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BYC buys Moose Lodge for club house in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Moose Lodge property at 831 East Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township has been sold to the BYC for a lakeside clubhouse.

Robert Coutts, administrator of the local Moose Lodge, said the BYC exceeded the requirements for the purchase price given by Moose International for the property and building, although he did not disclose the price.

Coutts said the closing on the property is expected to be by the end of the month.

He said the Moose is looking at multiple options and the members have to do what is financially best for the club.

"Our goal is to stay in the tri-community area and continue operations," Coutts said.

Sumpter Township officials said the Moose had submitted an offer on the PNA Hall and Coutts said the PNA is one of their options.

Coutts said it is a "rather amicable situation" between the BYC and the Moose and this is "a friendly agreement."

Coutts said the Moose will be able to wrap up its planned activities before moving, including its hosting of the Moose's International Dart Tournament at the end of April.

The Polar Bear Plunge, to raise money for Special Olympics, will be held on schedule at the Moose Lodge on Feb. 9, Coutts said.

The BYC is a private group of boaters whose members informally call it the Belleville Yacht Club, although that name is legally owned by the owner of Johnny's restaurant.

The BYC had been planning to build its large clubhouse on a lakeside lot on North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville and the plans had been approved by the city planning commission. That lot is now up for sale.



All the mittens collected over the holidays for the Mitten Tree at United Communities Federal Credit Union on Main Street in Belleville were delivered to Tyler Elementary School Principal Aleisa Pitt, left, for Tyler students by credit union employee Joshua Turner.

Karin LaMothe hired as executive assistant to VBT Supervisor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Karin LaMothe is the newly hired executive assistant to Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs and she will begin work in two weeks.

The appointment was approved by the township board at Tuesday's regular meeting on a 6-1 vote with Trustee Reggie Miller voting no because she said she was concerned over the extra expense.

LaMothe filed the recall documents

against former Supervisor Paul White and his team in 2009 and then, after the 2010 recall failed, launched an eight-month unsuccessful election campaign to get Clerk Leon Wright's job in the 2012 election.

LaMothe, 38, is married to Shawn and they have three children. They live on Mom's Drive.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in Organizational Communications and a master of arts in Communications from Eastern Michigan University. She was employed as a Communications Specialist for the Livonia Public Schools. Before that she was Communications Coordinator for the Van Buren Public Schools. She also has been an AFSCME Account Clerk for Van Buren Charter Township.

Originally, Supervisor Combs had

appointed LaMothe as Executive Assistant and Human Resource Manager, but at Monday's work-study session it was determined LaMothe did not have the necessary education for the Human Resource title, so that part was dropped from the position title. LaMothe said some of the classes she took for her present degrees were part of the Human Resource certification she would be seeking as part of her employment agreement.

Although she doesn't have the title, Combs said she would be doing the Human Resources work after being trained by Deputy Clerk Kathy Cline.

Budget adjustments of \$45,039 were required for the 2013 budget to reflect LaMothe's salary of \$64,933 plus

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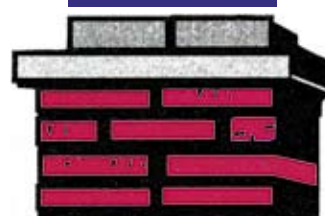
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

Former school teacher sentenced Tuesday, will be on Sex Offenders list

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

The official sentencing of former North Middle School teacher Andrea Brennan occurred Tuesday at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Brennan was arrested on July 10, 2012 at 1:30 a.m. in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Beck Baseball field with a 15-year-old male. According to the police, both were consuming alcohol.

The Hon. Edward Ewell Jr. agreed to follow the sentence agreement between



Brennan

Brennan's attorney Loren Dickstein and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden.

The agreement dismissed the original misdemeanor charge of selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor and a felony charge of distributing obscene matter to a child with a maximum four-year prison sentence.

In return, Brennan pleaded guilty to using a computer to commit a crime in which she sent a topless photo of herself to a 15-year-old.

Prior to being sentenced, Brennan said, "I am extremely sorry, especially for the effect it has had on my family and children." There was no mention of the victim.

Brennan's sentence as a convicted

sex offender requires her to register on Michigan's sex offender list for the next 25 years. She will continue her twice-a-month sex offender counseling with Matthew Rosenberg.

According to Rosenberg's online profile, he is a psychotherapist and forensic evaluator for sexual abuse and abusers.

Judge Ewell placed Brennan on probation for 5 years; she is to have no contact with the victim and no unsupervised visits with children under the age of 16.

She cannot reside, work or loiter within 1,000 feet of a school safety zone. Deviating slightly from Michigan's Sex Offender Act, in this case the word "loiter" will not include picking-up her children or

attending parent-teacher conferences.

At the discretion of the probation department, Brennan must allow her computer and property to be searched. Brennan is allowed to visit with out-of-state family. She also will be required to pay fees and court costs totaling \$1,198.

Brennan's attorney read from a statement from psychotherapist Rosenberg that said Brennan voluntarily submitted to a polygraph test that indicated that she had no physical contact with the minor. Her therapist gave her a battery of tests which indicated that she scored very low risk to reoffend, was genuinely remorseful for her crime, and no predatory behaviors were found.

Tin Pan Saloon burglar heads to circuit court arraignment on Jan. 14

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Charles Clifford Craig, 20, of Van Buren Township, who is accused of breaking into Tin Pan Saloon in Sumpter Township early Dec. 29, is heading for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on Jan. 14.

On Monday, 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley presided over a hearing on Craig's case that resulted in Craig waiving his preliminary exam and heading on to circuit court. Assistant Wayne County

Prosecutor Carol Murray handled the charges.

Craig has been charged with breaking and entering with intent, a 10-year felony, and larceny from a building, a four-year felony.

Craig has been in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest inside the Tin Pan on Dec. 29, unable to post the \$25,000 or 10% bond.

Sumpter Township Police Detective John Toth said Craig was discovered hiding in the Tin Pan with a backpack containing a

crowbar and one of the Tin Pan's money drawers.

Toth said Craig was taken into custody and confessed to all he had done. Toth said Craig is a longtime family friend of the owner of Tin Pan, Steve Kovach. Craig also had been an employee of Kovach's at the restaurant.

Craig told Toth that he had a job that



Craig

required him to have a car and his car had broken down. He didn't know what to do, so he decided to rob the restaurant.

Craig walked from his mobile home on Lohr Road, wearing two or three layers of clothing to protect him from the cold, along with a bullet proof vest. He carried no gun, Toth said.

Craig's wife and infant child were in the courtroom on Monday afternoon, but Craig participated in the hearing by televised hookup from the Wayne County Jail.

VBPS is looking for more Distinguished Graduates to honor

Van Buren Public Schools is now accepting nominations for deserving graduates of Belleville High School for the Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame.

Enacted by the Board of Education in 1998, the mission of this program is to recognize honorable and worthy graduates who have brought distinction to the community.

The district is looking for qualified nominees who have graduated from Belleville High School prior to 2002 and have distinguished themselves in either or both of the following categories:

- Contributed to their chosen profession through outstanding individual performance, leadership or recognized success in a particular field of work; and
- Contributed or volunteered leadership, time, effort and/or resources to benefit the greater Belleville area or other communities.

Graduates of Belleville High School who are deceased, but meet the aforementioned criteria, can be nominated for the posthumous category.

Nominations can be made by contacting the Van Buren Public Schools at Belleville High School at 734-697-9133 or by writing to: Belleville High School Nomination - Distinguished Graduate Program, c/o Melissa Lloyd, Assistant Principal, 501 West Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 1.

Winners will be honored in conjunction with the Belleville High School National Honor Society Induction.

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The Bayou Grill presented a check for \$1,000 to the parents of Amelie Strzalkowski on Dec. 15 to help with the child's medical bills. Amelie was able to get out to pose for the picture. From left are mother Shelly Strzalskoski holding Amelie, with sister Anya in front; father Jason Strzalkoski; and from the Bayou, Brian Copsey, Janell Couperthwaite, and Mary Copsey. On Sept. 14, two-year-old Amelie Strzalkowski underwent emergency surgery for a malignant brain tumor, medulloblastoma. She has since been undergoing chemotherapy at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Operation Ameliorate is an ongoing effort organized to help Amelie and her family.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Mary Ban sets aside option to recall school board

After Sumpter Township resident Mary Ban went to a school board meeting in December in an unsuccessful attempt to save Elwell School, she gave up on the school board and asked Gov. Snyder for help.

She wrote two letters to the Governor asking if the school board could destroy a perfectly good elementary school because board members were afraid it might be used as a charter school. She also wrote a letter to the head of National Heritage Academies which runs Keystone Charter Academy in Sumpter and sent on the reply letter to the Governor.

Last Wednesday she got a phone call from Gov. Snyder's personal secretary explaining this was a local issue and the Governor didn't have any jurisdiction.

Ban told the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday that Snyder's secretary said Ban's only recourse was to recall the board. Ban doesn't want to do that now.

"The board has a very arrogant mindset and doesn't want to reach out to citizens," she said Tuesday.

She said she was sorry the township board didn't have the power to pressure the school board into saving Elwell.

"The school board has ruined a perfectly good building. Now we can only hope for the best," she said. Contractors met at Elwell on Jan. 2 and one will be chosen soon to tear down the school.

It's time to say our goodbyes to Elwell.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We've been informed that Wayne County Roads will replace any mailboxes knocked down by their road crews while clearing snow. From what I saw over the past few weeks, there were a lot of damaged boxes. Call (734) 753-4477 to report your damage.

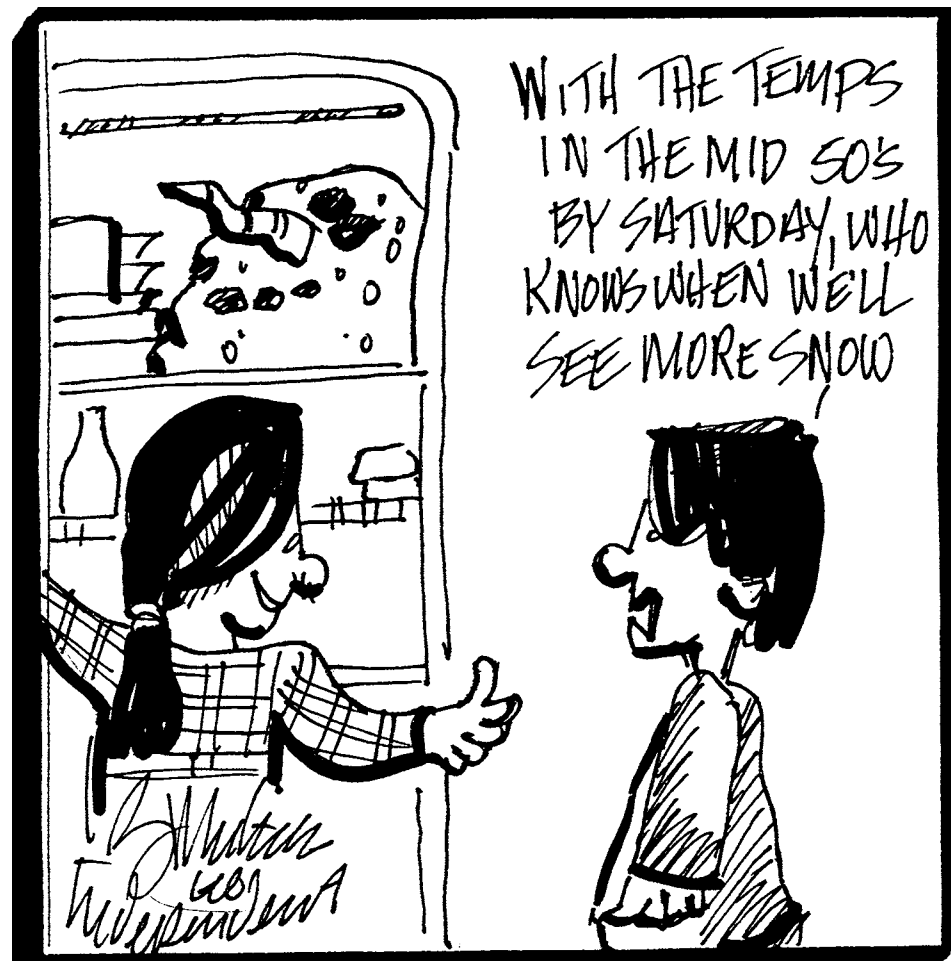
Due to the icy roads on the 5K route for the Young Life Fun Run at Van Buren Park last Saturday, the run was cancelled. It will be rescheduled in the spring when they can be sure of the safety of all the runners. Young Life has scheduled an indoor fundraiser on Jan. 26: the annual Bean Bag Tourney. Registration starts at 2:15 p.m. at the Belleville United Methodist Church.

At Monday's city council meeting, DPW Director Keith Boc asked the press to tell city residents that if people would quit putting snow in the street it would be a lot better in the city. He said actually, it's against the law to blow or push or shovel your snow into the street and that could get you 90 days in jail and/or a \$500, which is up to the judge.

He said when city plows cleaned the streets after the 4" of snow, they were "immaculate streets". Then, residents, who might have been upset that the city plows put snow across their driveways, pushed their snow out into the street.

Boc said after the second snow, which turned into ice, the city spread salt on every street in the city and he ran out of salt and had to reorder.

I've been among those wondering about the yellow, county, fire department signs on a section of Rawsonville Road just north of Willis Road. The signs were on either side of



Scott's Collision, so I asked Scott about it. He explained that his driveway goes to the rear and there is a fire department back there. It's Augusta Township Fire Department. I drove back there and that's what it is, all right. And, it's in Sumpter Township.

I went to Belleville High School with the late Darrel Ibach, who had owned that building so far back off the road. It was used for a flea market at one point, as I recall. Now, it's Augusta Township Fire Department - in Sumpter Township.

We had a visitor on Monday who shouted that we should stop writing about all the politics and write about the snow on the sidewalks on the Belleville Bridge and how people can't walk on the bridge.

Later, he calmed down and came back to apologize. He said he couldn't walk on the sidewalk because of the snow and ice, so he was walking in the roadway over the bridge, but staying on the side, outside of the "line" and out of traffic. He said a young Van Buren Township police officer drove up and said police had had 15 calls about a man walking on the bridge.

He said he asked the officer if he was going to arrest him and the officer said no. Then he asked if he was going to give him a ticket and the officer said no. Then he asked if he was going to give him a ride into Belleville and the officer said no and drove off.

The VBT board was discussing snow removal on the sidewalks north of the bridge

in Monday afternoon's workshop session, after Trustee Jeff Jahr brought it up. They had been talking about sidewalks north of Tyler Road along Belleville Road and Trustee Jahr said if they weren't going to provide for maintenance and snow removal on the sidewalks they already had, he wasn't voting for any more sidewalks.

The lady who got her motorized chair stuck in the snow at Mo's minimart at Five Points said a kind lady worked to get her unstuck and then followed her home to Columbia Court and came into the building to make sure she was OK.

She said the lady said she used to be a teacher in the school district.

We've been told there is no Chase Bank account for donations for "Operation Ameliorate" to help two-year-old Amelie Strzalkowski and her family. On Monday, a lady called to say she tried to donate at the bank and was told she couldn't. We told her to go to the Bayou Grill because we knew they were helping the family. So, she did and she was able to send a donation to the family of the little girl who has a malignant brain tumor.



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Letters

Encourage school board to get back on cable TV

To the Editor:

I read with extreme interest the minutes of the Dec. 10 meeting of the Van Buren school board as reported in the *Independent* on Jan. 3, 2013.

My "hat is off" to Mary Ban, resident of Sumpter Township. When this lady goes into action, people take notice, and rightfully they should! I agree with her wholeheartedly, especially in the wake of the Van Buren school board's decision to tear down Elwell School. I admire her tenacity – her efforts are noteworthy and surely appreciated by many.

While reading the two recent articles regarding Elwell Elementary School, one word repeatedly stood out – FEAR! Several school board members as well as Superintendent Van Tassel hurriedly voted in favor of "tearing down" Elwell School while admitting they were FEARFUL of Charter Schools!

So tell me please, Superintendent Van Tassel, WHY you are FEARFUL of competition from Charter Schools? History has shown us that where there is competition, it is most beneficial – much to be gained. Competition can even reveal certain inequalities, values and, yes, even failures! I am reminded of Sir Winston Churchill during World War 2 when he said, "The only thing we have to fear is FEAR itself." Think about that, will you?

Yes, there are numerous Charter Schools today, one nearby, where CHARACTER is taught, integrity, right from wrong, values, and on and on. They are GAINING students; we are LOSING students. Charter schools must be doing something right, right? This is your competition. Are you afraid to compete with those qualities? You shouldn't be IF you are concentrating wholly on a QUALITY education, rather than a "state of the art" building. Sure, the new high school is beautiful, but Mr. Van Tassel, you must admit the students' final grades are the determining requisite of a successful future. Well-educated and successful students are of the utmost

importance for this generation, as well as future generations. Hasty decisions wrought on FEAR inhibit success – and spell future disaster!

I'm thankful for board members who had the courage to raise questions before voting on the dismantling of Elwell School – were their questions/doubts addressed by Mr. Van Tassel? Or, as is the custom lately – act swiftly, out of FEAR, before someone "rocks the boat."

I am encouraging all the citizens and taxpayers of our Van Buren school district to respectfully request of our board members to televise all future board meetings. When our citizens are unable to attend the board meetings, they should have the option of viewing such meetings on the TVs.

Finally, after all is said and done, I can imagine a very good use for an abandoned building such as Elwell School: a home for HOMELESS VETERANS! Well?

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
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Adam Byrd starts his own township web site

To the Editor:

PROBLEM: According to the 2010 Census information Van Buren Township has an 11.2% Vacancy Rate. This means that the two houses adjacent to these homes are directly impacted because they're living next to a vacant home. With that in mind we have a 33.6% Community Problem.

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In addition we have information on Frequently Asked Questions and our local daily weather. You can watch the latest township board meetings directly from this website and learn about our Van Buren Township's Demographics, Environmental Design, and Government Structure.

We are proud to be a community partner and have provided you with information not just for Van Buren Township, but also for the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township, as well. As we as a community move forward it is important to identify

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--Anais Nin



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Thank you in advance and have a Happy New Year, Community,

Adam Byrd
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Adam Byrd is a Van Buren Township police officer who used to be in charge of Community Policing and did reports on the township website. He no longer has a place on the township website so he has started his own site.



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• **Saturday, Jan. 12** – Friends of the

Library meet 10-11:30 a.m. at the library to discuss business and learn what the Friends are all about.

• **Monday, Jan. 14** – State Rep. Dian Slavens welcomes the public to a coffee hour beginning at 8 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main St. At 5 p.m., she will drink coffee with constituents at Daydream Café, 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton.

• **Thursday, Jan. 17** – The Belleville Area Museum presents Al and Dave Eicher

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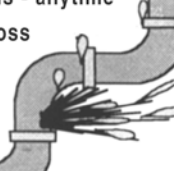
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Obituaries



Eugene Petrie

EUGENE WILLIAM PETRIE

Eugene William "Gene" Petrie passed away peacefully in his home on December 23, 2012. Gene was a loving husband of Estella "Buttons"; dear father of Shelly Kay (Ron) Sereno; stepfather of Melissa V. (Chris) Bartolo; brother of Wayne, Judy Utpadel, and the late Bob; dearest grandfather of Jessica (Brad) Lane, Cecilia (Steve) Carroll and Jacob Bartolo; Great Papaw of Adriana Lane, Brayden Lane, and Bryson Carroll.; dear uncle of Robin Joye, Bobby Petrie, David Petrie, Tony Petrie, Leo, Lucas, Russell, Toni, Betty, Lori, Waynette, Dwayne and Nick; and great uncle of Justin and Colleen Joye.

Gene was retired from Ford Motor, Livonia Transmission, after 43 years. He had a heart of gold and lived it taking care of everyone he loved. He will truly be missed!

Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on December 28 with the funeral service on December 29. Burial took place at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.



Julia Ann Smith

JULIA ANN SMITH

(October 27, 1939 - January 3, 2013)

Julia Ann Smith, age 73, of Belleville, passed away January 3, 2013 at her home. She was born October 27, 1939 to the late Alford and Louise (Griffin) Creason.

Julia enjoyed crocheting, was very involved with her church, and did a lot of missionary work for people in Mexico.

She is survived by her second husband Harrison Smith; nine children William Christion of Melvindale, Michael Koroteny, Jean (Scott) Forbes of Belleville, Julann (Harold) Butzin of Willis, Katherine (Allen) Taylor of Georgia, Kathleen Koroteny of Belleville, Mary Lou (Butch) Kaminsky of Belleville, Debra (Randy) Martin of New Boston, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Albert Korotney, grandson little Butch Kaminsky, and three sons Dennis, Harrison Jr., and Roger.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

RICHARD 'DICK' BERTRAND

(October 29, 1943 – December 30, 2012)

Richard "Dick" Bertrand, age 69, of Belleville died December 30, 2012 at his residence. He was born October 29, 1943 in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of George F. and Verna M. (Batterson) Bertrand.

Dick was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ypsilanti, and the Fraternal Order of the Elks and Moose in Cadillac, MI. He will always be remembered for his love of family, playing cards and sports.

Survivors include his son Richard Bertrand and daughter Amy Caldwell. He was preceded in death by his son Randall Lynn Bertrand on December 29, 1991.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Township Chapel, 734-699-6000.

DANIEL MAURICE McKINNEY

(February 25, 1953 - December 31, 2012)

Age 59 of Taylor. Survived by daughter Jeanie Knox, son Mark Lane, 2 grandchildren, sister Dianne Kennedy, brother Randy McKinney, best friend Richard Hardrick, and niece Debi Guth who provided for his care.

PATTY KENYON

Patty Kenyon, age 66 of Northville, died December 29, 2012. She was the beloved wife of Robert. Dear Stepmother of Shawn (Sara) and Tonya (Tom) Wyroba. Daughter of the late Lewis Robson and the late Mabel Robson. Stepdaughter of Leora Robson. Stepsister of John Wood and Kathy Gillaspie. Grandmother of Trevor, Mackenzie, Spencer Kenyon, Alexandria and T.J. Wyroba.

Patty was a loving grandmother and an avid golfer. She was a cheerleader at Belleville High School and graduated in 1964. She was also retired from Ford Motors. Patty's remains will be scattered at the Grand Canyon. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.

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Question from Michelle in Belleville:
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Mayor explains details of Belleville's water contract with Detroit

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley took a deep breath during Monday's regular City Council meeting and then began an involved explanation of the proposed five-year agreement for water purchases from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Belleville was one of six communities that hadn't yet approved the new agreement that had a deadline of Jan. 18. Twenty six communities had already approved their agreements.

The five-year agreement is part of the 30-year contract with Detroit for water. The city will be able to have a reopener of the contract in 2015, once use data is in to see if Detroit's projected numbers are valid.

The agreement with the DWSD had been on the agenda of the council's last meeting and then was pulled off in order to get more information before voting on it.

The council voted unanimously on Monday to sign the agreement.

It was Detroit's numbers for maximum day and peak hours that the city disagreed with. These numbers set the rate the city will pay.

The third component of the agreement is volume and the city did not agree that these numbers will drop as far as Detroit thinks. The city can buy as much water as it wants.

Mayor Conley said DWSD furnished

figures from SEMCOG and trends in its data that show the city using less and less water as years go by. The city disagrees.

"We want to get the right numbers so we don't end up paying a premium," Mayor Conley explained, saying city engineers have recommended moving forward with the volume numbers and be flexible on the maximum day and peak hour components.

"If we go over the maximum hours and days, your rates go up at the end of the year," stated DPW Director Keith Boc, who joined in on the explanation.

He said the maximum day is not figured until that day has gone by and "you want to give yourself a little leeway."

He said basically Belleville is a residential community, without industries that use large amounts of water.

"We don't believe our volume is going to drop," Boc said. "They want us to drop our maximum day and peak hours along with the volume and we don't want to do that."

He said exceptional use of water can be "erased" from rate consideration by DWSD, such as for fighting a big fire or when the high school filled the pool.

"We have had our rates raised on one day's use," Boc said.

He said when water rates went up, people in the city used less water.

Belleville doesn't have a lot of people leaving the community, Boc said, adding that actually the city has gained 10 new residents and now is over 4,000

population.

Mike Renaud noted from the audience that 2012 was the driest year on record and so people stopped watering. He said if water use got to be a problem, the residents could go to outside watering every other day.

Mayor Conley said that would minimize the rate increases and some communities have done very well with that.

Boc said the city's fixed water costs are going to drop, but Detroit has made everyone aware that there is going to be an 8% increase to every contract across the board because DWSD is selling less water.

Everyone agreed the city has no choice with where it gets its water and has to deal with Detroit.

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

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., Jan. 22, to discuss a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application, as requested by the Downtown Development Authority, to add an accessible boat dock, jet ski port, canoe/kayak launch, and other amenities to Horizon Park on Belleville Lake;

- Approved \$483,722.91 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to William Maze, \$659, to settle a Freedom of Information Act dispute over information requested from the police department that was entirely denied and should have been

partially denied; to Ricoh, \$990, for annual upgrade/support; and to R.L. Evans, \$1,795, for repairs / installation from the DDA;

- Discussed the situation in Harbour Pointe subdivision. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said he looked at the streets and "with parking on both sides of the street, we'd be hard-pressed to get a fire truck down there." If parking was taken off one side of the streets, some mailboxes would have to be moved; and

- Discussed water shut off notices that come after residents miss a monthly water payment. After much discussion, Boc said if someone is going out of town, all they need to do is contact Marilyn at city hall and she can set their notice aside until they return, so they don't get a shut-off notice. Meanwhile, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long is meeting with people to try to set up an online system for payment; and

- Heard resident George Chedraue say, "It's nice to see our chief of police back, after all he's been through," referring to Chief Gene Taylor who attended the meeting.

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VBT Board

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benefits.

Linda Stevenson, who had been Executive Assistant / Assessment Coordinator, will focus on just the assessing work, Combs said.

Deputy Clerk Cline has been doing the Human Resources work as part of her job, but Clerk Leon Wright had asked for a Human Resources person during budget talks to take the load off Cline. He said during the many elections held last year, some Human Resources duties had to be delayed.

During the workshop on Monday, Treasurer Sharry Budd said when she was

Deputy Clerk in 1992, she did the Human Resources work, too, and it had been a part of that job.

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

- Approved making Katie Dallos' part-time position as museum director into a full-time position at a salary of \$36,564, which is reflected in the approved 2013 budget. Board members discussed continuing talks with the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township to help with the increased cost of running the museum. Originally, each community paid \$17,000 for the museum. Sumpter cut it out of its budget in 1998 because it was having budget problems. Belleville had help from its Downtown Development Authority with the fee, but the DDA now helps only with special events and Belleville pays just \$9,000;

- Removed from the agenda for more information the employment agreement for Jennifer Zaenglein as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation at a salary of \$45,000, which was included in the approved 2013 budget. Zaenglein has worked as naturalist/environmentalist at Crosswinds Marsh for 10 years. The former deputy director moved on to another job;

- Held a public hearing and approved the use of the 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant Funds which total \$123,200. Of that \$10,400 is for the Parks & Recreation Taking it to the Streets program, \$10,400 for cost sharing of the Senior Center staff salaries, \$10,400 for

Administration; and \$92,000 for Housing Rehabilitation;

- Approved the second reading and approval of the amended Wireless Communication section of the Zoning Ordinance to comply with state law;

- Approved the appointment of new Ricardo CFO Richard Gavalier for the vacated former Ricardo position on the Local Finance Development Authority with the term to expire Aug. 12, 2014;

- Approved the reappointments of Vera

Ireland, Mary Korgal, and Helen Wylie to the September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, with terms to expire Jan. 15, 2014;

- Approved 2013 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines, which are less restrictive than recommended federal poverty standards; and

- Approved the proposed billing rate schedule of Wade Trim Engineering Services, which is the same as the rates it charged from 2009 until now.

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The new **Janowiak Funeral Home** on Sumpter Road, just south of Willis Road in Sumpter, will hold its official grand opening with a Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event Friday at noon. Everyone is invited. The business is also holding an open house this Sunday, Jan. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. Welcome to the community, **Chris and Sandra Janowiak**.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Tropical Beach Party** being put on by the **St. Anthony's Men's Club** at St. Anthony's on Jan. 26. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes an open bar. Tickets are available at **Garden Fantasy Florist** on Haggerty Road or from any Men's Club member.

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych
Karen LaBelle is the new Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, as of the first of the year. LaBelle served as director of the Greater Romulus Chamber for the past 10 years. She has three grown children who graduated from the Taylor School District. She currently is enrolled at Henry Ford Community College working towards a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration. She said she plans to transfer to Eastern Michigan University this fall.

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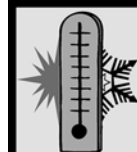
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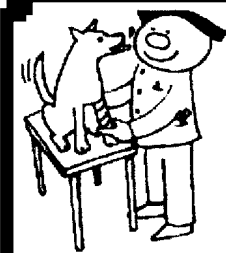
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Sunday, Dec. 23:

0203 – malicious destruction of property, 5824 Victoria St.
0326 – assault & battery, 9119 Parkwood Dr.
0338 – disturbance, 9177 Parkwood Dr.
0345 – suspicious situation, Primetime Fitness
1418 – malicious destruction of property, 492 Sumpter Rd.
1543 – property damage accident, Ecorse west of Haggerty
1549 – private property accident, 2095 Rawsonville
1915 – assault & battery, Southport
2033 – agency assist, 14642 Wildbrook Dr.
2343 – noise complaint, 140 S. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, Dec. 24:

0021 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
0819 – malicious destruction of property 6164 E. Adams
0906 – water leak found, 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1207 – agency assist, 15150 Haggerty Rd.
1222 – larceny, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1243 – breaking & entering, 960 E. Huron River
1358 – shots fired, Haggerty/I-94
1759 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
1842 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
2032 – assault and battery, 45965 Tallgrass Ct.
2021 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
2359 – assist fire dept., 39750 Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 25:

0632 – assault & battery, 48611 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1019 – property damage accident, E. Michigan / bypass
1047 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
1100 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1103 – assault & battery, Haggerty/Van Born
1350 – larceny from auto, 46280 N. I-94 Service
1925 – assist fire dept., 7981 Belleville Rd.
2250 – assault & battery, 48611 S. I-94 Service

Wednesday, Dec. 26:

0450 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 45945 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0455 – suspicious person, 9586 Madison Dr.
0632 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0903 – assault & battery, 116 Estate
0924 – assist fire dept., 1007 E. Huron River Dr.
1052 – larceny, 39900 Tyler Rd.
1122 – assist fire dept., 8867 Haggerty Rd.
1128 – suspicious situation, 35 Loza Lane
1202 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville / Tyler
1304 – property damage accident, Belleville / Westlake Circle
1329 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove

1337 – private property accident, 51279 Sylvia
1341 – property damage accident, Meijer
1353 – private property accident, Walmart
1354 – property damage accident, Haggerty / South Service Dr.

1358 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.
1403 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Circle
1435 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1450 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1515 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1537 – property damage accident, I-275/Ecorse
1542 – private property accident, 13 Maple Dr.
1555 – assault & battery, 284 Holly Ln.
1556 – noise complaint, 11020 Lighthouse Dr.
2049 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville

2052 – assault & battery, 43420 Tyler Rd.
2104 – suspicious person, Haggerty BP
2307 – juvenile complaint, Madison/Revere

Thursday, Dec. 27:

0040 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Power Church

0105 – malicious destruction of property, 6483 Denton Rd.
0129 – suspicious person, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
0641 – assault & battery, 47271 Ecorse Rd.
0849 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
0903 – ATV/ORV complaint, 43388 Haverhill Rd.
0911 – hospice, 41841 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0931 – agency assist, 222 Belle Villa
1022 – unattended death, 11947 Ryznar Dr.
1050 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1106 – property damage accident, I-275/exit 17
1111 – property damage accident, 47103 Waters Edge Lane

1135 – fraud, 13566 Christina Ln.
1200 – disorderly conduct, 6190 Dellor St.
1203 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / cemetery
1321 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1353 – personal injury accident, I-275/Ecorse
1402 – disorderly conduct, 10824 Belleville Rd.
1406 – ATV/ORV complaint, 16650 Haggerty
1424 – larceny, 9257 E. Walden Dr.
1516 – larceny, 8601 Haggerty Rd.
1531 – property damage accident, I-94 N. Service / Rawsonville
1549 – loitering, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1552 – fraud, 8250 Hannan Rd.
1553 – property damage accident, Lake Point Pass / W. Huron River Dr.
1651 – hospice, 164 Spencer Ave.
1916 – shots fired, 14220 Martinsville Rd.
1950 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Dec. 28:

0104 – operating while intoxicated, 10760 Belleville Rd.
0314 – noise complaint, 48041 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0402 – assist fire dept., 15435 Martinsville Rd.
1131 – disorderly conduct, 285 Holly Ln.
1132 – fraud, 14888 Brookside Dr.
1142 – unattended death, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – malicious destruction of property, 42204 McBride Ave.
1626 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1638 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1650 – fraud, Walmart
1703 – mental, 10686 Borgman Ave.
1836 – assist fire dept., 42901 Tyler Rd.
1933 – fireworks, 40761 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1933 – fireworks, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
2018 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville

Saturday, Dec. 29:

0042 – juvenile complaint, 42200 Tyler Rd.
0056 – noise complaint, 46145 Village Green Ln.
0945 – water leak found, 44139 Tyler Rd.
1037 – malicious destruction of property, Hull / Clark
1136 – breaking & entering, 10667 Oak Ln.
1550 – property damage accident, 42206 Tyler Rd.
1812 – private property accident, 11202 Westlake
2044 – assist fire dept., 43379 Daniel Dr.
2224 – mental, 10960 Lighthouse
2308 – larceny, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2332 – assist fire dept., 8879 Parkwood Dr.
2349 – noise complaint, 44065 Harmony Ln.

Also on this week's log were 65 traffic stops, 7 of which were on the I-94 freeways.

Sunday, Dec. 30:

0056 – assault & battery, 7981 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0120 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Service Drive B / Marlowe Ave.
0947 – property damage accident, I-94/Haggerty
1102 – juvenile complaint, 7752 Kirkridge Park Dr
1136 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11086 Oak Lane
1152 – harassment call, 9450 Haggerty Rd.
1253 – retail fraud, Walmart
1318 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1340 – retail fraud, Meijer
1541 – property damage accident, Belleville / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1739 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11020 Lighthouse Dr.
1742 – fraud, 10950 Belleville Rd.
1905 – breaking & entering, 48911 Denton Rd.
2029 – indecent exposure, 45501 N. I-94 Service
2057 – agency assist, EB I-94/Rawsonville
2118 – fraud, Kmart
2228 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor

2344 – loud party complaint, 46141 Village Green
Monday, Dec. 31:
0004 – assault & battery, 8873 Ironwood Dr.
1223 – retail fraud, Meijer
1242 – breaking & entering, 48984 Ashbury
1323 – property damage accident, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
2022 – shots fired, 11667 Meadows
2031 – mental, 10960 Lighthouse
2139 – hit and run, 10784 Belleville Rd.
2250 – assault & battery, 93 N. Ponderosa Trl.

Tuesday, Jan. 1:

0015 – shots fired, 42672 Tavistock Dr.
0111 – weapons violation, 48733 Bemis
0121 – disturbance, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.
0152 – operating while intoxicated, 2235 Rawsonville Rd.
0232 – disturbance, Westlake
0252 – fight, Green Meadows
0258 – juvenile complaint, 46194 N. I-94 Service
0937 – assault & battery, 48711 Denton Rd.
1321 – assault & battery, 17104 Westlake Cir.
1335 – larceny, 49080 Denton Rd.
1458 – larceny from auto, 42208 Hayes
1519 – shots fired, Tyler/Belleville
1552 – harassment call, Tyler/Morton Taylor
1626 – malicious destruction of property, Hull / Martinsville
1634 – breaking & entering, 46081 Chatsworth Dr.
1909 – missing person, 11064 Quirk Rd.
2228 – harassment call, 14 Ash Dr.
2247 – mental, 9202 Parkwood Dr.
2329 – malicious destruction of property, 48929 Ashbury

2351 – breaking & entering, 5981 Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 2:

0018 – intimidation threat, 10780 Morton Taylor
0752 – malicious destruction of property, 49089 Ashbury Dr.
0757 – malicious destruction of property, 48906 Ashbury
1215 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1301 – property damage accident, 45540 Harmony Lane
1339 – fraud, 2041 Rawsonville Rd.
1345 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1817 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1925 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville / I-94
1948 – private property accident, 45525 N. I-94 Service Dr.
2049 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2340 – disturbance, 49041 Denton Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 3:

0115 – disturbance, 8931 Parkwood Dr.
0136 – private property accident, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0211 – larceny, 41450 S. Bellridge Dr.
0257 – disturbance, 8931 Parkwood Dr.
0831 – private property accident, 287 Industrial
1058 – malicious destruction of property, 10960 Lighthouse
1403 – larceny, 15695 Haggerty
1449 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald
1516 – larceny, 10640 Belleville Rd.
1523 – property damage accident, 49252 Paloma
1640 – fraud, 17131 Bak Rd.
1743 – breaking & entering, 10860 Lighthouse Dr.
1818 – assault & battery, Belleville/Tyler
1840 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2143 – sexual assault, 9866 Wheeler St.
2253 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2346 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler

Friday, Jan. 4:

0137 – noise complaint, 10766 Oak Lane
0724 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Independence Lane
1151 – harassment call, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1325 – malicious destruction of property, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1523 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1802 – malicious destruction of property, 6119 Rawsonville Rd.
1845 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1945 – water leak found, 10760 Belleville Rd.
1957 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2112 – intimidation threat, 6522 Parkside Dr.

2153 – noise complaint, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
Saturday, Jan. 5:
0007 – juvenile complaint, 9527 Dalton Dr.
0613 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8892 W. Walden Dr.
1016 – assault & battery, 10166 Rolan Meadows
1341 – larceny from auto, 10958 Oak Lane
1447 – harassment call, 40036 Edison Lake Rd.
1902 – child abuse, 51298 Sylvia Dr.
1922 – suicide or attempt, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
1923 – water leak found, 42053 Hayes St.
1956 – intimidation threat, 12310 Westlake
2003 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Tyler
2013 – water leak found, 42012 Hayes St.
2057 – intimidation threat, 11100 Lighthouse Dr.
2142 – retail fraud, Walmart

Also on this week's log were 125 traffic stops, 12 of which were on I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 23:

0027 – noise complaint, 387 Victorian Ct.
0059 – suspicious person, 507 Estrada
0100 – noise complaint, 387 Victorian Ct.
1113 – assist fire dept., 42 Loza Lane
1145 – private property accident, Char House

Monday, Dec. 24:

0843 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
0858 – intrusion alarm, 38 5th St.
1256 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
2328 – vehicle lockout, 11 Carmell St.

Tuesday, Dec. 25:

0032 – assist fire dept., 368 E. Huron River Dr.
0358 – motorist assist, Denton/Hillside
0547 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1208 – breaking & entering, 301 W. Columbia
1637 – welfare check, 500 N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Dec. 26:

0217 – welfare check, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.
0544 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1040 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1058 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1121 – suspicious situation, 35 Loza Lane
1237 – private property accident, BHS
1517 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
1538 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
2200 – miscellaneous complaint, 222 Belle Villa

Thursday, Dec. 27:

0811 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.
0928 – welfare check, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.
1039 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 46 Loza Ln.
1342 – larceny, 750 E. Huron River Dr.
1844 – motorist assist, Liberty/Columbia
1939 – found property, 6 Main St.
2359 – suspicious person, 28 Biggs Ave.

Friday, Dec. 28:

0944 – welfare check, Belleville Bridge
1036 – parking complaint, 572 E. Thornhill Ct.
1317 – E-911 cellular, 548 Sumpter
1644 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
1829 – property check, Hillside
1914 – parking complaint, Main/Third
2010 – property damage accident, 584 Main St.
2118 – suspicious vehicle, 25 Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 29:

0106 – domestic assault, 28 Loza Lane
0556 – agency assist, 19350 Sumpter
0916 – assist fire dept., 3 San Carlos St.
0927 – follow-up, Harbour Club/Bldg. 18
0935 – property damage accident, Main/Second
1157 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1406 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court

1721 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.
1836 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 385 E. Huron

River Dr.
2050 – property check, Hillside
2203 – suspicious vehicle, 146 High St.

Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sunday, Dec. 30:

0143 – abandoned auto, 67 Main St.
0408 – motorist assist, Belleville/Denton
1000 – assist fire dept., 60 Biggs Ave.
1739 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.
1745 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1949 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.

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2153 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
2246 – parking complaint, 404 Main St.
Monday, Dec. 31:
0126 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
0312 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.,
Columbia Court
0702 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
1219 – welfare check, 357 E. Columbia Ave.
2237 – civil matter, 105 Wexford Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 1:
0111 – parking complaint, 223 N. Aberdeen Ct.
0122 – assist fire dept., 85 Carmell St.
0254 – agency assist, Green Meadows
0453 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1159 – agency assist, 157 Potter Dr.
1234 – malicious destruction of property, 83 Bedell
1542 – suspicious situation, 354 Victorian Lane
1842 – mental, 476 W. Columbia Ave.
2013 – property check, Hillside
2252 – intrusion alarm, 414 Sumpter Rd.
2253 – assist fire dept., 10 Loza Lane

Wednesday, Jan. 2:
1013 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
1024 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
1223 – suspicious situation, 45201 Owen St.
1408 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1452 – warrant arrest, 14 B
2126 – assist fire dept. 14 Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 3:
0306 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
0852 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 20 Menlo Park Dr.
0927 – suspicious person, Belleville Bridge
1245 – warrant arrest, Dickerson
1815 – assist citizen, 63 Menlo Park Dr.
2124 – suspicious person, 3 Santa Clara
2340 – property check, Hillside
2341 – property check, 3 Santa Clara St.

Friday, Jan. 4:
1738 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1818 – intrusion alarm, 220 N. Aberdeen Ct.
2203 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza
2301 – assist fire dept., 401 Estrada
2309 – assist fire dept., 375 N. Liberty St.
Saturday, Jan. 5:
0420 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
1024 – suspicious person, 226 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1102 – follow up, 25 Owen
1253 – assist fire dept., 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1409 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1421 – abandoned auto, 105 Wexford Ave.
1745 – domestic assault, 470 E. Waterbury Ct.
1956 – suspicious situation, 347 N. Liberty St.
2038 – property check, Hillside Cemetery
Also on this week's log were 57 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 23:

1110 – animal complaint, Kozma/Griffin Ct.
1134 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1231 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1458 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd
1621 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1623 – larceny, Country Club
1754 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
2132 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear/
Clark

2247 – citizen assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2350 – suspicious incident, Arizona

Monday, Dec. 24:

0232 – operating while intoxicated arrest,
Rawsonville/Willis
0548 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0750 – civil dispute, Montana
1424 – property damage accident, Karr/Oakville

Waltz
1445 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1659 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1718 – follow-up investigation, 8200 bl.
Rawsonville

1751 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1839 – noise complaint, Knollwood
2019 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2118 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis

Tuesday, Dec. 25:

1043 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1045 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
1352 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1556 – family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2051 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
2246 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Harris
Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 26:

0144 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1104 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Reed
1324 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1344 – property damage accident, Willis /
Martinsville

1416 – warrant arrest, Willis/Martinsville

Thursday, Dec. 27:

1153 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1158 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Pecan
1252 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1302 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming
1327 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1401 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz
1532 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1629 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1950 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2021 – fire dept. assist, Colorado
2211 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
2333 – property damage accident, 20000 bl.
Martinsville Rd.

Friday, Dec. 28:

0347 – suspicious person, Bemis/Rawsonville
0542 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0741 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1053 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1120 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1157 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow

1245 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1440 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1500 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
1548 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1823 – odor investigation, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
2001 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2310 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 29:

0111 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0315 – assist other agency, Greenmeadow
0532 – breaking & entering, 19000 bl. Sumpter
0841 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Rawsonville
0950 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1157 – criminal sexual conduct, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1315 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1505 – citizen assist, Willis/Lohr
1707 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1747 – traffic hazard, Karr/Wear
1853 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1947 – assist other agency, Nevada
2115 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Also on this week's log were 21 miscellaneous details,
85 patrol checks, and 23 traffic stops.

Sunday, Dec. 30:

0246 – parking complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0947 – assist other agency, I-275/S. Huron Rd.
1005 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD
1047 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1238 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1433 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1550 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2032 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
2043 – disorderly person, Mulberry
2323 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow

Monday, Dec. 31:

0056 – follow-up investigation, Pecan
0613 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0748 – civil dispute, Montana
0920 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1322 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Kozma
1328 – trespassing complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1613 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1850 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1938 – shots fired, Knollwood
2020 – well-being check, Nevada
2215 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl.
Sherwood

Tuesday, Jan. 1:

0102 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0108 – assault, 46000 bl. Reed
0114 – minor in possession violation, 48000 bl.
Bemis Rd.
0133 – suspicious vehicle, Fenster/Bontekoe
0309 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma
0353 – property damage accident, Judd/Wilmot
0436 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1057 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1341 – trespassing complaint, Magnolia
1354 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl.
Sumpter Rd.

1546 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter
/ Dunn
1832 – well-being check, Butternut
1916 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood
Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 2:

0018 – trespassing complaint, magnolia
0110 – property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood

1128 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl.
Martinsville Rd.
1209 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1211 – larceny, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1226 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1358 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1429 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Carelton West
Rd.

1456 – malicious destruction of property, 26000 bl.
Sumpter Rd.

1549 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl.
Elwell Rd.

1626 – suspicious vehicle, Harris/Wescott
1653 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1809 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1821 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Elwell
1824 – civil dispute, New Mexico
2024 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Willis
2049 – warrant arrest, out of township
2251 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 3:

0833 – property damage accident, Willow /
Haggerty
1111 – lost property, Country Club
1151 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1405 – mental health commitment, Nevada
2026 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
2103 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Friday, Jan. 4:

0155 – assist other agency, Magnolia
0327 – fire dept. assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0805 – warrant arrest, Birch
0957 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1116 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1202 – fire dept. assist, Dakota
1308 – found property, 23000 bl. Martinsville/
Arkona

1559 – warrant arrest, out of township
1830 – property damage accident, Rawsonville /
Bemis

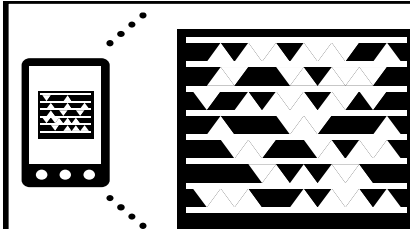
1855 – suspicious incident, Walnut
1923 – property damage accident, Willow /
Haggerty

2003 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2328 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2354 – shots fired, 18000 bl. Westcott

Saturday, Jan. 5:

0001 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0327 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0929 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1231 – breaking & entering report, Wyoming
1425 – noise complaint, Harris/Elwell
1613 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1955 – mental health commitment, Dakota

Also on this week's log are 26 miscellaneous details,
145 patrol checks, and 30 traffic stops.



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