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Court Watching:

Parents not guilty in drowning death of their child in Sumpter

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

The parents of the baby who drowned in a Sumpter Township swimming pool last summer have been found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dana Hathaway pronounced her verdict June 19 after a seven-hour court session that started out as a jury trial and ended up a bench trial at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Oliver Hunt was 11 months old when he apparently crawled into a swimming pool at 45949 Bontekoe Drive in Sumpter Township the morning of Aug. 20.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office brought charges of involuntary manslaughter against the parents, Angelina Mae Perry, 39, and Ray Thomas Hunt, 34.

Sumpter Township Police said the parents were sleeping off a drinking binge from the night before, when in the morning little Oliver apparently left his portable crib, crawled 78 feet through the house, down three steps to outdoors and up five onto the deck, through a gate broken in multiple places with a broken latch -- and climbed into the pool.

Witnesses included Sumpter Police Officer Jerry Cox, homeowner Shere Cadieux, Ricky Cadieux (18-year-old

son of defendant Perry and grandson of Cadieux, who lives at his grandmother's house with his girlfriend), Gary Hawthorne (who also lives at the house with Shere Cadieux), Ralph James Tucker and Kelly Tucker (next-door neighbors), Brenda Bonior (who was visiting the Tucker home), and Sumpter Police Officer/Evidence Technician Danielle Buccellato.

Ricky Cadieux, who said he had not been drinking that night, testified "Ollie" was not walking by himself. He said he had seen him crawl half way up the deck steps and all the way down.

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Belleville Planners OK Davenport plan to get started on strip mall

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Davenport Brothers was given approval to get started on their new strip mall project -- but they are proceeding at their own risk.

At the regular meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission on June 20, the commission was presented with two, last-minute letters and so the "Davenport Plaza" was added to the agenda.

One letter was to the commission from Steve Davenport dated June 13 in reference to the development of 164 East Columbia.

It said: "The Davenport Brothers is seeking planning commission approval to start the excavation of the storm water system. We understand we need site plan approval to obtain a permit and we are asking permission from the planning commission that we can start prior to site plan approval at our own risk. We will be

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees honored Ralph Nodwell for his 30 years of volunteer work in the township. A Resolution, officially passed by the board, and a plaque were presented to him at the June 18 board meeting. He posed with the board and his wife of 53 years Arlene. Board members from left are Trustee Reggie Miller, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Supervisor Linda Combs, Trustee Jeff Jahr, and Trustee Brenda McClanahan.



The Belleville Downtown Development Authority formally thanked the BYC for its part in the 2013 Belleville Lake and Downtown Beautification Project. At its June 19 meeting, DDA chairman John Hoops, right, presented the framed certificate of appreciation to Rick Dawson, who represented the BYC. Dawson said they had 100 people at last year's lake cleanup and 125 this year. He said there will be even more next year.

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming 4th of July Holiday, **ALL ADS** must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 28. The office will be closed Thursday, July 4th.

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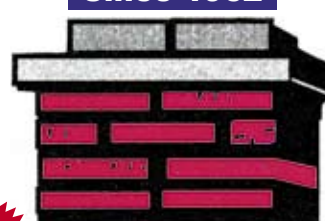
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Not guilty

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Cadieux said Ollie could have crawled anywhere he wanted to go.

"He could crawl to the roof, if he wanted," Ricky Cadieux said.

According to testimony, Oliver had been sleeping in the portable playpen in the living room and after he was found in the pool it was discovered that one side of the playpen had collapsed in a "V" which could have allowed him to crawl out while his parents were sleeping.



After listening to the testimony and arguments of the defense attorneys and the prosecuting attorney, Judge Hathaway reviewed the elements of proof necessary for involuntary manslaughter in this case, which included: failure to provide the legal duty to supervise and secure the child and willfully neglecting to perform such duties.

The trial originally was to be a jury trial for each of the two defendants and they were each to have a jury. Potential jurors for the two juries waited outside the courtroom until after 11 a.m., when they were dismissed in favor of a bench trial.

Perry had arrived at 10:40 a.m. for her 9 a.m. jury trial, delaying the case.

After testimony, Judge Hathaway went to her chambers to review the agreed-upon jury instructions, read the autopsy report, listen to the CD of the 911 call, and arrive at her decision.



Ray Hunt



Angelina Perry

She returned to the courtroom 15 minutes later and briefly reviewed the elements of each witness' testimony.

"All we really know is they failed to watch the 11-month-old child long enough to prevent him from drowning," Judge Hathaway said.

"What comes into play is knowledge. When it comes to gross negligence, negligence requires knowledge," she said.

Judge Hathaway said what is unknown was if Oliver had the propensity to go straight through the house to go outside.

"Was Oliver attracted to the pool or was he afraid? The People have not met their burden to show gross negligence on the part of both. The evidence does not show the risk of the pool," she said.

"I find both defendants not guilty."

With that verdict, the family stood up and started crying and hugging each other.

Hunt's court-appointed attorney Brian Gagniuk said, "You are free to go."

Perry's court-appointed attorney was Mark Nortley. Standing in for Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carin Goldfarb, who began the case, was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Braxton.

Sumpter Detective John Toth was officer in charge of the case.

Belleville plan

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giving the city of Belleville a hold-harmless agreement. Thank you for your time."

The second letter was a June 13 reply to Davenport's letter from Keith Boc, the city's director of public services, advising him the City of Belleville administration is recommending to the planning commission approval of their plans. However, it was contingent on city engineers approval prior to any construction or permit to proceed.

Boc stressed the administration's recommendation is for the storm water system only.

Boc told the commission Davenport plans to start with the detention pond and storm sewer only, but they need planning commission approval to move more than 100 cubic yards in one year.

"This will allow them to move dirt," explained planning commission chairman Steve Jones.

Another commissioner noted, and others agreed, Davenport has been moving a lot of dirt on that site for a long time.

Engineer Mark Gaworecki from Hennessey Engineers said what they are doing is just the storm sewer: a detention basin and pipe.

"They have submitted a site plan," Boc said, noting the engineers and planning consultant Jill Bahm have looked at it. He said the site plan is in his office and applications have been filled out and paid for.

Boc said the site plan will be on the agenda of the next planning commission meeting on July 11.

"They are doing this at their own risk," Boc said, adding, "It's a nice project to come before you next month."

He said Davenport will prepare and secure the site.

Commissioner Michael Hawkins said the request before them would be like forcing the commission to approve the project once they are started.

Bahm said the hold-harmless letter is so if they do all the work and aren't approved they can't come back later and say, "You said we could."

Boc said Davenport has a lot of stuff on



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters, left, reads the plaque honoring the retirement of 40-year fire fighter Martin Kalasz at the township board's June 11 meeting. Kalasz also received a badge and fireman's boots as part of his farewell.

the property to move and he doubts if they will have the pond and pipe done by next month's meeting.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the plan for the storm water system for Davenport under the terms discussed.

Chairman Jones said Davenports were in a hurry to start construction. The sign on the property says the mall will be available in 2013.

Commissioner Jesse Marcotte, who was the longest-serving member of the commission, was attending his last meeting since he is moving out of the Belleville community. He commented on his disappointment of the cursory review of the Davenport plan by the Belleville Fire Department.

Marcotte, who is a fire fighter in Northville Township, is moving from Belleville to be closer to his job.

He said he had the misfortune to respond to the May 8 disaster in Westland where 29-year-old fire fighter Brian Woehlke was killed after the roof of a strip mall collapsed during a fire. Marcotte said he knows how important building safety is.

"I'd be glad to do review of plans under the fire code," Marcotte said.

Later, he said when Darwin Loyer was fire chief, Marcotte was asked to go over plans with Loyer, making sure fire codes were complied with. Since Loyer left, Marcotte said he has not been asked to review any plans.

In other business at the 37-minute meeting, the commission:

- Held an 11-minute public hearing on

the updated zoning ordinance and the ClearZoning municipal coding process of the ordinances, which makes the city ordinances accessible at any time on the internet. Belleville Realtor Glenn Silvenis said he was not clear what they were finally proposing on the required 100% retail on the ground floor and restricting of offices in the downtown district. Bahm said after there was opposition to that, the commission agreed that up to half of a downtown block could be office space on the ground floor (instead of none, as is now the case). Silvenis said he still believed this restricting of office space is not good for the growth of the city; and

- Approved recommending the Zoning Ordinance/ClearZoning to the city council for approval as one unit. A new zoning map is a part of the unit and all ordinances will be repealed and replaced by this. The zoning changes include current B-3 zoned properties on Main and South streets to the railroad tracks to be converted to B-2, Central Business. Also, the parcels south of Columbia, north and west of the railroad tracks to the end of Wabash has been changed from I-1 Light Industrial to B-1, Local Business. Belleville is the first community in Wayne County that will be under ClearZoning and Mayor Kerreen Conley said from the audience that that was quite impressive. Bahm's firm, that used to be called Birchler Arroyo Associates, developed the ClearZoning procedure and then changed the firm's

OPINIONS

Editorial

What's it worth to get rid of some pesky beavers?

How much is it worth to get rid of some pesky beavers? Well, Sumpter Township officials (minus one) think up to \$3,000 should do it and voted 6-1 to set aside that amount at Tuesday's board meeting.

The beavers have returned to Banotai Park and so Trustee Alan Bates recommended hiring Wildlife Services to come out and catch them – like that local businessman did a few years back. He caught six at that time.

Charge is \$850 to come out, set up the traps and monitor them and \$150 for every beaver he catches and carries away. Bates thought they should do it now before two beavers become 20 beavers and the rest of the board members thought that sounded good.

Except for Trustee Bill Hamm, who said the cost was too much. He wanted to shop around. He suggested the township buy its own traps. Bates stated that although he'd been put in charge of parks, he was not wading into the lake with a beaver trap.

Hamm said the last time the man caught beavers for Sumpter, they had him spray a red spot on each beaver, so they could be sure the same beavers didn't come back.

Clerk Hoffman pointed out the local man is trying to make a living and he has invested in his vehicle, insurance, traps, and has other expenses. We agree \$3,000 is a small price to pay to get rid of the beavers, especially the ones without red spots.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader sent a letter she wanted published without her signature, although she let me know who she was.

She wanted to thank the person who found an important paper that she had left at the Belleville library recently.

"It's nice to know people are still honest and care about doing the right thing," she said, adding, "Kudos to this unknown person."

She didn't want her name used because of the sensitive information in the paper she left.

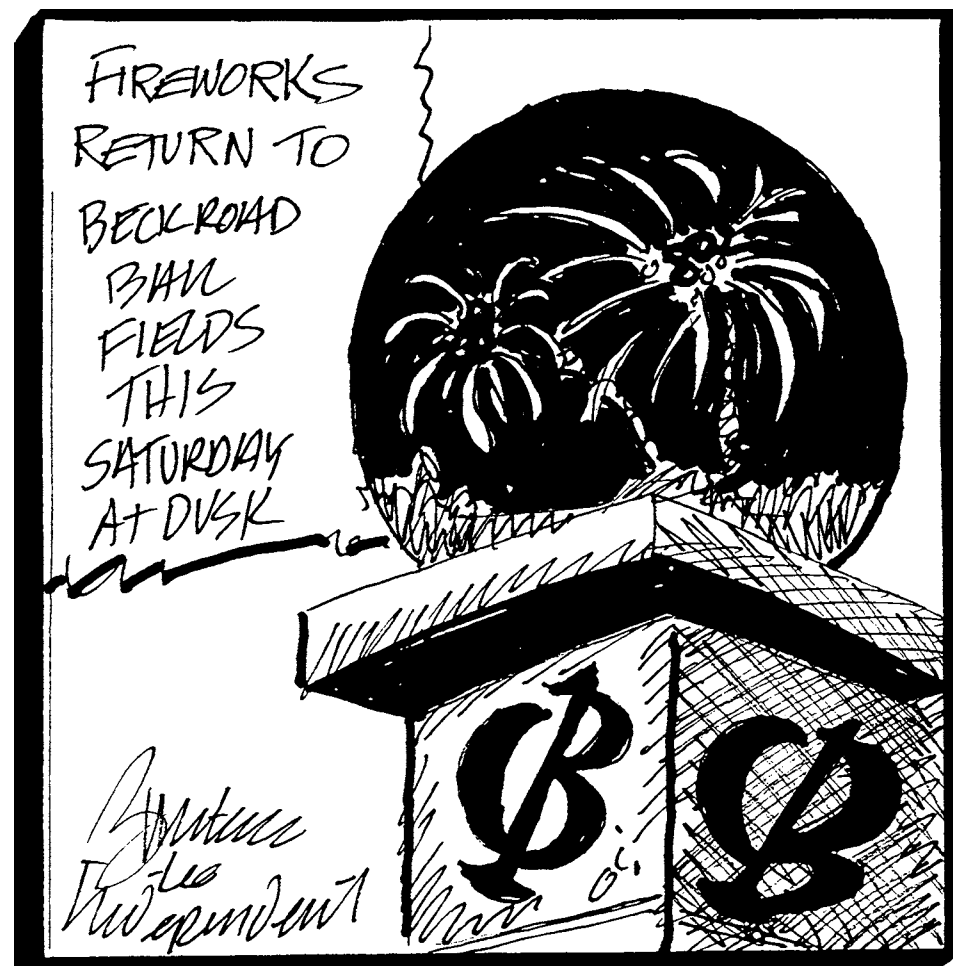
I sat next to Sumpter Township Police Chief Jim Pierce for about an hour and a half last week, as we waited for the township board to complete its closed-door session on an employee's discipline.

We talked about many things, including Chief Pierce's scheduled June 26 surgery on his right knee at Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte. He said he damaged his knee by all the kicking he did over many years of teaching tae kwon do. He suggested that parents who want their children to take martial arts training, should give them the softer versions, such as tai chi.

Chief Pierce will be off his feet for a few weeks to recover from his surgery.

At the Belleville DDA meeting last week Tom Fielder said that Meijer, a primary sponsor of the Strawberry Festival, brought a semi rig full of yogurt to the festival each day for three days. All the yogurt was given away and it was good-tasting yogurt. They weren't giving away just small sample containers, but cases of yogurt, he said.

DDA member Brian Copsey said at one



point he had 60 cases of yogurt in his cooler at the Bayou, as people wanted to keep their yogurt cool as they ate their meals.

At the DDA meeting, it also was noted that the exclusive BYC group is putting in a pool at the former Moose Lodge building on East Huron River Drive on the lake.

I know the money has to be spent by the end of the month by the City of Belleville, but that gap sidewalk by Edgemont School that has been put in makes me nervous.

Since it couldn't go right next to the railroad track at the sharp curve on Edgemont at Robbe, they are making a crosswalk there to connect with the sidewalk on the other side of the street.

That's a very sharp curve and I'd hate to see children from the school crossing over there. Gives me the willies.

At the June 17 special school board meeting, I had to leave before they were done with their agenda, since it was a regular meeting night of the city council.

So, the final agenda item called "Online Board Packet Process and iPad Distribution" was discussed after I left.

I saw in the minutes of that meeting that they distributed iPads to board members who did not have them. It was explained that these are part of a pool of iPads already in use by the district and were not purchased separately for the board.

On Monday, I asked board president Brent Mikulski about it and he said four iPads were distributed to board members who didn't have them and all teachers are getting them.

They are trying to cut back on paper use and so the board packets are being sent by the internet in two separate pdf files: one the entire packet in order and one the check run in a separate document.

The minutes also state: "There will also be a Google Doc Folder created, accessible only to Board Members and Mr. Van Tassel that may have comments or edits to the Board packet prior to the meeting."

That sounded suspicious, so I asked if I had to FOIA that part and Supt. Van Tassel said it was just a place where all the board information was put. I'm still not sure that there aren't private messages in there that the public should know about. Other public bodies have been caught doing business via internet, in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Hope this public body knows better. It gets real crazy when citizens start filing Freedom of Information Act requests on emails of their public officials.

The packets for the meetings have been sent to the Press by internet for some time now.





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Letters

**Sumpter Township
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To the Editor:

How can you change without something changing?

"Big Ole Yard Sale" has been shut down by Sumpter Township because we don't live on the property.

We have been stripped of our C-3 zoning and the special exceptions process. The spokesperson stated nothing has changed. Then why waste the township's money to change it? Especially, knowing this change is under protest.

There is a "no change law" in this country. Where will they stop? You may be next.

We are sorry to the yard sale goers and the persons who have signed up to participate these next two weekends. I can't take a chance on being arrested for having a yard sale on my taxed property zoned C-3 (allowable yard sale) now taken and changed, as of last week's *Independent* notice of the change.

Sorry I offended someone.

I sure hope this property is still of value, now that it has been stripped of the zoning we applied for and have been granted: C-3. Really want to know who is gaining from this.

We are now questioning our staying here. We have been offered over the last 19 years many other opportunities. Now these offers are entertaining.

Can no longer trust Sumpter and what might happen next. That's how it is and that is why we feel this way.

The Bake Shoppe will be on vacation July 4, 2013 for 19 days.

Cheryl Norden
Sumpter Township

**Thanks to Civic Fund
for smoke house repair**

To the Editor:

Van Buren Township Fire Department personnel is committed to educating the public about the perils of fire and ways to prevent a fire from occurring.

One way that the Fire Department had been effectively teaching school age kids about fire safety was through the hands-on interactive experience of its smoke house. For the past few years, due to financial issues, the line item for Fire Prevention has been the first to go - being reduced to virtually nothing. Due to lack of funding, the smoke house sat unused in the back parking lot.

It was disheartening to be unable to provide fire safety educational programming, especially when we received frequent calls to bring out the smoke house for special events by the schools and neighborhood homeowner associations.

In the interest of reviving the public educational fire safety programming, I tasked the fire department staff with evaluating repairs required to bring the smoke house back to safe standards. A thorough inspection of the smoke house revealed it was in a lot worse shape than originally thought. It needed some dire work just to allow people to enter it, more or less allow any children through it!

After obtaining estimates to refurbish the smoke house, I contacted the Van Buren Civic Fund, which graciously donated the funding to restore it to "as good as new."

I cannot thank them enough for their generous donation to restore the smoke house so we can re-establish our fire safety program here in the community.

With deepest respect on behalf of the Van Buren Township Fire Department,
Daniel C. Besson
Fire Chief / Emergency Management Coordinator
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More Letters

Lots of American Flags flying on S. Biggs St.

To the Editor:

With your help, once again South Biggs Street had a 100% participation in the "Display Your Flag on Flag Day" event on June 14. Every home and vacant lot had at least one U.S. Flag on display.

Looking down our street and seeing U.S. Flags as far as one could see, displayed and blowing gently in the wind, was quite a sight. If you didn't drive down our street to catch this view, you missed a chance of a lifetime.

The number of 3'x5' flags flying from the porches, poles or garages on South Biggs seems to increase every year. Let's add a few more for next year.

I had many, many refurbished 12"x16" flags available for free in front of my home. Several people took advantage of this offer and many were taken. I'll try to have more available for next year's Flag Day event.

I was a bit disappointed with the number of downtown businesses that did not have a flag on display. I know that the Strawberry Festival was in full swing and maybe some of them could not be seen. Next year's downtown Flag display will be better?

Thanks again to my entire Biggs neighbors who help make me proud of our joint effort. I hope you are also proud to be a resident of South Biggs.

Independence Day, July 4, is just around the corner. This is also a day we should fly our colors. Put your Flag on display once again.

Pete Pitzen
South Biggs St. resident, Belleville



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Obituaries



Jeffrey D. Kwiecinski

JEFFREY D. KWIECINSKI

(June 11, 1958 - June 21, 2013)

Jeffrey Dean Kwiecinski, age 55, passed away Friday, June 21, 2013 due to complications from a stroke that shut down his organs. He fought extremely hard to beat the big C from 2001 to 2005 and won the battle against the big C, cancer-free till his death.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and special friend Nancy; his step-sons Keith (Sandy) and Robert (Carrie); his father Leonard; two brothers Gary (Renee) and Keith; two sisters Bonnie and Lori; several nieces and nephews, friends and pets.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his mother Grace Kwiecinski and brother Roger Kwiecinski.

He loved being a member of the Huron Valley Night Hawks. "Old Pollock" put in 35 years earning his retirement from the club and became a lifetime member. He loved playing tricks on all the members of the club, living dangerously, and riding dangerously. The Harley and Jeff must have had nine lives together. Jeffrey was a commercial carpenter who was proud to be a leader of the carpenters' union. He also enjoyed working as a fireman for Augusta Township. Jeffrey loved to haul all kinds of scrap, gardening, canning, helping others out of a jam, and working on the yard or in the garage, camping and fishing. He loved to pretend to be mad when his wife could catch more catfish than him, especially when the others were making fun of him, saying he should have been taking lessons from his wife Barbara.

Visitation was Tuesday June 25, 2013 from 4-8 P.M. and Wednesday, June 26, 2013 from 12-1 P.M. with a funeral service at 1:00 P.M. with Crazy Jap officiating at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan. Interment followed at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Clara Belle Jividen

CLARA BELLE JIVIDEN

(February 2, 1928 - June 21, 2013)

Clara Belle Jividen, age 85, passed away Friday, June 21, 2013 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was born February 2, 1928 in Pliny, West Virginia, daughter of the late Howard & Nellie (Watson) Whitt.

She is survived by four children; Gilbert Jividen of Michigan, Doris (Edward) Lepper of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Geneva Bowling of Michigan, Gary (Frankie) Jividen of Michigan, thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Clara was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert G. in 1981; her parents; seven brothers Alva, Andrew, Ted, Warren, Watson, Pete, James; two sisters; Virginia, and Angie.

Living in the Belleville area for more than sixty-six years, Clara was still a faithful member of Mt. Union Methodist Church in West Virginia. She enjoyed going to church, most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 5-8 P.M., Monday, June 24, 2013 from 2-8 P.M., Tuesday June 25, 2013 from 12-1 P.M. with a funeral service at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Bobby Hall officiating at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Please sign her on-line guestbook and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



William J. Andrews, Sr.

WILLIAM J. ANDREWS, SR.

William J. Andrews Sr., 81, of Wyandotte, passed away June 20, 2013. Loving husband of the late Barbara; dearest father of William (Peggy), Brian (Kathy) Andrews, and Dawn (Roger) Gibson; dear brother of Janet Yonovich; proud grandfather of 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Wyandotte on June 24. www.nixonfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT EDWIN WELDEN

(January 15, 1934 - June 16, 2013)

Age 79 of Belleville. Survived by wife Vivian; children Bob, Bill, Vicky, and Richard; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. Service June 20 at Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. Interment in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.



THOMAS LELAND FRY

(October 5, 1933 - June 14, 2013)

Age 79, of Ypsilanti Township. Served in U.S. Army. Survived by daughters Pamela Apps of Pensacola, FL, and Leslie Fry of Seminole, FL; one sister, Katherine Smendra. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Question from Charles in Sumpter Township: I just recently started looking for a home to buy. I decided to make an offer on the second home I looked at with a Realtor. I had not gotten pre-approved before making the offer. The Realtor said she could get me pre-approved with a Lender, so I could get my offer presented to the seller.

I spoke with the Lender briefly and the Realtor received the pre-approval letter to submit my offer. My offer was accepted and now I have seven days to start the mortgage paperwork with the Lender. In the meantime I have done some shopping on my own for a Bank/Lender and have compared my closing costs and interest rate with the first Lender.

I do Not want to use the first Lender due to the interest rate and closing costs being higher. I asked the Realtor if I could change my financing Lender for the purchase. She said no because the pre-approval letter used when making the offer was a part of the total purchase agreement with the seller. Is this right? Can I use another Bank/Lender of my choice, even though my purchase offer was accepted?

Answer: YES! If the seven days are not up to apply for a mortgage, you have the right to choose your own Lender/Bank. Even if the seven days have expired you can provide a signed addendum to the seller requesting a few days more to apply for your loan, since you needed the time to apply with a different Lender.

Also, provide the seller with a second pre-approval letter with the addendum. Be sure the type of mortgage financing is the same, since the seller's acceptance of your offer was for a certain sales price as well as a specific type of loan.

If you had gotten a pre-approval letter before looking for a home, you would have had the time to shop for your interest rate and costs and been more comfortable with the selection of a Lender before making an offer. Good Luck with your Purchase.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 27** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is Planet D'Nonet.

• **Friday, June 28** – Evangelical Friends Church Free Family Drive-In Theater begins at 9:15 p.m., dusk. (with the Bounce House open at 8:40 p.m.) at the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Movie questions: 734-482-5074.

• **Saturday, June 29** – VBT Fireworks at Beck Ballfields at dusk. Rain date is Sunday, June 30. Also, fireworks at 10 p.m. in Romulus behind schools at Wick and Ozga roads.

• **Thursday, July 4** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is Belleville Community Chorus.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, June 27 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.

• Monday, July 1 -- Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, special meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 2 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 3 – Van Buren Township Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

Birthdays

June 27 – Jeff Schonscheck
June 30 – Cathy Dwornik
July 1 – Rebecca Landstrom
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DOCK REPAIR PERSON NEEDED for Ford Lake Community. Call (734) 323-6834 7/04

HELP WANTED

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call (734) 697-1800 TFN

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ATTENTION: HARD WORKING young lady willing to do yard work, housecleaning, babysitting. Please contact Amber at (734) 699-3227. 7/04

"Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising."

Mark Twain

HELP WANTED

DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

Feel good about the work that you do. Support persons we serve in residential settings. Country home. Training provided. \$8.40 total per hr. plus good benefits.

Call (734) 753-4804 New Boston
Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org

HELP WANTED

DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

Work close to home assisting persons we serve in their homes in the Belleville & Romulus communities. \$8.25 total per hr. plus good benefits.

Call (734) 699-3808 or (734) 699-6543
Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org

HELP WANTED

HIRING IMMEDIATELY

Dedicated & Reliable Bus Drivers for Permanent Positions for Van Buren Public Schools. Starting Pay: \$11.50/hour. Call 734-699-5100

LANDSCAPER NEEDED

Exp. A Plus! Pay Is \$10-\$12 Per Hour Based On Exp. Call Jenene To Find Out How To Apply At (734) 323-8973

Bartenders, Servers, & Cooks Wanted. Apply in Person Tin Pan Saloon & Pizzara 19350 Sumpter Rd.
(Next to Sumpter Ace Hardware)

More Letters

Reply to Strawberry Festival comments

To the Editor:

RE: Unsolicited thoughts on Strawberry Festival
There are obviously two sides to every story.

The boys in question from Illinois have family who live here in Belleville and have for over 48 years. One of the young men was just honorably discharged from the military after serving three tours overseas.

He is now going to school to become an anesthesiologist while the other is a Criminal Justice major at Columbia College.

As they were walking home, a group of three young men, one in a Batman mask, started bashing the military, saying all sorts of disgusting, profane things. The military boy proudly wears his arm tattoos for his fallen comrades. He suspects this is what your son and the other two saw.

Our military proudly serves and protects yours as well as all American families. This was hard on the Illinois boy.

Yes, the military boy did charge a man he thought was responsible for the very rude and inappropriate comments. The other one knew it was the wrong guy, so he chased and attempted to pull his friend away while he and the lady yelled "wrong guy." No punches were thrown.

As soon as he realized this, he turned and approached the three boys. The incident was averted as the police pulled in before the two groups ever met. Now this is from the Belleville police themselves. Perjury is not a good thing. I am sure once Police Chief Taylor reviews the car cameras he will see what truly went on.

I have never been one to throw the first stone. Perception is everything. Therefore, I can sign my name to this. With the exception of that one incident, we truly enjoyed the Strawberry Festival as a family, seeing as how it is also when we have our family reunion.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to put this national event on.

Angela Newkirk

Unsolicited thought...

Nobody should be judged before all facts are known:

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."

Wonderful quote by our 16th President Abraham Lincoln.

Submitted by a Reader



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Revision to 2012 Sumpter Township Water Quality Report

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2012 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	8/14/2012	ppm	4	4	0.85	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/14/2012	ppm	10	10	0.26	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 1, 1st Quarter								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb 2012	ppb	n/a	80	34.1	20.7	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb 2012	ppb	n/a	60	17.0	13.3	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2, 2nd – 4th Quarters								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2012	ppb	n/a	80	n/a		no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2012	ppb	n/a	60	n/a		no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine Residual)	Jan-Dec 2012	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.87	0.73-0.96	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2012 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.20 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2012 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

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

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15				Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3				Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

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

2012 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.08	Erosion of natural deposits

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: Clerk Wright (excused) and Trustee Hart (excused). Others in attendance: Chief Besson, DPW Superintendent Taylor, Deputy Supervisor LaMothe, Secretary Stevenson and an audience of thirty-four (34).

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

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes June 3, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 4, 2013; Voucher List of June 18, 2013; Attorney's recommendation to rescind Resolution 2012-10 DTE Energy Smart Meter Moratorium.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: A proclamation and a plaque were presented to Ralph A. Nodwell acknowledging his contributions made throughout the tri-community area.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to make the proclamation honoring Ralph A. Nodwell a formal motion of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. Carried.

A 30 years of service award as a fire fighter was given to Danny Wilson. A special fire helmet was also presented noting his last date of service will be on his 30 year anniversary date of June 28, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Personal Services Agreement between James Taylor and Van Buren Charter Township and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs read the following announcements: "Coffee with a Cop" will be held on Saturday July 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island. Van Buren Township Fireworks will be held on Saturday June 29th with a rain date of Sunday June 30th at Beck Ball fields starting at dusk. On June 14th Karin LaMothe was sworn in as Deputy Supervisor by the Honorable David Parrott. Two letters from township residents regarding the excellent service received from two township employees. "Takin' it to the Street" will be held at Tyler Elementary School on Friday, June 28th and August 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by calling the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Published: June 27, 2013

More Letters

Strawberry Festival definitely IS worth it!

To the Editor:

Response to "Unsolicited thoughts on Strawberry Festival"

First of all, I regret the incident your son and his friends were involved in and I pray no one was injured.

The answer to your basic question, "Is it worth it?" is an emphatic, "YES." I can assure you and the readers that the churches, community organizations, and the community as a whole benefit from this festival.

As former president of the Chamber of Commerce, I know that a large portion of the Chamber's budget is earned from the festival.

Consider this: Most of the work done to put on the festival is done by volunteers of the various organizations represented. Do you believe for a minute they would spend the many hours they do planning and working on it if their organizations did not benefit from their labor? As for the police, I believe they are paid for their service, and for some of them it may represent overtime pay.

Generally speaking, the festival has a good reputation as a family event and each year every effort is made to improve the event so that it draws visitors to our community

from miles away, many of whom return each year.

Are there disruptions from time to time? Yes, usually resulting from outsiders. That is why the police presence has been increased dramatically over the last few years. The solution is to control the situations that arise, not to dismantle the festival because of the conduct of a few out of the thousands that attend.

When the schools have problems with discipline, they deal with the problem and try to eliminate it. Would you suggest closing the school system down?

Too many good and beneficial community events and activities are lost to the majority of citizens because of the irresponsible conduct of a few individuals.

Without the publications of your letter, the vast majority of the participants in the festival would not have been aware of the incident. Actually, it took place after the festival was shut down for the day. Did it occur as a result of the festival or because the persons involved had been in a bar?

It is just a suggestion, but instead of writing a letter, evoking bad PR and asking if the Strawberry Festival has reached the end of its cycle, you might consider volunteering to work on next year's festival. If you put your mind to it, you may be able to provide positive ideas on how it can be improved.

Proud of our community and the Strawberry Festival,

Name withheld by request

Lifelong resident (70+ years)

You're invited to Lake & Land Sports Show

To the Editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community will host its first Lake & Land Sports Show on Saturday, July 20 from 12 Noon to 5 p.m. on High Street at Horizon Park. Displays include: Boats, kayaks, canoes, ATV's scooters and more. The event is sponsored by Tucker Insurance Agency and the Twisted Rooster Restaurant.

Residents are invited to tie off their water craft at the Belleville Boardwalk. In addition, the Central Business Community will save some space on High Street for residents who would like to sell their personal watercraft. To be accepted into the show, please send pictures of your watercraft to: Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main Street, Belleville, or feel free to drop off pictures at the Belleville Chamber between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Invitations have also been extended to the Coast Guard, Van Buren Water Rescue, Belleville Girl Scouts and the Huron River Water Shed Council. The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will participate with area information and an opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for a 24-month lease for a 2013 Ford Focus. (Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.)

Food will be provided by A & W Restaurant and the Twisted Rooster

Restaurant. Come join us on beautiful Belleville Lake on July 20 and feel free to call the Belleville Chamber, 734-697-7151 with any questions.

Janet Millard

Belleville Central Business Community

Brown Family Center is a blessing to me

To the Editor:

Last year I lost both of my parents, nearly at the same time. It was in Florida and I had temporarily moved there from my home in Sumpter Township to see them safely into heaven.

When I returned home I was glad to be back and to have this terrible time in my life behind me. I felt that I was "back to normal" and set about the business of getting a new job, I had lost mine while I was away for so long, and reconnecting with my friends and church family.

It was not long before I realized that I was not anything near normal. I seemed to always be in a fog, confused and overwhelmed by the simplest things. Unable to focus and even be interested in things that I used to love to do.

At that time it was suggested that I may be going through grief and might need to "see someone." I was told that the Brown Family Center offered free grief counseling and everyone was welcome, even if you did not use their services for your lost loved ones.

Although extremely difficult, I did NOT want to talk about it. I made the call and started to visit with Mary Martinez a few times a month. It has not been easy but it has been extremely beneficial.

I thought that if I just ignored what had happened, if I just pretended that things were normal, they would be. That was not going to happen and even though I am doing much better, I have an understanding that this is process and it will take a while.

I now attend one of the group counseling sessions that meets in the evenings, once a month, at the Brown Family Center. It is so helpful to share my story with those who know exactly what I am feeling.

I urge anyone who has suffered a loss and would find helpful a kind & caring person who is well versed in all matters of grief, to give Mary a call. Her number is 734-697-5090. I would personally like to thank the Brown family for providing this service to our community, free of charge. It has been a blessing.

Kelly Boelter

Sumpter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, June 16:
0009 – juvenile complaint, 8800 Parkwood Manor
0037 – loud party complaint, 9951 Lancaster Dr.
0143 – fireworks, 6171 Western St.
0209 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Sub. Park
0800 – trespassing, 46151 Village Green Lane
1211 – assault & battery, 10743 Oak Lane
1326 – assault & battery, 9527 Dalton Dr.
1448 – assault & battery, 51226 Sylvia Dr.
1608 – intimidation threat, 7608 Lacy Dr.
1703 – property damage accident, S. Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1730 – suicide or attempt., 51195 Sylvia Dr.
1816 – suicide or attempt, 41700 N. Bellridge Dr.
1843 – ATV/ORV complaint, 42061 Filmore St.
1936 – disturbance, Van Buren Park
2003 – larceny, 10915 Belleville Rd.
2108 – noise complaint, 56 Maple Dr.
2313 – larceny, Meijer

Monday, June 17:
0009 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Circle/Belleville Rd.
0728 – larceny from auto, Ecorse/Haggerty
1126 – disturbance, 32 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1403 – sexual assault, 51151 Old Michigan Rd.
1407 – disorderly conduct, 10804 Belleville Rd.
1516 – missing person, 11793 Meadows Circle
1717 – larceny, Van Buren Park
1738 – child abuse, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1739 – child abuse, 13649 Milton Dr.
1813 – private property accident, 2193 Rawsonville
1820 – intimidation threat, 48531 Denton Rd.
1907 – breaking & entering, 41525 Tyler Rd.
1934 – intimidation threat, 6618 Maurice Dr.
2009 – ATV/ORV complaint, 394 Sumpter Rd.
2027 – retail fraud, Kmart
2043 – noise complaint, 41611 S. Bellridge Rd.
2055 – assault & battery, 284 Holly Ln.
2239 – suspicious situation, Edison Lake/Sandy’s Marina
2321 – property damage accident, 9870 Fairbanks
2325 – fight, Walmart
2348 – fireworks, 273 Holly Lane

Tuesday, June 18:
0338 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0446 – malicious destruction of property, 45910 Purple Sage
0727 – private property accident, 44000 Ecorse Rd.
0732 – larceny from auto, Ecorse/Haggerty
0753 – larceny from auto, 48011 I-94 Service
0941 – harassment call, 5848 Victoria St.
1231 – found child, 11699 Meadows Cir.
1441 -- property damage accident, I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Lane
1455 – fraud, Walmart
1515 – fraud, 48641 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1528 – malicious destruction of property, 48811 Denton Rd.
1538 – retail fraud, Walmart
1622 – private property accident, Meijer
1848 – shots fired, Haggerty/Ecorse
1913 – harassment call, 15732 Martinsville Rd.
2124 – assault & battery, 43511 Revere Dr.
2229 – narcotics crime, E. Archwood parking lot
2325 – assault & battery, 10022 Jackson Ln.
2330 – assault & battery, 13553 Milton Dr.

Wednesday, June 19:
0200 – disturbance, 115 Park Estates
0619 – property damage accident, N. Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0926 – fraud, 49211 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1019 – larceny, 41455 S. Bellridge Dr.
1128 – malicious destruction of property, 40731 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1237 – juvenile complaint, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
1241 – malicious destruction of property, 9214 Parkwood Dr.
1320 – assault & battery, 101 Maple Dr.
1404 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville/Bemis
1420 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 49031 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1839 – retail fraud, Walmart
1858 – personal injury accident, Martz / Rawsonville

2012 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 48011 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2300 – noise complaint, Maple/Pine

Thursday, June 20:
0050 – disorderly conduct, 48611 S. I-94 Service
0051 – disturbance, 48511 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0206 – disorderly conduct, 10950 Belleville Rd.
0652 – fight, Haggerty BP
0835 – breaking & entering, 11123 Oak Ln.
1001 – ATV/ORV complaint, Sheldon/Beverly
1113 – intimidation threat, 6618 Maurice Dr.
1518 – harassment call, 49051 Denton Rd.
1603 – property damage accident, Meijer
1751 – assault & battery, 46020 Lake Villa Dr.
1821 – larceny, 5908 Vernon St.
2053 – breaking & entering, 10208 Westlake
2134 – disturbance, W. Huron River Dr./Farm Rd.
2139 – disorderly conduct, 39431 Huron River Dr.
2205 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
2235 – noise complaint, Haggerty Sub. Park
2332 – malicious destruction of property, 5817 Vernon St.

Friday, June 21:
0012 – juvenile complaint, 11250 Haggerty Rd.
0142 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
0358 – harassment call, 42542 N. Cumberland Dr.
0850 – private property accident, 41358 Ecorse
1103 – animal bite, 6700 Rogers Ave.
1219 – malicious destruction of property, 16894 Haggerty Rd.
1233 – juvenile complaint, 10940 Lighthouse Dr.
1316 – larceny, 11723 Meadows Circle
1320 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Woodbury Green
1322 – property damage accident, Robson Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1348 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1423 – child abuse, 6609 Outer Dr.
1500 – missing person, 9805 Van Buren St.
1647 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1704 – retail fraud, Meijer
1754 – water leak found, 42480 E. Huron River
1825 – narcotics crime, 10705 Belleville Rd.
1847 – intimidation threat, 7696 Belleville Rd.
1940 – disorderly conduct, 9566 Belleville Rd.
2015 – assault & batter, Arby’s
2213 – shots fired, 41450 Archwood Dr.
2214 – private property accident, J&T

Saturday, June 22:
0035 – juvenile complaint, 47965 Merle Ct.
0057 – agency assist, Sumpter/Lohr
0127 – missing person, 9199 Parkwood Dr.
0148 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0219 – fire investigation, Quirk/N I-94 Service Dr.
0328 – juvenile complaint, 46141 Village Green
0455 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 6201 Haggerty Rd.
0915 – disorderly conduct, W. I-94 rest area
0924 – property damage accident, Belleville/Van Born Rd.
0933 – suspicious situation, Atchinson Ford
1013 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
1201 – disturbance, 6700 Rogers Ave.
1238 – missing person, 9199 Parkwood Dr.
1239 – disorderly conduct, 45707 S. I-94 Service
1700 – agency assist, 6 Main
1701 – fraud, Kmart
1831 – disturbance, 42542 N. Cumberland Dr.
1936 – assault & battery, Meijer
2234 – noise complaint, 47947 W. Huron River
2249 – fireworks, Southport
2301 – fireworks, Haggerty Sub.

Also on this week’s log are 369 traffic stops, 191 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 16:
0013 – fight, Sumpter/W. Columbia
0533 – domestic assault, 476 W. Columbia Ave.
0936 – domestic assault, 7 Carmell St.
1105 – suspicious situation, 73 Menlo Park Dr.
1312 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1353 – assist fire dept., 45 S. Edgemont Ave.
1510 – suspicious person, Frosty Boy
1648 – assist fire dept., 248 Main St.
1717 – E-911 cellular, Main/High

1850 – suspicious person, N. Liberty/First St.
2025 – juvenile complaint, 454 Sumpter Rd.
2131 – domestic assault, 19 Loza Lane

Monday, June 17:
0049 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd.
0327 – noise complaint, 86 Carmell St.
1525 – lost property, 6 Main St.
1547 – property damage accident, South St. / W. Columbia Ave.
1633 – assist fire dept., 75 S. Liberty St.
1646 – assist citizen, Chase
1805 – assist fire dept., 75 S. Liberty St.
1935 – traffic complaint, High St./Main St.

Tuesday, June 18:
0036 – intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
0355 – disturbance, 509 N. Liberty St.
0601 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
1017 – assist fire dept., 247 Church St.
1256 – vehicle lockout, Main St./Fifth St.
1418 – personal injury accident, 300 Sumpter
1427 – suspicious person, 204 S. Aberdeen Ct.
1618 – trespassing, 230 Henry St.
1712 – malicious destruction of property, 347 N. Liberty St.
1755 – assist fire dept., 140 Church St.
1833 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr.
2233 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Industrial Pk.

Wednesday, June 19:
0911 – prisoner transfer, 11131 S. Wayne Rd.
1853 – misc. complaint, 357 E. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, June 20:
0214 – family trouble, 118 Clarence St.
0231 – suspicious person, 12 Menlo Park Dr.
0303 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
0434 – intrusion alarm, 45201 Owen St., school
1111 – domestic violence, 386 Main St.
1152 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1622 – juvenile complaint, 59 Loza Lane
1636 – vehicle lockout, 337 S. Industrial Park Dr.
1919 – disorderly conduct, 500 N. Liberty St.
2151 – family trouble, 59 Loza Lane
2209 – welfare check, 324 W. Columbia Ave.
2224 – suspicious situation, 489 E. Huron River
2226 – vehicle lockout, 159 Main St.
2308 – missing person, 59 Loza Lane

Friday, June 21:
1209 – assist fire dept., 25 Owen
1330 – harassment call, 321 S. Industrial Park Dr.
1650 – suspicious person, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1758 – suspicious situation, Denton Bridge
1801 – fraud, 701 Estrada Dr.
1809 – intrusion alarm, 106 Main St.
2029 – overdose, 115 Carmell St.
2110 – vehicle lockout, Andrew’s Pharmacy
2141 – suspicious situation, 585 E. Thornhill Ct.

Saturday, June 22:
0355 – suspicious vehicle, Liberty/E. Huron River
0728 – suspicious situation, 179 Clarence St.
0839 – suspicious situation, 104 Clarence St.
0937 – suspicious person, Church St./W. Columbia
1111 – follow-up, 18 Loza Lane
1147 – fraud, 50 South St.
1214 – all other traffic, Savage/Victorian Ln.
1609 – intrusion alarm, 300 Sumpter
1650 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1856 – animal complaint, 6 Main St.
1956 – assist fire dept., 343 N. Liberty St.
2300 – suspicious vehicle, 573 E. Thornhill Ct.
2333 – suspicious person, e. Huron River Dr. / Biggs Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 39 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 16:
0017 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty
0406 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0543 – fireworks complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1347 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Dunn
1436 – subpoena service, Rustic Lane
1836 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1857 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1930 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis
2059 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Clark
2111 – fire dept. assist, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz
2117 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis
2135 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty

Monday, June 17:
0026 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis
1029 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear
1050 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Elwell
1510 – fire dept. assist, Iowa
1629 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1742 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1851 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris
1908 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willis
1955 – breaking & entering report, Carriage Ln.
2006 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia
2133 – warrant arrest, 28000 bl. Sumpter
2135 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, June 18:
0007 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood
0021 – follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron
0302 – suspicious incident, Judd Rd.
0523 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
0632 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0640 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1024 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris
1207 – alarm, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1222 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Elwell
1238 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1447 – animal bite, Rustic Lane
1623 – assault, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1706 – reckless driver complaint, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1723 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1805 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1948 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2020 – follow-up investigation, 15000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2038 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2144 – civil dispute, New Mexico
2233 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2354 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood

Wednesday, June 19:
0249 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0906 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1228 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1340 – warrant arrest, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1358 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1533 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Lane
1748 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
2007 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2022 – fraud, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2207 – fireworks complaint, Sumpter/Judd

Thursday, June 20:
0410 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0800 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1604 – fire dept. assist, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1740 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1746 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1757 – larceny, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
2019 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2154 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, June 21:
0123 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willow
0731 – alarm, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0821 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0851 – death investigation, 51000 bl. Wear
1019 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Harris
1158 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1202 – alarm, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1717 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Traskos
1806 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
2003 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Traskos
2021 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2133 – assault, 46000 bl. Willis
2259 – trespassing complaint, Rustic Lane
2329 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter

Saturday, June 22:
0050 – reckless driver complaint, Lohr/Bemis
0818 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
0903 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1058 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1205 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1238 – suspicious incident, Judd/Karr
1322 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1432 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1809 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Bemis
1847 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1926 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willow
2101 – fireworks complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2314 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Wear

Also on this week’s log are 34 miscellaneous detail, 85 patrol checks, and 59 traffic stops.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The **Belleville Young Life** group is holding its **2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament** this Saturday, June 29, beginning at 1 p.m. at the **Eagle Crest Golf Club** in Ypsilanti. Tickets are still available. Call **Ken Grice** at **734-487-2441**. The group is a non-profit Christian organization that mentors youths in the tri-community. The program is open to anyone.

The **Independent** welcomes **Car Tech**, a complete auto repair and tire center located at the corner of Rawsonville and West Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township. Their ad coupon in today's paper features a free engine light check and brakes inspection. There's another coupon for 15% off and one service and A/C check for \$25.

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The **Sumpter Little League** gets its inaugural season underway Friday evening, June 28, at 6 p.m. at Graham Park at the corner of Sumpter and Wear Roads. The **Sumpter Sluggers** which is a T-ball league in its first year, will play games on July 13 at 12 noon, July 16 at 6 p.m., July 27 at 12 p.m., and July 30 at 6 p.m. The games are free and held at Graham Park. The community is invited to come support the first season of Little League baseball in Sumpter.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside** summer concert series continues tonight (Thursday) at 7 at Horizon Park featuring Planet D'Nonet. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to **First United Methodist Church** across the street.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Shelter of Sumpter is selling tickets to its **4th Annual Golf Outing** fundraiser on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 1 p.m. at the **Thorne Hills Golf Club** in Carleton. Cost per 4-person team is \$200. All proceeds will go to the no-kill shelter. The tournament is sponsored by the **Petco Foundation**. Call (734) 461-9458.

Recently, I had the privilege of having my great niece Elizabeth with me at work, and for the evening we went to the Strawberry Festival, to the USTA's

Smashzone (wouldn't miss that), and over to St. Anthony to make better use of our wristbands.

Walking back to town we headed to the Belleville Charhouse to grab a bite and to listen to the evening performance of the BHS Jazz Band. With their time slot of 7 to 9 p.m. almost up, a group of patrons in the bar area couldn't let them pack it up quite yet. In fact they ended up paying the band to play another hour until 10 p.m. Is that cool or what

They're that good, folks, and they play every Tuesday and Friday at the Charhouse.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

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Two Belleville City Council seats to be filled in Nov. 5 election

Two, four-year, non-partisan seats on the Belleville City Council will be filled in the Nov. 5 election.

The terms of council members Brian Blackburn and Kim Tindall will expire Dec. 2, 2013.

Blank petitions for the seats will be available July 23 through Aug. 6 from City Clerk / Treasurer Lisa Long at City Hall. The deadline to turn in the signed petitions is before 4 p.m., Aug. 13.

Clerk/Treasurer Long said petitions need at least 20 valid signatures and no more than 40.

Under the City Charter, a candidate for elective office must have been a resident of the city for one year prior to the date of the election and be a registered voter of the city.

Pet of the Week

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You might be tempted to overlook **Dean** at first glance since he's a little rough around the edges but you'd be missing out on a very friendly, nice kitty boy if you didn't take another look. He arrived with his brother Frank in very poor condition and from the looks of them they survived some hard days before finding their way to us. **Dean** took a little while but warmed up in time to show us that even though life knocked him down he didn't lose his gentle, friendly spirit. He's not one to hog all the attention but can often be found sitting nearby waiting quietly and patiently to be noticed and loved on when there is visitors. We urge you to not pass on getting to know **Dean** because he's a true diamond in the rough that we have no doubt will easily become your most treasured friend. Put an end to **Dean's** patient waiting and call today to meet him. He's neutered, vaccinated, tested neg. for FeLuk/FIV and micro-chipped. **734-461-9458**

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