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Menards project moves forward after BZA variance approvals

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The “swoosh” will be gone from under the MENARDS’ sign, the corporate slogan won’t be on the building, and the store will look slightly different than others in the chain – but the Menards building project is definitely moving forward in Van Buren Township.

At the Jan. 15 meeting of the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, the board unanimously approved four variances, with slight changes, allowing the project to go forward.

After the meeting, Scott Nuttleman of Menards Real Estate, who has been working with VBT officials on the project, said he believes the Menards officials who make the final decisions will go along with the changes.

He said it will take just a couple of more meetings before they can break ground. He referred to special-use approval by the township board for outdoor sales and storage and final site plan approval by the planning commission.

At a planning commission meeting on Dec. 10, Nuttleman said it takes a year to build a store and if all goes well they would like to commence grading on the property on April 1 and begin store construction on June 1, opening the new store in early February 2016 or before.

The store is expected to bring 200 new jobs to the community.

Menards has been seeking approval, since early last year, to build a 162,340-square-foot heated store area on the 24.08 acres it has contracted to buy on the west side of Belleville Road just north of Walmart.

At its September meeting, the BZA tabled requests for six variances and took no action on those requests from Menards.

During the Jan. 15 meeting, BZA members were discussing how it would be fair to make Menards’ reduce the size of its main sign to make it the same as Walmart’s

sign.

This was what Sally Hodges, the township’s planning consultant from McKenna Associates, had recommended.

Nuttleman said the signs are identical on all the Menards stores, although in some places they take off some signs.

Nuttleman pointed out that Walmart had three signs and they were only talking about the main sign and ignoring Walmart’s other signs in their figures.

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Starbucks likely to walk from project since VBT wouldn’t give it a drive

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The chance to have a Starbucks coffee shop on the former Big Boy property appears to have vanished.

A representative of Bellevue Development, LLC, said Starbucks required a driveway from its drive-through window straight to Belleville Road and would not bend.

Neither would the Van Buren Township Planning Commission bend and at its Jan. 14 meeting, it voted unanimously to recommend the requested special drive-through window use and to approve the preliminary site plan -- but not allow an additional curb cut on Belleville Road.

The plan had been to keep the boulevard entrance to the site, moving it slightly north, plus the Starbucks drive, giving the site two drives onto Belleville Road.

The proposed project would have had the Starbucks drive-through at the north end of the building, one or two retail stores in the middle, and another restaurant at the south end of the building.

VBT Director of Planning and Economic

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State Representative Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, right, takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Jan. 14. Joining Pagan, from left, are parents Nick and Kathy Pagan, brother-in-law Bill Pagan DeYoung, niece Evelyn Pagan DeYoung, and sister Jenna Pagan DeYoung. Pagan represents the 21st District, which includes the city of Belleville and most of Van Buren and Canton townships.



Photo courtesy Ypsilanti Chapter DAR

DAR Good Citizens, from left, are: Chelsea Edwards, Belleville High School; Lydia Carrier, Calvary Christian High School; Cali Curlee, Lincoln High School; Shannon Egbert, Ypsilanti Community Schools AC Tech High School; Talizejah Harris, Ypsilanti Community Schools STEM Academy. Also chosen, but not present to be honored, were Sandra Diaz of Ypsilanti New Tech High School and Rebecca Thomas of Washtenaw Technical Middle College. See story on page 18.

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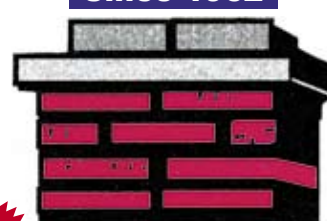
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter family heading to Dominican Republic for a year of ministry

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John and Jamie Fox of Sumpter Township and their two sons, Hunter, 14, and Logan, 12, are leaving for the Dominican Republic as soon as possible to spend at least a year there helping children.

Their rescued pit bull Rocky will be going, as well.

The Foxes have their house up for sale. They sold most of their personal possessions in a big sale last fall and pulled their children out of Keystone Academy to start them on home schooling with an accredited online program.

Jamie said in 2012, she, John, and Hunter went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Ron Schubert of Harvest International Ministries of Farmington Hills.

John didn't want to go, but Jamie said she didn't know if she and Hunter would be safe without him. He grudgingly joined the group and it changed the rest of his life.

"There is immense poverty, like you've never seen," John said. "It wrecked your heart."

Jamie said her husband cried the whole time he was there on that visit because of all the heartbreaking circumstances.

The family went out in the village with rice and beans and also passed out hygiene packs, school supplies and backpacks. They played games with the children.

They will be taking mission teams out. People come from all over the world to help and a team from Australia is due next week. A vocational training facility will be set up.

"We were invited to go and then we invite someone and hope they get the vision," John said.

John is a laborer and equipment operator for Canton Township. He applied for a leave of absence, but it was denied because Canton never did that before.

He said once the house sells, he'll put in his two-week notice. Most of his coworkers think he is crazy to leave a good job – but some support his plan.

"We have a strong faith," John said. "God provided that job and will provide another. We had planned to be there this week," John said, adding they had an offer on their house, but it fell through.

Jamie couldn't be happier that her husband now is so enthusiastic about the project which will help build an orphanage for children. He and his sons have been to the Dominican Republic twice more after that first visit, but Jamie stayed home because she was working to become a registered nurse. She finished her boards in September.

The project is Restoration Ranch, which is being built on a 20-acre mango farm in



The Fox family of Sumpter Township will be leaving for their mission in the Dominican Republic as soon as possible. They are, from left, John, Hunter, Jamie, Logan and, in front, Rocky.

the southern part of the island. The farm and orphanage is owned by Danny and Denise Stone, who have been there 17 years. There are no children at the ranch yet and the Foxes will be the first house parents.

"I had a dream one night years ago that we were going to work in an orphanage," Jamie recalled. "I never forgot it and now it's happening."

John said their sons also are enthusiastic about helping the children. In fact, Hunter told them if they didn't take up their offer for the mission, he would go there himself as soon as he was 18.

"I wanted to stress that we feel this is a divine calling we have," Jamie said. "This is not something we are doing of ourselves. There is NO way we would be leaving our friends and family and all of the comforts of home unless we were called to do this."

Jamie McCall graduated from Belleville High School in 1986. She is the daughter of Jewell McCall of Sumpter. John grew up in Detroit and they met at a singles retreat at Belleville Church of God and have been married 20 years. He is the son of Larrie and Tanice Fox, also of Sumpter.

John said his parents are just getting used to the idea that he and his family are leaving for a year. It hasn't been easy for them all because the boys used to be able

to cut through the woods to get to their grandparents' home for frequent visits.

Because she didn't want to start a nursing job and then leave, Jamie has been working in dental hygiene and as a patient companion at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The Foxes will be living in a town called El Cruce de Ocoa.

The Dominican Republic shares an island with Haiti, which was devastated by an earthquake five years ago. There are 10.3 million people on the island and 240,000 of them are homeless children, Jamie said.

John said the north part of the island is the "plush of the plush" but just six hours away the south part is the "area that time forgot." He said the housing there has thatched roofs, tin walls, and dirt floors – and many street children.

John said the family has given the project a one-year commitment, but they may stay longer.

"They evaluate us and we evaluate the mission after a year and then decisions will be made," John said.

Fund raising here at home is on-going. They go to churches and offerings are taken. Some people commit to give monthly and some give one-time donations, Jamie said.

They need lots of help and are reaching out to the community.

Those wishing to help with the project

are invited to send donations to the church at: Harvest International Ministries, 23233 Drake Road, Farmington, 48335. For more information on the work, see www.abouthim.net. To contact the Foxes email: jamfox68@gmail.com.

One of the stories:

Struggling mother earns living for six through sewing pillows

Eight-year-old Tanya was blinded by her uncle with a piece of rebar in the Dominican Republic. No one knows why.

Then, when Tanya was 13, her father sexually assaulted her and a child was born.

John Fox said men are the providers in that culture and women take care of the babies.

Tanya's mother, Marcia, went to the authorities and now her husband is serving 25 years in prison. She and her four children and one grandchild have no income and are among the poorest of the poor, John said.

John said it was very courageous of the mother to turn in her husband, knowing she and her children could starve without him. And, they did suffer.

John said people from his church in the Dominican Republic had met her and told her story. John said when he was at an eyeglass clinic he saw a young blind girl carrying a baby. They knew right away it was Tanya and they went to her home and started helping – first with food.

He said they wanted to help that family, but didn't want to just provide for them. They wanted to help the family provide for itself.

The church got Marcia a brand-new Singer foot-pedal sewing machine. She now makes pillows that say "Restoration Ranch." The pillows are sold and the money sent to Marcia to help support her family.

The electricity is regularly cut off to the poor area of the Dominican Republic when the plusher community at the north end needs more power, so a foot-powered machine is very important, John said.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Kona Strawberry Run approved for Belleville festival

The Belleville City Council unanimously approved the Kona Running Company's proposal for a big 8K/5K/Mile Road Race event for Strawberry Festival.

At Tuesday's council meeting, some of the details for the event were laid out with more details to be worked out in the future. The race is expected to draw 1,200 to 1,500 runners to the 7 p.m. start-off at Horizon Park on Friday, June 19.

High Street will be closed briefly and runners will head out along Main Street to the Denton Road bridge and run along the lakeshore and past two cemeteries before coming back.

Larry O'Sullivan, a former Belleville resident, gave the details of the race, with Kona president Alan Whitehead joining in. O'Sullivan said he ran the first Strawberry Festival race in 1980 and he'd like to bring it back in a big way.

Kona runs three of the top races in Michigan and they've been doing the Northville race for 13 years. They donate to charities and will be looking for volunteers or will pay sports groups to run their water stations. They will pay for four-hour blocks for police help. The bibs the racers get will bring them discounts at local restaurants and businesses.

The plan is to park the crowd of cars at BHS and walk to Horizon Park – just a warm-up for the walkers.

Friday night of Strawberry Festival this year should be quite an exciting time for Belleville.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I spelled Sue Kotlarek's name wrong under our picture on page 7 of last week's paper. I apologize.

Sue and Jeff, the winners of our 20th-anniversary contest, left on a Caribbean Cruise the day after our Jan. 9 party. We received word from Jeff on Jan. 15, saying that they've already spent the \$100 and he'd like us to have another contest for them to enter.

We've had a report of people ringing doorbells and then knocking after 8 p.m. along Edgemont Street in the city of Belleville. Someone thought they were missionaries because one reported the callers wanted people to unlock their doors and take information from them. One lady refused to open the door and called the police.

If you are missionaries, why don't you try going door to door on Saturday mornings like they do out in the country where we live? These visits in the city are scaring people after dark. If you are not missionaries – but intruders – be warned.

Late at night last year, a woman living in the city of Belleville heard water running in her house, but couldn't find where the noise was coming from. She checked everywhere that night and called her plumber in the morning. He found that someone had turned on her outdoor faucet and left it running. She called the police to report it. The water ran down to the sidewalk and her water bill was over \$100 that month.

Some of her neighbors thought she should have fought paying that bill because she did all the right things, but she just paid it.



A nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital told us about the whooping cough that is going around in Washtenaw County. It is up 60% from two years ago and so she urged my son to get a shot to fight pertussis and tetanus. Then, his doctor urged him to get the shot, too, so he did.

The nurse told us whooping cough (pertussis) is up 600% in California.

For about four days at the end of last week and the week end, there had been great concern about something going on in the middle of Belleville Lake, just east of the BYC (former Moose Lodge).

First, we got a call that a deer was drowning in the middle of the lake and they couldn't get anyone to go out and save it. The person called police, DNR, and everyone she could think of and nobody would come out.

Then, we received a message that the first message was wrong and that a big bird was eating something out there.

On Saturday, I talked to a homeowner on the lake, a few doors east of BYC. She said it turns out to be eagles eating a dead goose. She thought we might have a long enough camera lens to get a picture.

She said she saw a Van Buren Township police officer in her yard on the shore with a pair of binoculars, checking out the activity on the lake.

She asked him if he had come out to see the eagles eating a goose and he replied, "Oh, so that's what it is."

The woman caller and I agreed that what was happening in the middle of Belleville Lake was just nature taking its course.

Sumpter Township Police had an accident that totaled one of its new SUVs, with only 15,000 miles on it. There were no injuries, except bumps and bruises, we're told.

It happened at about 10:30 p.m. Friday at the corner of Willis Road and Karr.

Officer Colleen Gottschalk (formerly Carafelle) was trying to catch a vehicle she clocked at 100 mph on Willis and a car in front of her, going the same direction, made a left turn to Karr as she attempted to pass and they collided.

Police Captain Eric Luke said the other driver was some at fault, but Officer Gottschalk had the main fault. The Michigan State Police is reviewing the accident. Whether she had her emergency lights on is undetermined at this time, since Luke said Officer Gottschalk said she was in the process of turning them on when the accident occurred.

Captain Luke said it will take a few months to get the vehicle replaced.

The city of Belleville also had one of its trucks damaged in an accident with wires on Jan. 9 at Victoria Commons.



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Letters**In Belleville: What's
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To the Editor:

You may not have noticed, but the city just changed the method for calculating your water bill.

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I don't know about you, but I don't like the hassle of paying the water bill monthly. I liked the quarterly bill.

What is next? Daily water bills per ounce?

Jeff Harris

City of Belleville

**Join Democrats this
Thursday at fairgrounds**

To the Editor and Readers:

An open letter to our communities of City of Belleville, Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren Townships.

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club is beginning its new year.

We welcome new members, as we have open membership. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our first meeting will be this Thursday Jan. 22, starting at 7 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Wayne

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We also have several local events for our members and guests. Call me if you have any questions at 313 378-8328.

John Herman, President
Southwestern Wayne (County)
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**Mr. Boehner: Address
issue of immigration**

To the Editor:

This is a letter I sent to Speaker of the House John Boehner, 1011 Longworth H.O.B., Washington, DC 20515.

Dear Congressman Boehner,

Just this last September 43 Mexican college students were abducted by corrupt police authorities in southwest Mexico at the direction of a local mayor who was past target of their public demonstrations against his policies. The mayor didn't want these teaching students to disrupt his speech, during a public appearance that he was scheduled to attend, so he discretely arranged for their kidnapping and murders.

Local police quickly abducted these students and turned them over to gang members who murdered and then burned their bodies before disposing of the remains in a garbage dump and a nearby river. Mexican Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam stated that three suspects were caught and admitted to disposing of the bodies near Iguala in the state of Guerrero. This is one more difficult challenge for Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto who had vowed, following his election two years ago, to restore order in the country.

Dozens of police have been arrested and are among the 74 people so far held in the

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She is survived by two daughters Beverly Rhodes of West Virginia and Judith (Albert) Gwitt of Belleville, 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank Mary Philbin for all of the support she has given to them at home and in the hospital over that last several months.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Frederick Carey, son in infancy Frederick Edmund Carey, also 8 brothers and sisters.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Wednesday with a 7:00 PM Scripture service. Visitation will continue Thursday, January 22, 2015 10-1 PM with a 1:00 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Deacon Peter Cornell will officiate. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

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Obituaries



Douglas N. Brasington



DOUGLAS N. BRASINGTON

(March 27, 1945 - January 14, 2015)

Douglas Noel Brasington, age 69, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 27, 1945 in Lancaster, South Carolina, son of Jesse Coleman & Annie Viola (Phillips) Brasington.

Doug proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Belleville Masonic Lodge #89 and the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996. He never missed a day of work. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved trips to the casino. He was a true family man. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone.

Mr. Brasington is survived by his wife Barbara (Chambers) Brasington; son James (Joyce) Brasington of Metamora, MI; daughter Lorie (Robert) Boutillier of Wayne, MI; three granddaughters Jessica Sue Brasington, Jennifer Ann Brasington and Katelin Sue Boutillier; one grandson Robert Kyle Boutillier; three brothers Ernest of Ohio, Jimmy (Holly) and Gary (Lama), both of Brownstown, MI; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Johnny of South Carolina.

Visitation was from 4-8 PM Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with a 6 PM Masonic service and a 7:30 PM Eagles service. Funeral services were Saturday, January 17 at 11 AM at the funeral home, with visitation from 10-11 AM. Curtis Richardson will officiate. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996 and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Mary Alice Fulner

MARY ALICE FULNER

(April 15, 1945 - January 12, 2015)

Mary Alice Fulner, age 69, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center, Wayne, MI. She was born April 15, 1945 in Ann Arbor, MI, daughter of William & Mary Ina Gamble.

Mary was a member of the Dearborn Heights Eagles Auxiliary 3861. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, poker and trips to the casino with her husband. She was an avid supporter of the American Red Cross and the VA and Wounded Warrior Project.

Mary is survived by her daughter Dawn M. (Eddie) Janos of Belleville; 3 step-children Jerry (Carol) Fulner, Diedre (Craig) Thornsbury and Debbie (Clint) Henry; one granddaughter Shannon Senters; numerous step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter Lydia Elizabeth Senters; and several step-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Paul Frederick Fulner on November 19, 2007, an infant, a step-son Jay D. Fulner, two brothers William and David, also two sisters Faith and Grace.

Visitation was 5-8 PM Thursday, January 15, 2015 and 10-11 AM Friday, January 16, 2015 with an 11 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Interment was in Arbor Crest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or a VA Hospital and

would be greatly appreciated.

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



Sophia Froelich

SOPHIA FROELICH

(September 14, 1946 - January 19, 2015)

Sophia Froelich, age 68, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015 at Regency of Canton, Canton, MI. She was born September 14, 1946 in Germany, daughter of Gerhard & Helena (Powella) Pietrykowski. She moved to the United States with her family after World War II.

Sophia is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 47 years, Charles L. Froelich. She is also survived by two brothers Ed (Dorothy) Pietrykowski of Ohio and Gabe (Debbie) Pietrykowski of Bryon, Ohio, also many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Froelich was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She retired from Ford Motor Company after 30 years as an accountant, at both the Rawsonville Road and Ypsilanti plants. She was a member of the Michigan Treasure Hunters and the Silver Seekers Clubs. She enjoyed sewing, scrap booking and traveling with her girlfriends.

Visitation will be 3-8 PM Thursday with a 7:00 PM Scripture service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Mass will be

held Friday, January 23, 2015 at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI with visitation 10-11 AM. Father Thomas H. Cusick will serve as Celebrant. A private interment will be held at Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Menards

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He said Walmart has not only about a 200 square foot main sign but two others that are about 100 square feet each. He said by just looking, he believes Meijer complies with the sign ordinance.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, who sits on the BZA, said he thought both Meijer and Walmart were in compliance.

"Your staff counted only the main sign for Walmart," Nuttleman pointed out.

Jahr apologized, explaining the BZA is limited to what information the staff provides to it.

Patrick Sloane, of McKenna who works part time for VBT's building and planning department, said when they calculated the sign at Walmart it was in the records at 186.48 square feet.

"How the other signs were approved, we don't know," Sloane said.

Planning consultant Hodges, also of McKenna, said she didn't have information on there being two more signs at Walmart. It wasn't in the paperwork, she said.

Jahr said two wrongs don't make a right. Just because they didn't notice that Walmart had two more signs than they thought, they shouldn't hold Menards to a higher standard than Walmart.

Jahr made a motion to modify the variance to permit 317.7 square feet on the main building, 117.7 more than the maximum of 200 allowed.

"Limiting to 200 would be unnecessarily burdensome," said Jahr, noting the store is 500 feet back from Belleville Road.

This signage was in addition to the 90 square foot pedestal sign at the front that complied with the ordinance.

There were four variances granted, all unanimously.

The BZA met with a bare quorum, with both its chairperson (Terissa Wardwell) and vice chairman (Tom DiPietro) absent and the member selected to chair the meeting (Amos Grissett) just being reappointed by the township board about 24 hours earlier. Bob McKenna, the planning commission's BZA representative, sat in the audience because his appointment had lapsed and the planning commission didn't ask for his reappointment until the day after the BZA

meeting. Also absent was Joseph Barnabei, an alternate.

Present at the table were Grissett, Trustee Jahr, Lianne Clair, Edward Miller and alternate Medina Atchinson.

Sumpter Twp. accepts donation of two parcels of old fire property

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township is being given two parcels of land it used to own, just south of Joe Nasser's corner market at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads.

These are the properties where the old fire station used to stand. The land was auctioned off when the roller rink and ice cream parlor were also auctioned.

Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis said since owner Jerry Pattah can't build on the parcels he is offering them as a gift to the township.

At the Sumpter Township regular board meeting on Jan. 13, township attorney Rob Young said he has ordered a study by Michigan Title, for a couple hundred dollars, to verify status of the properties.

The board voted unanimously to approve the donation, contingent on all matters being settled in favor of the township.

In other business at the Jan. 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved, in an emergency action, paying \$11,750 to Keep it in the 70s to replace the heating unit in the part of the community center that holds the police department and the former Head Start program. Police Chief James Pierce said they are working with icicles on the windows and, "Jewell

and Sue have to endure terrible conditions. It's freezing over there." He said it's been costing \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year for repairs to the system. Trustee Peggy Morgan said it is really sad because they have been having problems with heating and cooling the old building for a long time. "We're way past due to getting something done," Trustee Morgan agreed. Supervisor John Morgan said they've been having conversations about options and hopefully will come up with a plan, but until then they've got to get the building heated. Chief Pierce said Keep it in the 70s gave the township the same price quote as last year and is providing a 12-ton unit instead of the 10-ton unit at the same price;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Jay Bardell to the planning commission

to fill the vacancy left by Matt Oddy when Oddy moved over to be board liaison to the commission. Bardell's term will expire June 22, 2015. Trustee Oddy will be board liaison through Nov. 20, 2016;

- Set a public hearing for 6 p.m., Jan. 27, to discuss the budget for use of 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds. Joan Hennessey said the township also has funds in the CDBG 2013 budget for a generator for the senior center so the center can be used as a heating or cooling center when the electricity goes out. Clerk Clarence Hoffman asked about CDBG funds for a LED sign, like in Belleville, at the senior center to be used for township notices. Hennessey said that would only be

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Starbucks

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Development Jack Knowles identified the restaurant proposed for the south side of the building as Qdoba Mexican Grill. He said Qdoba often goes with Starbucks.

Steve Alexander of Jupiter Development Company and Tom Dumond of Voss Engineers took turns out in the hall with a cell phone while the commission considered the proposal. They obviously were talking to Starbucks.

"I may lose one of my tenants ... because of what's going on," Alexander said to the commission.

"I understand your problem," said Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson. "The traffic there is difficult. I would hate to see you lose your tenant. Also, several hundred BHS staff members have told me they want another coffee shop."

She explained many school employees drive Belleville Road on their way to work in the morning and another coffee shop was requested.

"I appreciate that," Alexander said. "These two clients are linked in a rather absurd way and I may lose the second one and have to find others."

He said he expected the township to be kind enough to work with them after they find new tenants.

"I know this causes difficulties," Thompson said and Alexander said, "We have some scrambling to do."

As Alexander and Dumond were leaving, the *Independent* asked if they could confirm that the coffee shop leaving was Starbucks, since its name had never been mentioned during the proceedings.

"I can't tell you what you're losing," Alexander said.

That it was Starbucks was confirmed after the meeting.

A public hearing was held a second time on the project that night since the previous hearing notice did not go out to neighbors in the time span required. No member of the public spoke at the hearing.

While the developers were aware commissioners were unlikely to grant a second access to the site because of the heavy traffic on Belleville Road, Alexander gave his pitch for the second drive anyway.

He said, "It simply is to relieve a little bit of traffic for us... between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Relief for the people going north... We don't think it would impose a hazard."

That Starbucks drive was to be labeled right turn only, with drivers having to turn north.

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates planning consultants pointed out the problem with another access drive to Belleville Road just north of the busy, and dangerous, North I-94 Service Drive and Belleville Road intersection, as well as the nearby freeway ramps.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim engineers said this is the sixth-most-dangerous span of roadway in Wayne County. He said they have been working to reduce the number

of curb cuts on Belleville Road and Auto Zone, the most recent project, has no direct access.

He said in recent years the township has been diligent in its efforts to manage access to Belleville Road and frontage roads have been implemented through the Walmart site serving Tim Horton's, Applebee's, Taco Bell and the 5/3 Bank, none of which have direct access to Belleville Road.

Nummer said with the seventh traffic light recently being installed on Belleville Road, "I'm anticipating we'll no longer be the sixth-most dangerous."

He said there had been multiple left-turn problems at Meijer's south drive resulting in head-on crashes. "I'd hate to see us replicate this problem to the south."

Nummer said as far as telling drivers to turn right only, that doesn't work. He said his experience is that they turn left anyway.

Thompson asked where the next drive to the north would be, compared to the coffee shop's proposed drive, and Nummer said it was 20 feet.

The cross-accesses in the back to CVS and the shopping mall next door were expected to be used, as well.

Michigan Ave./Denton

On Jan. 14 a public hearing was held on the requested rezoning of about 1.99 acres of property at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road from C (local business) to C-1 (general business). No members of the audience spoke on the rezoning.

The rezoning will be considered at an upcoming commission meeting and then the commission's recommendation taken to the township board for final action.

The corner property is made up of five parcels and is designated 49230 Michigan Avenue and 5826 Denton Road and located just south of the Canton Township line.

They wish to build a fueling station, convenience store, drive-through restaurant on the site. Denton Partners, LLC, purchased the old Willow Creek Market and it will be demolished.

The Denton Partners' engineer said it will be a major improvement to the intersection.

Victoria Park Architecture

The commission approved architecture for revised home plans and façade elevations for residential dwellings within the Victoria Park site condominium development at the northeast corner of Morton Taylor and Ecorse roads.

Victoria Park is subject to a consent judgment (February 2014) between the

township and the new land owner. Among the conditions is planning commission approval of any proposed architectural plans that differ from the original PRD to make sure the homes look different than their neighbors. The commission sent

the designs back to the drawing board in November and asked Allen Edwin Homes to come back with eight different elevations with obvious differences.

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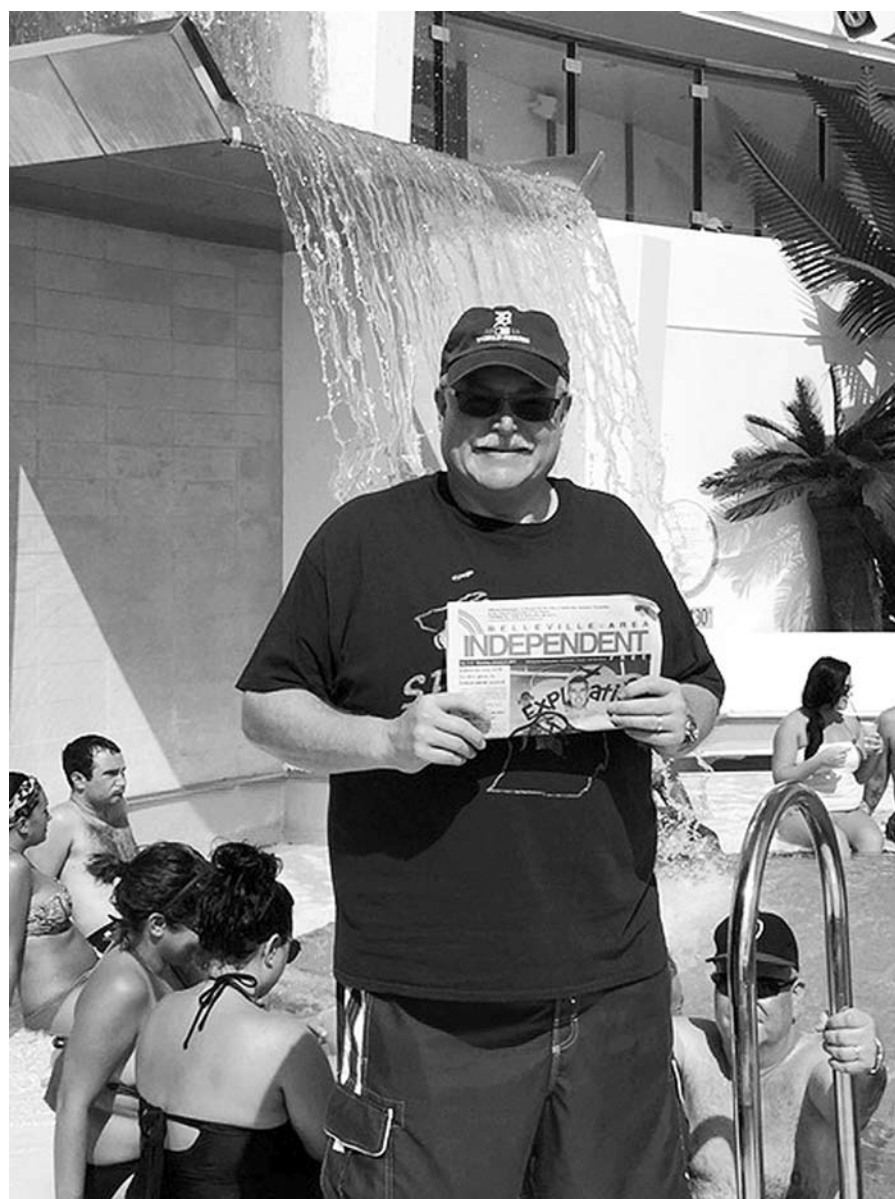
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Starbucks

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Jeff Gibbs presented the proposal for Allen Edwin Homes.

The planning department will review plans for each house as permits are being requested to make sure they are different from their neighbors.

Outdoor Dining

Hodges of McKenna Associates said it has come to the planners' attention that none of the township's commercial districts expressly permit outdoor dining. In fact, she said, the C district specifically states that all activities must be conducted within a building.

She prepared an ordinance subsection setting rules for outdoor dining. After

discussion, Hodges said she would take it back for revisions and bring it back to an upcoming meeting.

McKenna appointment

The commission added to its agenda and then passed its recommendation to the township board to re-appoint Commissioner Robert McKenna as the commission's representative to the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals.

McKenna sat in the audience the night before this meeting as the BZA considered variances for Menards home improvement project.

Sumpter Twp.

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possible if the notices were just for seniors, not township-wide. Hennessey said the maps of the township's low and moderate income area have been redone and she will bring copies to the public hearing. While discussing housing rehab, she said they should get a fact sheet out to residents on the procedure;

- Approved accepting the 2013-14 Wayne County Parks grant for \$20,000 as approved by Wayne County on Nov. 20, 2014;

- Approved going out for sealed bids to remove the old roof and replace it with a new steel roof on the fairgrounds pavilion to be paid for with Wayne County recreation grant funds. The pavilion was built in the 1960s and the roof leaks;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments to the Board of Review for 2015: John W. Morgan, Jennifer Massel, Karen Woodington and Brenda Bukis;

- Approved the annual Animal Sheltering Agreement between the township and the Michigan Humane Society. Handling fees are \$50 per domestic animal; \$70 per wildlife animal; \$40 per sick or injured wildlife; \$30 per two or more animals from a litter of baby animals (such as rabbits, ducks, birds, etc.); and a specimen preparation and handling fee of \$250 for each animal to be tested for rabies, plus possible additional fees. No fee is charged

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- Approved, with a roll-call vote, paying warrants of \$542,942.98;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan report that a representative from the library came out the previous Friday to talk to him about what Sumpter wants as a library in the township, wanting to know what the board wants and surveying the residents. He said, also, the supervisor of Van Buren Township asked Sumpter to support the Belleville Area Museum and that issue will be discussed at the next Sumpter meeting; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban ask if they shouldn't ask for more insulation to keep the community center warm and Captain Eric Luke said the police department windows are Plexiglas and, "No matter how much insulation you put on, the heat leaks out the windows".

Sumpter supervisor to discourage 'receiving and filing' reports

Mary Sherwood told the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its Jan. 13 meeting that she comes to the meetings to hear what the board is doing.

But, she said, the board has been "receiving and filing" all its reports, so she can't know what they are doing.

"Do you think the public is not interested?" she asked. "Is it to save time?"

Supervisor John Morgan said he is chairing the meetings, "So, it's my thing."

He said he feels most of the people at the meeting want to get out and go to a game or something else, but maybe he's wrong.

Sherwood said the board seldom gives a report any more.

"I'll discourage that from now on," Supervisor Morgan said.

This discussion was at the end of the meeting. At that meeting the following reports were not given, but just received and filed: Water & Sewer, Police, Building/Ordinance, Fire, and Treasurer.

The Attorney did give a report on the property being given to the township and a vote was taken, even though his report was one of those voted to be received and filed.



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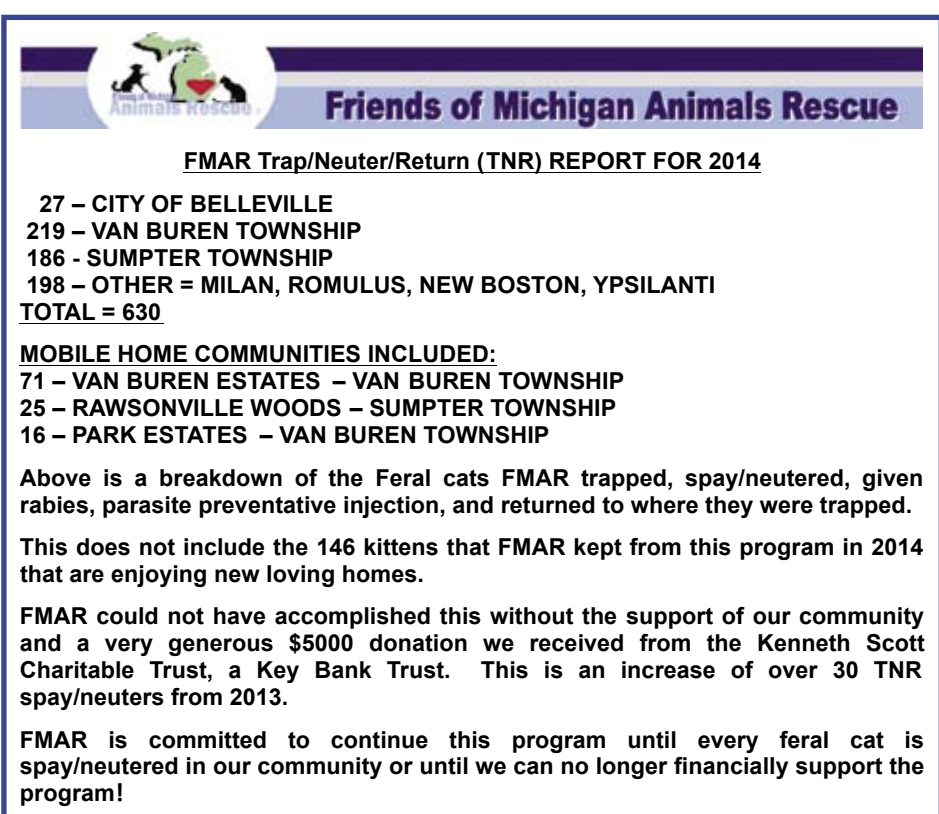
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198 - OTHER = MILAN, ROMULUS, NEW BOSTON, YPSILANTI
TOTAL = 630

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16 - PARK ESTATES - VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

Above is a breakdown of the Feral cats FMAR trapped, spay/neutered, given rabies, parasite preventative injection, and returned to where they were trapped.

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Court Watching:**Co-defendants face multiple charges of embezzlement, forgery**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Two co-defendants charged with multiple counts of embezzlement and forgery at 34th District Court had their preliminary exams adjourned to an unspecified date.

The two women were scheduled to appear before Judge David Parrott on Jan. 14.

Lashantinette Daquette Obioha, 34, had posted her \$100,000 or 10% bond and retained attorney Peter Samouris.

Obioha was charged with three counts of embezzlement, two of which were more than \$100,000; five counts of forgery; two counts of false pretenses; identity theft; and using a computer to commit a crime (maximum imprisonment of 20 years or more).

Her co-defendant Marsha Sharlene Rutherford, 37, also posted her \$100,000 or 10% bond. Rutherford retained attorney Darryl Mitchell.

Rutherford is charged with two counts of embezzlement for \$100,000 or more, two counts of false pretenses for \$100,000 or more, identity theft, and using a computer to commit a crime (maximum imprisonment of 20 years or more).

Court officials said they were unsure of the date to be set for the preliminary exam since there were so many attorneys involved that they had to come up with a date when all were available.

According to court records, the crimes are alleged to have occurred on May 1, 2009. The recommendation for the warrant was signed Nov. 20, 2014.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Ken Floro is the police officer in charge of the case.

On Tuesday, Lt. Floro said this incident was reported to VBT police in May of 2014 and involved a significant amount of investigation into a somewhat extensive fraud case at a local business.

"We will move as quickly with the judicial process as possible," he said.

He said the incident involves Archer Corporate Services and a series of fraudulent activity that occurred there over a multi-year period involving an employee and another individual.

Joseph Michael Boeck

Joseph Michael Boeck, 21, was charged with larceny from a motor vehicle and breaking

and entering a motor vehicle with damage to the vehicle, which allegedly occurred Sept. 3 in the city of Belleville.

He was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on a bond of \$5,000 or 10%.

With the help of court-appointed attorney David Lankford, Boeck waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Jan. 21.

Lankford said, his bond is low but his client may have a hold out of 35th District Court for unpaid restitution. Boeck was referred to pretrial services for a recommendation.

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham.

Matthew Paul Rife

Matthew Paul Rife, 31, waived his preliminary exam on Jan. 14 and was bound over to circuit court by Judge Parrott for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m. Jan. 28.

Rife was charged with two counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on Jan. 1. He posted his \$30,000/10% bond and was represented by a court-appointed attorney.

Officer in charge of the case was Sumpter Officer Beth Egerer.

Dylon Marcus Braun

Dylon Marcus Braun was charged with unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle, interfering with a crime report, domestic violence, and failure to stop after a collision on April 25, 2014 in Van Buren Township.

He posted his \$10,000/10% bond and hired attorney Michael Vincent.

Attorney Olga Wermalenka appeared on behalf of Vincent and asked for an adjournment. Judge Parrott said Vincent had arranged for a stipulated order of adjournment to Feb. 4.

Wermalenka also requested adjournments for two other clients until Feb. 4 because her law firm was waiting for in-car videos from police departments.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is in charge of the case.

Jeffrey Michael Miller

Jeffrey Michael Miller, 42, waived his preliminary exam on Jan. 14 and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Jan. 28.

Miller was charged with a dangerous weapon offense and possession of controlled substance

/marijuana with the crime allegedly committed on Dec. 27 in Van Buren Township. He posted his \$1,000/10% bond and was represented by court appointed attorney David Lankford.

Detective McCarthy is in charge of the case.



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case. Authorities arrested Iguala Mayor Jose Luis Abarca and his wife, Maria de los Angeles Pineda, who were hiding

in Mexico City. The college, which the students attended, dates back more than 80 years and is known as a bastion of Mexican student activists. The former Police Chief of Iguala, Felipe Flores Velasquez, remains a fugitive.

This past week, the federal government of Mexico was granted legislative power to

seize any local government authority that is accused of corruption and to take over the administrative function of that body. This is another preventative step that was introduced to curtail the influx of criminally sponsored activities in rural areas of the country. The drug cartels continue to menace Mexican society through extreme

measures of cruelty endangering the people and poisoning the whole system of democracy.

To say that this couldn't happen in America is ridiculous. Just look at our major metropolitan areas across the United States and understand that similar criminal activity has been present for decades here. Just recently Detroit was rendered completely bankrupt because of the many years of corrupt and inept politics. In Michigan alone there have been numerous prosecutions of elected political authorities who currently reside in penitentiaries across the nation, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick the most recent.

Innumerable homicides are commonplace across the country, especially in our urban centers on any given day and in any week of the year. From Chicago to Detroit, New York to Miami, Atlanta to St. Louis, Laredo to Los Angeles and everywhere in between, people are being slaughtered.

Is it any wonder that innocent people, from all sectors of society, living in north Central and South America are trying to escape the insanity? How is it that we, as a nation, feel that we should be telling anyone else how to live with their neighbors when we can't even take care of our own?

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you "chaos and anarchy." Brought to you by the Congress of the United States that refuses to address the issues of immigration reform and border security. Do we want to wait for similar drug cartel infiltration into America or are we willing to demand that Congress concentrate on a common sense approach and policies of "America first!"

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Publish: January 22nd, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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On Wednesday, January 28, 2015, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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1993	DODGE	2D	1B3XW24K8PN582321	14-23830
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Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
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Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Safety Deputy Director-Fire Besson, Human Resource Generalist Undy, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan and an audience of twenty three (23).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Combs requested to amend the agenda by moving Correspondence ahead of the Public Hearing and adding the following item to the Consent Agenda: the reappointment of Amos Grissett to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiration of October 1, 2017. Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes December 15, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2014; Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2014; Voucher List of January 13, 2015; Prepaid Lists of December 19, 2014, December 23, 2014 and January 8, 2015; Adoption of Resolution 2015-03 the 2015 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines; Approval of Resolution 2015-04 the South Huron Valley Utility Authority Consolidated Service Agreement and the reappointment of Amos Grissett to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiration of October 1, 2017]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from Pastor Paul Bostwick of the Maranatha Baptist Church thanking the September Days Senior Center for their services to the community and praising the cultural exchange program for young people from Germany. Human Resource Generalist in conjunction with Supervisor Combs presented the following employee service awards: 25 Years- Michael Moening-Police Sergeant, Linda Stevenson-Assessment Coordinator; 20 Years- Joseph Strickland-Water Worker III, Jeffery Gueli-Police Sergeant, Mark Buxton-Police Officer, Daniel Besson-Public Safety Deputy Director-Fire, Bart DeVos-Police Sergeant; 15 Years-Bradley Hines-Water Worker III, Ryan Drotar-DPW III, Michael Burgor-DPW III, Tina Grishaber-Account Clerk, David Schuler-Fire Fighter/Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Richard Hamill-Fire Fighter; 10 Years- Charles Dewitt-Fire Fighter, Joanne Montgomery-Deputy Clerk, Robert Queener-Ordinance Enforcement/Animal Control Officer; 5 Years- Patrick Laskaska-Fire Fighter, Matthew Raschke-Police Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m. to receive comment on the reprogramming (transfer) of 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Housing Rehabilitation Funds in the amount of \$26,663.00 to public Facilities and Improvements-Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens. No public comment was received. Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to open the Public Hearing to receive comment on the proposed use of Program Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) in the

annual CDBG application in the amount of \$124,895. Developmental Services Consultant Patrick Sloan outlined the Objectives of the CDBG program as (A) To provide benefits directly to persons of low-to-moderate income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low to moderate income (B) To reduce negative environment impacts (C) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs (D) To improve the quality of life for low to moderate income person and (E) To create affordable housing for low income households. The Estimated Allocations are: (1) \$89,921 Public Facilities and Improvements (2) \$8,992 Youth Services, (3) \$8,992 Senior Services, (4) \$5,995 Planning (5) \$5,000 Program Income. No public comment was received. Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-01 the reprogramming (transfer) of 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Housing Rehabilitation Funds in the amount of \$26,663.00 to Public Facilities and Improvements- Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and wished a Happy 178th Birthday to the State of Michigan.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident from the Walden Woods Subdivision and Treasurer of the Walden Woods Subdivision Home Owners Association commented on the lack of a paved portion of Morton Taylor Road and lack of street lighting that was required by the developer in accordance with the approved subdivision site plans. Residents were concerned that because the subdivision was near completion (only 6 remaining homes/lots to be sold) that the developer would walk away leaving items, most specifically the road paving, incomplete. Supervisor Combs advised the resident that she has had several conversations with the Developmental Services Department Director and it is the intention of the Township to not issue any certificate of occupancy until all terms of the approved site plans are met and that she will be sending a Township employee out to the review the property for completion of projects. She thanked the residents for bringing this matter to her attention and bringing it forth to the Board of Trustees.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
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City of Belleville Public Notice



Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 for the purpose of:

**CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF THE
REQUIRED SIDE YARD SET BACK FOR ZONING DISTRICT
SECTION 3.1.2 ON SECTION 4.36.2 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.**

Location: 193 Potter Dr. TAX ID #31-087-01-0324-000

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Comments may be given in person at the hearing, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. If you have any comments please call Belleville City Hall at 734 697-9323 ext. 7026.

Lisa Long, City Clerk

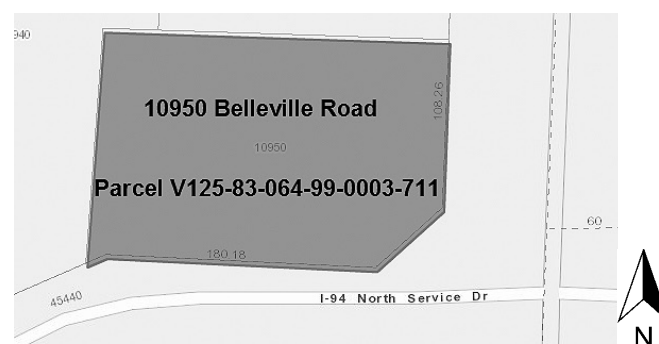
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday February 11, 2015** at 7:30 PM to consider special use approval on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-064-99-0003-711 approximately 0.80 acres located at the northwest corner of Belleville Road and North I-94 Service Drive; property address of 10950 Belleville Road.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A drive-through restaurant is a Special Land Use in the C-2 District, and a proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 12.03 (Permitted Uses with Special Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 PM the date of the hearing.

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

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE, HORIZON PARK IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed bids will be received by the **City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority** (OWNER) at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI, 48111. The bids will be accepted until 4:00 PM on the 18th day of February, 2015. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at the 6:00 PM DDA Meeting. The bids are for the construction of the **Horizon Park Improvements**, which includes of the following approximate quantities and materials:

DIVISION I

DOCK IMPROVEMENTS (FURNISH AND INSTALL)

1	Lump Sum	Timber Platforms
1	Lump Sum	Timber Stairway
1	Lump Sum	Timber Canoe/Kayak Slide
1	Lump Sum	Timber Railing
1	Lump Sum	Relocate Existing Electrical Service
1	Lump Sum	Remove and Relocate Existing Pile & Rope Fence
1	Lump Sum	Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

PARKING LOT PAVING AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK (FURNISH AND INSTALL)

935	Sq. Yd.	Cold Milling
115	Tons	HMA, MDOT 13A Mix Wearing
1	Lump Sum	Pavement Markings
2	Each	Sign with Post
100	Sq. Ft.	Sidewalk, Conc, 4 inch
300	Sq. Ft.	Picnic Table Pad, Conc, 4 inch

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (FURNISH AND INSTALL)

1	Lump Sum	Shoreline/Stairway Grading and Seeding (Includes removal of existing vegetation and site preparation)
1	Lump Sum	Kiosk Improvements
2	Each	Decorative Benches
2	Each	Decorative Trash Receptacles
1	Lump Sum	Clean Up and Site Restoration

DIVISION II

CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH (FURNISH AND INSTALL)

150	Lin. Ft.	EZ Dock, Part No. 206010 (or Equal) (includes all required posts and hardware)
2	Each	EZ Dock, Gang Way, 60" x 30' (or Equal) (includes all required posts and hardware)
1	Each	EZ Launch, Package No. 500963 R (includes all required posts and hardware)

ALTERNATIVE BID ITEMS

150	Lin. Ft.	EZ Dock, Part No. 208010 (or Equal) (includes all required posts and hardware)
2	Each	EZ Dock, Gang Way, 72" x 30' (or Equal) (includes all required posts and hardware)

The sealed bid proposal shall be accompanied by certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid. Certified checks shall be drawn payable to the **City of Belleville DDA – Horizon Park Improvements**, as security for the acceptance of the Contract and subject to the conditions stated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, to reject any or all bids, or accept any bid which is considered most favorable to the Owner.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at 2:00 pm on the 4th day of February, 2015, at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI, 48111. **It is a requirement that any prospective bidder attend this meeting.** Representatives of Owner and Professional will be present to discuss the project. Attendance will be required for sealed bid to be accepted. The Professional will transmit to all prospective bidders of record an Addendum as Professional considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

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Plans, proposal forms and specifications may be obtained by qualified Bidders at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI, 48111 on January 26th, 2015. **The project is to be substantially complete by July 31, 2015 for Division I and August 15, 2015 for Division II, and ready for final payment by October 15, 2015 for Division I and September 1, 2015 for Division II.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT

City of Belleville
Harbour Pointe Sub-Division Streets
Parking on One Side of Street Only



On September 15, 2014, City Council approved "Traffic Order 14-3", a Resolution to designate parking on one side only of each street in Harbour Pointe Sub-division. This traffic pattern allows for better access of emergency vehicles without the possible hindrance or interference of vehicles being parked on both sides of the street. This action was predicated on concerns of the homeowners in the area as well as Public Safety Officials.

Signage was installed. The City placed a 90 day moratorium on enforcement of the traffic order.

The 90 day moratorium will expire on February 1, 2015.

This publication will serve notice that commencing on February 1, 2015 vehicles parked in "No Parking Zones" will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Lisa Long, City Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.
Sunday, Jan. 11:
0053 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.
0241 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave.
0257 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0425 – fight, Belleville
1029 – intimidation threat, Maple Dr.
1113 – missing person, Oak Ln.
1216 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1429 – unattended death, Lake Pointe Pass
1452 – overdose, Greenwood Dr.
2219 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft Rd.
Monday, Jan. 12:
0030 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
0311 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sheldon
0543 – assault & battery, W. Archwood
0816 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
0819 – agency assist, Lake Point Blvd.
0839 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0920 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0942 – assist fire dept., Van Buren Urgent Care
0951 – property damage accident, Ecorse
1449 – suspicious person, Dartmoor Cir.
1453 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1636 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1811 – property damage accident, Haggerty / WCCC
1903 – intimidation threat, W. Archwood Dr.
2019 – disturbance, Wheeler St.
2043 – suspicious situation, Tyler/Morton Taylor
2154 – disorderly conduct, Jackson St.
2231 – intimidation threat, Meadows Cir.
Tuesday, Jan. 13:
1003 – private property accident, Tyler Rd.
1006 – abandoned auto, Country Walk Blvd.
1359 – traffic control, Rawsonville/Snow
1541 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1630 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1643 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2107 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, Jan. 14:
0346 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
0444 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
0721 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd./ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1310 – property damage accident, Belleville / Meijer
1316 – private property accident, Van Born
1348 – intimidation threat, Super 8
1614 – fraud, Bayshore Dr.
1809 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2318 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
Thursday, Jan. 15:
0005 – suspicious vehicle, Southport
0026 – suspicious situation, Lighthouse Dr.
0240 – suspicious situation, S. Bellridge Dr.
0520 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1144 – abandoned auto, Dover Ct.
1255 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1358 – lake complaint, DNR/Belleville Lake
1751 – disorderly conduct, Jackson St.
1809 – disturbance, Maple Dr.
1910 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2044 – disturbance, Buchanan/McBride
2351 – suspicious person, Savage Elementary
Friday, Jan. 16:
0005 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0111 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ironwood Dr.
0502 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0703 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
1136 – suspicious situation, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1302 – fraud, Elwell Rd.
1341 – mental, Holly Ln.
1523 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1530 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1717 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
1729 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.

1830 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
2318 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
Saturday, Jan. 17:
0005 – agency assist, Bemis
0005 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.
0021 – agency assist, Park Estates
0028 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
0055 – family trouble, Quirk Rd.
0121 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0305 – disturbance, Brookside Dr.
1158 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1319 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1502 – assault & battery, Belleville/Van Born
1556 – assault & battery, Village Green
1628 – private property accident, CVS parking lot
1712 – private property accident, Denton Rd.
1852 – assist fire dept., Lenmoore Ave.
1852 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
2051 – suspicious situation, Reedgrass Ln.
Also on this week’s log are 136 traffic stops, 18 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 11:
0046 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0744 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
0831 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1350 – vehicle lockout, Marathon
1639 – animal complaint, Light Tower Ct.
1656 – shots fired, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter
1845 – civil matter, Main St.
2341 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
Monday, Jan. 12:
0123 – agency assist, Bemis
0653 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
1407 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1408 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1408 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1439 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1516 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1613 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County
1731 – background investigation, Main St.
2002 – suspicious situation, S. Edgemont Ave.
2157 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, Jan. 13:
0107 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0813 – intrusion alarm, Owen
0831 – private property accident, W. Columbia Ave.
0927 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1900 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1935 – civil matter, Main St.
2223 – narcotics crime, Main St.
Wednesday, Jan. 14:
0705 – suspicious situation, Savage/tracks
1104 – hospice, Belle Villa Blvd.
1553 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1820 – suspicious situation, Main St.
2047 – harassment call, Dos Rios St.
2254 – information, Main St.
Thursday, Jan. 15:
0429 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
0646 – domestic assault, S. Liberty St.
0716 – assist fire dept., Astor Pl.
1008 – suspicious situation, Biggs Ave.
1323 – motorist assist, 5 Points
1337 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1345 – overdose, Robbe St.
1407 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter Rd.
1437 – fraud, Main St.
1737 – shots fired, Estrada
2054 – suspicious vehicle, Biggs Ave.
Friday, Jan. 16:
0537 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1128 – civil matter, Henry St.
1227 – civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave.
1244 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1431 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1447 – property damage accident, Main St.
1838 – agency assist, E. Huron River

1933 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
2314 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
Saturday, Jan. 17:
0000 – intrusion alarm, Bemis
0118 – suspicious person, Johnny
0930 – larceny, Van Buren Transportation
1229 – disorderly conduct, Fred C. Fischer Library
1322 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1422 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1507 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 62 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 11:
0446 – property damage accident, Willow / Haggerty
0802 – alarm, 24000 bl. Alarm
0919 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1259 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1702 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
1956 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2030 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Martinsville
2107 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2339 – traffic hazard, 2500 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Monday, Jan. 12:
0115 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0220 – property damage accident, 39000 bl. Judd
0416 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0519 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0805 – animal complaint, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
1143 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1148 – animal complaint, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
1314 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1403 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1636 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1653 – disorderly person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1731 – suspicious incident, First St.
2012 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 13:
0115 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0414 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
0539 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0920 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1011 – animal complaint, Third St.
1357 – warrant arrest, Second St.
Wednesday, Jan. 14:
0158 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0918 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0937 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0951 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1402 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Kozma
1555 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1646 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1708 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2104 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Clark
2306 – property damage accident, Elwell/Judd
Thursday, Jan. 15:
0259 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0521 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0644 – citizen assist, Willow/Karr
0805 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0848 – property damage accident, Judd/Elwell
1031 – personal injury accident, 48000 bl. Judd
1043 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1115 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1345 – child abuse/neglect complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1421 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1439 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Carleton West
1733 – civil dispute, Walnut
1756 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1925 – warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
Friday, Jan. 16:
0036 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0229 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1207 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1338 – animal complaint, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
1622 – fire dept. assist, Hawaii
1700 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1714 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1724 – subpoena service, out of township
1917 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
2216 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2234 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Willis

2329 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
Saturday, Jan. 17:
0857 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0950 – found property, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0953 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1026 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1038 – recovered stolen property, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1200 – assault, Oregon
1306 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1502 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1707 – mental health commitment, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1743 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2001 – malicious destruction of property, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2257 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 12 follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 157 patrol checks, and 81 traffic stops.

Ypsilanti Chapter of DAR honors high school Good Citizens

On Jan. 11, students chosen by seven local high schools were recognized as Good Citizens by the Ypsilanti Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Each school’s chosen DAR Good Citizen exhibited the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to an outstanding degree. At the ceremony, Chelsea Edwards from Belleville High School, Lydia Carrier from Calvary Christian Academy, Cali Curlee from Lincoln High School, Shannon Egbert from Ypsilanti AC Tech High School, and Talizejah Harris from Ypsilanti STEM Academy, were presented with DAR Good Citizen pins, certificates signed by both the state and national DAR Good Citizens chairpersons, wallet recognition cards, small American flags, and flowers. Ypsilanti Chapter DAR members and husbands, the students’ parents and family members as well as representatives from the respective schools attended in support of these good citizens. Sandra Diaz from Ypsilanti New Tech High School and Rebecca Thomas from Washtenaw Technical Middle College were also honored, though not able to attend. All seven students participated in the scholarship portion of the Good Citizen Program. Cali Curlee from Lincoln High School was named as the 2014-15 Ypsilanti Chapter Good Citizen Scholarship winner. She was presented with a check for \$200 from the Ypsilanti Chapter DAR, to be used in support of her education. Curlee read her winning essay to the assembly and paperwork was forwarded to the state level for further judging. The keynote speaker for the program was Lieutenant Colonel Robert “Chuck” E. Baker, Professor of Military Science at Eastern Michigan University.

Submitted by Sarah VanderMeulen
Good Citizens Program Chair
Ypsilanti Chapter Daughters of the

“Out of clutter, find simplicity.”
– Albert Einstein

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The **Belleville High School Lacrosse Program** is holding drop-in registration on

Orphan of the Week

Friends of Michigan
Animals Rescue

"ROMEO"



Lover boy **Romeo** will steal your heart before you even realize this adorable thief has struck. He's a 1 ½ year old Doberman Pinscher mix that quickly showed us he was a lover not a fighter by greeting his neighbor pup through the kennels with a kiss rather than growl. His playful, affectionate and energetic personality is irresistibly fun and you'll find yourself head over heels in love with him without a second thought. **Romeo** loves being with people and can't wait to take a walk, chase after or play an energetic game of fetch with you. His happy attack pounce on tennis balls will have you laughing out loud for sure. **Romeo's** doggie manners are pretty good but he's still very much a puppy and will need firm and consistent training in his new home to become his best self. If his lovable, fun personality doesn't completely win you over his looks will do the trick. His brown and white coat is short and easy to care for and his chocolate brown eyes and small ears with tufts of wispy hair are downright adorable. Wonder no more where your **Romeo** might be because he's right here waiting for you. **Romeo** is neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** at **734-461-9458** or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 85 at Belleville High School. For more info, contact bellevillelacrosseboosters@gmail.com.

A **Potato Pancake Supper** fundraiser is coming up on Friday, Jan. 30, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at **St. John Lutheran Church** in nearby Waltz. Dinners are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and free for kids five and under. The event is sponsored by the **St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML**. The church is located at 28320 Waltz Road.

Tiffany Q Bra Boutique at **510 Main Street** in Downtown Belleville offers custom fitting by appointments and walk-ins. They're open Tuesday-Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call **(734) 547-0477**.

The **Yankee Air Museum** at Willow Run Airport will be holding its **Historic Preservation Night** on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the museum. The guest speaker will be **Melissa Milton-Pung** of the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development, who'll be presenting a program on the new online story map she developed, titled **Willow Run: Arsenal of Democracy**, a story

of the development and operation of the Bomber Plant. The 45-minute presentation is free. Call **(734) 483-4030**.

Open Arms Day Care at **Open Arms Church** on Belleville Road next to the Van Buren Fire Station is currently enrolling children in day care for 3-5 year olds. The degreed teaching staff offers many other programs, too, including infants and before- and after-school programs. Call **(734) 699 5000**.

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• **Saturday, Jan. 24** – It's the annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and you're invited. Come at 1 p.m. for a light lunch and some socializing. The actual meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

• **Saturday, Jan. 24** – The Belleville Moose invites you to its Saturday Band series. Tonight it's Iron Duke from 8 p.m. until midnight. The lodge is at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township.

• **Friday, Jan. 30** – Potato Pancake Supper, 4:30-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church, on the west side of the church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz.

• **Saturday, Jan. 31** – St. Anthony Men's Club Holiday Dance, Mardi Gras, in the Father Folta building behind the church. Tickets, \$30 per person. Call Garden Fantasy for information, (734) 699-7370.

Upcoming Meetings

• **Tuesday, Jan. 27** – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 28** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Feb. 2** – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 3** – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Feb. 5** – Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals, 5:30 p.m., consider variance for setback at 193 Potter Dr.



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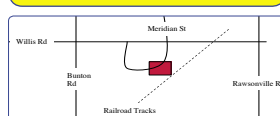


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