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VBT Board votes 5-2 for Greg Laurain as new Public Safety Director

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted 5-2 to approve Supervisor Linda Combs' appointment of interim Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain as full-fledged Public Safety Director.

Voting no were Trustees Brenda McClanahan and Reggie Miller. Trustee McClanahan read a prepared statement saying this was not about Laurain, but about the process used to select a new public safety director.

She said she was in favor of posting the position and accepting resumes and interviewing before the selection is made. She also said it was an unsound practice to rewrite the job description to suit the candidate, as they have done for Laurain, substituting experience for education.

Laurain does not have a bachelor's degree and McClanahan criticized the township for not promoting college degrees with an established program.

She said the process in the past was done by elected officials who were mostly uneducated.

Trustee Miller said she agreed with many of McClanahan's points and disagreed with some. She said her problem was the amount of money being paid.

"We should be looking at this budget hard," Miller said, adding Laurain was a "fine, upstanding man who's done an upstanding job. It's about dollars."

Captain Laurain, 54, has been serving as Public Safety Director since just after Carl McClanahan resigned on Jan. 25. Laurain was first hired as a VBT police officer in the fall of 1982, having started as a Reserve officer in 1981.

Under the terms of the at-will position, Laurain will get a base wage of \$97,000. As captain, he earned \$104,807.87 base wage in 2012 and received total compensation

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By Architect Wayne Hoppe for Davenport Brothers

This is a preliminary artist's rendition of the proposed Columbia Avenue Retail Center being developed by Davenport Brothers at 164 E. Columbia Avenue and 270 S. Liberty Street. Plans are for the mall to open in October.

Belleville Planners give final site plan approval to Davenport strip mall

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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After about an hour of discussion at its July 11 meeting, the Belleville Planning Commission granted final site plan approval to the Davenport Brothers' proposed strip mall at 164 E. Columbia Ave.

Now the construction can begin in earnest.

The request for site plan review was signed by Steve Davenport, who estimated an October, 2013 completion date.

This vacant property was the former site of the Amerman Lumber Yard and part of South Liberty Street ran through the property. The city council recently abandoned that part of the street so the Davenport project could proceed.

The property had been zoned Industrial-1, but the recent Clearzoning project that updated the zoning ordinances rezoned the

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Photo by Richard Smith

East Huron River Drive in Belleville was closed to traffic at Angola Street at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, when an electrical wire fell to the ground, arcing flames across the boiling puddles on the street and setting the utility pole on fire. Belleville fire and police worked to keep the public away from the dangerous, live electrical line during the rainstorm until DTE could arrive. Four houses in that area were out of power until about 10:30 p.m. Two of those houses did have generators, however. Traffic was confused when DTE moved its truck from Madeline to Angola, leaving people to drive up to the closed area at Angola and then have to turn around because the street was blocked there. A new pole was installed on Thursday afternoon.

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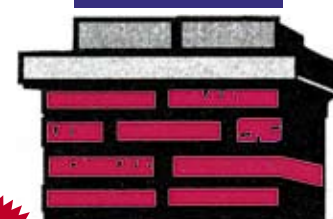
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Greg Laurain

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of \$136,348.32, not counting the police vehicle he drove that included gas, insurance, and maintenance.

Director Carl McClanahan (husband of Trustee McClanahan) earned \$92,818.29 base pay in 2012 and received total compensation of \$104,710.44, not counting this vehicle.

In a June 26 seven-page memo to the board, Supervisor Combs said Laurain had numerous considerations to confront “including a freezing of his MERS pension. Additionally, although fully vested, he would forego a 2.5 multiplier and would cap his salary at 76%, instead of the 80% he would have received if he waited to retire as captain.”

Because Laurain continued to be paid as a captain since January, and the township didn’t pay a Public Safety Director wage to anyone, Combs said the township had more flexibility to set Laurain’s salary at \$97,000.

The township board went into closed-door session on Monday after its work/study meeting. The Michigan Open Meetings Act section referred to as allowing this closed-door session was MCL 15.268, Sec. 8 (f) which refers to a closed-door session if requested by the applicant for a public job for the board to review the application. The law states that all interviews for such public jobs need to be in public.

Combs said Laurain had requested the closed-door session, but was not present for the session.

Resident John Delaney said on Tuesday that he has filed an Open Meetings Act violation against the board since, he said, board members did not have a black and white copy of Laurain’s resume in hand at that meeting, as required by the Act.

Laurain attended special FBI training offered in Quantico, VA, after being nominated for the honor by former Public Safety Director Christopher Elg.

Laurain has been a member of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team (SWAT) for the past 26 years and commander for the past 10 years. He also was a leader of the VBT Police Honor Guard, which was formed in 2006 and recently returned from a presentation in Washington, D.C.

Laurain served as interim public safety director, alongside now retired Ken Brooks, in the periods between the terms of Director Mark Perkins, Director Christopher Elg, Director Jerry Champagne, and this year Director McClanahan, who was appointed to the position in 2009 on a 4-3 vote.

On Nov. 11, 2009, Laurain and three other police officers (Ken Brooks, Dennis Brooks, and Ken Floro) filed a civil rights law suit against the township in federal district court, claiming they were not

named public safety director to fill the vacancy after Jerry Champagne was fired because they are white and Supervisor Paul White wanted an African-American in the post.

The suit by the four claimed each of the four officers sustained “a loss of earnings, earning capacity and fringe benefits and has suffered mental anguish, physical and emotional distress, humiliation and embarrassment and loss of professional reputation.”

Former Director Champagne also had sued after he was fired, on a similar claim that Supervisor White wanted a black man in his post. In March of 2010 Champagne got a settlement of \$475,500.

On Jan. 19, 2011, Laurain and the other three VBT police officers accepted \$25,000 each as out-of-court settlements of their civil rights claims. Of that the township paid its \$75,000 deductible and its insurance company, MMRMA, paid the balance of \$25,000.

Delaney said a person who wanted to apply for the public safety position now has indicated he, too, will file a lawsuit against the township, as the others have in the past.

Davenport Mall

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property to B-1 so Davenports wouldn’t have to seek rezoning of the property.

Local architect Wayne Hoppe presented the plans for the 14,980 square foot Columbia Avenue Retail Center to the planning commission.

“It’s a nice, high-end kind of upscale mall,” Hoppe said, noting that there will be an exit only drive across Columbia from Madeline Street. Light poles will be like those in downtown Belleville, he said.

Parking will be in two rows in the front and on the side, with a loading area in the back with employee parking. Also in back, along the railroad, will be the storm water detention ponds, about 2’ in depth.

The highest façade is 18’ tall on the one-story building, which has tower at the west end as an aesthetic addition.

There are nine units, with each one having an individual character. There is space at each end of the mall for additional small buildings, if business is good, Hoppe said.

When asked if the parking couldn’t be put in the back and the building put closer to Columbia, Hoppe said they are in negotiation with proposed tenants and, “Let’s face it. It’s a strip mall.” He said the tenants want parking in front.

Jill Bahm, the commission’s planning consultant from Clearzoning, asked if they considered back entrances to the businesses.

Hoppe said that was considered, but with the railroad behind the strip, they couldn’t



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Posing for a photo at Saturday’s Coffee with a Cop at Leo’s Coney Island in Van Buren Township are, from left, seated, VBT police officers Lt. Ken Floro, Sgt. Marc Abdilla, and Sgt. Mike Moening. Standing, from left, are Gary Marshall and Chuck Schroeder. There were at least eight police officers who attended the event to be available to answer questions from members of the community.



Van Buren Township’s newly appointed Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain, at right, talks with Kathy and Larry Ward at Leo’s Coney Island during Saturday’s Coffee with a Cop event. Laurain said Coffee with a Cop is a nationwide project and VBT’s event is the first in Wayne County. The first in Michigan was in Milford, the second in Saginaw and the third in VBT.

see back entrances. One of the problems is with sound attenuation, which they will put on all of the southern wall.

“It’s an issue we have to deal with,” Hoppe said.

There was a question of the fencing height, with everyone agreeing the lady on the west side of the development would like a higher fence as a buffer.

Commissioner Henry Kurczewski had concerns about snow removal, a far-off handicapped access parking space, and traffic on E. Columbia.

Mark Gaworecki, the commission’s consultant from Hennessey Engineers, is the project manager. He said all the engineering items have been worked out and he recommended approval of the site plan.

Planning consultant Bahm did not recommend site plan approval in her letter of June 11, but by the time of the July 11 meeting the re-zoning and street vacation were complete and the other concerns were no longer problems.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville area has an ultra-busy summer season

If you want to relax in a quiet, lakeside setting this summer, go Up North. Belleville is much too busy this season to let you lay back and contemplate your navel.

Besides the Monday car shows in downtown Belleville, the Thursday concerts at Horizon Park and the Friday concerts at Van Buren Park, more is on the way this week end.

On Saturday at noon, the Belleville Central Business Community is putting on its first Land and Lake Sports Show on High Street at Horizon Park. If it goes well the CBC plans to make it an even bigger event next summer.

The event is free, but A&W will be there selling hotdogs, chips, root beer and water and Twisted Rooster will be selling pork sliders and mac and cheese. A free Bounce House is featured.

There are going to be boats on display, so you can climb on them and really inspect, and other land and lake equipment. A DJ will be on hand and things may be going on in the lake to entertain the crowd.

On Sunday, the eighth-annual Garden Walk will take place at six special gardens in Van Buren Township to benefit the library. Tickets are \$10 each until Sunday, when they are available only at the library for \$12. There will be garden vendors at the library on Sunday, too. For more information, contact the library.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At midnight one day last week, a neighbor in Sumpter Township saw some guys in a pickup truck entering a vacant house, apparently to strip it of scrap metal. He shot off his shotgun in the air and the guys fled.

The neighbors called Sumpter Police, but the perps were long gone by the time police could arrive.

The neighbors in that area of Savage Road got together the next day and pledged to keep watch on each other's properties.

I was talking with an EMT who works for the City of Detroit and lives in Sumpter Township. He said that people out here think Detroit has problems that has nothing to do with them.

But, he said, that's wrong. He said when people from this area go to Detroit for a ball game or a concert or a museum or event on the river – and has a heart attack or some other crisis – “We won't be able to come” and that is our problem. He referred to EMTs and police and fire fighters.

When you look at it that way, he is absolutely right. If Detroit's emergency crews don't have the equipment and vehicles and manpower, we go to the city at our own risk.

This young man also knows newsman Charlie LeDuff who, among other subjects, covers the problems of Detroit emergency crews for Channel 2 News.

A lady in Sumpter told me her daughter is friends with LeDuff and the lady said LeDuff's recent book is very good.

Virg Stoltz, a feisty lady who I always support in the CROP Walk each fall, had to



have emergency heart surgery and will be recuperating for a while.

Cards can be sent to her at 16755 Martinsville Road, Belleville, 48111. Many of you know her as the archivist at the museum, a job from which she recently retired. Virg also worked very hard at Strawberry Festival time to get the berries all picked and prepared for the annual fund raiser at the Episcopal Church.

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery. I can't help but wonder what color her hair is now. She was streaking it with outlandish colors this summer and last time I saw her she said she was contemplating a change.

Matt Hatcher called me to say he was upset about the flags that were being put up on the light poles in downtown Belleville before the 4th of July because the DPW workers were pulling them out of black garbage bags. He said when he was in Boy Scouts they were taught how to care for the flag and that wasn't how.

I was informed by another observer that when they took down the flags last week, yes, they put them in black garbage bags.

Matt said he wondered where they were kept in the times in between the flag flyings. He suggested they were in a basement somewhere in black garbage bags.

He also remembers fishing off the Belleville Bridge — the best fishing spot in the lake — when he was young. But, that's

another whole story. You can't do that anymore — mainly because a VBT police officer has moved into that area and they have started enforcing the “no fishing” ban.

A watcher of the passing scene suggests that since Belleville is rearranging and updating its zoning ordinances, it should just go ahead and add the D-1 zoning district. That would be for Davenport Brothers so they can do whatever they want on their property.

This suggestion followed my report that the planning commission had rezoned the old Amerman Lumber Yard property to B-1 for the Davenport strip mall. Because of that city rezoning, Davenport did not have to request rezoning from Industrial-1 to B-1, as they were told they had to do at the beginning of the project.

Then, Davenport said they wanted to have a restaurant in the mall, but restaurants aren't allowed in B-1, so the city is changing the B-1 zoning to include restaurants. Also, B-1 doesn't allow drive-in windows and they want a drive-in window. That will be dealt with in the future, probably by a variance.





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Letters**People who abuse animals
need to be punished**

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to the Thursday July 4th 2013 FRONT PAGE article about the animal cruelty case in Sumpter Township.

I am extremely disappointed, actually disgusted, that Judge Oakley only gave this man probation because he chose to plea "No contest". How humane is that?

This man was facing 18 animal cruelty charges and dumping charges and only received probation. Something is wrong with our system.

These animals did not ask to be here and they depend on the owners to care for them. On top of it all, he was able to keep his dog. WOW, if that isn't a slap on the wrist, I don't know what is.

Shame on you, Judge Oakley. I thought the law was supposed to protect and serve? Try telling that to the dead animals. All I can say is KARMA.

These people that abuse animals need to be punished. It is not a joke.

Marc and Michelle Cazier
Van Buren Township

P.S. Shame on Sumpter Township, also.

Editor's Note: The plea bargain was worked out between the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and the defendant's attorney and the judge approved it. Sumpter Police said they were handling the case as an animal rescue instead of seeking to punish the one responsible. If he signed over all his animals to rescue groups, he would get off easy.**THE BELLEVILLE INDEPENDENT
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To the Editor:

Hello. I am the Army Cadet who was collecting bottles and cans in the Moose parking lot on April 17. I want to thank everyone who came out to support me and I enjoyed conversing with those who stayed and discussed my goals.

Your bottles and cans, along with a couple of monetary donations, will help defer the cost of my annual training in Kentucky.

I would also like to give special thanks to the Moose Lodge of Belleville for letting me use their establishment as a drop-off point. I am very fortunate to live in a community that is so generous and believes in my future.

Thank you again,

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Monday at Car Show**

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue had a successful golf outing fundraiser on July 13. We raised approximately \$7,000.

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One way you can help would be to eat at Bayou Grill on July 22. Bayou Brian is promising FMAR 10% of the day's take. We picked a car show night since more people would be in town.

If the car show is canceled because of bad weather, July 29 will be the date of this fundraiser. Look for FMAR set up in 4th Street Square. We will have our donation jar prominently displayed and an adoptable dog there to greet you.

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A **Veteran's Summit** will be held at the **Yankee Air Museum** on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and will feature family activities, a veteran's job fair, counseling services, local bands, and parachute jumpers. It'll be a day to honor and support our military families. For info, call (734) 483-4030 ext. 237 or visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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Tonight's **Music Lakeside** concert features **Ben Sharkey Quartet**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at **Horizon Park**. In case of rain, the concert will be moved across the street to **First United Methodist Church**.

The **2013 Belleville Area Garden Walk** is this Sunday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at six unique gardens throughout Van Buren Township. Tickets are \$10 each and can be bought at the **District Library**, **Antiques on Main**, **Garden Fantasy Greenhouses**, and the **Belleville Charhouse**. Tickets will be \$12 the day of the event and will only be available at the library. Garden maps featuring the locations will be available at Sunday's registration table at the library. A market at the library has vendors with garden-related items.



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Obituaries



Donald V. Breen, Sr.

DONALD VINCENT BREEN, SR.

(October 10, 1928 - July 9, 2013)

Donald V. Breen, age 84, of Belleville, passed away July 9, 2013. Beloved husband of Raquel. Loving father of Donna Marie, Diane Ruth and Donald Vincent, Jr. (Peggy); Dearest grandfather of Angela, Jennifer, Christopher, Katie, Robin, Nick, Zachary and Nadia; and great-grandfather of 7. Dear brother of Frank and John Breen and Ruth Favio. He is also survived by countless nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Denise Amelia and his parents Francis and Ruth Breen.

Funeral service was Friday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646. Visitation was Friday, 1:00-8:00 p.m. www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



Verndetta Gaskin

VENDETTA GASKIN

(September 30, 1935 - July 4, 2013)

Verndetta Gaskin of Belleville died July 4, 2013. Verndetta lived a full Christian life. She always believed if you stay with God he will stay with you.

She was a pleasant mom, grandmother, great-grandmother and matriarch of the family. One of her favorite saying was "I'm Blessed by the Best, Won't settle for Less."

She leaves behind to mourn four daughters: Tracheta Walton, Kimberly Smith, Minister Cheryl Taylor, Frankie Walton and a son Granado Walton; 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Services were held July 6 at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Phillip Ferrell officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.



Phyllis Joan Smith

PHYLLIS JOAN SMITH

(July 16, 1929 - July 10, 2013)

Phyllis Joan Smith, of Hamburg, MI went to Heaven peacefully with loving family by her side on July 10, 2013. She was 83 years old. Born July 16, 1929 in Ann Arbor, she was the daughter of Gertha Elliott and adopted daughter of Elta M. and Cornelia A. (Elliott) Grabow.

Phyllis enjoyed gambling, circle words, cinnamon rolls and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. She was also an amazing cook. She was full of life and will be remembered for her spunk and strength. But most of all her greatest love was her family.

She is survived by her children: Robin Burzan (Robert Drain), Michael Smith (Caryl Arnet) and Barbara Stahl (Chuck Stahl); her seven grandchildren Joseph, Ilsa, (Steve), Christina, Leah, Lindsey (Jim), Sarah, Paul and Tim (Kelly); and three great-grandchildren Alanna Marie, Katelyn and eagerly awaited Blake, this September. She also leaves behind many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ward Smith. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Carpenter Rd. Chapel, 2400 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor. Interment followed the service at Union Udel Cemetery. Visitation was on Friday from 4-8pm at the funeral home. Please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com to sign the guestbook and leave a memory.



Elizabeth Lea Saines

ELIZABETH LEA SAINES

(February 11, 1924 - July 13, 2013)

Elizabeth Lea Saines, of Dexter Twp., Michigan, age 89, passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at her home. She was born on February 11, 1924 in Albion, Michigan, the daughter of Lillo and Glenwood (Baker) Buck.

She had lived in the area since 1954, coming from Ypsilanti. She was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Pinckney and the Rosary-Altar Society.

As a nurse she specialized in caring for the elderly in long-term care facilities, retiring from the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor in 1986. She was the owner and operator of the Leisure Ladies Rest Home in Ypsilanti. Sewing, random acts of kindness, knitting, music, dancing, gardening, and watching kids swim in the lake were a small part of her many pastimes. Among her community activities she was most proud of her involvements in the Ypsilanti Historical Society, past-presidency of the National Association of Practical Nurses, St. Anne Sewing Circle, and Chelsea Senior Citizens.

Surviving are three children: John (Jerri) Jurinic of Pinckney, Michael (Lisa) Jurinic of Howell, and Julie (Rick) Clark of Colorado; two brothers, Bill (Suzanne) Buck of California and Gordon (Judi) Hoyt of Alaska; brother-in-law Bud Davis of Alaska and sister-in-law Gladys (John) Buck-Kennedy of Whitmore Lake; and also several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, John Jurinic and Harry Saines, brothers Carroll

Buck and Vincent Buck, sister Brenda Davis, and her parents.

A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Pinckney. Burial was at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Expressions of sympathy can be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or Faith-In-Action, Chelsea. The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m., and also at the church on Wednesday from noon until time of service.



EDDIE E. GRAY

(October 4, 1946 - July 10, 2013)

Age 66 of Ypsilanti. Graduated from Belleville High School. U.S. Navy in Vietnam War. Retired from Ford Motor Co. Survivors: wife Deborah, 2 children, 2 grandchildren, a sister. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.



DANIEL M. GRIEVE

(June 4, 1939 - July 12, 2013)

Age 74 of Sumpter Twp. U.S. Army during Vietnam War. Retired from General Motors. Survived by wife Shirley, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.

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Obituaries



David Hoggarth

DAVID HOGGARTH

(October 8, 1933 - July 14, 2013)

David Hoggarth, age 79, of Romulus, MI, beloved husband of 61 years of Leona (nee Atwood) died in his home on Sunday, July 14 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's. He was born October 8, 1933 in Inkster, MI.

He retired from "Generous" Motors in 1993. He loved all sports, especially football, baseball, and whatever his grandchildren were interested in. He also loved to agitate everyone, and bestowed whisker rubs liberally and with glee. Because of Dave's love of airplanes, he and Leona volunteered at the Yankee Air Force. They were active members of Grace Baptist Church of Belleville, before moving to Grayling and joining Calvary Baptist Church. They are currently members of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Wayne, MI.

Dave was the father of Leona (Chris) Trill, the late David M (Linda) Hoggarth, Sandra Hoggarth, Paul (Terrie) Hoggarth, Carol (Jerry) Coleman, Nancy (Warren) Jimick, and Katherine (Steve) Tomcheff. He claims all of them kept him broke.

Dave was the very proud grandfather of Christine, Christopher, Reynaldo, Renea, Brian, Tina, Eric, Dena, Sarah, Lee, Julie, Ryan, Allison, and Steven. He was extremely proud to be the great-grandfather of Aaron Scott, Emilee Renea, Chase Stockton, Reynaldo Evan, David Martin II, Kelsey Autumn, Sabrina Elise, Lauren Danielle, Amelia Rochelle, Madelyn Renee, Jackson Garrett, Aliya Ciara, Grace Ella, Olivia Lee, and Isabel Maria.

Dave and Leona had more love in their hearts and served as surrogate parents to John and Rose, Jim and Sarah, and Donna and Royal.

David was the "beloved" son of the late John and Myra (Parr) Hoggarth. Dave is survived by siblings Mae, Chuck, Mary and Ed. He was preceded in death by his son David Martin as well as by his comrade in dastardly deeds, his brother and friend John A. He will be greatly missed by Leona, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his siblings, nieces, nephews, many close friends, and Rocky.

Visitation was Monday, July 15, 6-8 PM and Tuesday from 3-8 PM at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Funeral services will be held at Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 11 AM, with Pastor Jeffery Glass officiating. Interment will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Terry B. Johnson

TERRY B. JOHNSON

(August 15, 1956 - July 9, 2013)

Terry Bruce Johnson, age 56, of Sumpter Township, MI, formerly of Pikeville, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born August 15, 1956 in Detroit, MI, son of the late Shelley & Seamawn (Newsom) Johnson.

He is survived by his wife Debra (Roman) Johnson, son Terry Johnson II, daughter Jessica Johnson, all of Sumpter Township, MI; two grandsons Terry III and Christopher Johnson; three brothers: Thermol (Phyllis) Johnson of Ohio, Greg Johnson and Frankie Cisco, both of Florida; three sisters: Sherry (Eric) Lovejoy of Indiana, Oretta (Paul) Weaver and Faye (David) Enyart, both of Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and a brother William Cisco.

Visitation was Friday, July 12, 2013 from 2-8 PM and Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 11-12 PM with a Noon Funeral Service at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville with Paul Ward officiating. Interment was in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Hoosier cancels plans for landfill gas to energy plant at Visteon site

On Tuesday, Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs announced that she had received a cancellation notice for the Hoosier/Visteon landfill gas to energy plant that had been planned for the former Visteon site.

"The Hoosier project will not be built," Supervisor Combs said, and project opponent John Delaney applauded loudly in the township board meeting room.

Davenport Mall

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Planning Commissioner John Juriga said he would like to have comments from the police chief and fire chief.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said all the department heads were sent a memo asking for comment and, to her, "No response is no concerns."

"If we can take the time, they can take the time," Juriga said of the chiefs.

Commissioner Mike Renaud agreed that the commission should have a fire report, the way former Commissioner and fireman Jesse Marcotte used to do.

Hoppe said that an interested tenant is interested in having a restaurant and that is not allowed in the B-1 zoning, which the site recently got.

Bahn agreed a restaurant is not allowed in B-1, only B-2 and I-1 zoning districts.

Commission chairman Steve Jones said B-1 was supposed to encompass everything for the mall.

Renaud agreed he thought B-1 would allow everything in a mall.

"It's a mistake and omission," Jones said. "We need to get that in the works to change it."

The commission later set an Aug. 8 public hearing for the zoning amendment to put restaurants in B-1 zoning. With all the steps necessary to change the zoning ordinance, Kollmeyer said it would take about two months.

"I think everyone supports this," Juriga said referring to the project.

"The general comment from the city council is that they would support this," Kollmeyer said.

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• Tuesday, July 23- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 24 - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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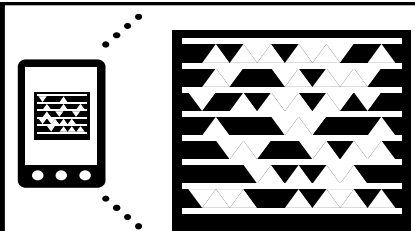
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- **Thursday, July 18** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is Ben Sharkey and his trio.
- **Friday, July 19** – State Sen. Pat Colbeck wants to hear what you have to say. He will be at George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr., Northville, from 7 to 9 a.m.
- **Friday, July 19** – VBT Summer Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m., Van Buren Park, \$4 entry fee per car. Tonight is Toppermost, a Beatles tribute.
- **Friday, July 19** – Friends Church Family Drive-in, free movie at sunset, 9:07 p.m. Come early and enjoy the bounce house and playground. Free popcorn and refreshments, at 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis in Ypsilanti. Movie questions (734) 482-5074 or previews www.friendsfamilytheater.com.

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- **Friday, July 19** – Outdoor Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 8 p.m. gathering, movie "Wreck it Ralph" begins at dusk. Free movie and popcorn. Hot dogs and beverage available. 734-654-9020.
- **Saturday, July 20** – Belleville Lake & Land Sport Show, noon to 5 p.m., Horizon Park in Belleville, by Belleville Central Business Community. Food, entertainment, boats & sports vehicles.
- **Sunday, July 21** – Belleville Area Garden Walk from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets available at the library.
- **Thursday, July 25** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is Six Foot Poles.
- **Friday, July 26** – VBT Summer Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m., Van Buren Park, \$4 entry fee per car. Tonight is Chain Reaction, Classic Rock.

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

1994	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13W5R2142240	13-6284
2001	MAZDA	4D	1YVGF22C015236338	13-11594
1998	FORD	4D	1FAFP66L8WK314590	13-11609
1993	ACURA	2D	JH4KA827XPC000996	13-12317
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1994	CHEVROLET	SW	1GBEG25K0RF150616	13-13363
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP55271G246815	13-13392
1994	FORD	VN	1FDEE14HXRHA34194	13-15307

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:43 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, Swinson, P. Morgan. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 23 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda with item J, K & L added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve minutes of the regular board meeting June 11, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve the minutes of the special board meeting June 19, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of the Planning Commission March 14, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling \$107,850.11. Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to receive and file parks & recreation report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney: No report.

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

10. Board Response

11. Presentation: At workshop information on the inter-county drains by Kerreen Conley Mayor of City of Belleville.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve to purchase 2 grills & 4 pedestals poles for Banotai Park for \$546.00 paid out of Wayne County Parks Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Hamm to approve to appoint Virginia Belinski as alternate member of Parks & Recreation. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve to purchase 2, 8' handicap picnic tables to be placed one at each park total \$1,991.85 paid out of Wayne County Parks Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the resignation of Cecelia Chudzinski from the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to approve the site plan to erect a pole barn at Wolverine

Power 8509 Rawsonville as recommended by the planning commission. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve to purchase a Z Master lawnmower for \$8,879.00 lowest bid from Commercial Lawnmower. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Swinson to rebid the community center roof replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the Wildlife Services to monitor & remove beavers from Banotai Park not to exceed \$3,000.00. 1 nay. Motion carried.

I. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve for 4 (four) lot split for parcel 81-075-99-0003-000. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve to transfer \$402.85 demo funds and \$2.00 admin funds of 2009 CDBG budget to senior center improvements fund, making a balance of \$1,204.59 to spend by September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to purchase 6 light bars for police cars totaling \$7,203.00. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Closed Session Re: Sale & purchase of property PNA Hall

1. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to go into closed session 8:09 pm. Roll call. Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to go back into open session at 8:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to direct the attorney to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements

14. Open Floor

15. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on June 25, 2013 at 7:43 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.

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Court Watching:
Brian Baker, 17, accepts plea deal for string of Haggerty Sub B&Es

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

On July 11, Brian Bernard Baker, 17, of Van Buren Township accepted a plea agreement that could keep him in prison for the next 24 years.

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After being arraigned on the information for an April 5 break-in at 10914 Buchanan and evidence recovered through a search of his home at 10958 Oak Lane conducted by VBT Sgt. Charles Bazy, Baker stood mute and a Not Guilty plea was entered.

Prior to the arraignment Baker's attorney James McGinnis, Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Russo and Judge Mark T. Slavens had a conference in Judge Slavens's chambers. When the conference was finished, McGinnis spoke briefly to Baker in a holding section of the courtroom. Baker signed some forms and details for a plea agreement followed.

The 2nd Degree Home Invasion at 41408 Coolidge on April 12, and the Breaking and Entering with Attempted 2nd Degree Home Invasion at 11130 Van Buren on March 25 would be dismissed for guilty pleas to the other 3 cases.

Judge Slavens said restitution is reserved in all five cases.

Baker was sworn in and Judge Slavens asked him how old he was and how far he had gotten with his education. Very quietly Baker answered he was 17 and had finished 10th grade.

Judge Slavens asked Prosecutor Russo to read through the plea agreement on the other three cases. Then he asked Russo to review the facts in each case on the record for Baker to state his plea.

Baker pleaded guilty as charged to breaking and entering, stealing property and stealing a firearm, on March 15 at 3:27 p.m. at 10637 Jackson in Van Buren Township. The penalty for 1st Degree Home Invasion is 2 to 20 years and 2 years mandatory for felony firearms. Restitution is to be paid to James Laine.

Baker also pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, stealing property and stealing a firearm, on April 5 at 10 a.m. at 10914 Buchanan in VBT. The penalty for 1st Degree Home Invasion is 2 to 20 years to be run consecutively, plus an additional 2 years for felony firearms. Restitution is to be paid to Richard Jr. and Janine Labo.

Additional charges of larceny of \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, stealing firearms, receiving and concealing firearms were dismissed as part of the agreement.

Baker pleaded guilty as charged to breaking and entering and stealing property on Feb. 19 at 10991 Buchanan The penalty for 2nd Degree Home Invasion is 2 to 15 years to be run consecutively. Restitution is to be paid to Michelle Solak.

Baker was arrested on April 12 on 14 charges, after a investigation led by Detective Officer Derek Perez into five home invasions in the Haggerty Subdivision.

Baker's grandmother and other family members were in court.

Baker will be sentenced on July 25.

All five break-ins were in Haggerty Subdivision during daytime hours. Baker traveled on foot from his nearby Oak Lane apartment to access the homes.

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, July 7:
0131 – assault & battery, 10574 Oak Lane
0313 – fight, 11175 Haggerty Rd.
0414 – robbery, 11250 Haggerty Rd.
0639 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41179 S. Woodbury Dr.
1045 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
1134 – larceny, 2014 Westlake
1215 – sexual assault, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1228 – breaking & entering, 8991 Parkwood
1417 – retail fraud, Kmart
1316 – harassment call, 8034 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1528 – assault & battery, 1073 Sumpter Rd.
1544 – shots fired, W. Archwood Dr./N. I-94 Service Dr. (turned out to be fireworks)
1608 – child abuse, 10562 Belleville, Walmart
1752 – noise complaint, Rolan Meadows
2142 – fireworks, 10971 Oak Ln.
2250 – assault & battery, 6238 Truman
2316 – suicide or attempt, 48661 S. I-94 Service
2357 – fight, Van Buren Estates/Maple

Monday, July 8:
0757 – property damage accident, 41685 Arthur St.
0822 – dumping complaint, 7254 Castell
0926 – breaking & entering, 9137 Parkwood Dr.
1317 – malicious destruction of property, Waterworks, Belleville Rd.
1321 – private property accident, 9350 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1340 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 16015 Martinsville Rd.
1359 – larceny from auto, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1419 – noise complaint, 8800 Parkwood Manor
1701 – disorderly conduct, 48470 Denton Rd.
1849 – property damage accident, 41694 Arthur St.

Tuesday, July 9:
1317 – hospice, 41190 Savage Rd.
1327 – fraud, Walmart
1413 – property damage accident, Michigan / bypass
1416 – disorderly conduct, 11650 Belleville Rd.
1536 – breaking & entering, 42455 S. I-94 Service
1628 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1637 – private property accident, 6236 E. Adams
1648 – property damage accident, 48750 Martz
1835 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1840 – property damage accident, Martz/Lohr
1842 – property damage accident, Michigan / bypass
1916 – property damage accident, Beacon Trl. / Christina Lane
2022 – breaking & entering, 115 Maple Dr.
2311 – assault & battery, 48551 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2358 – assault & battery, 14981 Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, July 10:
0032 – noise complaint, 24 Oak Blvd.
0609 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.
1340 – child abuse, 7907 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1349 – intimidation threat, 51152 Freedom Way
1412 – dumping complaint, Michigan/Dellor
1500 – dumping complaint, Ecorse/Marlowe
1634 – assault & battery, 51151 Old Michigan Rd.
1640 – assault & battery, 6474 Stoneybrook Ct.
1803 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / North I-94 Service Dr.
2020 – malicious destruction of property, 49110 Denton Rd.
2105 – wires down, 12990 Lake Pointe Pass
2230 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton

Thursday, July 11:
0511 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse / SB I-275
1531 – malicious destruction of property, 5825 Vernon St.
1658 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Mission Point
1714 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1802 – breaking & entering, 51202 Sylvia Dr.
1924 – child abuse, 42138 Milton Dr.
2027 – assault & battery, 49891 W. Huron River
2313 – fraud, Walmart
2327 – suspicious situation, Huron Valley Steel

Friday, July 12:
0850 – breaking & entering, 41227 S. Woodbury
0912 – larceny, 5976 Victoria St.
0943 – odor investigation, Ecorse/Haggerty
1014 – private property accident, 11530 Belleville
1135 – fraud, 41601 S. Belleridge
1209 – missing person, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1343 – breaking & entering, 14451 Wildbrook Dr.
1347 – child abuse, 7907 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1459 – intimidation threat, 49521 S. I-94 Service
1555 – disturbance, 7778 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1614 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1627 – breaking & entering, 10638 Oak Lane
1944 – operating while intoxicated, Savage / Martinsville Rd.
1953 – dumping complaint, John’s Hot Spot

Saturday, July 13:
0029 – assault & battery, 14662 Martinsville Rd.
0040 – noise complaint, 6167 W. Adams
0111 – disturbance, 14662 Martinsville Rd.
0128 – personal injury accident, Michigan/Denton
0732 – assault & battery, 10958 Oak Lane
1204 – assault & battery, 9592 Revere Dr.
1207 – harassment call, 41108 N. Woodbury Dr.
1342 – ATV/ORV complaint, Western/Cross
1416 – assault & battery, 46141 Village Green Ln.
1529 – fraud, Walmart
1821 – noise complaint, 10149 Hamilton St.
1828 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake
1953 – juvenile complaint, WB I-94 / Haggerty
2008 – property damage accident, 39 Maple Dr.
2136 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
2158 – fireworks, Jackson/Hamilton
2212 – juvenile complaint, 8800 Parkwood Manor
2231 – retail fraud, Walmart
2236 – disturbance, 6525 Parkside Dr.
Also on this week’s log were 308 traffic stops, with 149 of them on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

1904 – child abuse, 6 Main St.
2130 – assist fire dept., 216 Belle Villa Blvd.
2134 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa

Friday, July 12:
0418 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 73 Menlo Park
0803 – neighbor trouble, 435 Victorian Lane
1022 – property damage accident, 233 N. Liberty
1213 – assist fire dept., 25 Owen
1257 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
1637 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
1718 -- parking complaint, 69 Carmell St.
1807 – civil matter, 65 Menlo Park Dr.
2125 – suspicious situation, 310 W. Davis St.

Saturday, July 13:
0040 – noise complaint, 109 Potter Dr.
0201 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell
1126 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1609 – assist fire dept., Johnny’s
Also on this week’s log are 90 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

1318 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1643 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1733 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1812 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1835 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1905 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1914 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
2059 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris
2331 – traffic hazard, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.

Friday, July 12:
0842 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1228 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1422 – ORV complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1431 – civil dispute, Montana
1557 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1711 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1727 – fraud complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1909 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
1937 – malicious destruction of property report, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2010 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2031 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2142 – disorderly person, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
2215 – fight, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2254 – assault, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2350 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Bontekoe

Saturday, July 13:
0555 – alarm, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0948 – family trouble, Wayside
1023 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1215 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1249 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1252 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1450 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1555 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1649 – alarm, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1826 – alarm, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1858 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2023 – ordinance violation, Bemis/Sumpter
2221 – fireworks complaint, Clark/Judd
2243 – shots fired, Sherwood Ct./Sherwood Rd.
2335 – fireworks complaint, Fenster/Judd
2342 – fireworks complaint, Judd/Sumpter
2344 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
Also on this week’s log are 33 miscellaneous details, 91 patrol checks, and 44 traffic stops.

Court Watching:
Belleville area resident
sentenced to probation,
to pay nearly \$20,000

A Belleville woman who admits committing fraud while working at the Department of Human Services, Michigan’s welfare agency, has been sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to pay nearly \$20,000.

Dawn Simmons, 46, pleaded guilty May 15 to two charges: one count of false pretenses (\$1,000-\$20,000) and one count of fraudulent access to a computer, both five-year felonies.

She was sentenced on June 26 by Judge Archie C. Brown in Washtenaw County’s 22nd Circuit Court. As part of the plea agreement, Simmons is required to pay \$19,832.74 in restitution to the state.

The Michigan Attorney General’s Office said from September 2009 through February 2012, Simmons abused her position as an eligibility specialist to process false claims in her brother’s name, who she listed as a resident at her home address. Investigation revealed the brother never lived at the address.

Simmons filed the claims on co-workers’ computers without their knowledge after logging in with their usernames and passwords. She used the money collected to pay rent and utilities at her apartment.

She was placed on unpaid leave following the filing of criminal charges on Dec. 12, 2012.

Information from press release from office of Attorney General Bill Schuette.

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