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ATV accident in Sumpter Township leaves five hurt

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Michelle Reaume, 23, decided to take one last ride on her ATV just after midnight on Sunday during a get-together she hosted around a bonfire at her home in the 22000 block of Haggerty in Sumpter Township.

She was driving an estimated 45 mph when she said she lost control of her four-wheeler when she went around a tree to head back to the gathering.

The ATV plowed into a pink tent with four little girls sleeping inside and then flipped and struck adults who were sitting in chairs by the bonfire.

The result was chaos, in the words of Sumpter Township Detective John Toth, saying he has never seen an accident scene like this one.

Besides Sumpter Police and Fire Fighters, Van Buren Township Fire Fighters were on the scene and Lt. Dockter from Huron Township. Det. Toth said he lost track of how many ambulances were there, since so many victims had to be transported.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Pausing for a family photo during the tribute to Don Juchartz on April 23 were, from left, son-in-law Peter Quenet, daughter Debbie Juchartz, wife Doris, daughter-in-law Kathy Juchartz, and son David Juchartz. Their other son John was in Colorado and unable to attend the event. Front and center was Don Juchartz.

Aaron Lorincz of Sumpter wins Singles Bowling Championship

Aaron Lorincz of Sumpter Township won the Intercollegiate Singles Bowling Championship in Lincoln, Neb. on April 20.

Aaron Lorincz

He qualified first, out of 602 male bowlers, at sectionals which were held in March. Then, the top 24 men progressed to 14 games of qualifying and match play where Aaron reached the top four.

In the semifinals, he defeated his opponent 278-153. Bowling in the finals against a member of Team Canada, Aaron won 245-222.

The semifinal and final matches will be broadcast by CBS Sports on Friday, May 10 at 10 p.m. Though it has a history of National Team Championships, this is the first individual honor for Saginaw Valley State's bowling program.

Aaron is a junior at Saginaw Valley State University and has been the team captain for the past two seasons. He is studying Business with a minor in Small Business Entrepreneurship. His future plans are to join the PBA once he is finished with college and run a bowling pro shop.

Aaron is the son of Bob and Renee Lorincz of Sumpter Township.

Belleville Rotary Club honors Don Juchartz for 50 years of service

On April 23, the Belleville Rotary Club honored member Don Juchartz for his 50 years of service to the Belleville Club and Rotary International.

It was noted that Juchartz, 84, enthusiastically followed the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Juchartz, an area resident since 1956 and Sumpter Township resident since 1971, has held every office in the club and led an international group study exchange to Austria.

He has led or participated on countless committees at the local, district and international level and was one of the chief movers in the creation and support of the club's Charles B. Cozadd Foundation which has benefited the tri-community for more than 40 years.

An internationally recognized horticulturist, Juchartz still hosts his weekly phone-in "Garden Doctor" radio show, as he has for 61 years – surely a record run.

The gathering on April 23 included tributes from distinguished Rotarians and Past District Governors from throughout the district as well as notable officials at the local, county and state levels.

A state Resolution signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, Senator Patrick Colbeck and State Rep. Bill LaVoy, 17th District, was also presented to hom.

Belleville Rotary Club President, David Parrott noted that Juchartz is known as "Mr. Rotary" in the club and community at large.

In his remarks, Juchartz indicated that he was honored by the recognition and felt privileged to have been able to participate in and serve Rotary for these past 50 years.

Juchartz specifically thanked his family for their support and patience. He then recounted examples of advice received from a number of individuals, which he, in turn, had applied to the conduct of his endeavors in Rotary, horticulture, and personal life.

The evening concluded with friends, family and professional associates reconnecting and reminiscing.

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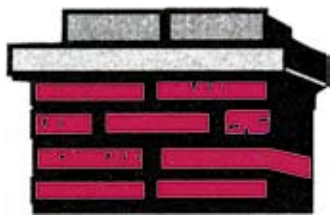

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Van Buren DDA gets $774, 620 grant for Belleville Rd. updates

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was informed last week that it has been awarded $774,620 of state funds through Wayne County to upgrade Belleville Road from the South I-94 Service Drive to Tyler Road to make it safer.

Work is expected to begin in July.

Each year, the State of Michigan distributes highway funding (ACT 51 funds) to counties, cities and villages that have roadway ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

This year, the State allocated $6.3 million to Wayne County to fund one-time only projects. Funded projects require a focus upon safety improvements.

According to SEMCOG data, the section of Belleville Road from I-94 to Tyler is rated 13th highest for crashes in Wayne County, with an average of 56 collisions per year.

In a press release sent out April 23 by the VBT Supervisor's office, it was claimed many of these crashes are avoidable through the use of modern signal equipment and coordination of the traffic signals in the corridor.

At its April 2 special meeting, DDA members voted to apply for this grant to improve safety along Belleville Road, and match the road's streetscape to promote business development throughout the VBT DDA District, referred to as the township's "downtown."

VBT DDA was one of 11 projects to be approved for funding in Wayne County. Thirty-eight had applied.

Project highlights

The new signals at intersections will be similar to the equipment being installed at the Ecorse/Belleville Road intersection.

• All traffic signals replaced from Tyler Road south to the South I-94 Service Drive will include mast arms and illuminated street name signs.

• Six existing traffic signals will be replaced with modern equipment.

• A new traffic signal will be added between Meijer and Walmart as part of the township's access management plan for Belleville Road.

• The project will also address deteriorated pavement areas, broken curbs, emergency prep timing, and noncompliant pedestrian ramps.

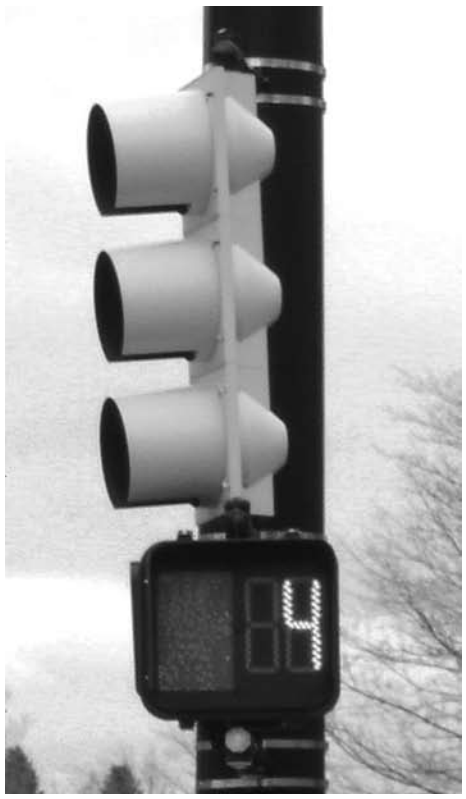
Pedestrian countdown signals in conjunction with the improved pedestrian ramp facilities is expected to increase safety for pedestrians and improve overall walkability of the corridor.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said the DDA Board is eager to address the safety issues on Belleville Road with the potential for attracting a thriving business community to downtown Van Buren on Belleville Road, connecting it to the City of Belleville's downtown.

"This expansive project is able to be performed because of the conscientious and fiscally responsible DDA board, which was able to financially match and even enhance the project without seeking loans or bonds to fund the endeavor," Ireland said.

"The Belleville Road renovation project will bring safety to its pedestrians and travelers and promote an attractive thriving business community in downtown Van Buren Township."

Mast arms similar to these will be used throughout the corridor to improve safety, traffic flow and aesthetics. Decorative illuminated street name signs will be used throughout the corridor to increase visibility and help direct motorists and shoppers to their destinations.



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VBT DDA moves forward with plan to replace unsightly fence

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

At its March 23 regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) directed its planning consultants to put together a request for bids for a simulated wood vinyl fence for 1,300 feet along Belleville Road between Harmony Lane and Sunrise.

The contractor would be asked to remove the old chain-link fence there, remove the vegetation, and put up the privacy fence. It was pointed out several trees could be saved by slightly altering the route of the fence.

Sally Hodges from McKenna Associates said studies show the unsightly fence is in the Wayne County right of way and the county has final say on the fence.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said at the DDA's April meeting that the county now believes the fence was put in place in the 1940s by Henry Ford around his farm field. Earlier accounts said the fence was put in place in the 1960s by a housing developer.

Preliminary costs show a six-foot, black chain link fence would be about $29 a foot or $38,000; a chain link fence with slats, suggested by the county, would be $46,800; and a vinyl privacy fence with wood grain flat finish in white is $46,800, with colored $49,400. A live, English Ivy wall was not agreeable to the DDA since there is a watering issue.

There were concerns about spending about $50,000 and yearly maintenance once it's installed.

"It's an expense, but it's just part of the other expenses we've done for the DDA district," said DDA member Jim Richter.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said, "I'm thinking about this other project that we applied for funding for. I think the wood-grain fence would enhance that project as well."

She referred to the grant that since has been approved for Act 51 funds to upgrade Belleville Road to improve safety between I-94 and Tyler Road.

Director Ireland said she made a site

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Last-minute grant opportunity great catch for VBT

The minutes of a special April 2 meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority spells out how the DDA happened to get more than three quarters of a million dollars to spend on Belleville Road.

The news release from Karin LaMothe at the township is published on page three of today's paper. The April 2 minutes were approved at the DDA's April 23 meeting.

Wade Trim brought the information that the township had to act quickly to apply for a part of the $6.3 million of the state surplus allocated to SEMCOG for dispersal throughout the various Municipal Planning Organizations.

SEMCOG allocated those funds to MPO Wayne County for projects that can be designed and implemented IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. This is a one-time opportunity and the DDA had to move quickly to get it.

Since Wayne County owns and maintains roadways in VBT, it is the agency that would receive these funds and use them on the township's behalf to make improvements to Belleville Road.

Wade Trim presented a proposal to the DDA and then the DDA approved authorizing Wade Trim to design the project – which carries a 30% match – and apply for the grant. Which it did -- and the DDA got word three weeks later that it got the grant.

Fast work. Hope it makes the road safer.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last week, I wrote about Gleaners and some things I wrote were not correct because I misunderstood the information.

Gleaners, actually, planned to come to Belleville in May. (There was no donation to make this happen, but, I was told Gleaners always accepts donations.) The volunteer in charge told Gleaners not to come any more because she wasn't being paid to work there and couldn't any more.

Actually, the school cut off pay for Cathy Bandy and Kim Nofz nine months ago and they have been working as volunteers all that time. They were being paid $12,500 each and that stopped. They say they have been working for free because of the needs of people in the community. When their phone was cut off after spring break, that's when they decided they had to stop.

I remember about two years ago when Cathy Bandy announced that Gleaners was coming to bring free food to the hungry families from South Middle School because they qualified as to need. That was just for the summer, when the kids wouldn't be getting the free breakfasts and lunches. It kept getting extended, but it was a big job locally to get all the details in order each month.

I've heard reports from some of the volunteers who worked there and how good it made them feel to help get food to those really in need in the community.

But the program was cut off from school funds in the new budget because, they said, the superintendent said the school funds should be spent for education and social needs should be provided by other agencies. That's understandable with less money for education.

I've talked to many people at length on this issue and will be talking to more before writing a story.

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I received an email concerning the "Keeping Backyard Chickens" presentation set for the library on April 27. The question: "Is it OK to keep chickens in the backyard in the City of Belleville?"

I called City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long to find out. She and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer looked in the ordinances and found that chickens weren't mentioned anywhere – whether you can or can't have them. They said there might be a noise problem if the chickens made too much noise for the neighbors, although only dogs are mentioned in the ordinance. Also, if you want to keep your chickens in a coop, you would have to talk to Keith Boc about a permit, they said.

I know people who have chickens in the townships, so I think it's OK there.

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We've been informed the first All School Reunion in the new Belleville High School building has been set for Sept. 21 in the BHS Commons (cafeteria).

Some of the alumni are hoping for a tour of the school since they are from out of town and haven't seen the new building. Their old BHS is gone and they haven't been able to hold their reunion at BHS for a couple of years while construction continued.

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I've been informed that the BYC will be hosting the annual Polar Plunge held each year at the Moose Lodge to benefit Special Olympics. The BYC (sometimes called Belleville Yacht Club, but not legally able to use that name) has purchased the Moose Lodge and it is wonderful they will be carrying on the Plunge for charity held each February.

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At last week's VBT Planning Commission meeting there was some discussion on how Belle Tire wouldn't open in April as it had planned because Wayne County required a different pump in the retention pond than the utility pump they were using after the recent rains. The pump they had planned to use in the pond wasn't available yet and they won't be able to open until they get the proper pump.

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Owen Intermediate School was locked down the afternoon of April 22 because of a perceived "stranger danger." School Supt. Michael Van Tassel went over to the school and said school officials had followed the proper procedures, but the situation was not as perceived and all was fine.

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Letters

'Taxpayers demand accountability…'

To the Editor:

Headline: "Turkia Mullin wins 750 thousand playing Wheel of Fortune – goes for 200 thousand next week."

I drive past an abandoned race track in New Boston – A jewel in the crown of Michigan recovery for Ms. Granholm and Mr. Ficano, more millions lost – Mr. Ficano asks for car and driver – car, gas, oil, and lawsuits – cost unknown – I try to drive down McBride Street – Can't make it – Road too rough – I go to Jacobs, rent a horse, make it to McBride School, pick up my granddaughter – I don't blame you, Mr. Ficano – I know there is no money to fix these roads. You've had a run of bad luck – Aides and friends being indicted for corruption – Must seem like a nightmare.

Headline: "Taxpayers demand accountability and end to incompetence by elected officials."

Then, I wake up.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Students did a fantastic job with 'Hairspray'

To the Editor:

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of watching live theatre at Belleville High School. The musical was "Hairspray" and the students did a fantastic job!

I am looking forward to the fall play and don't intend to miss any productions. Thanks to all the students and staff involved.

Patricia Marshall
Van Buren Township

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We could use some help with Senior Party prizes

To the Editor:

I am a parent volunteer from the junior class for the Senior Party Planning Committee – 2013.

Graduation for the BHS Class of 2013 is fast approaching. There has been a long-standing tradition that after the graduation ceremony is over, the graduates are invited back to BHS that night for a senior party.

The party this year is on May 30 from approximately 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. This is a safe, alternative party; an evening of fun, entertainment, and prizes. There is music, sports, games, food, etc. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

The Senior Party Planning Committee at Belleville High School will be organizing this adventure. The team, made up primarily of parent volunteers, is asking area businesses and community members to help us make this a night to remember.

Any help you could offer, such as monetary gifts or items that would be appropriate for the Class of 2013, would be most appreciated. Besides providing entertainment, decorations, food and drinks, our goal is for each graduate to be awarded a prize that evening.

Melissa Linzell is the BHS Staff Senior Party Liaison and Pam O'Neill is the parent in charge of fundraising.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Linzell at 734-697-9133, mlinzell@vanburenschools.net or Mrs. O'Neill at 734-748-6985, poneill@vanburenschools.net .

Checks and items can be sent or dropped off at: Belleville High School, Attention: Melissa Linzell, 501 W. Columbia, Belleville 48111.

Should you wish to donate an item(s) that you would like picked up, please call BHS at 734-697-9133 and arrangements will be made. All donations need to be received by May 10.

Thank you for your time and your continued support of our community.

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Kathy Duke, Sumpter Township
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Thank you for help in Brittany Ivan benefit

Dear Editor

We would like to say THANK YOU to all of our friends, clients, local businesses and community for helping with our Cutting for a Cause fundraiser for local resident Brittany Ivan that was held on Sunday, April 28.

A special thank you to all that personally contributed by donating, making baked goods, getting their hair cut, and donating prizes; especially Cracker Barrel, Mammoth Video, Big Boy, Dos Pesos, Hungry Howie's, Frosty Boy, Garden Fantasy, Applebee's, Leo's Coney Island, Main Street Flowers, Maria's, Charhouse, Culvers, A1 Limousine, Mendy Colby Photography, Betty McClay, Midwest Carpet, Sandy Brown, Gretchen Lucas, and the Belleville *Independent* for their advertisement.

We couldn't have done this without everyone's contributions. We raised over $4,600 to help with her medical expenses.

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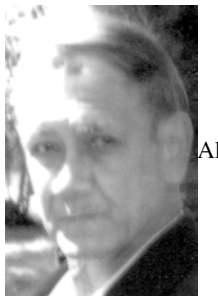
Obituaries

Serah Banotai

SERAH V. BANOTAI
(October 4, 1924 - April 27, 2013)
Serah V. Banotai, age 88, of Belleville passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Evangelical Home Saline. She was born on October 4, 1924 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Jesse and Caroline Francis (Van Meter) Collyer.
Serah is survived by one son Louis P. (Brenda) Banotai, Jr. of Ypsilanti, MI; 10 grandchildren Mark (Mary) Banotai, Jeff Carter, Debbie (Kirt) Duncan, Mil Guy, Monica (Bob) Jones, Lue (Mark) Pullen, Craig (Charlene) Banotai, Jeff (Mary) Banotai, Laura (Keith) Hollis, and Scott (Mike) Banotai; 16 great-grandchildren Lacey Carter, Justice Carter, Yolanda Baker, Michea Hufford, Sophia Rangel, Rachel Rangel, Darryl Pullen, Josh Pullen, Payton Grubb, Nathan, Julie, Alexander & Annalyse Banotai, Jacob Hollis, Dan Dean, and Shaun Jones; 17 great-great grandchildren; and a daughter-in law, Viann Banotai.
Preceded in death by her husband Louis Banotai, Sr. in 2004, one son Marvin Banotai, one granddaughter Pam Carter, one daughter-in- law Kathaleen Banotai, one son-in-law Jeff Carter, and 12 brothers and sisters.
Mrs. Banotai was a member of the Willis United Methodist Church, Willis. She was devoted to her family and took care of many children. She enjoyed her work at Ray's Greenhouse and loved gardening with her grandchildren. She also loved cooking and playing Bingo.
Visitation was Monday 4-8 PM and Tuesday 2-8 PM with an 11 AM funeral service on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, with Reverend Reed P. Swanson officiating.
Interment was in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical Home, Saline, or to Arbor Hospice & Home Care and would be appreciated by the family.
Please sign Serah's on line guestbook and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com .



Alex R. "Hillbilly" Francis

ALEX R. 'HILLBILLY' FRANCIS
(October 19, 1934 - April 25, 2013)
Alex R. "Hillbilly" Francis, age 78, of Ludington, MI and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Thursday April 25, 2013 at home with his family by his side.
He was born October 19, 1934 in Hindman, KY, the son of Renza and Millie Ann (Jones) Francis. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1952, serving during the Korean War, and was honorably discharged in 1956.
He cared greatly for his family. He married the love of his life, Linda Rodgers, and she survives. Other survivors include: three children, Jeannie (Edsel) Beaudrie, Mark Francis, and Donnie (Gregory) Francis-Heglund; four grandchildren, Richard Lee Chapman, Robert Forrest Chapman, Rebecca Ann Chapman and Rachel Jean Chapman; three great-great-grandchildren, Jordon Jean Adams, John Forrest Chapman, and Rodney Raymond Chapman; four brothers, Thomas, Charles, Darrell and Ronnie; one sister, May Marie Melvin; his very special friend, Ricky Plasterer; and several nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Renza Jr. and Elijah, and one sister, Geraldine Manning.
The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Stark Funeral Service with Rev. Doug Bennett officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. The family received friends at the funeral home 1-9 pm Monday. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com .

Christopher Daniel Gering

CHRISTOPHER DANIEL GERING
(October 17, 1975 - April 28, 2013)
Christopher Daniel Gering, age 37, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2013. He was born in Ypsilanti, MI on October 17, 1975, son of Daniel Jacob and Sharon Kaye (Phillips) Gering.
Christopher is survived by his wife Crystal and two sons Kyle and Collin Gering of Sumpter Township, MI; his father, Daniel Gering of Lincoln Park, MI; and his mother Sharon McKenzie, one sister Heather Gering of Belleville; also nephews Caleb and Zachary Bennifiel, Keegan Leffler, Clinton, Rennie Jr., and Derek Leffler; and one niece Kadence Leffler.
Christopher attended Faith Assembly Church in Belleville. He loved boating, bowling, golfing, dirt biking, snowmobiling, racing, and was an avid hunter.
Visitation was Wednesday, May 1, 2013 from 4-8 PM and will be Thursday, May 2 from 9-11 AM, followed by an 11 AM funeral service at David C. Brown Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Pastor Doug Valentine will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.
A memorial fund in honor of Chris has been set up at Unified Community Credit Union in Belleville. Those that wish to give monetary donations in lieu of flowers may do so to Kyle Gering and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign his online guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com .

REGENA MAE ROE
(November 30, 1935 - April 26, 2013)
Regena Mae Roe, age 77, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, April 26, 2013 at Bortz Healthcare Center, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born November 30, 1935 in New Boston, Ohio, daughter of the late Andrew & Mary Lowe (Neal) Kegley.
Regena enjoyed arts and crafts, crocheting, knitting, and collecting stamps. She also loved to sing.
She is survived by daughter Roberta "Birdie" Harkness of Brandon, Florida, son Robert H. Boggs III of Belleville, MI, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother Rev. Elmer (Mag) Kegley of West Harrison, Indiana, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.
She was preceded in death by her husband Tennyson Roe in 1971, a sister in infancy, Janet Kegley, also a sister Jeannette Simpson.
A memorial service is being planned and will be announced soon. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com .

Human remains found by woman in field at Tyler/Hannan area

Romulus Police report that a woman discovered human remains in a wooded area near Tyler and Hannan roads when she was running with her dog at about 5:49 p.m. Sunday.

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Gloria Faye Pullen

GLORIA FAYE PULLEN
(May 1, 1924 - April 29, 2013)
Gloria Faye Pullen, age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, April 29, 2013 at her home. She was born May 1, 1924 in Romulus, MI, daughter of the late Russell H. and Eleanore (Johnson) Bradley.
Gloria was born and raised in Romulus and graduated from Romulus High School in 1942. She proudly served her country in the U.S. Army during World War II. She loved to sew, knit, bake and watch the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. She also loved her Shih-Tsu, Missi, a gift from her sister Betty ten years ago.
Gloria is survived by three children Valerie (Stan) Gondek of Belleville, MI, Jack (Marsha) Pullen of Lansing, MI and Sandra Marlowe of Lansing, MI; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, neighbors, and friends.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband S.K. Pullen, and five siblings Russell R. Bradley, Lyle K. (Polly) Bradley, Wellington Y. (Katherine) Bradley, Betty (Charles) Mayhew and Richard D. (Nancy) Bradley.
A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with visitation from 3-4 PM. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the VFW Post #4434 would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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School District going in positive direction

To the Editor:
The Van Buren Public Schools District has many positive developments I would like to share with you and the community. We have made significant progress on our budget, our facilities and our commitment to the education of the children placed in our care.

We currently project a fund balance in excess of $1 million. This is a result of over $9 million in budget cuts over two years and aggressive financial management. I am also happy to report that the new Belleville High School came in on time and under budget. We are doing our best to be good stewards of the community's tax dollars.

Our commitment to facilities doesn't end with the new BHS, but extends to all of our buildings. We have put into place a three-year plan utilizing the funds through our sinking fund. Last year, projects included improvements to the Owen parking lot, entry doors, and hallway ceilings. This summer we have scheduled the following:

- New roof at Owen
- Classroom renovations at both Owen and McBride
- Parking lots at McBride and Edgemont
- Glass and Glazing at McBride, Owen, Savage and Tyler

Consolidating the student populations of Elwell into other schools and utilizing the Haggerty Elementary building to house our Early Childhood Development Center allows for better facility management and further cost savings.

Above all, we value the children's education across all grade levels. We have committed to what is called the "Common Core," a rigorous curriculum of higher order thinking strategies that encompass all the disciplines of Math, English, Science and Social Studies every child needs to make a well-rounded student.

To that end we have initiated cutting-edge programs such as Everyday Math and Literacy by Design for Kindergarten through 6th grade, and Carnegie Math for 6th through 8th grade.

For struggling students, we have invested in "Response to Intervention" that addresses poor academic performance before it becomes a problem that seems overwhelming to the student. For behavior issues we have instituted "Positive Behavior Intervention Support" that encourages good behavior instead of punishing bad behavior.

These are just a sample of the proactive actions the Superintendent and Board of Education have approved that spans the education of our children Kindergarten to 12thgrade.

If you have any questions concerning the direction the district is taking, please feel free to contact me, the Central Administrative Office, or attend a Van Buren Public Schools Board meeting.
Sincerely,
Brent Mikulski
President, Van Buren Board of Education

Lions Club launches membership drive

To the Editor:
Canton Lions Club
Membership Drive
May 16 at 6 p.m.
Palermo Pizzeria & Restaurant

The Canton Lions Club has a diverse membership. Many of the members make themselves available to assist on fund-raising events. This includes euchre tournaments, pancake breakfast at Liberty Fest, corn roast in August at the big red barn at Ridge Road and Cherry Hill or working at various locations collecting money for White Cane Week or candy canes during the Christmas holidays.

The Canton Lions are working throughout the community and would like to invite you to join them. The work is very rewarding along with a lot of fun, not to mention the many dedicated and hard-working people you'll meet.

The Lions are having a membership drive at Palermo Pizzeria & Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 455-5210 on May 16 at 6 pm. We'll have some pizza together and talk about the things you want to know.

Below are a few things the club does to give you a better idea of what you can expect.

- Working with a diverse group of people for one cause;
- Involvement with organizations locally and around the State of Michigan;
- Assisting young people with guidance and direction;
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The cost is $16.95 for adults, $8.50 for children under 12, and free for kids 2 and under. See their ad in today's paper for the complete menu and call **(734) 697-2300**.

On May 7, the restaurant will offer live dinner entertainment featuring the **Belleville High School Jazz Band**, from 6 to 8 p.m. The restaurant and the band are working out future musical performances and hope to get them on weekends.

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The local chapter of **Belleville Young Life** will be holding its **Fun Run/Walk** this Saturday, May 4 at **Van Buren Park,** beginning with registration at 8 a.m. Fees are $20 for adults, and $10 for kids. Proceeds will go to the local chapter. Call **Tabitha Pinter** at **(734) 732-8857** or **Susan Walker** at **(734) 250-0485.**

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The **6th Annual Golf Outing** to benefit **Lincoln High School Athletics** will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 8 a.m. at the **Pine View Golf Course** in Ypsilanti. The cost is $100 per golfer or $350 per foursome. For tickets and info, call **Chris Westfall** at **(734) 657-8480.**

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

VBT Clerk's office to put on 'real' election for BHS Student Council

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright announces that his office will be running the election for the Belleville High School Student Council, with "real" printed ballots and voting machines, from 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. on May 14.

"I'm very pleased to announce this opportunity to partner with Van Buren Public Schools," Clerk Wright said. "I, along with my staff, have worked very hard to put this on and we're very excited."

Last year and this year Clerk Wright visited government classes at the high school to give presentations on what he does as a clerk and how elections are run. He said the opportunity for students to take a real ballot and go into a real voting booth should encourage them to become regular voters in the future when they come of age.

Students also have the opportunity to sign up to work at the regular township elections.

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The Belleville Tiger Swim Club swimmers are first row, kneeling from left: Emma Ostrowski, Abigal Frederick, Megan Okubo, Sophia Sylvestre, Addison Tulik, and Tom Okubo. In the second row, from left, are: Shakth Elango, Emma Moore, Colin Bishop, Matt Mrocca, Jake Hawley, and Jeeva Elango. In the third row, from left, are: Grant Schlund, Megan Fowler, Paige Komarami, Calin Bishop, and Arlana Loving. In the fourth row, from left, are: Zach Hermosillo-DeBoer, Evelyn Kasperek, Locke Milfitano, Eathan Yeager, and Connor Gabrielson.

Belleville Tiger Swim Club: Last place, but happy and proud

Belleville Tiger Swim Club has closed its competitive season by swimming in its League's Winter Championship Meet.

Even though BTSC finished in last place, Coach John Cast is both happy and proud of his team.

No one wants to finish last, but last place is better than not competing at all, he said. A swim club from Belleville has not competed in this event for the past four years.

This year, Coach Cast took 22 swimmers to Wyandotte Wilson Middle School for two days of competition. As an added bonus, all his swimmers dropped time in their events.

"Last year we didn't have a pool and the three years prior to that, our team roster was seven strong. Not a good number for serious competition," Coach Cast said.

Now, according to Coach Cast, if his entire team were to practice at the same time, lane space becomes an issue.

Coach Cast said he is anticipating a larger team in the fall and is looking forward to its challenge. After all, he said, a strong age-group team feeds both middle school and high school teams.

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Editor's Note: Bill Van Winkle also points out that since Belleville no longer has a Lions Club that Canton takes care of needs in this community, especially for those needing eye and ear care. That's why they hold their White Cane sale in Belleville and the candy cane sale here during the holidays.

Annual perennial plant swap set this Saturday

Dear Editor

The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Garden Club are hosting a Perennial Plant Swap Saturday, May 4 from noon until 1 p.m.

Bring your healthy, extra plants that needed dividing to the library courtyard on Charles Street to swap for another gardener's extra plants.

Labels and descriptions regarding color, time of bloom, and cultural requirements such as sun, shade, wet, dry, are appreciated but not required.

Thanks,
Debra L. Green, Director
Belleville Area District Library

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To the Editor:

What a fantastic area we live in. The past few days have been filled with the premiere of Casey at the Bat with participation from all sections of the tri-area. The community chorus and their delightful program; Belleville High School theatre production, so much talent. And this weekend September Days Senior Center will have their Hidden Treasure store open during their annual Flea Market.

Spring is here and April showers are enticing May flowers to come forth. So go out, support the tri-area events and make zip code 48111 the place to be.

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VBT plans to add fifth home invasion charge to Brian Baker's offenses

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Brian Bernard Baker, 17, of Van Buren Township was brought to 34th District Court from the Wayne County Jail on April 24 to face a preliminary exam on a Home Invasion, 2nd Degree, charge.

That home invasion was at 41408 Coolidge Street in Haggerty Subdivision on April 12 when police caught him red-handed.

But, when he got to court VBT Police had three more home invasion charges waiting for him, with one more on the way.

Baker's retained attorney James McGuiness was about to waive the preliminary exam on the April 12 charge when Judge David Parrott noted there were three other charges filed on which Baker hadn't been arraigned.

Judge Parrott said he would adjourn the first charge for a week so all the charges could be kept together at the district court level and go to Circuit Court together. Baker remained in custody and all four charges will have their preliminary exams on May 1.

Judge Parrott then arraigned Baker on the additional three charges:

- Home Invasion, 2nd Degree, at 10991 Buchanan St. on Feb. 19;
- Home Invasion, 1st Degree; Larceny from the Person; Larceny in a Building; Weapons – Felony Firearm; on March 15 at 10637 Jackson Street; and
- Breaking and Entering a Building with Intent and Home Invasion, 2nd Degree (attempt) on March 25 at 11130 Van Buren St. (He allegedly broke into the garage, and tried to get into the house.)

Baker, who stood mute to the new charges, was in jail on a $25,000 cash bond for the original charge.

His attorney asked Judge Parrott to set $1,000 bonds on the three new charges since his client is just 17 years old, unemployed, and stays with his father.

Judge Parrott complied and set $10,000 or 10% ($1,000) on each of the additional charges.

Baker was arrested April 12 after undercover Van Buren Township police officers witnessed him leaving a house in Haggerty Subdivision in possession of stolen property taken from that residence, said Lt. Kenneth Floro.

Baker subsequently confessed to four home invasions in Haggerty Sub and the Investigative Division served a search warrant at his residence where they recovered additional stolen property and illegal narcotics, Lt. Floro said.

Over the past weeks, the VBT Police Department investigated a series of home invasions in Haggerty Sub and an investigation led to a possible suspect that lived in the area.

Police saw the suspect leaving his home on foot and heading to Haggerty Sub the morning of April 12 and they set up "rolling surveillance." Plain clothes detectives maintained close surveillance while patrol officers secured an outer perimeter, until he was seen with the stolen goods and arrested, Floro said.

A fifth charge has been approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and will be added to the other charges, according to police.

The March 15 break-in on Jackson Street included Baker allegedly stealing a Smith & Wesson 357 revolver from the resident, James Laine, along with two laptops. Having the gun on his person during the robbery brought the felony firearm charge.

VBT Police said attorney McGuiness told them he planned to waive the April 12 charge, but to hold preliminary exams May 1 on the three other charges on which his client was arraigned.

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Belleville stabbing case postponed until May 15 at 34th District Court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sealisa Marie Jones, 43, of Belleville, who has been charged with Assault With a Dangerous Weapon (Felonious Assault) and Domestic Violence – Aggravated, had her preliminary exam adjourned until May 15 at 34th District Court in Romulus.

Sealisa Jones

Police report she stabbed her husband. Her preliminary exam had been set for April 24, but at that session her attorney Todd Perkins said he had just received the discovery information that day and asked for an adjournment because he needed time to study it.

Judge David Parrott granted the ajournment and set the preliminary exam for 9 a.m. May 15.

At about 10:30 p.m., April 11, Belleville Police were called to 308 Oxford Court in Victoria Commons for a domestic dispute.

While officers were en route to the home they were informed that is was more than a domestic dispute, since the wife had allegedly stabbed her husband in the chest.

The 53-year-old husband was transported to the hospital and the wife taken into custody.

The son had called police after the stabbing, Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said. The couple reportedly had been arguing over money.

The three Belleville police officers handing the case were Cpl. Todd Schrecengost and Officers Joshua Wolfe and Jonathon Heimstra. The three officers were all in the courtroom on April 24 when the case was postponed for another three weeks.

Additional information from Court Reporter Diane Madigan.

Jaromin makes Dean's List at Cooley Law School

Sarah Jaromin of Hudsonville was named to the Dean's List during the fall 2012 term at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

She is a graduate of Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University. Sarah is the daughter of Dennis and Janet Jaromin.

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visit with Director of Engineering, Wayne County Department of Public Services, Ron Agacinski and his deputy and they agreed the fence is in the county right of way.

Hodges said the county told Ireland that the DDA could replace the fence as long as it made sure that it was in the exact location and they made sure that the paperwork went to the right people.

Hodges said that the county suggested replacement with chain-link fencing, but it's not typically what they'd like to see in the DDA district.

"It sounds like they left the door open to some other alternative," Hodges said, adding that's why Ireland asked the DDA to look at alternatives.

"Whatever we do, is going to take out a lot of vegetation because it's extremely overgrown with vines. There are tree limbs growing through it. There are trees on top. There are pieces of fence where a property owner has put slats in the fence. There are places where the property owner has left the fence there and built their own fence behind it," Hodges said.

DDA member Robert Bechtel asked why they don't just take the fence down and throw it away and not put a new fence up?

"It's not our fence," Ireland replied.

"The neighbors there have grown accustomed to having a fence," Hodges said. "There is commercial traffic and foot traffic across the street on a major thoroughfare. If I lived there, I might worry about someone walking into my backyard. There will be a loss of vegetation so you'll be able to see in the backyards, unless you choose a screening option."

Ireland voiced concerns about people's pets getting out on the road.

DDA Secretary Sophie Zoller asked why they can't put their own fence up.

Hodges said the public concern is the look of roads like Sheldon, where you see different fences, some needing repairs. Some are vinyl, some are wood.

"People are used to having the fence there," said DDA vice-chairman Craig Atchinson. "If you take that fence away, your phone is going to be ringing. Cosmetically we need to replace it with something... I think we need to do it for the community."

"Who is going to take responsibility for it?" asked DDA member Edward Miller.

The landscaper from McKenna Associates said landscaping with shrubs would soften the curve. There was agreement, however, that the DDA just consider the fence, not landscaping, because of the watering issue. The landscaper said Wayne County suggested the chain link because it would be easier to bend around the trees.

"Leaving what's there is not an option for the DDA district," said Richter.

"If you take it down, then they have the right to put fences up wherever and whatever kind they want," Miller said. "If you go down Lilly in Canton there are 15 different fences and it looks like crap."

Ireland was asked for a budget report for 2013. She said when she looked at all the things they have made commitments for including bond payments, the remainder of the intersection, and if they get the grant which they applied for, the website, the roof repair, property acquisition for the sidewalks, that's spending $5 million, leaving a little over $4.5 million.

"Five million dollars in expenses, $4.5 million in balance," agreed Supervisor Combs.

Ireland said the fence work would come off the Belleville Road Streetscape line item.

"This is a critical item as far as the township goes," said DDA Chairman Jere Dolph. "It reflects on the township and it reflects on us, the DDA as a whole. How we're spending our money.

"It's easier to convince the general public this is for you. We're putting in the sidewalks for you. We're putting in the fence for you. We're putting in Ecorse Road for you. It's something that we, the township and the DDA are going forward. It's all positive, that's the important thing," Dolph said.

Zoo, DIA Millage

Earlier this year the DDA asked the Zoo/DIA Millage to stay on each meeting's agenda until the issue is settled, since VBT DDA is one of the groups bringing a law suit over the issue.

Ireland reported there are a variety of bills concerning the zoo millage being considered in Lansing, House Bills 4458-4463, but if enacted they will only have a direct impact going forward.

"They are still moving ahead with court action. I have to compile documents of everything the DDA has done since we started," Ireland said.

"Wasn't this millage voted on by the people? How can we take that money away?" asked Miller.

Ireland explained how the DDA Act is written and what the DDA is supposed to capture and, "Therefore, you have to capture it by law. It doesn't say P.S. Don't capture the Zoo and the DIA millage.

"That is what started it … because we are following the law. The County has said you are doing it illegally but we're not doing it illegally. We are following the law. It's not that we want to take money from the Zoo or the DIA, but there's nothing that says we can give it up, either," Ireland said.

"Once we start that, it starts a ball rolling with other taxing jurisdictions," she added.

Supervisor Combs added: "What a lot of the public doesn't understand, is that the very small amount of taxes off of the businesses in the DDA district. It doesn't affect your homeowner taxes or mine. They are still going to get my money. It only affects that narrow strip for the DDA. People ask me that all the time and that's the answer I give them."

"Susan, when you compile the list of everything the DDA has done, I hope you look at the property values not only in the DDA, but the increase in property values outside the DDA that went up as a direct result of the DDA," said Atchinson. "That's the link that the people are missing."

"Correct, and the base value is still being submitted to the DIA and the Zoo," Ireland said.

"I don't know how long it's going to take me. I'm basically copying every amendment every planning, every project we've ever done, all the minutes, everything going back to 1990," Ireland said.

She said she will forward the documents to attorney McCarthy to fulfill the Zoo Authority's Request to Produce Documents.

"We're following the law, that's the important thing," Dolph said.

Township Hall Roof

The DDA has committed to assist paying for work on the township hall roof replacement for 75% or an amount not to exceed $245,250.

Ireland reported that Roofing Technology Associates is the township's consultant who is preparing plans and specifications for the roof work, which is to begin at the end of May. Mike Wilkerson of RTA is project manager.

Dave Nummer, engineering consultant from Wade Trim, said the initial roof presentation to the DDA said there was one area on the roof that needed to be replaced immediately. There were some other areas that needed patches or flashing that would last for four or five years, or you could replace that.

The price estimate discussed at the time, was the cost to replace all those areas and bring the roof back up to a 20-year standard, which it should be, Nummer said.

"When they put the bid documents together, I don't know if there was a miscommunication or what, but those areas that could be patched they talked about being patched rather than replaced.

"So, the first time they bid it out, the bids came back in like, Wow, the price is really low. That was because we were not replacing those pieces, only patching them.

"Then they came back, redid the bid specs,

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talked to the companies that bid, to get them to give us a price like we originally talked about. So we didn't actually add an area. We came back to what we originally talked about in the first place," Nummer said.

"I know Tom (former DPW Director MacDonald) talked about five locations that were leaking at the time and this was before the winter set in," Dolph said. "There have been no additional problems with those areas. The question is, do we have to rebid, or do we accept what's on the table now?"

Nummer said the township board put the bid specifications together to get a price to replace all the roof.

"So we're back to Plan A again, where we started," Nummer said.

Aerotropolis

Ireland reported on the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's April 11 luncheon with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, which she, Atchinson and Richter attended. She said Ficano spoke mainly on economic development he believes is a result of Aerotropolis (now named VantagePort). Aerotropolis expects to have its website done by the end of May. Aerotroplis cancelled its previous meeting because it had expected to be further along in its benchmark and marketing strategy plan.

Public Safety Day

Ireland reported that Van Buren Township Public Safety Day is scheduled for Aug. 10. Atchinson said he heard the Willow Run Air Show has been rescheduled for Aug. 10 and 11 and Ireland said she would look into it.

Combs said this will seriously hinder the Public Safety Department because a lot of their officers participated in Public Safety Day last year and it was very successful.

Banners

The DDA voted to spend $2,368 to replace 16 banner arms on eight light poles nearest to the Belleville Bridge. Old Glory, who has been servicing the 72 poles in the DDA district for the past six years, will run a durability test on welded and painted arms and end caps.

As reported by the *Independent* at the February DDA meeting, Rich Kennan, owner of Old Glory Flags discussed problems with the banner arms and end caps. The heavy steel banner arms attached to the poles break away from fatigue caused by the weight and extreme winds coming across the lake.

Ireland also reported that the two incorrect light poles in the streetscape have been corrected and the broken skirts have been repaired.

Belleville/Ecorse Landscape

Ireland reported the Ecorse Road South Service Drive in front of Stack's Party Store will not be easily accomplished. McKenna is proceeding with a landscape plan for the Belleville-Ecorse intersection based on the revisions Wade Trim made to the plan and submitted for approval by Wayne County.

"This does not mean that the DDA will abandon assisting as an advocate for the owner of Stack's," Ireland wrote in a memo to the DDA.

Ireland said Wayne County is very adamant that they do not want to vacate the Ecorse Road Service Drive and it's a State road.

"Personally, I do not think they quite get it, but I can't get them, in enough time, to understand the reality versus what they think that it is, within the amount of time to keep the project on schedule," Ireland told the DDA.

Ecorse Road Project Report

Wade Trim's Dave Nummer and Matt Stacey reported traffic has been switched from the westbound lanes to the newly built eastbound lanes on Ecorse Road. Work continues on the second half of the boulevard and on the sanitary sewer lines heading west past Stack's.

The sewer will run under the service drive and there are temporary closures limited to local traffic.

Dolph asked if there has been any interaction with the residents in that area and Stacey said there have been a couple of minor issues.

"Whenever you switch traffic from one stage to the next, people just don't get used to where they should be going," Stacey said.

He said there are some issues with the 13 or 14 homes on the north side of Ecorse road just east of Belleville Road. They have direct access to Ecorse Road right now and that pavement is being moved out. The contractor just installed temporary access for them to get out to either Sheldon or Edwards, he said.

Dolph said he received a phone call complaining that they had no way to get out safely. Stacey said that problem has been rectified. They widened the shoulder and clarified where the people should be going. Dolph said he got back with the people and they are happy now.

Van Buren Township Website

The DDA approved the proposal from Communication Associates to refresh the Van Buren Township website as outlined in its correspondence dated April 22, in an amount not to exceed $23,300 and to reallocate that amount from Fund Balance to Consultants.

Ireland explained that the township's website was created in 2003. In the fall of 2011 the DDA retained Communication Associates to help establish and build DDA's brand and marketing.

At the same time, the DDA offered to assist the township with refreshing its website so that both would complement each other.

"At that time it was implied that the timing wasn't right," Ireland said.

In a memo to the DDA, Ireland said she has spoken with the township's IT Director Steve Rankin in positive terms and on behalf of Rankin would ask the DDA if

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they would consider the offer that was originally proposed.

She also requested a proposal from Communication Associates to assist with an update.

The proposal from Communication Associates to update the township website was $23,300 to include one day of onsite training and email/phone support for content management for key employees.

Supervisor Combs said she was "absolutely" on board with this plan.

"That's what I wanted to hear," DDA member Bechtel said. "Unlike the fences where I was kinda dragging my feet, I am very excited about this. Since we brought on Communication Associates I pushed on this whole issue. And, I think it will be an excellent idea if the township is cooperative. That is not the attitude of the previous administration."

Supervisor Combs said, "I met with them one evening with Susan (Ireland). They did explain some of the ideas they were doing for the DDA. I liked what I saw out of them and I liked the look on the DDA website. I think the township can benefit tremendously from that.

"Ours was adequate when it was first developed, but it was developed in-house and it's just been added to over time," Combs said. "We've never had anything professionally developed."

Ireland said Communication Associates could not believe all the information that is on the township website, but it's just hard to maneuver through it to get to it."

Richter said the township website really needs updating and to match it with the DDA's would be great.

Ireland said the letter from Communications Associates says it will develop a fully functioning content management system, which will allow the township to internally manage and update the site far into the future.

Meeting with Belleville DDA

The DDA received a letter from the Belleville DDA requesting a joint meeting in the near future. The purpose is to share information about each other's projects and plans. The DDA agreed to have Ireland coordinate the meeting and keep them informed.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

FREE TIRE RECYCLING

Sumpter Township in conjunction with Wayne County is having a FREE tire recycling & electronics drop off. SUMPTER RESIDENTS ONLY limit 7 passenger tires on May 4, 2013 from 9 am to 1 pm. Drop off is at 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI. Drive all the way to the back. Electronics drop off for Computers, monitors, printers, TV's, etc. Questions call 734-461-6201.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with roll call present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 21 residents. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to appoint Treasurer J. Morgan to chair the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Public comments only on agenda items.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve the regular board meeting minutes March 26, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the public hearing minutes March 26, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the warrants totaling $82,334.98. Roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the water & sewer report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the police report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance: Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve the building/ordinance report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the fire report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the treasurers' report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the supervisor report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: None

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to **TABLE** to have planner Carlisle Wortman on retainer of $450.00 month. Roll Call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to accept the resignation of Marvin Drews Water Superintendant with regrets. 2 nays. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve advertising for a Water superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve to hire 2 part time Police Officers Scott Cutcher & Joseph Balowski. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to **TABLE** to have DPW remove bushes around town hall and to advertise for new landscaping. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve for Later Gator Landscaping bid for CDBG senior grass cutting. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to lease with purchase a copy machine for township hall from J & J Digital solutions $158.66 month for 60 months. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 6:53 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on April 9, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: May 2, 2013

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Wednesday, May 1 –** New exhibit opened yesterday at Belleville Area Museum: 100 Years of Boy and Girl Scouts. Admission: $2 adults; $1 children. Information, 697-1944.

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• **Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4 –** Give a donation to the Canton Lions Club who will be out on Main Street in Belleville this weekend earning funds to help local people with glasses and hearing aids.

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• **Saturday, May 4 –** Used Book Sale at the Belleville Area District Library. Friends of the Library only from 11 a.m. to noon. General public from noon to 3 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 4 –** The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Garden Club are hosting a Perennial Plant Swap from noon until 1 p.m. Bring your healthy, extra plants that needed dividing to the library courtyard on Charles Street to swap for another gardener's extra plants.

• **Saturday, May 4 –** Sumpter Township residents can take up to 7 passenger tires for recycling from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 23480 Sumpter Rd., all the way in the back. The township in conjunction with Wayne County will also accept electronic drop offs for computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc. Questions: 461-6201.

• **Saturday, May 4 –** Everyone is invited to attend induction ceremonies for the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame at 2 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. Induction ceremonies for the National Honor Society will be jointly conducted.

• **Saturday, May 4 –** You're invited to the Cinco de Mayo fund-raiser dinner dance at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Rd., to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Cash bar, live entertainment, raffles, tickets $25 each. Information at: www.fmar1.org

• **Sunday, May 5** – A brief ceremony called Bugles Across America honors military fighting now and veterans of past wars at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville.

• **Monday, May 6** – You can start dropping off donations to St. Anthony Catholic Church's annual rummage sale (set for May 17, 18). Just drop them off at the gymnasium doors. Please, no large items or furniture. 699-6817

• **Wednesday, May 8** – Enjoy a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. to sell out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Adults $10; children 12 and under $5.

• **Thursday, May 9 –** Brad Sancho of Original Gravity Brewing Company will speak at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series. Free.

• **Thursday, May 9, Friday May 10, and Saturday May 11** – Buy a poppy from the VFW and PLAV who will be out on Main Street in downtown Belleville collecting money for their good works.

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Correction:

Narcotics citations issued at Horizon Park in City

In last week's *Independent* under the Belleville Police Dispatch log, there was an entry for April 12 for an address on High Street for a narcotics crime.

Police Chief Gene Taylor said police officers actually contacted the suspects at Horizon Park on High Street and issued the citations for drug paraphernalia at the park.

Birthdays

May 1 – Jennifer Niemann-Genimatas
May 3 – Lynette Darlene Johnson
May 6 – Joey Mitchell
May 7 – Mickey Korotney
May 13 – Jettie Hagerman
May 17 – Theresa Welty, Norman Lampinen
May 27 – Debi Hagerman, David Mitchell
May 28 – Callie Hagerman

Do you have a birthday in May? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, April 21:
0057 – operating while intoxicated, 11000 Belleville Rd.
0108 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0151 – property damage accident, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.
0212 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
0330 – assault & battery, 336 Redwood
1217 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1308 – private property accident, Walmart
1359 – disorderly conduct, 15 Birch Dr.
1535 – malicious destruction of property, 8 Maple
1627 – property damage accident, Michigan/Hot Spot
1645 – retail fraud, Meijer
1900 – child abuse, 2181 Rawsonville Rd.
2205 – assault & battery, 42670 Preswick Ct.
2252 – fireworks, 48641 S. I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, April 22:
0125 – fraud, Walmart
0659 – assault & battery, 6730 Rogers Ave.
0817 – larceny from auto, 41719 McKinley St.
0827 – malicious destruction of property, 16650 Sumpter Rd.
1012 – juvenile complaint, 47097 McBride
1220 – larceny, 6983 Haggerty
1303 – fraud, 10915 Belleville Rd., CVS
1307 – agency assist, 45201 Owen, Owen School
1329 – disorderly conduct, McBride Middle Schl.
1335 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Capitol Dr.
1341 – mental, 284 Holly Lane
1344 – suicide or attempt, 9050 Parkwood Dr.
1352 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1504 – intimidation threat, 13681 Milton Dr.
1528 – larceny from auto, 41567 S. Bellridge DR.
1534 – trespassing, Maple Dr./Oak Blvd.
1730 – ATV/ORV complaint, 44141 Ecorse Rd.
1731 – private property accident, 10276 Belleville, Walgreen's
1745 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton
1800 – intimidation threat, 43546 Revere Dr.
1801 – larceny from auto, 41753 McBride Ave.
1803 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1805 – suspicious situation, Birch/Maple
1833 – assault & battery, 6515 Outer Dr.
1841 – private property accident, Meijer
1910 – suspicious person, 600 Sumpter
1911 – malicious destruction of property, 48440 Denton Rd.
1937 – suspicious situation, 8701 Belleville
1959 – fraud, 10073 Rolan Meadows Dr.
2036 – larceny from auto, 41477 S. Bellridge Dr.
2045 – breaking & entering, 2104 Westlake
2058 – missing person, 108701 Lighthouse
2117 – fraud, Walmart
2150 – breaking & entering, 10743 Oak Ln.
Tuesday, April 23:
0256 – assault & battery, 11695 Meadows Ln.
0411 – agency assist, I-94/I-275
0717 – malicious destruction of property, 750 W. Huron River Dr.
0746 – assault & battery, 6730 Rogers Ave.
1232 – malicious destruction of property, 41365 Van Born
1401 – noise complaint, 11022 Oak Ln.
1414 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1432 – fraud, Meijer
1518 – private property accident, 91996 Parkwood
1541 – suspicious person, 7869 Chloe Ct.
1618 – property damage accident, Haggerty/N I-94 Service Dr.
1740 – juvenile complaint, 10152 Hamilton St.
1931 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2019 – breaking & entering, 93 Maple
2237 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Hull
Wednesday, April 24:
0003 – noise complaint, 6601 Shelley
0136 – assault & battery, 74 Maple Dr.
0344 – noise complaint, 48011 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0701 – juvenile complaint, 41435 Edison Lake Rd.
1108 – shots fired, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.
1330 – larceny, 2037 Rawsonville
1429 – shots fired, Dellor St./Michigan Ave.
1449 – assault & battery, 49120 Denton
1519 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1839 – larceny, 15400 Sumpter Rd.
2005 – assault & battery, 117 Maple Dr.
2034 – intimidation threat, Southport
2139 – larceny from auto, 44475 Harmony Ln.
2146 – fraud, Walmart
2248 – noise complaint, 7651 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2257 – missing person, 5890 Haggerty Rd.
Thursday, April 25:
0524 – breaking & entering, 9500 Belleville Rd.
0834 – fight, 13163 Lake Point Blvd.
0919 – larceny, 96 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0931 – assault & battery, 6820 Anna Dr.
0933 – child abuse, 9890 Dartmoor Cir.
1333 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
1542 – fraud, 10850 Belleville, Rent-A-Center
1555 – private property accident, 41358 Ecorse
1613 – fraud, 11700 Belleville, Maria's
1729 – assault & battery, 11759 Meadows Ln.
1751 – assault & battery, 6191 W. Adams
1944 – retail fraud, Meijer
1943 – assault & battery, 43772 Forestdale Dr.
2155 – disturbance, 11560 Beckley
2258 – suspicious person, 9527 Dalton Dr.
2328 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
Friday, April 26:
0049 – missing person, 7138 Fay Dr.
0055 – larceny, 11759 Meadows Ln.
0109 – disturbance, 45875 S. Purple Sage Ct.
0503 – noise complaint, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1319 – assault & battery, 46131 Village Green Ln.
1537 – property damage accident, 112 Maple Dr.
1553 – operating while intoxicated, 9830 Haggerty
1645 – assault & battery, 46131 Village Green Ln.
1731 – larceny, 4 Brandi
1742 – assault & battery, 9286 Parkwood Dr.
1753 – larceny from auto, 41450 E. Archwood Dr.
1802 – disturbance, Walmart
2022 – shots fired, N. I-94 Service/Budd's Farm
2129 – agency assist, 17167 Bak Rd.
2322 – assault & battery, 13065 Barnwell Dr.
Saturday, April 27:
0010 – assault & battery, 341 Redwood
0137 – disorderly conduct, 273 Holly Ln.
0231 – noise complaint, 48611 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0308 – weapons violation, 45501 S. I-94 Service
0321 – private property accident, 7800 Chloe Ct.
0606 – larceny from auto, 11570 Beckley Rd.
0705 – breaking & entering, 41360 Ecorse Rd.
0729 – larceny from auto, 48041 S. I-94 Service
0927 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
0931 – disturbance, 8 Ash Dr.
1018 – larceny from auto, 48601 Denton Rd.
1041 – larceny from auto, 13303 Lake Point Blvd.
1321 – larceny from auto, 11729 Meadows Cir.
1355 – ordinance violation, 10900 Lighthouse Dr.
1448 – larceny from auto, French Landing Dam
1714 – larceny from auto, 48521 Denton Rd.
1928 – assault & battery, 48511 S. I-94 Service
2212 – disturbance, 9973 Jackson Ln.
2243 – larceny, 11759 Meadows Cir.
2310 – narcotics crime, 8835 Parkwood Dr.
2329 – noise complaint, 45000 Van Born Rd.

Also on this week's log are 286 traffic stops, 77 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 21:
0049 – property damage accident, Main/Fourth
0259 – suspicious person, Main/Roys
1028 – assist fire dept., 343 N. Liberty St.
1057 – suspicious situation, 555 W. Columbia, School Administration Building
1109 – suspicious vehicle, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1225 – traffic complaint, EB Huron River Dr.
1420 – juvenile complaint, 40 Carmell St.
1537 – assist fire dept., 24 San Carlos St.
1819 – miscellaneous complaint, Village Park
2110 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd.
Monday, April 22:
0604 – assist fire dept., 422 Breakwater Ct.
0848 – intrusion alarm, 835 Sumpter Rd.
1143 – traffic complaint, Church/W. Columbia
1303 – suspicious situation, 45201 Owen St., Owen School
1352 – domestic assault, 78 Carmell St.
1418 – parking complaint, Main/Fifth
1517 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1717 – disorderly conduct, Victory Park
2024 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2141 – assist fire dept., 213 Victorian Ln.
2201 – missing person, 200 Henry St.
Tuesday, April 23:
0017 – parking complaint, 112 Carmell St.
0025 – found property, Main/High
0813 – assist fire dept., 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0917 – disturbance, 12 Carmell St.
0936 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Huron River Drive
0945 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-Op Apts.
1036 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1232 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1638 – juvenile complaint, Main/Fourth
1910 – juvenile complaint, 80 Carmell St.
1955 – harassment call, 89 Carmell St.
2235 – agency assist, 93 Maple
2239 – disorderly conduct, 200 Henry St.
Wednesday, April 24:
0540 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
0836 – larceny, 118 E. Davis St.
1135 – suspicious person, 4 Menlo Park Dr.
1256 – found property, 6 Main St.
1449 – follow up, 246 Bay Pointe Dr.
2129 – civil matter, Lakeview
2329 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
Thursday, April 25:
0716 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
0931 – follow up, 265 Sumpter Rd.
1016 – larceny, 6 Main St.
1016 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1039 – disorderly conduct, J&T
1112 – vehicle inspection, 6 Main St.
1929 – animal complaint, 65 N. Edgemont Ave.
2036 – suspicious vehicle, 110 Henry St.
2047 – welfare check, 25 Main, minimart
Friday, April 26:
0253 – assist fire dept., 343 N. Liberty St.
0816 – larceny, 434 Robbe St.
0904 – miscellaneous complaint, Owen School
0906 – assist fire dept., 25 Owen
0934 – information, 287 S. Industrial Park Dr.
0948 – civil matter, 78 Carmell St.
1336 – property damage accident, Main/W. Columbia Ave.
1653 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1825 – domestic assault, 220 Henry St.
1837 – intrusion alarm, 7180 Chandler
1929 – domestic assault, 220 Henry St.
2002 – assist fire dept., 357 E. Columbia Ave.
2102 – juvenile complaint, 125 N. Edgemont Ave.
2312 – property check, 370 Edison Ave.
2358 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
Saturday, April 27:
0009 – disturbance, 69 Carmell St.
0330 – noise complaint, 78 Carmell St.
0427 – agency assist, Belleville/S. Service
0437 – larceny, 200 Henry St.
1153 – assist fire dept., 220 Henry St.
1420 – civil matter, 200 Henry St.
1530 – miscellaneous complaint, Belleville Rd. / Bridge
1823 – miscellaneous complaint, 146 High St., Johnny's
1900 – traffic hazard, car wash Huron River Dr. / Edgemont
2057 – assist fire dept., 107 Carmell St.
2254 – private property accident, Lakeview

Also on this week's log are 66 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 21:
0005 – alarm, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0753 – animal complaint, Elwell/Arkona
1213 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1226 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1452 – larceny, Edgewood
1527 – malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1532 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1609 – assist other agency, 51000 bl.Wear Rd.
1747 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville / Willow
1934 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2128 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2134 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Monday, April 22:
0515 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0619 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0709 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0949 – property damage accident, 49000 bl. Willis
1001 – animal bite, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1216 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1222 – dumping complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1226 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1240 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1315 – assist other agency, out of township
1335 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1420 – suspicious person, Utah
1513 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1601 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1741 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1808 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1834 – suspicious person, Wear/Sherwood
1944 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timber Park
1945 – animal bite, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2029 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2312 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
Tuesday, April 23:
0226 – accidental damage report, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0240 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0613 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
1038 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1053 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1229 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1243 – malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1421 – alarm, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
1552 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1954 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2141 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2147 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Willis
2252 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
Wednesday, April 24:
0408 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1150 – child abuse/neglect, Pecan
1500 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Karr Rd.
1650 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1722 – well-being check, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1947 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2052 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2154 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
Thursday, April 25:
0120 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Arkona
0216 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0846 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0954 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1014 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1128 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1153 – identity theft report, 42000 Harris Rd.
1542 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1632 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1741 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1832 – child abuse/neglect, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2013 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Friday, April 26:
0025 – warrant arrest, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0252 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
0731 – malicious destruction of property, Redwood
0859 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willow
0912 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1203 – threats complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1552 – off road vehicle complaint, 50000 bl. Wear
1722 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1804 – fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1949 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Willis
2047 – alarm, 47000 bl. Executive Drive
2052 – civil dispute, Sumpter/Bemis
2123 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2127 – flee & elude, 17000 bl. Bak Rd.
2154 – follow-up investigation, 49000 bl. Willis
Saturday, April 27:
0452 – fight, Bemis/Lohr
1205 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1249 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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1709 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1724 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1729 – missing person, Sumpter/Harris
1953 – family trouble, Rustic Lane
2126 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2144 – family trouble, Greenmeadow
2340 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Harris
2344 – warrant arrest, out of township

Also on this week's log are 21 miscellaneous details, 88 patrol checks, and 56 traffic stops.

ATV accident

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Toth said Reaume said the throttle stuck on the ATV and she couldn't control it.

"Apparently, the throttle had stuck before," Det. Toth said.

He said the tent was full of 10- and 11-year-old girls. Three of them were rushed to the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. One suffered minor head injuries, another had serious injuries to her spleen, and the third girl suffered severe head injuries and will have to undergo surgery to get a metal plate in her head. One woman suffered a fractured knee. Reaume, the driver, was not injured.

Det. Toth said alcohol was present at the party, which was on private property. She was driving an off-road vehicle, which has different rules than road vehicles.

He said alcohol is not considered a contributing factor, but police are investigating and plan to submit a report to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for a final review of the incident.

Det. Toth said police took several photos of the ATV and its linkages, but, "I'm not a mechanic and we have to rely on the story told us."

He said she was returning to where the campfire was located and the throttle stuck open. "She didn't know how to maneuver it into a safe place," Det. Toth said.

A family member apparently called the Channel 2 TV News crew which recorded Reaume's tearful statements for a Monday night newscast.

"I learned how to drive on a four-wheeler," Reaume said. "I've been riding four-wheelers my whole life.

"I couldn't do anything about it. I immediately wheelied and I couldn't turn. I couldn't brake," she told the camera.

"I just couldn't do anything. It all happened so fast and as soon as it happened, I just got up and I ran. My adrenaline was running and I just called 911," Reaume said.

"I feel awful. I feel like it's my fault," Reaume said on Channel 2.

Toth said he had been advised Tuesday that Channel 4 News would be sending a crew over to cover the story, as well.

Motorcyclist dies Sunday in Sumpter Township accident

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Christopher Daniel Gering, age 37, of Sumpter Township died in a motorcycle accident at about 2:10 a.m. Sunday morning in the 17000 block of Savage, south of Bemis.

Sumpter Township Detective John Toth said Gering was riding his motorcycle south on Haggerty in Van Buren Township with his friends in a vehicle behind him.

His friends lost sight of him in the curves in that portion of Haggerty and came upon a big cloud of dust. They stopped, got out, found him, and called for help, Det. Toth said.

When they were called to the motorcycle accident, Sumpter Township Police and Fire were just finishing up their emergency work at an ATV accident on Haggerty that left five hurt, including four children, Toth said.

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Southgate woman dies in two-car crash on I-94 west of Rawsonville

Michigan State Police report that Judy Mackenzie, 66, of Southgate died from injuries suffered in a two-car accident Thursday on I-94 west of Rawsonville Road in Ypsilanti Township.

She was driving a 2001 Dodge Neon that rolled over in the median of the freeway, according to a State Police news release.

Fire crews from Van Buren Township attempted to extricate Mackenzie, who was pinned in the vehicle, but she was soon pronounced dead at the scene, according to a fire fighter at the scene.

Mackenzie was wearing a seat belt, according to state police. Troopers were first called out to the accident on the westbound lanes of I-94 around 1:30 p.m.

All lanes of the freeway were closed in both directions at Rawsonville Road for about two hours, reopening at about 4:40 p.m.

The second vehicle in the crash was a silver 2013 Mitsubishi Galant driven by a 26-year-old woman from Melbourne, FL. The woman, who also was wearing her seatbelt, suffered injuries in the crash and was treated at a local hospital, according to police.

A 32-year-old California woman who was a passenger in the Mitsubishi did not require medical attention. She was wearing her seatbelt, as well.

The crash remains under investigation by the state police.

Besides the state police, VBT fire fighters and VBT police, responders to the scene included the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Huron Valley Ambulance, and Ypsilanti fire fighters.

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