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VB School Board gives Supt. Van Tassel rating of 'highly effective'

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday after a closed-door session to evaluate the performance of School Supt. Michael Van Tassel, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to give him a rating of "highly effective".

A three-page document was released to the public spelling out the details of the annual evaluation and giving Van Tassel glowing reviews.

During the more than two-hour closed-door session, the final evaluation was edited together from two proposed evaluations — one by Board President Brent Mikulski and one by Vice President Martha Toth. The documents were projected overhead, discussed at length and changes made by Board Secretary Kevin English until everyone was satisfied.

The approved evaluation begins: "When Superintendent Van Tassel assumed leadership of the Van Buren Public Schools just over a year ago, he and the Board agreed upon an ambitious set of goals in five major areas. We are extremely pleased to report great progress in every one of those areas."

At a workshop session on Feb. 18, the board discussed how to evaluate the superintendent and how to set the goals the board members wanted, short and long-term.

Board President Mikulski said last August Van Tassel and members of his cabinet wrote out a dozen goals.

Trustee Scott Russell said that the board shouldn't be setting goals for next year half way through this year. He urged them to wait until the end of the school year to set goals, but he did note the board needs goals before evaluation can take place.

Van Tassel explained how the first list of goals was developed.

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Fifty-four Belleville residents and past-residents attended the Belleville Day in Florida event at The Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club in Hernando, FL on Feb. 6. This is the first year that Sam and Sandy Vicchy hosted the event. They report the food, country club atmosphere, old friends, and renewed acquaintances were wonderful. The next Belleville Day is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2014 at the same location. Those expecting to be in the area at that time are asked to call the Vicchys at 352-726-9132 to get on their mailing list to receive all the information for this annual big event.

BHS swimmers win league championship, undefeated for season

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville High School Varsity boys' swimmers and divers won the Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship on Friday, going undefeated, 7-0, for the season.

And, they won it in their state-of-the-art, new swimming pool in their new high school.

The BHS Tigers won the championship meet against rivals Dearborn Edsel Ford by a nail-biting score of 488 to 480.

Eight swimmers were named All-League: Jacob Gray, Mikey Hermosillo-DeBoer, Zach Hermosillo-DeBoer, Andrew Lunder, Timo Budiono, Ari Budiono, Brandon Robinson, and Alan Stoelton.



Photo courtesy BHS

Members of the Belleville High School Men's Swim and Dive team celebrate their league win in the Belleville High School pool after the final, nail-biting finish.

Several of the swimmers placed very well in the meet.

Jacob Gray placed first in the 200 and 500 Freestyle, along with the league records in both of those events. He also qualified for the State meet.

Timo Budiono placed first, as a freshman, in the one-meter diving event and along with Nate Michna and Evan Olds, qualified for the Regional Diving competition Feb. 25.

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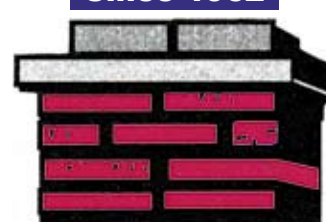
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT LDFA gets reports on Visteon, Zoo/DIA millage capture law suit

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

The Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) met Feb. 12 and spent most of its 40-minute meeting talking about the upcoming Visteon bond shortfall and the capture of millage funds meant for the Zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs first introduced Grosse Pointe resident Arthur Mullen as the new interim Director of Economic Development, replacing Terry Carroll who left Feb. 8.

She said Mullen is now the point person for all things building and planning and the LDFA, as well.

Supervisor Combs said she has signed authorizations for the Kilpatrick law firm attorneys and the financial firm (PFM) headed by Kari Blanchett to release all documents pertaining to the Visteon transaction to Clark Hill PLC.

She said it has been determined that no bond funds were used improperly in construction. Everything that was spent on the pylons and the infrastructure projects were allowable according to state law for the use of those funds, she said.

Combs said the audit was done at the state level and she has been assured that an official written opinion will be forthcoming and forwarded to the board.

Combs said Kaveh Kashef from Clark Hill is the lead attorney on the Visteon case and he has spoken with current and former employees and officials in relation to their knowledge on the issue.

He is continuing to interview all those persons who have a part in those original transactions so he can get a full history on it.

Combs said she was advised by the attorney on the confidentiality of this information because they like to play things as close to the vest as they can.

"We want our residents to know that we are doing something, but we are not at liberty to go into great detail at this point," Combs said. "It's important that we use care when talking to the citizens."

Combs paraphrased Kashef's letter: "He is targeting a letter to Visteon to begin the negotiation process by the end of this month. A closed-session presentation will be made to the township board as soon as possible."

LDFA member and VBT resident Doug Peters, an attorney, asked, "Why is it taking so long? We asked that action be taken immediately in October. The letter should have been sent no later than November. We're not even sure the letter will get out this month. The letter will take time to be responded to. We should start the litigation. Why not?"

Combs said Clark Hill told her they weren't ready for litigation yet and are still gathering information.

"Are they going to send their lead attorney in to talk with the Board of Trustees?" Peters asked and Combs replied, "Yes."

When asked when that would be, Combs said maybe Feb. 19, but they did not know if the attorney would be available then.

LDFA Chairman Michael Dotson thanked Combs for the update and asked them to move forward and keep the LDFA apprised.

"We are hoping that you move forward as quickly as possible, as was stated in our request to the board," Dotson said.

Zoo Millage

At the last meeting, Chairman Dotson asked that the zoo millage capture be kept on the agenda until it was resolved so he asked Combs for an update.

Combs deferred to Mullen because, "As it turns out he is involved in this through his professional association."

Mullen asked that Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland be involved in the discussion because she's been involved with this through the township DDA.

Mullen said that in 2008 the zoo passed a millage to support operations. In Wayne County the taxing jurisdictions and the treasurers have been retaining funds from that millage as required under state law.

"There is an interpretation from the State Attorney General's Office that we are not to collect," Mullen said. "There are several other legal opinions that have been obtained from a lot of the TIF (tax increment financing) districts in Wayne County that contradict that."

Mullen said he is on the Board of Michigan Downtown Association as its Legislative and Advocacy Committee Chair that is interested in following this issue.

Mullen said he believes there is only going to be a solution to this through a court opinion.

He commented on an article recently published in *The Detroit News* as being inflammatory and not a true report and, "We (the MDA) understand their interest in selling these papers."

On behalf of the MDA, Mullen submitted a letter to the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News* about 2½ weeks earlier defending the capturing of the millage.

Ireland said a complaint seeking a speedy declaratory judgment was filed with the Wayne County Clerk on Feb. 1. The case was assigned to Circuit Court Judge Daniel Ryan and the attorneys were due to meet with the judge on Feb. 14 regarding future schedules.

Ireland said Romulus is spearheading the effort and is coordinating a meeting with

those participating in the suit and legal counsel to determine the next step.

Ireland said the suit was filed by 18 entities from eight communities. Attorney for the suit is Thomas Moynihan.

So far, the VBT DDA has approved \$3,000 to fight turning over captured millage to the zoo and DIA.

The county has said that at the time of settlement it will deduct the captured millage from the delinquent tax roll that is paid to the communities that are capturing the millage.

"I take it that the people that are filing suit do not want to turn the money over to the zoo?" asked Peters.

"That is correct," Ireland replied. "The law states that the treasurer shall remit tax increment finances."

"I think we have to be clearer on that response," Dotson said. "The group has gotten together to bring this suit forward in order to get a clarification of the situation per the State law on collection of these taxes."

"There is no one that said we don't think the zoo or any of the other entities deserve this money that the taxpayers intended. It's simply a matter of clarification as to how they are to proceed," Dotson said.

Ireland agreed, saying, "There is a non-binding Attorney General's opinion which conflicts with our attorney's definition. I am not an attorney, but as I read it, we are following the law by capturing the incremental tax increases. There is a provision in the law that allows for an opt-out."

Peters addressed Mullen: "For clarification, Arthur, is that group that you're involved with in favor of the suit or opposed to it?"

"We're in favor of the suit because our concern is precedence will be established to have taxing jurisdictions be able to opt out of TIF," Mullen replied.

"So, you have a paid conflict of interest, as you sit here, your group doesn't want the money to go to the zoo," Peters said. "So, you'll be mindful that you do have that conflict and will not let it influence you and nor will the township contribute any money to that lawsuit. Is that our correct decision?"

Combs said the township itself is not involved in the lawsuit, but the DDA is.

Peters asked if the DDA is contributing to legal fees and Ireland said it was.

Dotson said the LDFA is not contributing to legal fees.

Ireland said the DDA and LDFA have been capturing since the beginning in 2008.

When asked, Ireland said Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham has been keeping track of what has been collected, but is not necessarily sequestering the funds.

Ireland said it's about \$7,700 for the DDA and about \$2,400 for the LDFA.

"So we've contributed up to \$3,000 to get \$10,000?" Peters asked and Ireland replied that was correct.

"I'd like to talk to the township," Peters continued. "I have some land that I'd like to sell. We'll make a good deal, I promise."

Mullen said the concern is that other existing taxing jurisdictions could also try to make an effort to opt out and that could significantly impact any TIF district.

"I'm clear in my opinion," Peters said. "I still don't understand why we're spending our money on this. I think it's a mistake. Go to it."

Mullen said had the ballot language been written differently, this case would not be taking place.

"But, because the way the ballot language was written, we have no choice but to continue to capture those funds based on the current existing laws," Dotson said.

"I think it's right to capture them, but I think it should be paid to whoever it should be sent to," Peters said.

After more discussion, David Tyler, who is the Wayne County Deputy Director for EDGE (Economic Development Growth Engine) added, "My understanding is that there is legislation that is pending. All of this may become moot very shortly relative to the corrections that assembly needs to happen to clarify the language."

"Assuming that it does take place, the direction that legislature is going, they will clarify that. In fact that zoo money that is captured goes to the zoo. That is clearly the intent of the legislature at this point."

"It has nothing to do whether or not I like penguins and polar bears," Ireland said. "Because I think they're great."

"I think the intent of the law is clear," Peters said.

FBI came to Belleville Monday searching for man who made threat

A Belleville resident has been charged with posting an online threat against Thornton Creek Elementary School in Novi unless a math test was canceled.

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said the FBI was in Belleville on Monday looking for Alex Boyar.

According to information obtained, Boyar, 48, lives in Victoria Commons. Boyar was a campus computer network manager and the FBI said he posted his threat on Jan. 8 at the bottom of an online news story about an earlier lockdown at the school.

The FBI said in a court filing Monday that Novi police traced the threat to Boyar, who admitted he wrote it.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter gets its own Little League

Sumpter Township is getting its own T-Ball league as a part of the Little League organization. The T-Ball, co-ed for ages 4, 5, and 6, would begin the process that would expand as the players grew up until Sumpter had the complete Little League program.

Larry Fix, who is in his 27th year as a Little League volunteer and is head of District 16, first went to Sumpter Parks and Rec with his plan to bring LL baseball to Sumpter. They asked him to come to the township board, which he did on Tuesday — during a big snowstorm.

In Sumpter they don't cancel meetings for snowstorms. On Wednesday, Van Buren Township's supervisor closed township hall for the day after the storm had passed.

Fix, who lives in VBT, said he went to the national and then the Van Buren programs and got permissions to allow Sumpter to do its own program. Presently, LL players in Sumpter have to go to VBT's Beck Field to play.

Other leagues haven't started to register yet for this season, so there's time for Sumpter T-Ball to start this year.

Fix said a Sumpter fire fighter he ran into at Meijer's volunteered to be safety manager for the league and get background checks for volunteers. Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody volunteered to write the charter. Others, also, are volunteering to help.

They need to get the word out — T-Ball for Sumpter kids will be in Sumpter. And, it will be run by Sumpter volunteers.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday one of our loyal readers called to tell me she was disturbed to see the picture of the eagle eating lunch on page 11 of last week's paper. She said her husband felt the same way.

She said they both still like the paper, but she wanted us to know they didn't like that picture. As far as the idea of the picture being unusual and difficult to get, she didn't agree. She said there are lots of ducks and seagulls around that the eagles are probably eating. Some of us in the office (the guys) liked the picture a lot and some (the girls) found it unsettling, too.

I went to the work/study session of the Van Buren School Board on Feb. 18. The third Monday usually is Belleville City Council meeting night and that's where I go. But, this time the city was celebrating Presidents Day and the School Board wasn't, so I went to their study meeting to get background information on school matters.

It was very interesting because Curriculum Director Diane Kullis and Special Services Supervisor Karen Johnston gave an overview of state and federal grants, what they cover and how they are administered. What a jungle that is, but Diane has it covered and is able to figure out how to take best advantage of what's offered.

On Valentine's Day a car drove into the ravine behind the Rawsonville Road McDonald's restaurant at about 1:30 p.m. VBT Fire and Police departments responded and rescued the male driver, who may have had a seizure. They extricated him and sent



him to the hospital via HVA, cancelling the Survival Flight helicopter that was going to land at Kmart to carry him off.

I understand a fire truck backed up to the site and a winch was put in place to keep the car from slipping down the hill.

On Tuesday we received a news release from the City of Romulus that announces Infinity Homes and Co. has broken ground on the first of what could be as many as 139 new homes in a new subdivision on Van Born, west of Merriman. The project manager said 11 new homes were sold in the subdivision even before the first basement was dug. Maybe this signals the renewal of building in our area, too.

I received a call from VBT Clerk Leon Wright on Tuesday morning announcing he is going out for bids for newspaper of record. He has said several times that the new township supervisor and the old township treasurer have been asking him to do this since the August primary election when their seats were assured.

It's a political thing. Those in power now are partial to the Current, which was started after those involved couldn't get the former board recalled. We will bid, but the Current will be selected and everyone at the township will be happy.

The *Independent* has been VBT newspaper of record only since December 2011 and it has been a pleasure. Our paper was first

printed Jan. 5, 1995 and was not VBT newspaper of record for most of the time since then. I think it was the recent printing of the VBT salaries again that set off the most recent move to axe the *Independent*.

The huge explosion people in Sumpter heard at about 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday was from the township police gun range on Willow Road.

Sumpter Police Lt. Eric Luke said the Wayne County Airport Authority Bomb Squad regularly comes out to set off ordnance they've collected. He said this time it took about 20 minutes. There were explosions and then they were gone.

We got reports from several people about how their windows rattled and they could feel the percussion all the way up to Harris Road near the PNA Hall.

Better to have the explosions at the gun range than at the airport, I guess.

According to last week's voucher list, the VBT PD is sending four officers to the ILEETA conference April 15-20. That's the event that features a donut-eating contest. A few years ago, Officer Abdilla came in second. Hope he's in training.





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A van would help get people to doctor, dentist

To the Editor:

Due to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I let it slip my mind. Dec. 18, 1972 I was commissioned by the Archdiocese of Detroit as a Roman Catholic Minister of Service serving at Sacred Heart Church in Detroit's Eastern Market for 40 years working with Father Norman Thomas, who has been there for 45 years, age 82, and still going strong.

He also was at St. Elizabeth taking over for Father John Markham six years ago.

I have tried to serve God and His people in whatever way I can. He has always given me support. Never give up no matter the hand you are dealt.

In 1995, I had prostate cancer surgery. 2005, now Hodgkins Lymphoma. 2007, I had a Saint Jude's Mechanical Valve replaced in my heart. In 2010, I was diagnosed with Beta Cell Carcinoma. Was born with two big toes which was amputated 2010. Been on life support three times and I am still here. God is not finished with me yet.

I don't get to my home parish as much as I would like since moving to Sumpter Township ten years ago. I minister at the senior center, Belleville, and visit different churches, singing God's praises, How Great Thou Art.

My dream is to get a van or bus with a wheelchair lift. A donated one would be nice or one reasonable. Where I could take people for dialysis, doctor's and dentist's appointments, etc.

I know this is a long letter and might not get printed. You know what to do. Sorry, it has been two months since my anniversary. A lot going on, been put on 24/7 oxygen, but I am still pressing on. One day at a time.

May God bless you in your great works and Sumpter and Belleville.

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Consider donating used baseball items to kids

To the Editor:

I know it's hard to imagine or even think about the spring baseball season, but believe it or not it's right around the corner.

Baseball is American's favorite pastime and a great way to keep the community children active and entertained, but with today's struggling economy, it's hard for some families to be able to allow their child or children to participate because they can't afford to buy new cleats or a new glove because their child has outgrown their old ones.

I'm asking the community again this year, as I have several times in the past, that if you have any used baseball or softball gloves and cleats that you are no longer needing, please consider donating them to the Belleville Area Little League.

You may drop them off at 42233 McBride Avenue (Haggerty Sub) or by calling (734) 260-6017 and I will arrange a time to stop by and pick up any items you may like to donate.

These gloves and cleats are given to whoever expresses a need for them at no charge. I want to thank the Belleville community for their donations this year and from the years past. Your donations make it possible for many children to play America's favorite pastime.

Thank you,
Marc Littleton
Coach and Chief Umpire for B.A.L.L.

Presidents are at fault for high gas prices

To the Editor:

If high gas prices were George Bush's fault when he was President, then high prices now must be Obama's fault. I'm sorry, I believe gas prices were \$1.85 when Bush left office.

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Question from Debbie in City of Belleville:
I own a very nice double-wide mobile home, currently in a desirable mobile home park. I just got married and my husband and I would like to move the mobile home to a parcel of land. I was wondering if we can do that and what is required to do so?

Answer: First, you have to check with the Building Department in the municipality, where you want to move. Each municipality has different zoning restrictions and building codes concerning the structure, size, square feet, height, roof pitch, etc. Some cities and townships do not allow mobile homes affixed to land.

Please, do your homework first before buying the land. Contact the local government in the area you are interested in, and do your due diligence with the Building Department, Water & Sewage, and the Tax Assessor to make sure this move can happen, and at what costs -- so that you can make an informed decision.

Congratulations on your new marriage and move!
-- Angela

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Obituaries



Patsy L. Little

PATSY L. LITTLE

(March 24, 1948 – February 19, 2013)

Mrs. Patsy L. Little, aged 64, of Belleville passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved and loving husband of 43 years, Morris; precious daughter, Patricia Little; her grand dog, Abbi who she adored; loving mother-in-law and father-in-law, Allen and Mabel Little; sister-in-law, Mary (Dick) Putney; brother, Berney Bartlett Jr.; many nieces and nephews.

Pat leaves a legacy of strong faith regardless of the circumstances she faced. She was an inspiration to the many people she met along her journey. She fought many battles along the way and conquered each one through her strong faith and hard work. Pat's greatest joy was spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bernie Bartlett and Dorothy Hensley and brother Jerry Bartlett.

A celebration of her life was held 3 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the Ronan-Vanderpool-Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 3131 S. Division Ave., Wyoming, MI, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Interment Gilmore Twp., Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society / Relay for Life.

Please visit www.stegengafuneralchapel.com to share a memory or condolence to her family.

BETTY JANE BURGER

(August 5, 1920 - February 21, 2013)

Age 92. She was born in Detroit to the late Ceaser and Jewel (Schmeyer) Ballard. A Catholic committal prayer service held at St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funerals.



Edward J. Taylor

EDWARD J. TAYLOR

(May 31, 1955 – February 17, 2013)

Edward Taylor, age 57, of Taylor passed away February 17, 2013. Formerly of Romulus, he was the son of the late Donald J. Taylor, Sr.

To cherish his memory he leaves behind his loving wife Theresa; his children, Melissa, Kathy, Jessica, and Zack; a grandchild; his mother Margaret Taylor; sisters Sharon, Phyllis, and Judy; and his brothers, Donald, James and Tom.

A memorial mass was held at St. Alfred Parish in Taylor on February 23, 2013. He was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park.



John Perkins

JOHN ERVIN PERKINS

(July 10, 1958 - February 24, 2013)

John Perkins, age 54, of Westland, passed away February 24, 2013. Grew up and graduated from Belleville. Long-time friend and companion to Joyce Cornelius. Best buddy of his Jack Russell. Brother to Pam Pate and half brother to Marty Perkins. Cousin of Chris Perkins Richard Immerfall, and Charlene Floyd. Funeral services will be from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, on Thursday February 28, 2013 at 7 p.m. Visitation at the funeral home Thursday from 4-7 p.m. Burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



MICHAEL WHITNEY BLACK

(September 12, 1947 - February 21, 2013)

Age 65. A memorial service is being held at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel on Saturday March 2, 2013. Visitation will be from noon to 1 P.M. with the Veteran's Memorial Service at 1 P.M.

GERALDINE L. MILLS

(November 8, 1934 - February 25, 2013)

Age 78, of Belleville. Survived by sons, John of Belleville and Mark of Kansas City, MO, granddaughter Emily, and great-grand Adin. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 28** – Sumpter Township Seniors are holding their annual Black History Celebration at 2 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd. RSVP to 461-9373 by Feb. 22. \$3 includes food and refreshments. Potluck. Bring a dish to pass. All welcome.

• **Thursday, Feb. 28** – The African American Book Group will meet at the Belleville Area District Library to discuss "Red Light Wives" by Mary Monroe.



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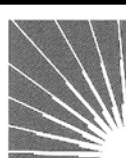
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 soap, diapers, deodorant, shampoo, and shaving
 supplies are needed. Organizers are also looking
 for volunteers for the food sorting on March 15,
 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.
 Monetary donations will also be accepted. Call
 (734) 699-5000 for info or email bconry@openarmscenter.com.

Kim Ion of Kim's Resale Shop, Antiques &
 Collectibles at Ypsilanti's Depot Town is one
 of the organizers of the Spring Indoor Flea
 Markets, which get underway every Saturday,
 beginning March 2, at 800 Lowell Street. Take
 I-94 west to the Huron exit north and follow the
 signs. Call (734) 340-4241 for info.

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 March during regular business hours. See their ad
 in today's paper for a list of services and pricing.
 No exam is needed but pets must be in good
 general health. Call Dr. Melanie Dukes at (734)
 699-3800.

HELP WANTED

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 28 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.
- Monday, March 4 -- Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 6 – Van Buren Township Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, March 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, March 12 – VBT September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Cemetery Advisory Committee, 11:30 a.m. Also, VBT Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Besson, Executive Assistant LaMothe, DDA Director Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifteen (15). **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. To remove from the agenda New Business Item #5 “Consider the personal services consulting agreement for Interim Planning and Economic Development Director.” and to add to the agenda New Business Item #5 “Consider Attorney’s recommendation regarding pending Wayne County Circuit Court case number 12-009286-AW.” Carried. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes January 31, 2013; Closed Session Minutes January 31,

2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2013; February 19, 2013 Voucher lists.] as presented. Carried. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None. **CORRESPONDENCE:** John Delaney commended the Board members for working together as a Board. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None. **NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2013-04 the revised Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) Bylaws as presented and to designate Tom MacDonald, Director of Public Works as delegate and Jim Taylor, DPW Superintendent as the alternate delegate. Carried.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-19-13, to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to storm water basins. Carried. *(A synopsis of Ordinance 2-19-13 follows the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve lawn mowing contract renewal for grass cutting and related services on Township owned properties,

as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Pastor Jim Richter and Sophie Zoller; to approve the appointment of Craig Atchinson to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2017. Carried.

Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Attorney’s recommendation regarding pending Wayne County Circuit Court case number 12-009286-AW. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McClanahan, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: Miller. Absent: None. Carried. **REPORTS:** None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None. **AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 7:57 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Planning and Economic Development Services Director/budget; FEMA plan. **ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted, Leon Wright, Township Clerk Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor Publish: February 28, 2013

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 2-19-2013

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

The First Reading of Ordinance 2-19-2013. Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to revise regulations pertaining to storm water basins.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.	DEFINITIONS	AMEND
SECTION 2.	GENERAL PROVISIONS –STORM WATER BASINS	AMEND
SECTION 3.	CONFLICTS	
SECTION 4.	SEVERABILITY	
SECTION 5.	EFFECTIVE DATE	

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2013.

YEAS : Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller.
NAYS : None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: 2-28-13
Effective:

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2013 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 5, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 11, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 13, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 14, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 13, 2013.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 12, 2013.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright, Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 14, 2013
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Thursday, February 28, 2013

School Board

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"You can evaluate me any way you want, but do you renew my contract?" he said. "... If I'm not doing the job you want, you don't renew my contract in May."

The board talked about the evaluation for almost an hour at the work/study.

"There's an art form to what people do," Van Tassel said. "The hardest thing of my job is having seven bosses ... each has his or her own pet projects ... it's difficult to

balance it."

The summary of the evaluation reads: "We did not have the luxury of time for incremental change; rather, we needed a 'great leap forward'. The Board has been pleased with the steps taken by the Superintendent to achieve these goals.

"The Board recognizes that such changes cannot be accomplished by edict, nor overnight. They require careful and extensive planning and thoughtful implementation. Supt. Van Tassel has laid the groundwork and set in motion processes

that are grounded in valid research. If we continue to implement these new models of teaching and learning with fidelity and persistence, we are confident we can become the premier school district we have all desired for our children and our community."

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

- Heard a presentation from Boys and Girls Club members and supporters who handed thank-you cards to Edgemont Principal Delria Crippen, to School Board President Mikulski and to Supt. Van Tassel for their support of the after-school club at Edgemont. There are 273 active club members and 250 children on a waiting list. Club supporter John Juriga said his

dream is to start a new Boys and Girls Club at Rawsonville Elementary School, noting Rawsonville Principal Karensa Smith was a part of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club in the past;

- Heard a report from the four elementary school principals on the teaching methods that are coordinated and the same in all the schools. Taking part were Savage Principal Kelley Villa, Tyler Principal Aleisa Pitt, Edgemont Principal Crippen, and Rawsonville Principal Smith. The four took part in a group hug at the end of the presentation to emphasize that they are all working together;

- Approved the terminations of Tim

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Public Hearing

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:35 pm on March 14, 2013 in the Sumpter Township Hall 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111. The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval of a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance text amendment encompassing all Articles of the Zoning Ordinance.

Information and complete draft of the Ordinance language regarding this matter may be inspected at the Township Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you are unable to attend this hearing but wish to comment on this matter you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's office prior to the time and date of the public hearing.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: February 28, 2013; March 7, 2013

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will meet at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 on the following dates and times:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.

APPOINTMENTS BEGIN:

MONDAY MARCH 11, 2013 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2013 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2013 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Review of assessments is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To set an appointment, please call 734-461-6201, ext. 2229 or ext. 2236. The burden of proof for a successful appeal is with the Property Owner. Sales reports will be available for review in the Supervisor's office. TENTATIVE RATIOS AND MULTIPLIERS, as determined by the Wayne County Equalization Department are:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIER
Agricultural (101)	49.05%	1.0000
Commercial (201)	49.89%	1.0000
Industrial (301)	49.47%	1.0000
Residential (401)	46.76%	1.0693
Developmental	NC	NC
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Agents for petitioners MUST submit letters of authorization from their clients. NON-RESIDENTS ONLY MAY APPEAL BY MAIL. Mail appeals must be received by MARCH 15, 2013. Poverty exemption guidelines and applications are available at the Assessor's Office, pursuant to MCL Sec 211.7u.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

Clarence Hoffman, Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0156 – fight, 2033 Rawsonville, Denny’s
0208 – disorderly conduct, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0423 – disturbance, 11583 Meadows Circle
0454 – disturbance, 11583 Meadows Circle
1214 – noise complaint, 10960 Lighthouse
1300 – harassment call, 47097 McBride
1505 – mental, 284 Holly Ln.
2035 – child abuse, 11695 Meadows Ln.
2128 – disturbance, 11629 Meadows Cir.
2336 – unattended death, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2341 – assault & battery, Haggerty/Huron River Drive

Monday, Feb. 18:
0230 – suicide or attempt, bypass/Rawsonville
1216 – suicide or attempt, 41511 N. Bellridge Dr.
1218 – juvenile complaint, Walden Woods Pond
1212 – property damage accident, 2025 Rawsonville Rd.
1235 – sexual assault, 41511 S. Bellridge Dr.
1308 – private property accident, Sadie Ln./S. Sadie Ln.
1418 – private property accident, 6301 Haggerty
1439 – noise complaint, 48870 Denton Rd.
1535 – mental, 39626 Huron River Dr.
1556 – fraud, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1756 – assault & battery, 41775 Savage Rd.
1832 – child abuse, 12475 Martinsville
2141 – assault & battery, 8 Maple Dr.
2152 – fraud, 6210 Westlake
2232 – noise complaint, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 19:
0024 – fraud, 46131 Village Green Lane
0221 – noise complaint, 42707 Leon Dr.
0725 – larceny from auto, 43871 S. Timberview
1137 – property damage accident, I-94 WB / Rawsonville
1355 – breaking & entering, 10991 Buchanan St.
1357 – agency assist, I-94 WB/Belleville
1515 – private property accident, 49060 Denton
1536 – fraud, 10661 Belleville Rd.
1553 – larceny, 15307 Brookside Dr.
1553 – mental, 103 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1619 – fraud, 47845 Denton Rd.
1655 – fraud, 11 Ash Dr.
1824 – PPO violation, 13367 Linda Vista Ct.
2242 – assault & battery, 11695 Meadows Ln.
2242 – assault & battery, 10819 Oak Ln.
2351 – trespassing, 48880 Denton Rd.
2352 – mental, 5964 Vernon St.

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
0026 – assault & battery, John’s Hot Spot
0238 – noise complaint, 48621 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0339 – mental, 10960 Lighthouse
0750 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0843 – mental, 10960 Lighthouse
0858 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / bypass
1240 – assault & battery, 6988 McKean
1258 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1405 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
1452 – trespassing, 11795 Meadows Circle
1510 – larceny, McBride Middle School
1515 – retail fraud, Walmart
1534 – assist fire dept., 47 Montague Ave.
2026 – property damage accident, 7000 Fay Dr.
2103 – property damage accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
2317 – noise complaint, 13586 Chinkapin Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 21:
0224 – assault & battery, 40036 Edison Lake Rd.
1212 – suicide or attempt, 10958 Oak Ln.
1541 – breaking & entering, 1900 Old Rawsonville, self storage
1548 – private property accident, 10830 Oak Ln.
1624 – noise complaint, 13574 Chinkapin Dr.
1643 – harassment call, 9500 Belleville Rd.
1657 – mental, 51185 Freedoms Way
1737 – noise complaint, 13586 Chinkapin Dr.
1747 – harassment call, 12864 Nautica Dr.
1840 – malicious destruction of property, 47574 Belmont Dr.
1849 – assault & battery, 13213 Mantauk Ct.
1918 – fraud, 48621 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2335 – noise complaint, 13586 Chinkapin Dr.

Friday, Feb. 22:
0003 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
0533 – malicious destruction of property, 905 E. Huron River Dr.
0621 – malicious destruction of property, 43483 Revere Dr.
1009 – malicious destruction of property, 15700 Martinsville Rd.
1112 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1120 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1431 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1611 – breaking & entering, 16165 Hoeft Rd.
1919 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2021 – noise complaint, 49221 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2142 – assist fire dept., EB I-94/Belleville
2241 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0109 – disturbance, 48870 Denton Rd.
0527 – noise complaint, 48870 Denton Rd.
0834 – intimidation threat, 42542 N. Cumberland
1044 – malicious destruction of property, 14379 Elwell
1302 – dumping complaint, 41120 Woodbury
1334 – fraud, Meijer
1527 – intimidation threat, 6500 Western St.
1603 – mental, 6190 Dellor St.
1614 – fight, 73 Rose Blvd.
1803 – noise complaint, 49120 Denton Rd.
1810 – private property accident, Westlake
1846 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1858 – fraud, Meijer
2122 – breaking & entering, 10941 Van Buren St.
2142 – noise complaint, 49120 Denton Rd.
2201 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
2201 – assault & battery, 600 Sumpter

Also on this week’s log are 187 traffic stops, with 2 of them on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0223 – noise complaint, 66 Carmell St.
0550 – assist fire dept., 303 E. Huron River Dr.
1211 – intimidation threat, 562 Main St.
1334 – E-911 hang up / investigation, 279 Church
1336 – E-911 hang up / investigation, 279 Church
1337 – civil matter, 191 Clarence St.
1837 – follow-up, 383 Church St.
1930 – agency assist, 178 Belle Villa Blvd.
2017 – assist fire dept., 500 N. Liberty St.
2237 – shots fired, Victorian Ln./W. Waterbury Ct.

Monday, Feb. 18:
0908 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
0942 – lost property, 444 Main St.
1531 – assist fire dept., 265 Main St.
1710 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
2124 – property damage accident, 575 Sumpter, Co-Op Apts.
2123 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 575 Sumpter

Tuesday, Feb. 19:
1148 – agency assist, 416 Sumpter Rd.
1338 – domestic violence, 380 N. Liberty St.
1440 – breaking & entering, 301 S. Industrial Park
1452 – suspicious person, Edgemont/Huron River Drive
1730 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op
1751 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 105 Main St.
1920 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2017 – suspicious situation, 206 Main St.
2022 – information, 404 Main St.
2116 – assist fire dept., 53 N. Edgemont Ave.
2156 – assist fire dept., 104 Carmell St.
2158 – intrusion alarm, BHS

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
0001 – welfare check, 53 N. Edgemont Ave.
0009 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
1027 – domestic assault, 509 N. Liberty St.
1124 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1403 – assault & battery, BHS
1420 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
1514 – civil matter, 22 Carmell St.
1610 – civil matter, Victory Park
1615 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1707 – vehicle lockout, 6 Main St.

1733 – assist fire dept., 229 Belle Villa
1835 – vehicle lockout, BHS
1837 – animal complaint, 342 Victorian Ln.
2102 – intrusion alarm, 562 Main St.
Thursday, Feb. 21:
0940 – found property, S. Edgemont Ave. / Greylock Street.
1049 – E-911 hang up / investigation, 733 Breakwater Dr.
1144 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth
1153 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1226 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1430 – property damage accident, 444 Main
1446 – disturbance, BHS
1656 – vehicle lockout, BHS
1753 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. / S. Liberty St.
2254 – operating while intoxicated, Savage / Sheldon

Friday, Feb. 22:
0944 – parking complaint, BHS
0958 – background investigation, 48870 Hull
1309 – miscellaneous complaint, 287 S. Industrial Park Drive
1428 – E-911 hang up / investigation, 201 Third
2153 – suspicious vehicle, Charles/Third
2242 – serve warrant, 181 Church St.
2247 – serve warrant, 210 Henry St.
2259 – serve warrant, 58 Loza Lane

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0722 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1025 – abandoned auto, 477 Victorian Lane
1356 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St.
1616 – assist citizen, 73 Rose
2018 – serve warrant, 111 Potter Dr.
2040 – serve warrant, 200 Henry St.
2051 – serve warrant, 169 N. Liberty St.
2105 – serve warrant, 105 Carmell St.
2128 – serve warrant, 232 Belle Villa Blvd.
2140 – noise complaint, 112 Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 66 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 17:
0115 – warrant arrest, out of township
0934 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1523 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1606 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2044 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz/Elwell
2055 – assault, Carriage Ln.
2147 – suspicious vehicle, New Mexico

Monday, Feb. 18:
0320 – alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
0929 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1047 – assist other agency, out of township
1211 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1423 – juvenile complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1613 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1951 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2112 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Martinsville

Tuesday, Feb. 19:
1013 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1021 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1305 – warrant arrest, out of township
1459 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1603 – fraud complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1727 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
1041 – fire dept. assist, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
1233 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1725 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1820 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1950 – warrant arrest, Judd/Martinsville
2101 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
2101 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 21:
0122 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0152 – warrant arrest, out of township
0342 – suspicious vehicle, Pecan
0443 – alarm, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0452 – follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron
0559 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0917 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0925 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1107 – family trouble, Montana
1402 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1444 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Wilmot

1519 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1522 – threats complaint, Carriage Ln.
1547 – suspicious incident, Knollwood
1642 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1759 – subpoena service, out of township
2121 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, Feb. 22:
0406 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0956 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1952 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2052 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Fenster
2057 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2110 – subpoena service, California
2127 – subpoena service, Oregon

Saturday, Feb. 23:
0345 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
0425 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1109 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1213 – property damage accident, Brookview
1318 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2000 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2111 – assist other agency, out of township
Also on this week’s log are 25 miscellaneous details, 144 patrol checks, and 80 traffic stops.

BHS Swim Win (continued from page 1)

Mikey Hermosillo-DeBoer placed third in both the 200 and 500 freestyle, while his younger brother Zach placed sixth in the 100 Freestyle and fourth in the 100 Backstroke.

Ari Budiono placed sixth in the 200 IM and then fourth in the 100 Breastroke.

Zach Martin placed sixth in the 500 Freestyle with a time of 5:50.32. He also placed 13th in the 200 IM

Alan Stoelton placed eighth in the 50 free and third in the 100 Free.

Brandon Robinson placed third in the 200 IM and fourth in the 100 Fly.

“I think, however, the most exciting thing that happened at the meet was the last event, the 400 Free relay,” said BHS Swim Coach Aaron Lang.

“Belleville was ahead by two points. Belleville’s relay had to win in order to win the meet. They had the fastest seed time, but Edsel Ford had purposely stacked the last relay, hoping to get the win.

“Belleville was not fazed. In fact, all four of the relay members (Mike DeBoer, Jake Gray, Alan Stoelton, and Brandon Robinson) turned in their personal best to go six seconds faster, win the meet for the team, and earn them a right to participate at the State meet.”

On Monday, Coach Lang explained how the new BHS pool, that is being used this school year for the first time, contributed to the win.

“You’ve got to remember this pool is light years ahead of what we had before. We didn’t even have a working time clock in the last one. We had stop watches for the kids and we were screaming at them, hoping they could hear us under water.

“We now have the ability to personalize workouts for each swimmer, having 20 different times set for 20 different swimmers. We use the big scoreboard to display these workouts so everyone in the pool can see their times.

“We have underwater speakers so we can talk to them while they are swimming, give them things to think about and ‘politely’ remind them what they are doing wrong while they are training.”

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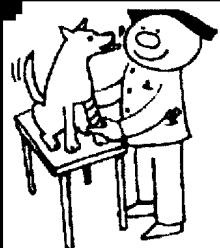
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Bishop, after 15 years as a Transportation Department mechanic, for other employment as of Feb. 22; and Tamarra Getty, a food service worker for two years, as of Feb. 5 for personal reasons; and

• Approved the employment of Paulette Cook as a food service worker at BHS as of Feb. 26.



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