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This photo of two young eagles and one of the adults was taken Feb. 11 by Minette Brownlee on Ryznar Drive along the shore of Belleville Lake between the two bridges.

Planners chastise Davenports for changing approved plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

“Steve and Harlan, you’ve been appropriately slapped on the wrists,” said Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer to the Davenport brothers at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission.

Davenport Brothers had been roundly chastised by the planning commission for laying foundations for a building different from the plans approved by the planners last July for their strip mall on East Columbia Ave.

“For the future, we have to all be on the same page,” Kollmeyer said.

But even after being chastised for what they were doing, Steve Davenport said it sure would be nice to move forward with

the second building they have added to their plans.

He said a lot of things have to be ordered for the veterinary clinic they want to build, such as steel, and it would be good to get started.

The planning commission said since Davenport had already laid the foundation for the new, unapproved footprint, and there was no plan to make them dig it up, they could continue to lay blocks on the main building.

But, they tabled the amended site plan and wanted nothing else done until after the March 13 regular planning commission meeting when the revised site plan will be reviewed.

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Sumpter Township 2013 Employee Wages and Costs to Township

Employee	Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Elected Officials			
Vawters, Johnny	\$25,815.30	\$2,330.10	\$28,145.40
Hoffman, Clarence Jr.	\$23,815.38	\$700.65	\$24,516.03
Morgan, John	\$22,358.15	\$460.65	\$22,818.80
Hamm, William	\$18,525.49	\$318.97	\$18,844.46
Morgan, Peggy	\$17,172.16	\$339.02	\$17,511.18
Swinson, David	\$17,145.39	\$338.64	\$17,484.03
Bates, Alan	\$9,972.53	\$234.60	\$10,207.13
Bookkeeper			
Glahn, James	\$73,071.28	\$34,149.87	\$107,221.15
Supervisor's Office			
Komora, Denise	\$22,582.18	\$11,686.54	\$34,268.72
Moody, Craig	\$22,456.16	\$11,277.94	\$33,734.10
Woodington, Karen	\$22,708.93	\$2,396.71	\$25,105.64
Account Clerk			
Bardell, Roxanne	\$48,996.06	\$28,873.92	\$77,869.98
Treasurer Dept.			
Armatis, Karen	\$54,206.91	\$26,855.17	\$81,062.08
Clerk			
Beaudrie, Maria	\$50,907.24	\$24,142.51	\$75,049.75
Hurst, Esther	\$57,921.94	\$12,000.25	\$69,922.19
Senior			
Watson, Mary Ann	\$52,061.66	\$25,947.64	\$78,009.30
Building Dept			
Roman, Michele	\$38,457.75	\$13,178.99	\$51,636.74
Tackett, Jonathan	\$27,097.39	\$1,680.02	\$28,777.41
Kemp, Jeffrey	\$1,288.65	\$79.90	\$1,368.55
Water Dept.			
Krushlin, John	\$84,295.97	\$11,185.71	\$95,481.68
Campbell, Leroy	\$70,335.38	\$17,577.08	\$87,912.46
Petrowski, Michael	\$59,948.72	\$27,373.50	\$87,322.22
Buchanan, Sybil	\$49,282.95	\$14,579.53	\$63,862.48
Lynch, Randy	\$55,284.31	\$7,484.66	\$62,768.97
Kunka, Kenneth	\$39,914.17	\$9,434.28	\$49,348.45
Drews, Marvin	\$32,534.19	\$4,855.74	\$37,389.93
Board of Review			
Massel, Jennifer	\$237.51	\$14.73	\$252.24
Todd, Sandra	\$24.75	\$1.54	\$26.29

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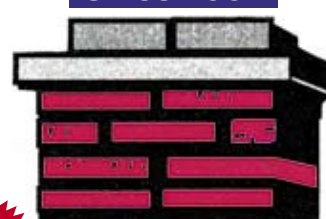
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2013 Sumpter Township Wages

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Employee	Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Police Dept.			
Luke, Eric	\$83,829.11	\$34,950.97	\$118,780.08
Gannon, Patrick	\$81,809.73	\$34,658.85	\$116,468.58
McGlynn, Christopher	\$78,843.38	\$34,140.27	\$112,983.65
Cox, Jerry Jr.	\$73,951.41	\$31,956.44	\$105,907.85
Buccellato, Danielle	\$69,777.49	\$32,292.88	\$102,070.37
Toth, John	\$69,113.06	\$32,305.62	\$101,418.68
Cayce, James	\$75,301.34	\$22,127.59	\$97,428.93
Egerer, Elizabeth	\$63,871.24	\$31,276.56	\$95,147.80
Carefelle, Colleen	\$57,273.86	\$36,213.46	\$93,487.32
Ashby, John	\$75,307.90	\$15,043.69	\$90,351.59
Baker-Paulk, Malissa	\$49,674.20	\$28,731.37	\$78,405.57
Pierce, James	\$63,166.85	\$13,313.49	\$76,480.34
Steffani, Brian	\$63,606.79	\$11,643.93	\$75,250.72
Leonard, Jewell	\$51,605.80	\$23,096.55	\$74,702.35
Kozak, Chaim	\$52,703.44	\$8,917.01	\$61,620.45
Jablonski, Philip	\$20,796.25	\$3,541.61	\$24,337.86
Balowski, Joseph	\$22,439.84	\$1,391.28	\$23,831.12
McKeon, David	\$16,533.56	\$1,025.12	\$17,558.68
Cutcher, Scott	\$15,286.59	\$947.77	\$16,234.36
Salajan, George	\$1,382.16	\$85.69	\$1,467.85
Parise, Ryan	\$1,320.14	\$81.85	\$1,401.99
Fire Fighters			
Januszyk, Joseph	\$22,501.44	\$326.27	\$22,827.71
Wisniewski, Michael	\$12,390.75	\$179.67	\$12,570.42
Lynch, Collin	\$11,413.88	\$165.50	\$11,579.38
Simmons, Kyle	\$9,134.75	\$132.47	\$9,267.22
Armstrong, Timothy	\$7,124.75	\$103.32	\$7,228.07
Simmons, William	\$6,904.75	\$100.11	\$7,004.86
Stumpf, James	\$6,527.50	\$94.65	\$6,622.15
Laporte, Donald	\$5,095.50	\$73.89	\$5,169.39
Brown, Richard	\$5,010.00	\$72.65	\$5,082.65
McHenry, Michael	\$4,743.00	\$68.76	\$4,811.76
Laporte, Donald Jr.	\$4,110.25	\$59.60	\$4,169.85
Scott, Christopher	\$3,756.38	\$54.47	\$3,810.85
Wisniewski, Edward	\$3,740.74	\$54.24	\$3,794.98
Thompson, Walter	\$3,320.75	\$48.17	\$3,368.92
Sliwa, Richard	\$2,834.42	\$41.10	\$2,875.52
Goode, Jamie	\$2,424.05	\$35.15	\$2,459.20
Spoonamore, Shauna	\$2,366.33	\$34.31	\$2,400.64
Schrock, Jeremy	\$1,664.50	\$24.13	\$1,688.63
Scott, Jennifer	\$1,475.24	\$21.37	\$1,496.61
Talbert, James	\$1,434.38	\$20.80	\$1,455.18
Spitznagel, Anthony	\$1,322.50	\$19.17	\$1,341.67
Spoonamore, Scott	\$1,259.50	\$18.25	\$1,277.75
Frost, Daniel	\$1,159.88	\$16.82	\$1,176.70
Wiley, Rodney	\$1,065.00	\$81.48	\$1,146.48
Damico, Robert	\$1,129.50	\$16.37	\$1,145.87
Long, Eric	\$1,040.00	\$15.08	\$1,055.08
Rhodes, Scott	\$588.37	\$8.53	\$596.90

Marecle, Michael	\$506.00	\$4.44	\$510.44
Reeves, Jason	\$395.75	\$5.74	\$401.49
Horn, Gregg	\$287.25	\$4.17	\$291.42
Kalasz, Martin	\$131.00	\$1.90	\$132.90
Gonczy, Dan	\$113.50	\$1.65	\$115.15
Wineckoff, Enida	\$76.00	\$1.10	\$77.10
Hayes, Stacy	\$36.00	\$0.52	\$36.52
Wirts, Christina	\$30.00	\$0.44	\$30.44

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Sumpter sends Gannon, McGlynn to EMU Staff & Command school

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Police Sgts. Patrick Gannon and Christopher McGlynn have been sent to the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

At its Feb. 11 meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the total cost of \$6,000 for the advanced training. It will be taken from the police department's 302 training funds.

Captain Eric Luke attended this same training, graduating in November 2010.

"I sent Luke and he is the best commander I ever had," said Police Chief James Pierce, Jr. "I want two more Captain Lukes. This will help them grow."

The Staff and Command Program is designed to assist with career development for both current senior police and new police executives interested in advancing into the upper police management positions, Chief Pierce said in a memo to the board.

"The curriculum itself is an intensive undergraduate and graduate level program consisting of 350 hours of classroom instruction. The curriculum is designed to take the police student beyond traditional operational methods and expose the students to conceptual thinking and problem solving while also paving the way for further advancement to senior leadership positions within their department," Chief Pierce wrote.

In other business at the 15-minute, Feb. 11 meeting, the board:

- Voted to have Clerk Clarence Hoffman chair the meeting since Supervisor Johnny Vawters was absent and excused. Trustee Bill Hamm also was absent and excused;
- Set a public hearing for 6 p.m., Feb. 25,

to discuss use of the 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant funding, which is estimated at \$105,370.81. Joan Hennessey, the township's CDBG consultant, recommended transferring \$9,160 in public service money, if available from the county, from housing rehab to services, which the board voted to do. It all will be discussed at the public hearing;

• Heard Hennessey agree to look into Clerk Hoffman's request to use CDBG funds for an electronic sign for the senior center;

• Approved signing a contract for 2014 with SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) Specialized Service, at the same funding as last year;

• Heard Fire Chief Januszyk announce that a free CPR class for citizens is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 10 and seating is limited. A card can be purchased for \$5;

• Heard Chief Januszyk announce that the new truck has been ordered and is expected sometime in October;

• Re-approved the Police Sergeant and Lieutenant collective bargaining agreement. It was first passed Sept. 24 with minor changes and this will officially approve the changed agreement;

• Heard Senior Director Mary Ann Watson remind everyone that the Black History Month event is on Friday, Feb. 28 at the community center;

• Heard Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis announce that Feb. 28 is the last day taxes can be paid at the township. After that, people have to pay the taxes at Wayne County; and

• Went into closed door session to discuss two attorney opinion letters, one on an employee and one on the library millage.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

End of our reports to the taxpayers

In today's *Independent* we conclude our annual report to readers on how much they are paying the local public servants who are paid with their tax dollars.

Today's report is on Sumpter Township wages. We started with the City of Belleville on Jan. 23, followed by Van Buren Township on Jan. 30, Keystone Charter Academy on Feb. 6, and Van Buren Public Schools on Feb. 13.

If you missed a report and would like a copy of that paper, just drop by our office at 152 Main Street (the old movie theater) and tell us which one you want. They are free.

This all started six years ago when someone asked us to print the top wages in Van Buren Township, because the police officers also serving as fire fighters were getting such high wages.

It grew from there as people from other communities, and those interested in the school district, asked us to do those employees as well. It wasn't fun for the public employees to see their wages printed for all to see, but when you work for the public the public has a right to know. We see some are really paid too much and others are really paid too little.

We thank Diane Madigan, a whiz with Excel, for preparing most of the information submitted to us following our Freedom of Information Act requests. Our FOIA responses ranged from one page for Keystone Academy to 120 for VBT.

Hope you found it interesting. We're done with wage reports for this year.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Louise Leonard, longtime owner and operator of Perfect Image hair salon at 491 Sumpter Road. She died Sunday in Kentucky where she had moved. A memorial service is being planned in Belleville in March.

Many, many people knew Louise who was always willing to reach out to help people. She will be missed.

Ron Yurchak of Harmony Lane said for the past 10 years he and his wife Bev have noticed robins hanging around all winter. He said about 35-40 robins have been feeding on the green berries on their Bradford pear tree and on the red berries in another tree.

He said he and Bev feed birds all year round and attract a real assortment. This winter the Yurchaks have been watching cardinals, seven to eight pairs of doves, finches, juncos and woodpeckers attacking the suet. He said since he retired he has found he loves to watch the birds, as well as the silly squirrels.

Ron said the only thing he hasn't seen this winter is bluebirds.

Well, fancy that. The day before Ron called, Donna Renton came in to tell me about the bluebirds in her yard on Martinsville, south of Savage. And, she also sees an eagle hanging around at personally significant family gatherings. She's got a whole story about the eagle.

Those robins in Ron's tree must fly down the street to the Shell gas station at Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive. We got a call reporting 30 robins in a tree there.



Also, on Friday we had reports of two robins outside VBT Hall on Tyler Road and a lot of robins on South Biggs Street in the City of Belleville, which have been there all winter.

On Monday morning, Perry Mackall called to say a tree was chock full of robins at the entrance to the Post Office.

Also on Monday, we got a call about the two young eagles and their mother in a tree on Lake Pointe Pass. (See page 1)

Boy, are our readers Bird Watchers!

My son Bill went over to get an Edible Arrangement for me from our advertiser for my 77th birthday on Saturday. He said the one he chose had three bright helium balloons attached.

As he left the building, a seven-year-old girl pointed out to him that one of his balloons had been lost – floating off into the sky.

Bill came home with the fruit arrangement and two balloons.

I told him that I had three sons and each balloon represented a son. The one that floated off was for the son, Jerry, that had died and it was going up to him.

Makes sense to me and Bill didn't feel so bad about the lost balloon.

Not a week goes by without someone new dropping by to tell me of his or her sad experience with disbarred attorney Tom White, who is scheduled for a preliminary

exam on 20 felony charges at 9 a.m. next Wednesday at 34th District Court.

One local man told me if he's able to get some of the money White embezzled from him he plans to give a big donation to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue who took care of some feral cats for him with their trap-neuter-release program.

The whole community seems to be waiting to see what happens to White.

Charles May called from his Saginaw, Texas home to tell me how much he enjoys reading all the stories about progress with the Little League. He said he was president of the Little League here when it got the field on Beck Road in the 1970s. He said they used to have ball fields on West Huron River Drive, but the owner of the property "got into it with the township and he booted them out." Now there are houses where the fields used to be, Charles said.

He recalled that the concession stand they got used to be a "portable bank" and the drive-up window of the bank was where concessions were sold. The metal plate that was used to close it up was from the old Evans Products Company and the fastener to keep it secure was from the railroad.

He's probably not the only one who has fond memories of Little League.



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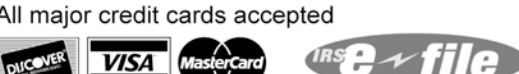
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Letters

Here's some information about robins in winter

To the Editor:

I've seen about 10 different robins distributed about the southeast corner of Michigan in December, January, and February.

I've spotted them in crabapple trees and in bushes sporting berries.

"Bird of North America," page 766: American Robin: *In many areas this bird is considered a sign of spring, though it is a year-round resident in most of its U.S. range.*

Amazingly, although most robins in our area migrate for the winter and return in flocks in the spring, there are a few who remain here all winter. Stupid birds! This winter is the winter we all should have migrated!

Happy Valentine's Day. And, it's snowing again! That PA groundhog had to see its shadow.

Gloria Gardner

Van Buren Township

P.S. Robins eat earthworms, insects and berries. Berries and fruits is the principal diet in winter.

Editor's Note: For those readers who would like to learn more about birds, Gloria gives this information: "Birds of North America – The Complete Guide to More Than 930 Species" was published in association with the Smithsonian Institution, Av: Fred J. Alsop III, copyrighted 2001, ISBN: 0-7894-9373X.

George Roberts is turning 90 years young

To the Editor:

Our dad, George Roberts, turns 90 years young on Feb. 22, 2014. Dad, we hope to have you with us for another 20-plus years. Happy Birthday, Dad. We love you.

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Library bond election: Prepare for the PUFF

To the Editor:

When the local residents first heard of the Belleville Library considering a parting of the ways with Wayne County Library, there was consternation about the veracity of taking this path.

Residents were loath to pursue this path, but were inundated with positive feedback and clichés such as: "More local autonomy, more local control, more local decision making, cost effective, dollars would not be going into county coffers, this is a local library not county," etc., etc.

Oh, the platitudes were constant and abundant. Yes, this course of action was taken to the voters and approved -- though the decision was founded on a base of deception.

Proof will out and one can find only one truth to be relevant: "dollars would not be going into county coffers," and all of the other rationale was (in advertising parlance) just so much "PUFF!"

Oh yes, there is local autonomy, a board that ramrods its decisions with self-effacing aggrandizement and local control with omniscient premonition. A board that has in the past negotiated in poor faith. A board that placates by creating "needs" that are non-existent. A board that is in such a spending frenzy on this "pie-in-the-sky" that it has to stretch itself into spending funds they expect to recoup in a passed bond issue! Wow, does this read like some previous issues in Detroit, Wayne County Executive prisons' issue, or Van Buren Visteon?

This entity has deemed it necessary to push forward in a non-necessary, non-essential, and non-community-essential endeavor. It is time for the community to prepare for a plethora of bombastic "PUFF" and rhetoric! Create a need where none exists! "It's for the children" will always work. "It will raise property values" is so far from the truth it verges on deception.

More to follow, but in the meantime: VOTE NO!
Sincerely,
Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

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Details for the **Belleville Soup Project** have been announced by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. The event will take place Thursday, March 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons area. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25.

The event would have the general public enjoy a soup menu, while hearing the BHS New Tech Student Groups present their ideas for a Downtown Belleville venture, project, or event. The public would then vote for their favorite presentation and the winner will be announced following dessert.

Proceeds from the event will fund the winning project. The Soup project is a collaborative effort by the Belleville DDA, BHS New Tech, and the City of Belleville. Advance tickets are available at the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

The monthly food giveaway is from 10:30 a.m. to noon today, Feb. 20 at the **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road behind the Van Buren Fire Station. The church's pantry gives away non-perishables and some perishables the third Thursday of every month. To arrange a food package for pickup, call **JoAnne** at (734) 697-1142.

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Obituaries



James Robert Nordstrom



JAMES R. NORDSTROM

(April 8, 1934 - February 13, 2014)

James Robert Nordstrom, age 79, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2014 at home. He was born Sunday, April 8, 1934 in Osceola, Michigan, son of the late Albert & Amanda Nordstrom.

He has been a resident of Sumpter Township for 31 years. He was a proud Veteran serving in the Navy for eight years. James was a huge Detroit sports fan encouraging the Tigers, Red Wings, and Lions, never giving up hope. He was an avid bowler, fisherman, and golfer hitting a hole in one on the 3rd hole at Pine Creek.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Nordstrom of 56 wonderful years; three children, James (Robert (Suzelie) Nordstrom Jr., Thomas Alan Nordstrom, and Delaine (Steve) Patrias; two grandchildren, James Warwick and Mykayla Eisner; two great-grandchildren, Megan Warwick and James Oscar Warwick; and one great-great-grandchild.

James was preceded in death by two brothers Gordon and Carl Nordstrom, and two sisters Eleanor Norbeck and Maryjane Bruneau.

Visitation was Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 1-8 P.M. at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan, and Wednesday, February 19, 2014 10:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan, with a funeral service at 11:00 A.M. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park located in Flat Rock, Michigan.

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

JOHN PAUL WILDER

(April 29, 1964 - February 9, 2014)

Age 49. Operator of JP Heating & Cooling. Survived by mother Virginia Appleby, daughter Jennifer, grandson Richard, sisters Linda and Deborah. Services held Feb. 13 at Janowiak Funeral Home.



Lynn "Lennie" Parmelee

LYNN 'LENNIE' PARMELEE

(May 12, 1960 - February 6, 2014)

Lynn "Lennie" Parmelee, age 53, died Wednesday, February 6, 2014 at University of Michigan Hospital with his loving family at his side. He was the son of Junior and Betty (Simcox) Parmelee. Lynn was employed at Troy Design and Manufacturing as a Metal Model Maker. He was a proud Democrat and an avid member of U.A.W. Local #245. He will always be remembered for his love of family and the special times he spent with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed riding his Harley on road trips with his friends and playing his guitar with his brother Mike and for his children.

Survivors, besides his parents, include his loving wife Jennifer (Barker) Parmelee; six children: Donnie Anderson, Debra Parmelee, Beth Parmelee, Trevor Denham, Braydn Denham and Sydnee Parmelee; two grandchildren, Kaylynn Parmelee and Quinton Parmelee; three siblings, David (Pamela) Parmelee of Taylor, Mike (Ruth) Parmelee of Pinnellas Park, FL, and Karen (Lee) Akridge of Whittaker; Uncles Roy Parmelee and Clifford (Marje) Parmelee of Ypsilanti; Aunt Louise Parmelee of Monticello, KY; Uncle Charles (JoAnn) Simcox of NC, Uncle Walter (Carrie) Simcox of FL and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother Donnie Parmelee of Belleville; grandparents Harry and Lillian (Grandy) Parmelee of Marion, MI, Denver and Virginia (Crowell) Simcox of Mirimar, FL; Uncle Fred Parmelee of KY and

Aunts Verna Parmelee of Ypsilanti and Patricia (Simcox) Phillips of FL; and cousin Clifford Parmelee, Jr. of MI.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 10, 2014 at Janowiak Funeral Home with Dr. Ural Hall officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

MICHAEL R. KEENE

Michael R. Keene, 45, formerly of Belleville, son of the late Robert and Susan (Posegay) Keene, died at his home in Johannesburg, MI, on February 6, 2014 after a long illness. Arrangements were made through the Gaylord Community Funeral Home. A Memorial service at the Johannesburg Christian Church will be held at a later date.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education special meeting for Superintendent Evaluation at 7 p.m. at the administration building, followed by the work/study meeting at 7:15 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, March 3 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 20** – The Other Book Club meets at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area at 7 p.m. Contact the library (699-3291) for the location. Tonight is "This is Where I Leave You" by Jonathan Trooper.

• **Friday, Feb. 21** – Friends Family Theater Free Movie, 7 p.m., with Bounce House, in Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring "Let God." All movies tentative. Confirm or questions: (734) 482-5074. Previews: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, Feb. 22** – Join the Belleville Community Chorus for a Baked Potato Dinner from 5-8 p.m. at Open Arms Lutheran church, 7865 Belleville Road. Minimum donation requested \$5. Tickets at the door.

• **Thursday, Feb. 27** – The African American Book Group meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to discuss "The Street: A Novel" by Ann Petry.

• **Friday, Feb. 28** – Sumpter Township Seniors' annual Black History Celebration begins at 2 p.m. in the Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Road. RSVP to 461-9373 by Feb. 21. Cost is \$4, which includes food and refreshments. Please bring a dish to pass.

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To the Editor:

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The bus will leave the 34th District Court parking lot at 2 p.m. sharp and will leave Greektown to return at 10 p.m. Fun and games on the bus -- including beverages for purchase and a 50/50 raffle!

The Community Assistance Foundation (CAF5) is a charitable organization that helps families in need with school-aged children in five communities: Van Buren,

Sumpter, Romulus, Belleville and New Boston. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to families in need. CAF5 is a 403B organization.

Tickets are available at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street or by calling (734) 941-3510 or (734) 635-1208.

Karen Mida, CAF5 secretary
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Come meet Sen. Hopgood on Feb. 27

To the Editor:

All are Welcome! The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, which

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Michigan State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood is our guest speaker for the evening. Please join us in welcoming

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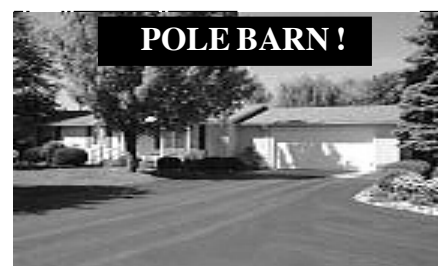
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Keystone board signs agreement with Arbor Prep for high school

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Students who finish the eighth grade at Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township now have an increased opportunity of getting into Arbor Preparatory High School in Ypsilanti for classes this fall.

Arbor Prep at 6800 Hitchingham Road opened in 2011 and describes itself as a "no-cost college prep with a moral focus program."

It is one of the four PrepNet high schools in the state, with others in Kentwood, Grand Rapids, and Taylor. Keystone could seek individual matriculation agreements with each school, which is a possibility.

At the Feb. 13 meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors a matriculation agreement was signed that guarantees Keystone students an increased opportunity to get into Arbor Prep high school.

The board passed the agreement quickly in order to give parents a chance to hit the Feb. 28 deadline for Arbor Prep's drawing for seats. Keystone has no high school classes so its 81 eighth graders will be going on to a high school somewhere else.

Keystone students have no guarantee that they will get a seat at Arbor Prep, but they will have a preference if there are more applicants than seats available.

Chris Caulk, Keystone's National Heritage Academy representative, said the preference for student seats at Arbor Prep will be: 1. Siblings; 2. Children of staff and board members, and 3. Matriculation agreement students.

Caulk spoke to the board by speakerphone since he is recovering from a ruptured disc in his neck.

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

- Distributed new Common Core textbooks for students in grades six, seven, and eight, so board members could take them home to study. There is some concern that the textbooks have not been properly vetted and might not be appropriate for Keystone students;
- Reappointed Vesta Losen and Amy

Gusfa to serve additional board terms of three years to expire in June of 2017. The appointments also must be approved by Bay Mills Community College and National Heritage Academy;

- Appointed Plante Moran to do the 2013-14 financial audit;

- Approved the meeting calendar for the 2014-15 school year, with most meetings at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month;

- Approved offering 781 student seats for the 2014-15 school year, the same as for this school year. Presently there are 288 on the waiting list;

- Learned 60% of the students at Keystone have a Van Buren Public Schools district of origin;

- Approved paying about \$700 from the Board Fund for a field trip;

- Heard Principal Keturah Godfrey say the school is looking to go to a trimester schedule in the next school year, using 12 weeks for instruction instead of 9 weeks;

- Heard Godfrey report that the MEAP scores report is available for study but embargoed. She said Keystone could put a smiley face on its report, which will be released in a few months;

- Heard Caulk announce that in 2014 NHA will be improving internet and wireless in all its schools and in 2015 will be looking at Chromebooks instead of refreshing desktops and laptops;

- Discussed the more formalized accelerated learners process that is now more based on data; and

- Learned of the 10 snow days taken this winter, six are forgiven by the state and Keystone is required to make up just two. It will do so by having students come in on what was scheduled to be a professional development day and, for the second, move parent conferences to evening hours and have students come in during the day. "I hope it doesn't snow," Godfrey said.

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Western Michigan University names five local students to Dean's List

Five students from Belleville have been named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

They are: James McGeachy, studying pre-business at Haworth College of Business; Eric Mitchell, studying Integrated Supply Management at Haworth College of Business; Karlie Mitchell, studying Social Work at College of Health and Human Services; Jenna Pinter, studying Pre-Nursing at College of Health and Human Services; and Carter Sherman, studying Health Education: Community

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters & Treasurer J. Morgan. Also present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 23 residents.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to have Clerk Hoffman chair the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Public comments only on agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve the regular board meeting minutes December 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to accept minutes of Planning commission December 12, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of Parks & Recreation November 20, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the warrants totaling \$1,070,232.32. Roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

12. Attorney:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to allow Ordinance Randy Lynch to have a key to the township building and code to alarm for access. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the attorneys report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Board Response

14. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the code of conduct for Fire department. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve A2MAC1 at 8393 Rawsonville to construct a driveway around back of building pending approval by township engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to approve resolution 2014-01 & 2014-02 Wayne county permits for special events and maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 43B amendment to flood plain management FEMA ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Announcements

16. Open Floor

17. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates 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 January 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: February 20, 2014

Court Watching

Jamal Avery faces preliminary exam on three counts of CSC

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

At a Feb. 12 court session, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott set a preliminary exam for Jamal Montieth Avery, 32, of Belleville for 9 a.m. Feb. 19 at the court.

Avery is charged with three counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct – Third Degree (multiple variables).

He will go before a judge to see if there is enough evidence that a felony has been committed and he had been involved.

Charges were filed against Avery on Nov. 5, 2011 and the warrant signed Aug. 23, 2013. Two officers heard a Merandized confession.

His \$20,000 bond was continued.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Carole Murray said the victim is now 18 or 19 years old and "somewhat homeless." Murray said she would be willing to

proceed with the beginning of a pre-trial, if Judge Parrott was willing to allow her proofs to be taken out of order.

There was a delay in subpoenaing the victim to the court session, with Murray stating the victim got notice at 9 a.m. the previous day. The victim was not present in court and Murray asked for another week to find the victim.

Judge Parrott chastised Murray for not notifying the victim sooner and Murray said there was a problem with not enough prosecutors. But Parrott said that was no excuse and they needed to fulfill their responsibilities.

Court-appointed defense attorney David Lankford asked that the case be dismissed and Judge Parrott denied the request, saying there is a low burden required for a preliminary exam and they could move forward immediately because the defendant is in jail.

Lankford said he would like to adjourn the preliminary exam for one week and believes this may be a case where there is enough evidence to adjourn. Lankford

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township 2014 March Board of Review

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

March 4 th , 2014	Organizational Meeting 5:00 pm
March 10 th , 2014	1:00 pm to 8:00 pm appointments
March 11 th , 2014	9:00 am to 12:00 pm appointments
March 13 th , 2014	9:00 am to 4:00 pm appointments

All Hardship/Poverty Applications must be received by 4 pm Friday March 13, 2014. If hardship/poverty application is not received by this date/time, the petitioner will be rescheduled to the July Board of Review.

For appointment to petition to Board of Review please call (734) 461-6201 ext 2229

Sumpter Township Clerk
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Sumpter Township Supervisor/Assessor
Johnny Vawters

Publish: February 20, 2014
February 27, 2014
March 6, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2014 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 4, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 10, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 12, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 13, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 12, 2014.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 11, 2014.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
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Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 13, 2014
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Bankruptcy trustee hires Re/Max Complete to sell White's Jani-King

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Wendy Lewis, trustee in the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceedings of disbarred attorney Thomas A. White, has entered into an agreement with Re/Max Complete offering the real estate firm a 10% commission to broker the sale of White's Jani-King franchise.

White paid \$35,000 for the franchise, according to court records.

According to a source at Jani-King, resale of a franchise has very little value as Jani-King is not legally responsible to provide any clients to the transferred owners. There is also a \$2,000 fee to transfer the franchise.

Benefits provided to a new Jani-King franchise are a guaranteed list of clients and a minimum income for the first 18 months of ownership.

Trustee Lewis also has filed a complaint against Marilynn Lange, Margaret Sawicki, and David, Dennis, Edward and Ronald Galloway to recover \$13,990.71 that was garnished by their attorney Steven Cohen from White's credit union account on May 16, 2013.

The complaint states that White was insolvent at the time the transfer was made, within 90 days of White filing for bankruptcy, and the account had been frozen.

According to a July 18 phone conversation with Cohen, members of the Galloway family are beneficiaries to the Thomas Garrett estate and should have received \$600,000 from White, but they got nothing.

Representing the family, Cohen filed a civil lawsuit against White in December

2012. The court awarded the Galloway family \$350,000, which White never paid.

Cohen tried to file a malpractice insurance claim against White for his clients, but White had not paid his insurance premiums.

The deadline for victims to file objections to White's list of creditors was extended to Feb. 18. This allowed victims to pursue collection of monies that White allegedly owes them outside of the terms of the bankruptcy settlement.

White was disbarred on July 15. In the disbarment order White agreed to pay the Thomas Garrett Estate \$216,000 by Nov. 1 and the Galloway complainants \$90,038 by July 15, 2015. White filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on July 19.

White's wife Heather filed for divorce Nov. 1 and was scheduled for a settlement conference Jan. 31, which was reset to Feb. 6. The divorce proceedings were dismissed by the judge when she didn't show up in court.

Then, the divorce proceedings were reinstated on Feb. 10 and a miscellaneous motion hearing was set for 9 a.m. March 21 in Judge Arthur J. Lombard's courtroom.

White's next scheduled court appearance is Feb. 26 at 34th District Court in Romulus for a preliminary examination on 20 felony charges, including conducting a criminal enterprise, identity theft, writing bad checks and embezzling a minimum of \$1.95 million from his clients.

He also has until April 14 to come up with

\$36,355 to keep from being evicted from a home he purchased on a land contract on which he had not been paying taxes or making payments.

White was an attorney with offices at 35 Main Street, Belleville, for 20 years until he was disbarred July 15 for stealing from his clients.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PROPOSED USE

of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Charter Township of Van Buren will be holding a public hearing on the proposed use of the Township's 2014-2015 Community Development Block funds. The Public Hearing will be held at 7 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler Road.

The estimated funding level for 2014-2015 CDBG Budget year is \$125,000. The CDBG program requires all proposed projects to accomplish one of the program's three National Objectives:

- Assist low and moderate income persons
- Eliminate slum and blight conditions
- Meet a particular urgent community development need

The following projects are proposed to be submitted to the Urban County of Wayne for funding:

Beck Ball Fields Project:	\$93,750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete improvements to the Beck Ball Fields, which includes construction of new dugouts, new landscaping, new pavilion, and improvements to concession building 	
Public Services – Senior Citizen Services:	\$9,375
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial reimbursement of Senior Citizen Director's salary 	
Public Services – Youth Services:	\$9,375
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Recreation – Takin' It to the Streets and other youth programming 	
Planning	\$6,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing updates to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance 	
Administration:	\$6,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement of Township staff time to administer the program 	
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$125,000

Written comments will be accepted regarding the selection of any or all of these projects can be submitted to the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
Publish: February 20, 2014

Civic Fund gives \$5,000 grant to Snip & Clip cat neutering program

The Van Buren Civic Fund Board of Directors in January awarded \$5,000 in grant funds to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue's Project Snip & Clip trap-neuter-release program.

The funding will be used to sterilize feral cats in Van Buren Township only.

Marci LaFramboise, FMAR vice-president, said they are really excited about the grant which will pay for the trapping, neutering and return of 200 cats. The Snip & Clip program is separate from FMAR.

She said last year the program neutered 600 feral cats and this year they have already done 96, so at this rate they will be able to do more this year.

"It's a lifesaver," LaFramboise said of the grant money. She said three years ago the Civic Fund also gave them a grant which they very much appreciated.

She said sometimes people can't afford the \$25 charge per cat, especially in trailer parks, so the program picks up the cost and then brings food to help feed the cats after they are released.

Belleville Plan

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At the beginning of this agenda item, architect Wayne Hoppe explained the revisions to the site plan. That's when planning commission chairman Steve Jones dug in.

"I have concerns and confusions," Jones stated. "It doesn't match what we approved in July."

He wanted to know how the building got from what was approved to what is being constructed.

Steve Davenport said it was tabled last summer because of the zoning and in the following month they presented the changes.

But Jones said it did not include the

building change or the parking change or the reduced parking from 121 to 112, plus two other proposed structures on that evening's plans.

Hoppe said the dotted lines on the plan were for a future building, not one for now. He was told to take it off.

"You're working with a plan we never approved," Jones continued.

Hoppe insisted that what they've done is an enhancement and improves the project.

"We expected an L-shaped building and find one building and an adjoining building," said Commissioner Mike Renaud.

Planning consultant Jill Bahm said it was a smaller building that was approved.

Jones said the size went from 15,000 square feet to 17,200 square feet, which is

2,200 square feet bigger. Also the face of the building moved 3' closer to Columbia Avenue.

"It's a sizeable change," Jones said.

Hoppe said the Secretary of State is their anchor tenant and they came back and said they don't want the shape they originally approved, but need a 50'x70' space, which is a size used throughout its buildings.

"Yes, we should have come back before adding the square feet," Hoppe said.

"You've changed it considerably, which voided the site plan approval," Jones said. "It's gotten fatter and you've changed the footprint of the building."

"We probably should have come back a lot sooner," Hoppe repeated.

Jones said they are bringing the new building as a change order when it should have been brought for a new approval.

Hoppe was given about 11 changes to make to the site plan that will be brought back March 13 for review by the commission.

Harlan Davenport said they would be glad to pay for a special meeting if possible to move things along.

Keith Boc, director of Public Services, said he had been on vacation last summer and when he came back he was not given the correct drawings by Davenports and so he gave the permits for the foundation based on the plans that were not approved by the planning commission.

"Technically, the building permit is null and void," Boc said.

Commissioner John Juriga expressed sympathy for the Davenports, saying the weather was holding them up enough in their construction and the planning commission should help them along.

But Jones said allowing anything that hasn't been approved is wrong.

"What the building turns out to be is not what we approved," Jones said.

He said the commission let them start their underground work early, changed the zoning for them, and then they changed the building.

"We were held back," Steve Davenport said. "I don't want to show you the emails. The foundation was the only permit. He had plenty of time to look at the plans," referring to Boc. "He should have had comments."

Boc said he thinks he sent comments to

Davenports.

"What guarantee does this board have that this isn't going to change again?" Jones asked.

Commissioner Juriga said they could rely on the reputation of the company.

Harlan Davenport pointed out the foundation of the building is in.

"If you want us to pay for another meeting, we can," he said. "If you want us to change something, we can... We're asking for a little bit of help here... We've had terrible, terrible weather... If we had good weather that building would have already been up..."

Jones said the commission has been as positive as it can on the project.

"I just want to move forward," Harlan Davenport said. "We'll get the revenue for the city and people down the street... The most current drawing is the one the foundation is poured for."

Jones asked if the commission was interested in putting a stop work order in place to stop the construction.

"The damage has been done," said Commissioner Mike Renaud. "The project is way behind. I cannot see stopping the project."

"I agree," Juriga said.

Commissioner Mike Hawkins said he can't see what difficulty it would bring to lay the blocks on the main building.

"It's a pretty tough situation," Renaud said. "Hopefully, we can move forward as one."

"I look forward to having a completed project in the city this summer," Jones said.

In other business at the Feb. 13 meeting, the commission:

- Reelected Steve Jones as chairman for the year and elected Mike Hawkins as vice-chairman;

- Listened to Sam Kassab and advised him to get detailed drawings for the proposed upgrades to his building at 510-524 Main Street, plus detailed information on the sign he wishes to erect and bring them back for commission review. He said he will work with planning consultant Jill Bahm to make sure it all complies with city ordinances; and

- Noted there are two vacancies on the planning commission and applicants for the seats are welcome.

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Understanding the Law



By Jason Goldman, Esq.
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In our short time in the Belleville area, we have noticed a few things, including the following: (1) there are plenty of bars in this area, (2) the police officers know that, and, (3) they are always on the lookout for drunk drivers. In this article, we will briefly discuss what happens before you are arrested for drunk driving.

In order for a police officer to pull you over, they must have reasonable suspicion to believe that you are doing something illegal. Then, in order to actually arrest you, the officer must have probable cause to believe that you are doing something illegal. Typically, if the officer sees you break a traffic law, or engage in reckless behavior, they will have the requisite reasonable suspicion to pull you over.

Sometimes the officer is allowed to search your motor vehicle in order to find evidence of your suspected illegal activity. Typically, they need a search warrant, but as you'd imagine, there are multiple exceptions to obtaining a search warrant. If the officer suspects that you are drinking, they may not need to search your entire vehicle in order to initiate the field sobriety tests.

If you are pulled over for a traffic stop, be calm and courteous, as being disrespectful may get you in more trouble even if you have not done anything illegal. Furthermore, if you are suspected of drinking and are asked to submit to a PBT test and/or chemical test, and you refuse the test(s), the officer can obtain a warrant to take you to the nearest medical facility to have your blood drawn to determine your blood alcohol content. Furthermore, your refusal may result in a one-year suspension of your driver's license.

If you find yourself in the above scenario, call your Attorney. If you would like further information regarding this issue, or any other issues that you are having, please contact us at (734) 699-7360.

Goldman Suliman, PLLC, is a Belleville law firm that was started by Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman in order to serve the Belleville-area community. In this and future articles we will cover legal issues commonly faced by Belleville-area residents. Our goal is to help you better understand the law.

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Court watching

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said his client agreed to waive the 14-day rule for a preliminary exam and agreed to postpone the exam for one week. It will be before another judge because of the court's rotation.

Belleville Police Cpl. Todd Schrencengost was on hand ready to proceed with the preliminary exam.

Jeremy Daniel Schuh

Jeremy Daniel Schuh, 33, of Milan was arraigned by Judge Parrott on a warrant signed Sept. 17 by the Wayne County Prosecutor. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Feb. 26 with Lankford as his court-appointed attorney.

Schuh was charged with possession of an FTD (Financial Transaction Device / credit card) and sale or use of FTD.

Charges were filed July 18, 2013. Schuh is known as an Habitual Offender with a reputation for fighting and running so extra precautions were taken at the court.

Schuh appeared in handcuffs, wearing a green Washtenaw County jumpsuit. VBT Police Officer Donovan McCarthy said Schuh is accused of stealing the credit card out of a vehicle in Washtenaw County and using it at Meijer in Van Buren Township.

Schuh is being held on a \$15,000 or 10% bond at Washtenaw County Jail for three pending home invasion cases. Judge Parrott added \$10,000/10% bond for the new charges.

Darryl Dominic Woodford

Darryl Dominic Woodford, 19, was charged with five felonies: Child Sexually Abusive Commercial Activity, Internet Sex Abuse Material, Communicating with Another to Commit a Crime, Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Material, and Distributing of Obscene Matter to Children.

Woodford had his preliminary exam adjourned until March 12, which Judge Parrott said was a firm date.

Woodford retained attorney Ryan Hill who was out of the state and would not be able to meet with Woodford until the following day.

Court-appointed attorney Lankford asked Judge Parrott to waive the 14-day rule for the preliminary exam for Woodford and the judge agreed.

Woodford was charged on June 28 and the warrant signed Jan. 28.

Several people were in court for this case.

Robin Renee Skyles

Robin Renee Skyles, 49, was charged Jan. 21 and the warrant signed on Jan. 23 for Home Invasion 2nd Degree and Larceny from a Building. She was arraigned Jan. 29 before Judge Parrott and her preliminary exam was set for Feb. 12 before Judge Parrott.

Her co-defendant is Amy Jo Zagelmeyer, 55, who had her preliminary exam on Feb. 5 in Judge Tina Brooks Green's courtroom.

Judge Parrott bound Skyles over so the two will be headed to Third District Court on Feb. 19 to be arraigned on the information together.

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Jasmine Wehr performs in University of Findlay student piano recital

Jasmine Wehr, a sophomore equestrian studies / animal science major, recently performed in The University of Findlay's student piano recital in Findlay, Ohio.

Wehr, a 2012 graduate of Mercy High School, is the daughter of Michele Wehr of Light Tower Dr. in Belleville.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Feb. 9:
1144 – larceny, Bog Rd.
1232 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1326 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1528 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1605 – larceny, North Shore Dr.
1839 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2013 – suicide or attempt, Van Born
2134 – larceny from auto, S. Timberview Dr.
2306 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
Monday, Feb. 10:
0401 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.
0557 – malicious destruction of property, Tavistock Dr.
0703 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rogers
0717 – property damage accident, Marina Dr.
0759 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1104 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1122 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1325 – larceny, N. Woodbury Green
1497 – juvenile complaint, Marlowe Ave.
1534 – suspicious person, E. Walden Dr.
1545 – private property accident, Tyler/Belleville
1616 – property damage accident, Quirk/Tyler
1637 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1643 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1731 – fraud, Vernon St.
1843 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1923 – retail fraud, Belleville
2022 – private property accident, Van Born
Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0023 – assault & battery, Westlake
0113 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
0250 – fight, McBride Ave.
0436 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1543 – private property accident, Belleville Post Office
1547 – personal injury accident, Van Born / Haggerty
1608 – private property accident, Van Born
1724 – suspicious person, Brookside Dr.
1747 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1759 – property damage accident, Station 2
1901 – harassment call, Hull Rd.
1927 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
2327 – suspicious person, Hull Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 12:
0010 – property damage accident, Beck Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0036 – suspicious situation, Shelley Dr.
0902 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
0959 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1208 – fraud, Stonebridge Ct.
1520 – breaking & entering, Maple Dr.
1543 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1635 – suspicious situation, Woodgrove/cul de sac
1636 – disorderly conduct, Van Born Rd.
2351 – suspicious person, Lakewood
Thursday, Feb. 13:
0202 – suspicious person, Denton Rd.
0639 – suicide or attempt, McBride Ave.
0950 – suspicious situation, E. Schooner Dr.
1145 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1322 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1749 – PPO violation, Rogers Ave.
1754 – intimidation threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1757 – trespassing, Coolidge St.
1852 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
2049 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2059 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2110 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd.
2204 – fraud, Rawsonville
2217 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville
2224 – juvenile complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2307 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville
Friday, Feb. 14:
0058 – noise complaint, S. Belleridge Dr.
0115 – harassment call, Park Estates
0512 – suspicious situation, Tavistock Dr.

0731 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
0845 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
0920 – fraud, Rawsonville
1021 – harassment call, Edgedale Dr.
1111 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
1301 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1649 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1907 – harassment call, Rogers Ave.
1927 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
2238 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
Saturday, Feb. 15:
0000 – operating while intoxicated, Leggs
0203 – suspicious situation, Oak Ln.
0225 – property damage accident, North Shore Dr.
0913 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
1144 – property damage accident, Beck Rd./Ayres
1202 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1219 – noise complaint, Vernon St.
1244 – assault & battery, N. Woodbury
1336 – fight, Westlake
1354 – fraud, Fret
1404 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1721 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1752 – child abuse, Ironwood Dr.
1832 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
2006 – suspicious situation, Village Green Ln.
2017 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2047 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2318 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2326 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
2326 – noise complaint, Westlake
2336 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 109 traffic stops, 11 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:
0350 – traffic complaint, Johnny’s
1936 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2031 – traffic hazard, S. Liberty/E. Columbia Ave.
2055 – motorist assist, Martinsville/E. Huron River
2322 – assist fire dept. Carmell St.
Monday, Feb. 10:
0720 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
0936 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.
1108 – civil matter, S. Liberty St.
1312 – intimidation threat, Henry St.
1342 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Belle Villa
1512 – assist fire dept., Owen
1542 – background investigation, Farm
2159 – civil matter, Potter Dr.
Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0025 – domestic assault, Westlake
1754 – civil matter, Transportation yard
2030 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
2039 – fire investigation, N. Liberty St.
2044 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
Wednesday, Feb. 12:
0607 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0816 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0850 – suicide or attempt, N. Liberty/First St.
1525 – fraud, W. Wabash Ave.
1745 – disorderly conduct, Main St.
2012 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
2045 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2111 – vehicle lockout, Belle Villa
2127 – traffic complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell
Thursday, Feb. 13:
0158 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0947 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1028 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1321 – property damage accident, Third St./N. Liberty St.
1349 – intimidation threat, Sumpter Rd.
1402 – suicide or attempt, W. Columbia Ave.
1608 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1906 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Menlo Park Dr.
2040 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
2240 – assist fire dept., High St.
Friday, Feb. 14:
0222 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1052 – property check, Main St.

1222 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Sumpter Rd.
1250 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Edgemont Ave
1343 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1432 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1558 – suspicious vehicle, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1720 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. / South St.
1848 – miscellaneous complaint, Potter Dr.
Saturday, Feb. 15:
0301 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0446 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0700 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0820 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
1116 – vehicle lockout, Citgo
1506 – malicious destruction of property, Goofy’s
1707 – E-911 cellular, Andrew’s
2338 – agency assist, The Creek
Also on this week’s log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 9:
0812 – accidental damage report, 43000 bl. Bemis
1312 – missing person report, Knollwood
1559 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1613 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Feb. 10:
0740 – suspicious incident, Brookview
0956 – warrant arrest, out of township
1243 – warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1244 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1309 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1314 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1649 – warrant arrest, out of township
1858 – suspicious vehicle, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz
2344 – recovered stolen vehicle, Arkona/Clark
Tuesday, Feb. 11:
0210 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0912 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1437 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma
1949 – warrant arrest, 21000 bl. Fenster
2149 – threats complaint, Colorado
2350 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 12:
0648 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0854 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0928 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0943 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1252 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2151 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Thursday, Feb. 13:
1153 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1439 – assist other agency, Lohr/Harris
1439 – warrant arrest, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1458 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1507 – death investigation, Nevada
1519 – warrant arrest, Redwood
1636 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1714 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1759 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
Friday, Feb. 14:
1050 – warrant arrest, Montana
1151 – larceny, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1239 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.

1500 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1708 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1803 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1814 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 15:
0147 – citizen assist, out of township
0614 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1036 – alarm, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1633 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1709 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1843 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
2045 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2046 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2350 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Also on this week’s log are two follow-up investigations, 22 miscellaneous details, 107 patrol checks, and 44 traffic stops.

More Letters

‘Bugles Across America’ was embarrassment!

To the Editor:
On the first Sunday of every month homage is paid to ALL VETERANS at 7:15 p.m. at the Horizon Park Monument.
Last Sunday’s (Feb. 2) event was rather embarrassing since our Bugler was unable to stand in front of the Monument due to the amount of snow and ice on the sidewalk.
Our Bugler, who is handicapped, was unable to access Center Stage and instead had to stand in the adjoining (Johnny’s on the Lake) parking lot driveway. Even the attendees had to tromp through snow and ice-covered sidewalks to witness the event.
A few days earlier while having breakfast at Sam’s Place, I noticed the sidewalks were being shoveled by court workers. One of the waitresses made the comment, “I don’t know why they are shoveling now. These sidewalks have already been shoveled.”
Maybe City Hall can look ahead a bit and plan on clearing sidewalks of snow/ice on the *one day of the month* that access to the Monument is required, instead of duplicating efforts.
We are FREE today because of all Veterans and especially those whose names are engraved on this monument.
Let’s give them the honor they deserve.

Pete Pitzen, Veteran
City of Belleville

P.S. If you haven’t attended this event, please join us March 3 at 7:15 p.m. for the next Bugles Across America. All are welcome.

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Photos courtesy of Peter Dodge
Around 56 people attended Belleville Day in Florida Feb. 5 at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in Hernando. Hosts for the annual event were Sam and Sandy Vicchy of Hernando. Among those attending were Marian Batzer, Pat Pyshnik, Nancy and Rick Steiger, Larry and Maxi Jo Haase, Andy Dodge, Gene and Ruth Duda, Gary and Mrs. Sampson, the Dingmans, Dr. John and Mrs. MacDermid, Bob and Phyllis Gray, and Pamela Morris-Merritt, and others.



Bob and Phyllis Gray attended Belleville Day in Florida on Feb. 5. They had just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and have been together since high school for a total of 71 years. Phyllis taught at Edgemont and then at Rawsonville elementary schools.

Belleville Day in Florida

Belleville Rotarians to host 6th -annual 'Fat Tuesday' Italian buffet

For the sixth year, the Belleville Rotary Club is inviting the public to its annual Italian dinner buffet on Fat Tuesday.

It will be held March 4, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

The Rotarians will present Mediterranean recipes for pre-Lenten diners, including Italian Wedding soup, salads, a pasta bar with several sauces including meat and vegetarian, plus Chicken Piccata. Soda and paczki will be sold separately.

Tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under can be purchased from any Rotarian, or at the door. Carry-outs will be available.

Proceeds from the dinner and raffles support local Rotary Club projects which benefit the Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren tri-community, Van Buren Public Schools, the Salvation Army, and other local charities. The club also annually provides scholarships to graduates of Belleville High School.

McBride Middle School serves pizza to dads at Watch D.O.G.S. kick-off

McBride Middle School recently served up a pizza dinner to launch its Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program.

There were more than 75 dads in attendance for this inaugural event.

Watch D.O.G.S. is a nationwide program of dads who are involved in their school communities. These dads provide the positive influence of fathers and father-figures in an unobtrusive father presence and by providing a positive and active role-model for students at the school.

Pet of the Week

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Feeling the winter blues? Come on in to the shelter and ask to meet **Mishka**, she'll have a doggie kiss ready to brighten your day. She's a 5 year and 7 month old Australian Cattle dog with a fun-loving, energetic and engaging personality who enjoys spending time with people and sharing her love for giving away kisses. Middle age hasn't slowed this girl down either; she's jam-packed with energy and will need an equally active family to keep up with her. Her two favorite pastimes are playing fetch in the yard and taking an exciting walk with her people friends. **Mishka** is very social and loves being in the company of people so a home where she has lots of quality time with her humans is the best fit for her. Some basic training once in a home will also benefit her by reinforcing good behaviors and forming strong bonds with her new family. She's not shown aggression but can have issues with other dogs if she lets her natural herding tendency take over and her doggie pals don't enjoy being bossed around by her. We also wouldn't suggest a household with small children since she may decide they need a little herding too. Kick those winter blues by calling today to meet **Mishka**; she's spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

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