1625 – property damage accident, 46537 Ecorse
1750 – robbery, Haggerty/I-94
1858 – disturbance, Michigan/bypass
1939 – shots fired, Old Denton/Denton Rd.
2000 – missing person, 7822 Marlowe Ave.
2013 – mental, 5857 Winchester St.
2042 – private property accident, 39670 Ecorse
2130 – narcotics crime, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
2137 – larceny, 9890 Dartmoor Cir.
2150 – missing person, 10645 Buchanan St.
2226 – fireworks, Gilmore/Cross
2342 – fight, 47103 Waters Edge Lane

Tuesday, July 10:

0124 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler
0628 – intrusion alarm, 42612 Pond Ridge
0846 – larceny from auto, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
1019 – malicious destruction of property, 7925 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1109 – malicious destruction of property, 48880 Peninsular Dr.

1229 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1307 – hospice, 40 Locust Dr.
1618 – breaking & entering, 6185 W. Adams
1624 – personal injury accident, 11 Brandi
1655 – larceny, 46425 Tyler
1715 – trespassing, 44131 Harmony Lane
1753 – narcotics crime, 10850 Lighthouse Dr.
1805 – larceny, 6235 Gilmore St.
1952 – fight, 83 Maple
2012 – suspicious person, 9564 Wheatgrass Ln.
2023 – disturbance, 14191 Arlene Lane
2113 – fireworks, Lake Crest Dr. / S. I-94 Service
2204 – fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
2310 – disturbance, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.

Wednesday, July 11:

0000 – loud party complaint, 120 Richard Run
0038 – fireworks, Sylvan Estates
0109 – harassment call, 6060 Vernon St.
0202 – disturbance, 41455 S. Bellridge Dr.
1037 – private property accident, 43200 E. Huron River Dr.
1109 – larceny, 6581 Republic Dr.
1113 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1147 – fraud, 7277 Rawsonville
1221 – hospice, 7992 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1320 – larceny, 50745 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – malicious destruction of property, 48661 S.

I-94 Service Dr.

1638 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1649 – larceny, 9590 Hampton Dr.
1720 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1823 – intimidation threat, 49071 S. I-94 Service
1849 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/McBride
1911 – assault & battery, 45707 S. I-94 Service
2014 – ATV/ORV complaint, 9985 Jackson Ln.
2025 – intimidation threat, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2038 – loitering, Meijer
2052 – suicide or attempt, 48731 S. I-94 Service
2054 – loitering, Buchanan/Jackson
2107 – disorderly conduct, 46425 Tyler
2132 – loitering, 13 Brandi
2146 – loitering, Alba Ct.
2148 – fireworks, 10485 Borgman Ave.
2213 – fireworks, 7882 Mida Dr.

Thursday, July 12:

0006 – assault & battery, 42918 N. Cumberland
0034 – suspicious person, Walmart
0110 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
0632 – malicious destruction of property, 39555 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0814 – breaking & entering, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
1028 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1039 – private property accident, 41382 Edison Lake
1113 – malicious destruction of property, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
1421 – personal injury accident, Van Born / Belleville
1503 – larceny, Meijer
1506 – property damage accident, 12692 Hannan
1813 – suspicious situation, 48221 Bayshore Dr.
1844 – disorderly conduct, 7224 Belle Pointe Dr.
1847 – trespassing, 47001 Waters Edge Ln.
2104 – loud party complaint, 165 S. Ponderosa Trl.
2130 – harassment call, 46171 Village Green Ln.
2136 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

DNR

2214 – noise complaint, 21 Locust Dr.
2337 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
Friday, July 13:
0003 – noise complaint, 41460 W. Archwood Dr.
0131 – shots fired, 9059 Parkwood
0349 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 10667 Oak Ln.
1123 – robbery alarm, 10640 Belleville Rd.
1250 – larceny, Walmart
1538 – domestic, 45473 Harmony Lane
1645 – indecent exposure, Sandy's
1714 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 9023 Parkwood Dr.
1810 – private property accident, 10930 Belleville
1828 – shots fired, 8800 Parkwood Manor
1938 – ATV/ORV complaint
1950 – shots fired, 45100 Hull Rd.
2159 – suicide or attempt, 41450 E. Archwood Dr.
2259 – trespassing, 10573 Belleville
2354 – noise complaint, 11751 Meadows Ln.

Saturday, July 14:

0406 – loud party complaint, 89 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0420 – disturbance, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
0900 – noise complaint, 41460 W. Archwood Dr.
0935 – property damage accident, 2033 Rawsonville
1124 – juvenile complaint, 45525 N. I-94 Service
1206 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94 Service DR.
1248 – breaking & entering, 45100 Hull Rd.
1251 – lake complaint, Belleville/Denton
1541 – private property accident, 10871 Quirk
1542 – harassment call, 2141 Rawsonville
2006 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake
2015 – harassment call, 49120 Denton
2017 – shots fired, Martinsville/E. Huron River Dr.
2154 – noise complaint, 23 Locust
2207 – fight, 9 Maple Dr.

Also on this week's log are 181 traffic stops, 68 of which were on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 8:

0001 – noise complaint, 50 Carmell St.
0020 – domestic assault, 285 Victorian Ln.
1254 – agency assist, Henry/Wabash
1637 – animal complaint, Savage/Skate Park

1750 – found property, 53 Potter Dr.

1819 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside
1927 – found property, Hillside
1954 – suspicious situation, 326 Edison
1956 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2239 – fireworks, Loangers
Monday, July 9:
0054 – parking complaint, Menlo Park / Capistrano Ct.
0911 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1016 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1337 – local ordinance, Main/N. Liberty St.
1636 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia

Court

2036 – noise complaint, 58 Wexford Ave.
2226 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
2344 – agency assist, 47103 Water's Edge
Tuesday, July 10:
0224 – fireworks, Belle Villa
0856 – sexual assault, 120 Carmell St.
0954 – abandoned auto, 602 Estrada
1023 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia
1232 – misc. complaint, 141 Menlo Park Dr.
1238 – misc. complaint, 275 W. Columbia
1239 – malicious destruction of property, 369 Main St.
1242 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 167 Fourth St., library
1302 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 167 Fourth St.
1838 – found property, 25 Main, minimart
1900 – agency assist, 970 Savage
1952 – agency assist, 83 Maple
2321 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty/Third
2340 – vehicle lockout, Johnny's

Wednesday, July 11:

0105 – intrusion alarm, 575 Sumpter
0107 – suspicious vehicle, South St./Henry St.
0835 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1108 – malicious destruction of property, 326 Edison Ave.
1629 – agency assist, 14 Carmell St.
2253 – noise complaint, 387 Victorian Ct.
Thursday, July 12:
0113 – parking complaint, Victorian Ct./Victorian Ln.
0320 – parking complaint, 275 E. Columbia
0320 – parking complaint, Loza Ln./Potter Dr.
0404 – parking complaint, 181 Henry
0946 – agency assist, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1302 – follow-up, 59 Loza Lane
1430 – suspicious situation, 215 Belle Villa Blvd.
1442 – trespassing, 35 Carmell St.
1531 – property damage accident, 151 Main St.
1612 – follow-up, 91 Belle Villa Blvd.
1612 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia
1652 – private property accident, 60 South St.
1708 – civil matter, 129 N. Edgemont Ave.
1718 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.
2104 – disorderly conduct, Horizon Park
2203 – operating while intoxicated, A&W

Friday, July 13:

0023 – assist fire dept., 26 Loza Lane
0138 – suspicious situation, 275 W. Columbia
0951 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia
1348 – vehicle lockout, 444 Main, Andrew's
1452 – trespassing, Belle Villa Dr.
1857 – welfare check, 106 Clarence St.
1924 – shots fired, Belle Villa
1929 – suspicious person, 197 N. Edgemont Ave.
2031 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth
2117 – parking complaint, 5 Carmell
2144 – suspicious vehicle, 420 Sumpter Rd.
2153 – fireworks, 165 Belle Villa Blvd.
2244 – suspicious vehicle, Main/Fifth
2307 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa
Saturday, July 14:
0048 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview
0136 – juvenile complaint, 477 Victorian Lane
0958 – follow-up, 6 Main St.
1042 – suspicious situation, Main/Third
1150 – property damage accident, 67 Main
1248 – lake complaint, Belleville/Denton
1742 – assist fire dept., 116 Carmell
1807 – assist fire dept., BHS
1818 – civil matter, 6 Santa Clara St.
1904 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 143 Menlo Park Dr.
1937 – follow-up, 106 Clarence St.
1957 – suicide or attempt, 6 Santa Clara St.
2229 – operating while intoxicated, High/Main

Also on this week's log are 30 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 8:

0114 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane
0722 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris / Savage
1201 – dumping complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1259 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell
1547 – traffic hazard, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1558 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1559 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1754 – abandoned vehicle, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1909 – abandoned vehicle, Willow/Karr
1918 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2018 – civil dispute, Walnut
2044 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2136 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2314 – suspicious vehicle, Harris/Elwell

Monday, July 9:

0132 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0812 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1049 – fraud report, Timberlane
1159 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1419 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1458 – breaking & entering report, Utah
1550 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1924 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2100 – mental health commitment, 17000 bl. Lohr
2225 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
2316 – suspicious person, Montana

Tuesday, July 10:

0139 – noise complaint, Timberlane
0309 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
0930 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1213 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1333 – suspicious incident, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1612 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
2341 – violation of park rules, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

Wednesday, July 11:

0016 – assault, Country Club
0217 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0336 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0347 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0724 – suicide, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
0943 – animal bite, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0946 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Elwell

1133 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1152 – family trouble, Dakota Ct.
1229 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1543 – warrant arrest, out of township
1652 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1733 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2042 – assault, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2100 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2201 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2203 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter Rd.
2243 – family trouble, Rustic Lane
2329 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2344 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, July 12:

0843 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0947 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd
1026 – assist other agency, 6600 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1203 – missing person report, Dakota Ct.
1333 – warrant arrest, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1412 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Haggerty

1425 – well-being check, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1529 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1901 – larceny, Sherwood Park
1956 – fire dept. assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, July 13:

0716 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1017 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1023 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1035 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris
1058 – alarm, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1114 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1116 – dumping complaint, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

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Four Sumpter juveniles face charges for shining a laser at aircraft

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Four Sumpter Township juveniles were identified as the ones who were shining a laser at aircraft flying out of Willow Run Airport the night of July 1-2.

They will be prosecuted under a local disorderly conduct ordinance. They also had their \$29, pencil-shaped laser confiscated by police.

Sumpter Det. John Toth said the incident began at about 10 p.m. when off-duty Van Buren Township Police Officer Ken Toney and his father-in-law were driving along Sumpter Road, near Willis, when someone shined a green laser into their vehicle. They called police, but continued on their way.

Sumpter Officers investigated, but were unable to locate the source of the laser.

Shortly after midnight, a flight out of Willow Run Airport reported that a laser was pointed at it from the ground. A Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) alert was put out at 1:48 a.m. about the laser hitting the plane. The source was reportedly eight miles southeast of Willow Run Airport.

Sumpter Police contacted Officer Toney and he returned to the exact spot where the laser had hit his car. Officers Buccellato and Kozak were able to contact the occupant of a home near the Sumpter/Willis intersection.

The mother in the home said her son and three other boys were in the house. It was determined they were pointing the laser pointer at planes.

The boys confessed and all concurred in the stories they told, Det. Toth said.

The Federal Aviation Administration was alerted by Willow Run, and the FAA got the FBI involved. The FBI decided not to pursue the matter with the boys.

Det. Toth said he could not find a state

law on lasers. Since the incident was up in the air, it was a federal offense, he said. Dearborn does have a local ordinance on the devices but Sumpter doesn't, he said.

Sumpter decided to pursue disorderly conduct charges.

Det. Toth said there is the possibility of civil ramifications, since it was possible the flight path of an aircraft was changed and there was the cost of the investigation.

Det. Toth said he talked to an FAA official based in Ohio, who covers the Detroit-metro and Cleveland areas. He said she told him they get 10 complaints a week on lasers.

"It's very unusual to find them," she said of the perpetrators.

Det. Toth said Officer Toney and his father-in-law are star witnesses for Sumpter.

"The Toney family members are great citizens of our community and Van Buren Township is very lucky to have Ken Toney as an officer," Det. Toth said.

Toney's son recently chased a burglar and got information that led to the burglar's arrest by Sumpter Police. He also testified in court to help convict the suspect.

Central Michigan offering basketball camp Aug. 1-3

The Central Michigan University Men's Basketball program is offering the best bang for your buck basketball camp this summer.

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Visteon cancels deal in China, announces plans for Korean projects

Visteon Corporation and Huayu Automotive Systems Co. announced on July 4 that after thorough discussions and a complete review of options, the companies have agreed to terminate a memorandum of understanding on a deal, announced in November, that would have combined

the majority of Visteon's global interiors business with Yanfeng Visteon Automotive Trim Systems Company in Shanghai.

Also on July 4, Visteon announced its plan to offer \$805 million to acquire the remaining stake in a Korean joint venture, Halla Climate Control Corp., and a \$50 million investment to build a wind tunnel site in South Korea.

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1512 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1714 – malicious destruction of property report, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1933 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood

1940 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Judd

2015 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2208 – parking complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

2223 – shots fired investigation, 21000 bl. Elwell

Saturday, July 14:

0000 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Willis

0004 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

1027 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Wear

/Bohn

1043 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2014 – assault, Carriage Lane

2039 – warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

2154 – fireworks complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

2231 – warrant arrest, out of township

2356 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Also on this week's log are 17 follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 129 patrol checks, and 40 traffic stops.

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Belleville Planners OKs Clearzoning when funds become available

By Bob Mytych

Independent Special Writer

The Belleville Planning Commission at its July 12 meeting, passed a motion to have the city's code of ordinances go digital with the Clearzoning designation, once future funds become available.

The cost would be about \$22,000,

according to Jill Bahm, of Birchler Arroyo Associates, the city's planning consultant, whose company developed and markets Clearzoning.

The Clearzoning designation would transform the City of Belleville's Code of Ordinances into a visually appealing digital document that would better communicate the rules and regulations by way of internal hyperlinks, easy to read language and simple graphics.

Once available on the City's website,

the entire city code will be accessible by internet. City administrators will be able to make revisions and customize the document so that residents and developers can save time and money.

The online version would be available 24/7. Links on the site would allow for one-click access to applications for permits and other documents. No expensive software purchase would be required.

The action to pursue the Clearzoning designation taken by the commission simply

puts the request on the books to go before the city council, once the funds become available. No timetable was given.

Once utilized, the City of Belleville could be the first to use the Clearzoning designation in Wayne County. Other communities already using it are Lathrup Village, home to Birchler & Arroyo, Bloomfield and West Bloomfield, Grand Blanc Township, and Imlay Township.

City Department of Public Services Director Keith Boc told the commissioners that the State of Michigan will be cleaning up the site of the former Marathon gas station on Main Street next to the Chamber of Commerce office. Boc said that the state will be out at the site working with the next week or so.

Annual Garden Walk to benefit Belleville-Area library is this Sunday

The Belleville Area Garden Walk is this Sunday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various locations around town. The exact gardens open for touring will be announced on Sunday, with maps distributed at the library.

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