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Cohen law firm sets meeting tonight for victims of Tom White

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A meeting is set for 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Aug. 1, at Victory Station at Five Points in Belleville for the victims of disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White.

Steven Z. Cohen, who has filed suit against White on behalf of a family who lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, wants to get all the victims together to talk about a general adversary proceeding that would be less expensive for the victims than individual cases.

Cohen said White's bankruptcy filing can't discharge a fraudulent action.

Cohen, who has practiced law for 35 years, called White "the best confidence man we've ever seen."

He said from the number of victims who have come forward, White had a viable practice and could have had a good living had he proceeded honestly.

Cohen has talked to many of the victims over the last week and he said there is a volume of work that has to be done in a short time to help the people and the work needs skilled lawyering.

Cohen is being assisted by the newest attorney in his Royal Oak law firm, Aaron Silvenis, formerly of Belleville.

Disbarred Belleville attorney files for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Thomas A. White, whose law office had been at 35 Main Street in the City of Belleville for 20 years, was disbarred from the practice of law as of July 15 and filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on July 19.

Only active members of the Michigan Bar Association are eligible to practice law in Michigan.

White had agreed not to take any new cases after May 22, the day he signed the Attorney Discipline Board's Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline through the Attorney Grievance Commission. Two clients called the *Independent* office reporting he had taken them on as clients since that date.

Also in the signed agreement he promised to repay some of his clients their lost funds, but when he filed bankruptcy that was put on hold.

Those 14 clients now are listed on his bankruptcy filing, but many others have

called the *Independent* office and come in person in to tell of the money they said White took from them.

A 341(a) meeting of creditors is set for 11 a.m., Aug. 28, before Bankruptcy Trustee Wendy Turner Lewis at Room 315, 211 W. Fort St. Bldg., Detroit.

In his bankruptcy filing, White stated he had 1-49 creditors, had estimated assets of \$100,000 to \$200,000, and estimated liabilities of \$1 million to \$10 million.

On Oct. 12, 2012 a professional malpractice case was filed by Georgina and Jeffrey Hamilton vs. The Law Office of Thomas White. On Jan. 11, 2013, a consent judgment was filed for \$50,000.

On March 15, 2013 a Writ of Garnishment was filed and on July 3 an Order to Seize Property was signed and filed.

Georgina Hamilton, of Van Buren



White



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

There were 38 vendors, three with double stalls, at last week end's ArtAffair on Main in the City of Belleville. There were a few raindrops on Saturday, but nothing had to shut down. Machine Gun Kelly's concert was delayed for 10 minutes. Members of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts said this third-annual event was the best attended with some vendors reporting they did better than last year. Main Street was closed from Friday night until early evening on Sunday for the event.

Township, told the *Independent* that court officials went to White's home and removed one John Deere tractor and attachments, four ATVs and an ATV trailer to satisfy the \$50,000 judgment.

She said they had to give it all back after White filed bankruptcy because of provisions of the bankruptcy law.

Hamilton said they had hired White to represent them over a trademark

infringement case against another person. She said by the time they were done it cost \$20,000 in legal fees to another lawyer to turn around the mess created by White's actions, but there was permanent damage to their business.

Hamilton said this was so distressing because she went to school with White.

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Belleville law firm offers free help for victims of disbarred attorney

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman, young Belleville attorneys who opened a law firm in February at 287 Industrial Park Drive, are offering to help victims of a disbarred local attorney – without charge.

Goldman said on Friday that victims can submit paperwork to the State Bar of Michigan Crime Victims Fund and his law firm will help people fill out the application forms with no charge.

He said it is his understanding that each application is reviewed by the Attorney Grievance Committee and victims can get

up to 30-35% of their loss reimbursed.

Goldman said he was helping a new client who had money taken by Thomas A. White, the disbarred attorney, and the man stung him by saying, "You sound as sincere as White did when he took my money."

Goldman said attorneys have a bad reputation and when something like the White incident happens, "It affects all of our reputations."

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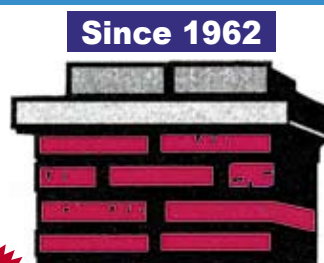
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT board meets in special workshop to consider '14 budget

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees met in a special work/study meeting on Monday to consider proposed amendments to the \$13.6 million budget for 2013 and to look at ways to cut the 2014 budget they will be putting together.

The amended budget will be put into official format and presented to the board at an upcoming workshop for further discussion.

The 2014 budget hearings will be at days set aside in October, but board members will be considering ways to cut the budget before then.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said \$800,000 is coming to the budget from unrestrained landfill funds and that needs to be cut back.

Deputy Supervisor Karin LaMothe gave a presentation on \$444,437 in new, departmental cuts, but she included as part of the total the unexpected reimbursement from the U.S. Coast Guard for the Princess Laura sinking.

VBT had paid \$15,299.50 to the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association for the work on Princess Laura and on July 1 the USCG awarded VBT \$18,781.19 for its claim.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said that shouldn't have been listed as part of the reduced expenses, since the township had paid for the work out of its "other" account and was being reimbursed, with about \$3,000 extra, that would go back into that account.

LaMothe noted that several projects are being postponed from the 2013 budget until early 2014, including technology infrastructure and HVAC upgrades. Jahr said this was only kicking the problem down the road, if those projects needed to be done.

She listed reduced 2013 expenses made by directors and noted that during the week of July 15-19, all VBT employees were asked to submit anonymous suggestions for cost savings and revenue enhancements. The suggestions were provided in a list for the board to consider.

She also presented a spreadsheet, put together by her and DDA Director Susan Ireland, with tax information from SEMCOG and Wayne County about the 43 communities in Wayne County, not counting Northville and Grosse Pointe Shores, which are in multiple counties.

She said Sumpter Township was the only community in the county that paid lower taxes than VBT. Both pay the 0.7 library operating millage, but that was not included in the totals because the money

goes directly to the library.

VBT has a tax rate of 4.9144 (4 mills for public safety plus .9144 for township operating), which amounts to an estimated \$157.71 tax dollar paid per resident.

Sumpter Township has a tax rate of 4.7904 (3 mills for police, 1 mill for fire, and 0.7904 for township operating), which amounts to an estimated \$156.68 tax dollar paid per resident.

Actually, the City of Woodhaven has the lowest with \$123.20 tax dollar per resident.

City of Belleville residents pay twice as much as VBT or Sumpter, with a tax rate of 18.1260 mills and tax dollar paid per resident of \$356.99, plus the 0.7 library millage.

Although some municipalities charge for trash removal, Treasurer Budd pointed out VBT residents have never had to pay for trash removal because of an agreement with the landfill.

When Trustee Brenda McClanahan asked how much the township had in its fund balance, Budd said \$3.9 million. The landfill account is separate and carries \$8 million more, Budd said.

When Trustee Reggie Miller asked how the township is compared to last year at this time, Budd said, "We're in worse shape this year than last year," adding, "We are taking in less and less."

Trustee McClanahan said with the police not hiring two officers, as planned, but just one this year, "Your overtime will start going up."

Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said he has reduced his department's total by \$100,000, but he has money in there to hire two officers, but he is worried about the costs of benefits. He said he is down to 39 sworn officers, including himself, from 46 officers four years ago. He said one officer is retiring this year and two officers retiring next year.

"We need full and frank budget hearings when putting together the 2014 budget," Jahr said, referring to police needs.

There was discussion about how to use the funds available to provide what the residents want.

Clerk Leon Wright said the landfill funds are expected to run out in 11 years and, "We've got to start making adjustments now... What are you going to live off of, what level of services will you have in 11 years? ... You can't just flip the script overnight."

After more discussion, former Supervisor Paul White said he felt they were putting a lot of pressure on the directors by requiring the directors to write up narratives on their



Photo by Mary Ann Bassett

Last weekend was busy on the south side of Belleville Lake, with the BYC installing sod on the shore-side lawn and, two doors west, two people got on a parasail and travelled aloft, drawn by a motorcraft.

budget cuts in a short period of time, as they had been discussing.

He noted that there has been a drastic decline in general fund revenue from 2008 to 2013, with property taxable values dropping 25.7% from 2008-12.

White criticized some of the recent budget decisions and said the 2012 Audited General Fund Budget could very easily be used as a guideline in amending the 2013

general budget.

Although White didn't read the final lines on his prepared remarks that were provided to the press, his statement to Supervisor Linda Combs would have been: "Come to work and do your job. Do not allocate your authority and responsibilities to someone else." He obviously referred to the new role of Deputy Supervisor Karin LaMothe.

District Library Board approves up to \$4,500 for DNR site soil borings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board approved spending up to \$4,500 for preliminary soil borings on the Department of Natural Resources lakeside site north of the Belleville Bridge.

At its regular meeting July 9, the board voted unanimously to engage SME, Inc. of Plymouth to do reduced-scope borings for \$2,900, with a cap of \$4,500 if more boring was indicated necessary.

The additional work would be authorized by the library director or her designee or the board president.

The reduced scope borings include six bores of 130': two for the building at 20', two for the building at 30', and two for the parking at 15'.

Daniel E. Whisler of Penchansky Whisler Architects of Ann Arbor presented the proposal for Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation and Report for the proposed new Belleville Area District Library on the potential DNR lake site.

Whisler said he solicited three geotechnical firms for price quotes: SME, Inc. of Plymouth, PSI, Inc. of Plymouth, and TEC, Inc. of Troy and recommended SME.

Whisler said it is expected more drilling will be needed as the project progresses and

these drillers can be used for construction testing because they will be familiar with the site.

Whisler said the point of doing the boring is to see if there are fill soils on the site, "So we'll know."

He said the total height of the southeastern site is 663' to 665' and the lake is 651' so there is a difference of 13'. There is a slope to Belleville Road of 20', he said.

Since the land is 13' above the water, they will penetrate to virgin soil, even if there's fill on the site, he said.

"If there's fill, they will drill until they get through it," Whisler said.

He said they are not looking for contamination, but the drillers will let the architect know what they find. He said maybe in the future they will do a Phase I environmental study.

When talking about the water table, Whisler said water tables fluctuate throughout the year, but "You can do anything if you have enough money."

He said they don't plan on building a basement, but an underground parking site is considered.

SME said based on their current schedule, they can begin field exploration within a week after receiving authorization to proceed.

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Thanks to Martin & Son for good work, honesty

To the Editor:

I want to thank Martin & Son on Sumpter Road for good work and honesty for reasonable work.

Our family has gone to them for years. It is good to know they will do a good job. Thanks again,
M. Adams
Belleville

Great, big THANK YOU to Patti, Jerry Bies

To the Editor:

We would like to shout out a great big THANK YOU to Jerry and Patti Bies!

We apologize for being so late in our appreciation of their generous donation of the use of the hotdog cart and cook at this year's Memorial Day's "Thunder Rolls in Belleville."

Patti bid on the cart at the annual BAWC Fashion Show and won. She then came to us and said she wanted to donate it this year in honor of the veterans. Again, we appreciate such a wonderful donation. They truly have big hearts for our veterans.

Sincerely,
Kathie Steigerwald
Mary Martinez

We have to keep an eye on one another's homes

To the Editor:

I am one of the victims in the Haggerty Sub break-ins. No arrests were made in our case.

Recently, our neighbor's home was cased by an individual. It is sad that there is so much crime in the Haggerty sub and Van Buren Township area.

To help other residents and people in the area, please be on the lookout for the following:

1. People on foot looking in the neighbor's garages or windows.
2. People in your area that don't belong between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3. Anyone on foot carrying a backpack that doesn't seem to fit (backpacks are good to put stolen merchandise in for easy snatch and grab).

If you see any of these things, please call the police immediately!

What happens is that these **CRIMINALS** come from the surrounding apartments in our area on foot...

The criminals come on foot, knock on your door, look in your garage windows to see if you're home, then try to gain access to your home.

They come in all races and colors, usually between the ages of 14 and 25 and are just there to steal your stuff while you are out working.

Please keep an eye on one another's homes; be the busy body of the neighborhood to see what is going on outside your windows. If something doesn't fit, please call the Police. In Belleville, the number is: 734-699-2710. In Van Buren Township, the number is: 734-699-8930.

It is through our awareness, vigilance and keeping an eye out for suspicious activity that we will be able to send these criminals away.

A note to the criminals: We know who you are, where you are and hope we can offer you an 8x10 block room, with some iron available if you need to sell scrap metal for extra money...

REMEMBER: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead.

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John Doe

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'Art on Main' was worthwhile show

To the Editor:

I attended "Art on Main" over the weekend and it was a worthwhile show. Vendors had beautiful art work and used so much imagination.

Sugar Factory band was excellent and the crowd was up on their feet, smiling, laughing and enjoying the music.

This was a very nice event and I hope that the weather next year will be more stable and let in the sunshine. Good job and thumbs up, Art Community!

Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township

Note: Is there a rule in Belleville that businesses should be handicapped-accessible? Michigan Tech Computer building does not have a railing to hold onto while climbing steps. I would like to see one rail placed on the steps so that I can get into the business without falling. Please building code people, look into this matter.
M. Caldwell

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Wasn't that bridge redone for Super Bowl 40?

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If my memory serves me right and please correct me if I am wrong, wasn't that bridge along with the roadway from Metro Airport to downtown Detroit torn up and redone for Super Bowl 40.

Now I have to admit that I don't watch a lot of football (probably due to our losing team). I believe that they are only on Super Bowl 46 or 47, which means that this roadway only held up for five to six years? My question to you then is this.

1. Who is paying for these repairs again, we the tax payers?
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 3. Are we using incompetent companies unable to fix it right the first time?
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Obituaries



Nancy M. Wigginton

NANCY M. WIGGINTON

(January 25, 1948 - July 26, 2013)

Nancy Marie Wigginton, age 65, of Belleville, MI, formerly of Orchard Lake, MI, passed away Friday, July 26, 2013 at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield, MI. She was born January 25, 1948, and was the wife of James Wigginton.

Nancy worked for the West Bloomfield Public Schools for over 13 years. She was a master gardener and a world traveler who enjoyed antique shopping. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Affectionately known as "Punya" to her family, she is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Jim; two sons Brent Wigginton of Grosse Ile, MI and Jeff (Courtney) Wigginton of Waterford, MI; a daughter Krista (Latham) Gravatt of Saline, MI; 8 grandchildren and one on-the-way Christopher, Megan, Sophia, Noah, Lucas, Carter, Grace, Winston, and to-be-determined; one sister Lynn (Thomas) Majeske of Southgate, MI; four brothers George (Linda) Lucas of Lake Orion, MI, Gerald (Vicki) Lucas of Wyandotte, MI, Jason (Lorraine) Lucas of Houghton Lake, MI and Michael (Christina) Lucas of Chesapeake, VA; her parents George & Betty (Christie) Lucas of Cedarville, MI; 13 nieces and nephews; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

A gathering was held 10-11 AM Monday, July 29, 2013 with an 11 AM memorial service at the David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Mr. Rick Mihalic officiated.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy would have preferred donations to the Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. at www.thyca.org. Please sign her online guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

L.G. NUTT

(September 13, 1932 - July 26, 2013)

Age 80 of Sumpter Township. Survived by wife Margery, 3 children, 5 grandchildren; a great-grandchild. Preceded in death by his 15 brothers and sisters. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Elva Rupert

ELVA RUPERT

(December 22, 1933 - July 23, 2013)

Elva Rupert, age 79, of Ypsilanti passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born December 22, 1933 in Prestonsburg, KY, the daughter of Ollie and Myrtle (Thornsbury) Wallen.

On April 20, 1954, she married Wesley Rupert in Angola, IN and he survives. Elva was a member of Community Free Will Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and her life centered around her family.

In addition to her loving husband of almost 60 years, survivors include: five daughters, Linda (James) Osburn of Manchester, Glenda (Daniel) Moore of Romulus, Sandra (Harold) Lawson of Belleville, Diane Rupert of CO and Carla (Gary) Partin of Westland; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister, Billa Dane of FL; two brothers, Ralph (Susan) Wallen of Romulus and John Wallen of VA; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Brenda.

The funeral service was held July 27, 2013 at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 6945 McKean Road, Ypsilanti with Rev. Don Viers officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to either the church or the family. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

ROBERT LOUIS PETERSON

(September 20, 1929 - July 24, 2013)

Robert Louis Peterson, age 83, of Belleville, died July 24, 2013. Beloved husband of Constance Peterson. Loving father of Fred (Deb) Peterson and Paul (Linda) Peterson. Dear grandfather of Daniel and Sandra. Dear brother of Tom (Beth) Guilstorf. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Nelson Peterson and Fred and Velma Guilstorf.

Service was Sunday, July 28, 6:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646. Visitation was Sunday, 1:00-6:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is Thornetta Davis.

• **Friday, Aug. 2** – VBT Summer Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m., Van Buren Park, \$4 entry fee per car. Tonight is The Dan Rafferty Band, Top40s/Pop

• **Friday, Aug. 2** – Family Drive-In free movie at sunset, 8:53 p.m., by Friends of Church, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Free popcorn & refreshments. Cartoon and feature "God's Country." In case of rain in Youth House Theater.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – Belleville Area District Library Summer Book Sale runs from noon to 3 p.m. for the public (starting at 11 a.m. for members of Friends of the

Library). Hardbacks are 50 cents each, mass market paperbacks 5/\$1 and thin Romances, 10 cents each. 167 Fourth St., downtown Belleville.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – If you live in Van Buren Township, you can take advantage of Free Shred Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the township hall's front parking lot. You can shred a maximum of 5 cartons or medium-size bags of documents per vehicle. Information: 734-699-8909.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – Learn how to compost with earthworms from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road. The presentation is called "Intro to Vermiculture: Worms Eat My Garbage." Register at the circulation desk. Free.

• **Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 4** – Bring your scrap metal to the area behind St. Anthony's Church on Davis Street to help the BHS Tiger Football Booster Club with its fund raising. They'll pick up your scrap metal if you call them at (734) 787-0054.

• **Sunday, Aug. 4** – A brief, but meaningful, ceremony called Bugles Across America honors soldiers fighting now and veterans of past wars at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville.

• **Monday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 10** – Hi-ho, come to the Fair! The annual Wayne County 4-H Fair and other exciting events are under way this week at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road north of the I-94 freeway.

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Motorcyclist dies in accident at Hannan Road, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Glenn Herring, 57, of Romulus, was pronounced dead at the scene of a motorcycle-vehicle accident at the corner of Hannan Road and the South I-94 Service Drive shortly after 9:38 p.m. Saturday.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said the preliminary investigation showed that a 20-year-old Ypsilanti man was driving a GMC Yukon sport utility vehicle westbound on Northline Road when he collided with a motorcycle traveling south on Hannan Road.

Both of those on the motorcycle were ejected as a result of the collision. The passenger, Jacquelyn Garcia, 50, of Romulus, suffered extensive injuries and was transported by Health Link to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where she was listed in critical condition, Lt. Floro said.

The driver of the Yukon did not suffer any injuries in the accident and was released at the scene.

The VBT Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to investigate and collect evidence. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor and the incident remains under investigation, Lt. Floro said.

Besides the VBT Public Safety Department, called to the scene were the Romulus Police and Fire Departments, Health Link and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact VBT Police Detective Mark Buxton at (734) 699-8917.

BHS Football Booster Club sets fund-raising scrap metal drive

The Belleville High School Tiger Football Booster Club will hold a scrap metal drive from noon to 5 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 4 to raise funds for the club and the BHS football program.

The drive will be held behind St. Anthony's Church, on Davis Street close to the high school parking lot.

The club is accepting anything metal: appliances, yard tools, file cabinets, kitchen utensils, fans, lawnmowers, swing sets, card tables and chairs, extension cords, faucets, fold-up chairs, Christmas lights, etc. The only exception is appliances with compressors still attached because of Freon.

Pick-up service is available. Call (734) 787-0054.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Aug. 5 -- Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 6 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7 p.m.
• Wednesday, Aug. 7 -- Van Buren Township Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

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Surplus assets of **Van Buren Public Schools** will be sold during an online public auction, beginning Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will include items from the elementary schools, including classroom furniture, electronics, kitchen equipment, supplies, and more. All items can be viewed and bid online at **www.biddergy.com**. A second online auction will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature items from **Van Buren School's Vocational Center**, including equipment, tractors, vehicle lifts, lathes, presses and other machinery. All items can be viewed and bid on online at the website above. See their ad in today's paper for other details. **Biddergy.com** is a leader in online auction and appraisals headquartered in Kalamazoo.

Atchinson Ford of Belleville is giving away free tickets to the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Aug. 10-11 at Willow Run Airport. Just stop by their award-winning dealership beginning today. Limit 2 tickets per household while supplies last.

Be sure to check out the F-86B Saber jet on display in the Certified Used Car lot next door. Sorry, no test drives.

The **Michigan Nationals Baseball Program** is holding open tryouts Aug. 3-4, for all age levels at Quirk Park, located behind the **Van Buren Township Hall** on Tyler Road. Age groups are from 7U to 16 U Elite, Advanced, and Community. To get the exact details, start times for each age group, etc., visit **www.michigannationalsportscenter.com**.

Congratulations to **Cathy Currier**, winner of the **Crayola Colors of Summer Giveaway Contest** held last weekend at the **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Artfair on Main**. Currier won a basket of art supplies. Over 100 entries were received.

The **Gregg Brinkerhoff Scholarship Fund Golf outing** is this weekend at the **Pine View Golf Course** in Ypsilanti and there are still a few ways to support the event, now in its 14th year. To learn more call **Mike or Beth Sampson** at **(734) 697-0440**. The event raises money each year for scholarships given away to Belleville High School seniors. Gregg was a former teacher and basketball coach at BHS.

Tonight's **Music Lakeside** concert features **Thornetta Davis** (blues), from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. In case of rain, the concert will be moved across the street to the **First United Methodist Church**.

The *Independent* welcomes back to our advertising pages **China King** and its 10% off your entire bill coupon. I know our readers will be happy to get their hands on that offer again. We know because of phone calls we received. Welcome back Crystal and David and the folks at China King on the S. I-94 Service Drive, just west of Belleville Road. Ahhh...the power of advertising.

To learn more, or to see about putting a coupon in your *Independent* ad, call me at **(734) 699-9020**.

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

Belleville crosswalk repair set at Main Street and Denton/Liberty

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority has approved replacing the failing bricked crosswalk on Main Street at Denton and Liberty with stamped concrete.

The project, awarded to Blue Ribbon Contracting, is slated to begin in late July and run through early August. Blue Ribbon will replace half of the crosswalk on one side, and then switch sides to replace the other half.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson sent out a press release to explain the project, which will include some impact on traffic.

Main Street will remain open to two-way traffic during the repair work, with traffic lane shifts at the intersection, and no-left-turns posted.

Access to all businesses will remain open during the repair work, she said.

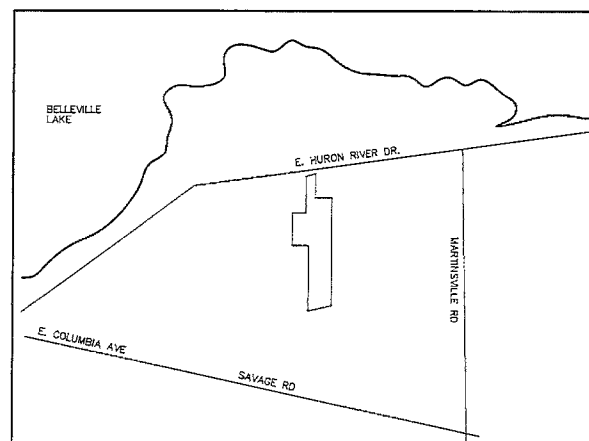
Brick removal, and concrete pouring, stamping, and curing will take about one week for each side.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday August 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a Special Use Approval request on the following described property.

Parcel numbers V125-83-088-99-0013-701 and V125-83-088-99-0010-000, also known as 810 E. Huron River Drive, are the subject property of this hearing. This site is located on the south side of E. Huron River Drive, east of Columbia Ave., and west of Martinsville Road:



LOCATION MAP

PROJECT NORTH



The applicant, Bethany Bible Church, is requesting approval for church additions and renovations. This hearing is being held in compliance with Section 7.03 Permitted Uses after Special Approval of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Published: August 1, 2013

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Also present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 15 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to remove under Old Business item B, and add under New Business item D. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments only on Agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported to P. Morgan to approve regular board meeting minutes of June 25, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants totaling \$100,113.91. Roll call vote: Yea: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

11. Treasurer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Hamm to hire Karen Woodington full time clerical in the Supervisors' office to start July 17, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Hamm to approve the supervisors' report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: No report.

14. Board Response

15. Old Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the Belleville Moose Lodge to purchase the PNA Hall on Land Contract for \$175,000.00 with conditions on document. Roll call: Yea: Vawters, Hoffman, P. Morgan, & Bates. Nay: J. Morgan, Hamm, & Swinson. Motion carried.

16. New Business:

A. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve resolution 2013-07 park improvement grant of \$40,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve resolution 2013-08 Charitable Gaming license for Roughneck Animal Rescue. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve for Municipal Code to codify supplement #22 the zoning section of the ordinances cost \$7,890.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to have Hennessey Engineers to give an estimate for clean out of North Branch of Swan Creek Drain not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Announcements

18. Open Floor

19. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:00 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 July 9, 2013 at 6:37 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: August 1, 2013

Court Watching:**Judge Slavens sentences 17-year-old burglar to up to 22 yrs. in Jackson**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark T. Slavens has sentenced Brian Baker, 17, of Van Buren Township to up to 22 years in Jackson Prison.

During his July 25 sentencing Baker stood next to his attorney James McGinnis as his Presentence Report was reviewed.

This is where the *Independent* heard that Baker had been out on probation as a juvenile from Washtenaw County for four home invasions when he committed five more in VBT's Haggerty Subdivision from Feb. 19 to April 12 this year.

Although these prior crimes put him in a higher category for sentencing, Judge Slavens said he would abide by the sentencing recommendations of the plea agreement.

Sentencing and restitution followed.

• On the Feb. 19 case at 10991 Buchanan for pleading guilty as charged to 2nd Degree Home Invasion, Baker got 2-15 years at Michigan Department of Corrections plus restitution of a \$500 insurance deductible paid to Michelle Solak.

• On the March 15 case at 10637 Jackson, for pleading guilty as charged to 1st Degree Home Invasion, stealing from a person and stealing property and stealing a firearm, Baker got 2 years for a felony firearms conviction followed by 2-20 years for home invasion. Restitution was not requested but the prosecutor left it open for possible restitution of insurance deductible and time off from work.

• The March 25 case at 11130 Van Buren was dismissed in the plea agreement. Restitution

had not been requested. The prosecutor reserved restitution until she could contact the homeowner.

• On the April 5 case at 10914 Buchanan, Baker was sentenced to 2 years for felony firearms followed by 2-20 years for home invasion. 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 plea agreement.

The prosecutor said the victims asked for \$8,907 in restitution, but Baker's attorney did not agree with that figure and requested a restitution hearing be scheduled.

• The April 12 case at 41408 Coolidge for 2nd Degree Home Invasion case was dismissed in the plea agreement and restitution had not been requested.

Besides restitution, Baker has court costs and fees totaling \$1,564 and has 92 days of jail credit.

Just prior to sentencing, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Russo said one of the victims, James Laine, said it best. He hopes he (Baker) learns his lesson and asked someone tell the kid's father to talk to him.

"My heart is broken for the father," Laine is quoted as saying.

Baker's attorney McGinnis said his client is 17 years old and has committed a lot of crimes. He said we have to find a way to place the blame and he had to be shaped by his background.

McGinnis said Baker lost his mother two years ago after she became ill when he was 11.

"I don't think we can ask a kid to shoulder all the blame and all the responsibility," McGinnis said. "We need a sentence that can reshape him and do him some good. Sending him to Jackson won't do this. In some ways he's been victimized as well as the victims of the crimes."

Prosecutor Russo said she had been a prosecutor in juvenile court for years. She said by having nine victims at the age of 17, he sent himself here and it's up to himself to turn it around.

"You don't get to leave nine victims in your

wake. I feel bad, but he had a chance with the juvenile system. At 17 you know what is going on."

Baker had nothing to say in his defense when asked by Judge Slavens.

There were no victims in the courtroom.

Judge Slavens said he felt bad that Baker was 17 years old, but that he had his chance as a juvenile.

Slavens said, "I completely disagree with Mr. McGinnis. I'm sorry you lost your mother. You had a chance with the juvenile system. I do see a benefit to keeping you in prison for public safety."

Judge Slavens asked Baker to turn around and look at his grandmother. Baker turned slightly and Slavens asked, "What do you see?" Baker said softly, "I see love and I see pain" and turned back to face Judge Slavens.

"No, turn and look in her eyes," Judge Slavens directed.

"I don't want to," Baker said.

"You have to look at her so you remember this," Judge Slavens said, asking Baker if she deserves this?

"No," he replied softly.

"Your father doesn't deserve this and the public doesn't deserve this," Judge Slavens said.

Baker and his grandmother started to cry and others in the courtroom got choked-up.

Baker's grandmother had been at all the hearings. His father was in the courtroom for sentencing, but had to leave for work.

VBT Detective Derek Perez was in charge of the investigation and took Baker's statement. Lt. Charles Bazy conducted the search of Baker's residence where he found a firearm hidden in his father's bedroom.

A VBT crime map reviewed by the *Independent* showed Haggerty Subdivision had 11 burglaries from January through April 2012, including repeat breakings & enterings at two of the same residences. From January 2013 through April 12, 2013, there were seven B&Es with forced entry, and one without.

After Baker's arrest on April 12, there was just one home invasion, without forced entry, from April 13 through July 25.

Court Watching:**Davon Miller sentenced to 3 months in jail for cocaine possession**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

On July 24, Davon Miller, 34, was formally sentenced to 3 months in jail for possession of cocaine and \$1,200 in court costs that must be paid before he is released.

Miller recently moved from a rented home at 10573 Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. According to VBT Police, a search warrant was executed by the SIU and other officers from VBT at that location on Aug. 23, 2012.

At the time, besides Miller, Rodrigue Bighman and Miller's mother Valerie Barnes were also arrested and quantities of narcotics were seized.

Between August and when Miller picked up his two pitbulls at the end of May, numerous calls from residents to the Police Department, Animal Control, and the pitbull rescue Buster Foundation were made to address concerns over the welfare of the dogs running at large, being alone in the home, and the safety of the public.

Charges of possession of marijuana and habitual offender were dismissed for Miller's guilty plea of possession of cocaine.

Miller arrived at Judge James R. Chylinski's courtroom on crutches for sentencing at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Judge Chylinski noted that Miller had been in a wheel chair the last time he was in court and was glad he appeared to be getting better.

BHS Reunions this year

These are this summer's reunions of alumni from Belleville High School:

• **Class of 2003** will hold its tenth reunion on Friday, Sept. 6. It will start out at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of the new BHS, followed by attending the home football game at 7 p.m., and continuing the party at Bayou Grill on Main Street following the game. Visit BHS Class of 2003 on Facebook for more information and updates.

• **All-Class Alumni Banquet** is Sept. 21 at BHS. Social gathering and tours begin at 2 p.m. Dinner is served at 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person at reservation by Aug. 24; \$25 after that or for walk-ins. For information call Anita Greca, chairperson, at cell: 734-637-5265 or email: agreca77@gmail.com.



Brian Baker



Davon Miller

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, July 21:
0025 – hospice, 6379 Greenwood Ct.
0302 – noise complaint, 6162 Western St.
0309 – breaking & entering, 10824 Belleville Rd.
0505 – noise complaint, Westlake
0654 – hospice, 134 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1115 – narcotics crime, Bldg. 32, Prairiegrass
1252 – harassment call, Belleville Rd./I-94 S. Service Dr.
1413 --- noise complaint, McBride Ave./Van Buren St.
1635 – domestic assault, 275 Holly Lane
1645 – harassment call, 48196 Martz Rd.
1705 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1807 – property damage accident, 965 E. Huron River Dr.
1846 – dumping complaint, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2046 – marine violation, Belleville
2049 – shots fired, Lower Huron Metro Park
2115 – disorderly conduct, 6430 E. Sadie Ln.
2122 – assault & battery, 10819 Oak Ln.
2126 – assault & battery, 41431 S. Bellridge Dr.
2151 – fight, Quirk/Fair
2145 – fight, Wayne County Fairgrounds
2205 – property damage accident, North Service Dr. / Cracker Barrel
2218 – fireworks, Cobblestone Ridge Estates
2220 – assault & battery, 6 Pine Dr.
Monday, July 22:
0128 – disorderly conduct, 42901 Tyler Rd.
0517 – malicious destruction of property, 6221 W. Adams
1053 – assault & battery, 41449 McKinley St.
Tuesday, July 23:
0315 – breaking & entering, 49071 S. I-94 Service
0336 – fraud, 2193 Rawsonville
0708 – malicious destruction of property, 7001 Anna Dr.
1413 – fraud, 48850 Denton Rd.
1600 – assault & battery, 72 Park Estates
1708 – private property accident, Walmart
1813 – personal injury accident, 7745 Belleville
1909 – assault & battery, 9985 Andover Dr.
1950 – harassment call, 10958 Buchanan St.
2236 – noise complaint, 46131 Village Green Ln.
2320 – fraud, 6065 Rawsonville
Wednesday, July 24:
0224 – noise complaint, 10308 Westlake
0642 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Coca Cola Dr.
1153 – fraud, 10950 Belleville Rd.
1224 – private property accident, 11531 Belleville
1412 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1542 – child abuse, 5890 Haggerty Rd.
1657 – fraud, 14045 Elwell Rd.
1801 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr./Locust Dr.
1928 – disturbance, Walmart
1947 – assault & battery, 40218 Alden Ave.
2000 – narcotics crime, 41462 E. Archwood Dr.
2208 – assault & battery, 10894 Oak Lane
2214 – assault & battery, 6 Pine Dr.
2248 – narcotics crime, 11175 Haggerty Rd.
Thursday, July 25:
0046 – noise complaint, 9094 Parkwood Dr.
0552 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
0954 – malicious destruction of property, 40521 Alden Ave.
1213 – harassment call, 9541 Rolan Meadows Dr.
1340 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1436 – private property accident, 10850 Belleville
1809 – property damage accident, Michigan/EB bypass
1917 – fraud, Meijer
1952 – personal injury accident, 16558 Haggerty
2127 – harassment call, 10574 Oak Lane
2202 – property damage accident, 10950 Belleville
2329 – disturbance, 10760 Belleville Rd.
Friday, July 26:
0452 – disorderly conduct, Denny’s
1122 – disorderly conduct, 8953 Parkwood Dr.
1521 – property damage accident, McDonald’s, Rawsonville
1552 – fraud, Comerica
1553 – malicious destruction of property, 39878 Huron River Dr.

1643 – harassment call, 12475 Martinsville
1645 – narcotics crime, 10990 Lighthouse Dr.
1658 – intimidation threat, 49251 S. I-94 Service
1814 – retail fraud, Walmart
1846 – juvenile complaint, 51226 Sylvia Dr.
1911 – juvenile complaint, Walden Woods
1953 – fraud, Meijer
2136 – harassment call, 46145 Village Green Ln.
2251 – juvenile complaint, 8800 Parkwood Manor
Saturday, July 27:
0044 – fireworks, 117 Maple Dr.
0142 – noise complaint, 9501 Madison Dr.
0145 – civil matter, Hot Spot
0205 – shots fired, Village Green
0245 – noise complaint, 49060 Denton Rd.
0505 – noise complaint, 11715 Meadows
0542 – breaking & entering, 88 Maple Dr.
0910 – disorderly conduct, 7477 Rawsonville
1036 – assault & battery, 13153 Lake Point Blvd.
1217 – missing person, 49204 Laguna Dr.
1408 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11739 Meadows Lane
1435 – malicious destruction of property, 6578 Outer Dr.
1744 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1824 – ATV/ORV complaint, Cobblestone Dr. / Togowtee Pass
2122 – fireworks, Lake Crest Dr./S. I-94 Service
2136 – personal injury accident, Hannan/N. Northline Rd.
2233 – noise complaint, 13765 Country Walk
2249 – trespassing, 6820 Belleville Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 308 traffic stops, 86 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 21:
0032 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Pool
1014 – assist fire dept., 409 W. Columbia Ave.
1133 – found property, 29 S. Liberty St.
1414 – breaking & entering, 198 Belle Villa Blvd.
1429 – follow-up, 195 Belle Villa Blvd.
1704 – harassment call, 79 Henry St.
1735 – E-911 cellular, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
1912 – E-911 hang up, 166 Belle Villa Blvd.
2006 – welfare check, 193 W. Columbia Ave.
2144 – domestic assault, 202 Belle Villa Blvd.
2147 – vehicle lockout, 109 Carmell St.
2315 – suspicious situation, 454 Breakwater Ct.
Monday, July 22:
0430 – property check, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1025 – animal complaint, Belle Villa
1346 – property damage accident, High/Main
1508 – fraud, 6 Main St.
2201 – E-911 hang up, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
2349 – parking complaint, 402 Estrada Dr.
Tuesday, July 23:
0005 – parking complaint, 606 Estrada
0008 – property check, 573 E. Thornhill Ct.
1217 – E-911 cellular, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1311 – vehicle lockout, Sam’s Place
1614 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1826 – parking complaint, 71 Carmell St.
1905 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
2142 – property check, Hillside
Wednesday, July 24:
0116 – parking complaint, 128 Carmell St.
0126 – parking complaint, 220 Belle Villa Blvd.
0617 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
0733 – animal complaint, 111 Bedell St.
1044 – property damage accident, 31 E. Huron River Dr.
1047 – animal complaint, 368 E. Huron River Dr.
1227 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1349 – E-911 hang up, 25 Owen
1508 – neighbor trouble, 205 Roland St.
1637 – private property accident, 795 Sumpter Rd.
1657 – trespassing, 584 Main St.
1901 – loud party complaint, 119 Carmell St.
Thursday, July 25:
0546 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1346 – traffic hazard, Main/N. Liberty St.
1438 – intimidation threat, 241 Henry St.

1712 – all other traffic, Roys St./Church St.
1831 – assault & battery, 275 E. Columbia Ave.
2027 – assist fire dept., Church St./Third St.
2029 – E-911 hang up, 548 Sumpter Rd.
2047 – miscellaneous complaint, 140 Biggs Ave.
2224 – larceny, Bayou Grill
2247 – welfare check, 95 Belle Villa Blvd.
Friday, July 26:
0040 – suspicious situation, 42 S. Edgemont Ave.
0209 – animal complaint, 400 N. Liberty St.
0714 – breaking & entering, 35 Clarence St.
1046 – juvenile complaint, 110 Church St.
1403 – warrant arrest, Lincoln Park Probation
1405 – E-911 hang up, 167 Fourth St., library
1440 – mental, 416 Sumpter Rd.
1605 – assist fire dept., 229 Belle Villa
1618 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-op
1930 – family trouble, 301 W. Columbia Ave.
2023 – domestic assault, 143 W. Wabash Ave.
Saturday, July 27:
1002 – agency assist, 161 Church St.
1036 – larceny, 35 Main St.
1640 – breaking & entering, 257 Church St.
1648 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1922 – follow-up, 165 Belle Villa Blvd.
Also on this week’s log are 62 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

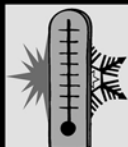
Sunday, July 21:
0142 – odor investigation, Nevada
1013 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1253 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1506 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1507 – violation public health code, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1605 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1822 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1914 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1938 – breaking & entering report, Nevada
2206 – follow-up investigation, Nevada
2232 – odor investigation, Nevada
2326 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2359 – warrant arrest, out of township
Monday, July 22:
0613 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1018 – property damage accident, Harris/Boyd
1300 – animal complaint, Wear/Bohn
1404 – suspicious vehicle, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1430 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd
1445 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1703 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1735 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1843 – dumping complaint, Arkona/Carleton West
1903 – suspicious incident, Willow/Rawsonville
1922 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2227 – warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2305 – animal complaint, Harris/Sumpter
Tuesday, July 23:
0732 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0913 – suspicious incident, 8200 Rawsonville Rd.
1044 – follow-up investigation, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1058 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico
1105 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico
1128 – follow-up investigation, Delaware
1232 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1441 – suicide, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
1813 – larceny, Rustic Lane
2014 – suspicious incident, Nevada
2046 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane
2115 – larceny, Rustic Lane

Wednesday, July 24:
0607 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0818 – follow-up investigation, Delaware
0834 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1007 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1135 – assist other agency, Georgia
1243 – follow-up investigation, Dakota
1307 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Fenster
1422 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1536 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1618 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1718 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2343 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Thursday, July 25:
0142 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0301 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0422 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1036 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1157 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1206 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1427 – warrant arrest, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1456 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1542 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Wear
1707 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Wear
1710 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
2135 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
2316 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2327 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Friday, July 26:
0006 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Martinsville
0110 – noise complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0422 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0935 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1248 – warrant arrest, out of township
1329 – follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron River
1458 – violation public health code, California
1506 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1548 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1602 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1619 – harassment complaint, Karr/Judd
1625 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1713 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty
1821 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
2104 – reckless driver complaint, 40000 bl. Willis
2235 – suspicious incident, Country Club Blvd.
Saturday, July 27:
0036 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0148 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Arkona
0212 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1306 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1314 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1430 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1503 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1802 – family trouble, Greenmeadow
1844 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
1915 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
2223 – alarm, 22000 bl. Haggerty
Also on this week’s log are 31 miscellaneous details, 96 patrol checks, and 80 traffic stops.

Birthdays

Aug. 2 – Tina Pyzik
Aug. 3 – Kathy Niemann
Aug. 8 – Kathy Briggs
Aug. 9 – Kelly Wells
Aug. 10 – Donald Currier
Aug. 21 – Lynn McArthur
Aug. 23 – Lynne Mills

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He had attended South Junior High and Belleville High School, graduating in 1986 near the top of his class. She said White is incompetent and a liar.

Michigan State Police Detective Marc Murray at the Monroe Post is investigating criminal charges against White.

Attorney Steven Z. Cohen had filed civil charges against White on Dec. 3, 2012 on behalf of his clients David, Dennis, Ed and Ronald Gallaway, Marilyn Lange, and Margaret Sawicki and a third party, Charter One Bank.

A status conference was held on April 9

in Judge Lita M. Popke's chambers and the case is listed as "held for further settlement." A deposition of White was being scheduled and a settlement conference had been set for Oct. 22.

This has been put on hold by the bankruptcy filing.

Cohen said he tried to file a malpractice insurance claim but White did not pay his malpractice insurance premiums. He said his clients might be able to get a little money from a legal victim's fund.

On July 18 the final Notice of Disbarment and Restitution With Conditions (By Consent), which was effective July 15, was signed by John F. Van Bolt, Executive Director of the State of Michigan Attorney

Discipline Board.

The document said, based on White's plea of no contest, the hearing panel found that White:

- failed to refund an advance payment of fee that was not earned in violation of Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC) 1.16(d);
- failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that a client or third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b)(3);
- neglected a legal matter entrusted to him in violation of MRPC 1.1(c);
- failed to seek the client's lawful objectives through reasonably available means permitted by law, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a);
- counseled a client to engage in, or assisted a client to engage in, conduct the lawyer knows is illegal or fraudulent, in violation of MRPC 1.2(c);
- failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing the client, in violation of MRPC 1.3;
- failed to keep a client reasonably informed of the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a);
- failed to explain a matter to a client to the extent necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b);
- charged or collected a clearly excessive fee, in violation of MRPC 1.5(a);
- failed to communicate the basis or rate of the fee to the client before or within a

reasonable time after commencing the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.5(b);

• entered into a business transaction with a client where the terms of the transaction were not fair and reasonable to the client, in violation of MRPC 1.8(a)(1);

• entered into a business transaction with a client without giving the client a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel, in violation of MRPC 1.8(a)(2);

• failed to promptly notify a client when funds or property in which a client has an interest was received, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(1);

• failed to promptly pay or deliver funds or other property that the client was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(2);

• failed to timely deposit and maintain property of his client or third persons in an IOLTA account and failed to hold property of his clients or third persons separate from his own, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); and

• brought a proceeding, or asserted an issue therein, where the basis for doing so was frivolous, in violation of MRPC 3.1.

The panel also found that White violated MRPC 8.4(a)-(c), which includes engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and Michigan Court Rules (MCR) 9.104(1)-(4), which includes entering into an agreement to prevent a party from bringing a grievance, requiring the party to drop a grievance, or to seal evidence of a grievance from court records.

White was ordered to be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan and pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$333,604.67. He also was ordered to be subject to a condition relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,801.53.

John Chapman healing at University of Michigan Hospital

John Chapman of Sumpter Township, who was injured in a July 17 accident at his home, is healing at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

Cards can be sent to him at: Room 5405, Bed 1, University of Michigan Health System, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor 48109. His phone number is (734) 936-5406; cell phone (734) 740-3515.

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Thursday, August 8 (Kids Day)

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Goat Milking 9:00 a.m.
Horse Show 9:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Carnival 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5.25 p.m.; \$10 after 6 pm
Tactical Laser Tag 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5.00
Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Crafters / Vendors 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Coloring Contest w/ Prizes - Theme: County Fair
- Age Groups: 3-5, 6-8, 9-13, 14-20; 2:00 pm Deadline
Games - Kids Ages 12 & Under 4:00 p.m.
Pedal Tractors 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.
Livestock Auction 6:30 p.m.
SJO Super Cross Championship Series 7:00 pm \$10.00
- Super Cross Sign-up 3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 9 (Veterans Day)

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Pig Trail 8:00 a.m.
Horse Show 9:00 a.m.
Shepherd's Trail 10:00 a.m.
Goat Pack Class 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Master Stockman Workshop 1:00 p.m.
Carnival 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$16.00
Miracle of Life 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tactical Laser Tag 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5.00
Crafters / Vendors 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Wood Carving Shows (Various Times)
Pocket Pet Show 2:00 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (\$1.00 off price for Veterans)
Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.
Unique Motor Sports presents
- Night of Destruction 7:00 p.m. \$10.00

Saturday, August 10

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Car Show 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Horse Show 9:00 a.m.
Master Stockman Contest 10:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Youth Pet Show 12:00 p.m.
Carnival 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$16.00
Tactical Laser Tag 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5.00
Crafters / Vendors 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Wood Carving Shows (Various Times)
Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Livestock Awards 3:00 p.m.
Youth Awards 4:00 p.m.
Steak Dinner 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Equine Awards 5:00 p.m.
Wingman Band 4:30 p.m.
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