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U.S. Government joins in transgender suit against VBPS

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A "Statement of Interest of the United States" was filed Feb. 24 in U.S. District Court in Detroit in a lawsuit brought by the mother of a 14-year-old transgender student who is suing four school districts, including Van Buren Public Schools, alleging bullying and sex discrimination.

Wyandotte Public Schools, one of those sued, filed a motion to dismiss these claims arguing, "...that a transgender plaintiff may establish a claim for sex discrimination only through evidence that the defendant engaged in sex stereotyping."

After the Wyandotte motion, the U.S. Attorney General's office entered the civil rights suit to support the child's case and assist the court in evaluating the claims of sex discrimination. The filing included signatures of attorneys for the U.S. Department of Education, the Educational Opportunities Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade and Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan K. DeClercq.

District Court Judge Avern Cohn is hearing the case.

"This case is about changing the playing field for LGBT youth in schools," the Plaintiff's attorney James B. Rasor said to MyFOX TV in Detroit last week. "This is so that all kids can go to school and get an atmosphere free from bullying so that they can learn and maximize their potential."

The Student at the center of the suit was born a girl but now identifies as a boy. The Student's mother Kimberley Tooley, who lives in Dearborn Heights, has sued four public school districts: Van Buren, Wyandotte, and Dearborn Heights and their boards of education, and several individuals associated with the school districts, and the non-profit corporation that has Summit

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Photo by BHS student, Haley Sewell

The cast of Belleville High School's "Little Shop of Horrors" musical presentation March 19-21 poses for a photo and invites the community to come see their show. In back, from left, are Rebecca Washington, Ryan Waisanen, Elijah Pope, Kaitlyn Plummer, Briana Powe, Devon Stakley, and Justine Bradley. In front, from left, are Tyler Kearns, Sierra Stockwell, Bianca Crowder, Lindsey Dailey, Demeatry Brooks, Madison Schaeckel, and Sebastian Baker. Not shown are Kaitlyn Fujii and Ethan Klobucar.

Starbucks still possible for old Big Boy site in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After Monday's Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, Tom Demond of Boss Engineering said Starbucks is still interested in setting up shop in the new building that will be constructed at the former Big Boy site on Belleville Road.

The problem for Bellevue Development LLC that could have scrubbed Starbucks from the plan was that the developer wanted a separate driveway for Starbucks' drive-through access and the VBT Planning Commission said it could only have one curb cut onto Belleville Road.

If Starbucks got its own drive, that would

make two drives in the plan.

At first, Demond said he thought Starbucks would pull out.

But now, Demond said the developer and prospective tenant have decided one drive is enough and it would include three lanes: one entrance lane and two exit lanes, one for cars turning north on Belleville Road and one for cars turning south.

The project's request for special land use approval for a Drive-Through Restaurant will be before the VBT Board of Trustees at its March 17 meeting, where it is expected to get approval.

Then the project will return to the planning commission for final site plan review and approval.

The Bellevue Development project calls for the old Big Boy restaurant, at 10705 Belleville Road, to be torn down and replaced by a new three-unit commercial building.

The plan is for Starbucks to be at the north end of the 10,052-square-foot building and two other tenants to fill the center and south sections.



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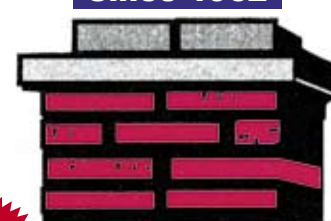
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Sumpter Township 2014 Employee Wages and Costs to Township

Employee	Wages	Total
Elected Officials		
Vawters, Johnny	\$27,634.99	\$40,818.27
Hoffman, Clarence Jr.	\$28,088.40	\$40,962.32
Morgan, John	\$28,322.94	\$42,200.27
Hamm, William	\$25,191.87	\$37,656.36
Morgan, Peggy	\$20,407.95	\$34,407.88
Swinson, Donald	\$20,454.52	\$34,455.27
Bates, Alan	\$13,013.72	\$18,196.16
Oddy, Matthew	\$1,808.68	\$2,976.92
Bookkeeper		
Glahn, James	\$90,926.75	\$134,075.19
Supervisor's Office		
Woodington, Karen	\$51,322.81	\$68,248.82
Account Clerk		
Bardell, Roxanne	\$43,429.92	\$69,259.51
Treasurer Dept.		
Armatis, Karen	\$63,027.86	\$83,069.51
Clerk		
Beaudrie, Maria	\$55,599.58	\$82,679.90
Hurst, Esther	\$58,003.75	\$71,555.93
Bowman, Debbie	\$7,394.45	\$7,852.90
Senior		
Watson, Mary Ann	\$56,289.82	\$81,609.97
Building Dept		
Roman, Michele	\$51,590.64	\$69,947.23
Tackett, Jonathan	\$26,190.41	\$27,814.21
Kemp, Jeffrey	\$1,385.08	\$1,470.95
Water Dept.		
Krushlin, John	\$89,169.93	\$110,020.03
Kunka, Kenneth	\$74,225.39	\$98,710.05
Petrowski, Michael	\$64,974.61	\$93,763.75
Campbell, Leroy	\$75,305.43	\$92,842.21
Lynch, Randy	\$60,287.47	\$77,562.48
Buchanan, Sybil	\$49,899.14	\$66,886.97
Board of Review		
Massel, Jennifer	\$282.63	\$300.15
Todd, Sandra	\$202.50	\$215.06

Police Dept.		
Gannon, Patrick	\$94,542.04	\$129,784.57
Luke, Eric	\$88,395.41	\$119,764.41
Cox, Jerry Jr.	\$83,350.05	\$119,677.99
McGlynn, Christopher	\$85,463.70	\$111,681.41
Toth, John	\$74,138.18	\$106,141.23
Buccellato, Danielle	\$74,025.47	\$103,600.04
Ashby, John	\$83,890.15	\$102,451.13
Pierce, James	\$64,698.10	\$101,362.62
Cayce, James	\$79,423.08	\$97,863.72
Steffani, Brian	\$69,791.65	\$97,408.46
Gottschalk, Colleen	\$72,831.21	\$92,376.90
Balowski, Joseph	\$67,583.16	\$81,013.33
Paquette, Malissa	\$53,010.98	\$70,048.76
Leonard, Jewell	\$31,396.01	\$62,811.75
Parise, Ryan	\$46,685.55	\$49,606.33
Salajan, George	\$46,195.89	\$49,086.32
Egerer, Elizabeth	\$20,400.51	\$41,260.17
Dufresne, Susan	\$16,833.98	\$17,877.69
Cutcher, Scott	\$5,322.48	\$5,652.46

Fire Fighters		
Januszyk, Joseph	\$25,001.60	\$26,437.28
Lynch, Collin	\$19,566.75	\$19,850.47
Wisniewski, Michael	\$14,244.51	\$14,451.06
Simmons, Kyle	\$9,458.63	\$9,595.79
Armstrong, Timothy	\$6,955.50	\$7,056.38
Wisniewski, Edward	\$6,688.00	\$6,784.98
Talbert, James	\$6,104.51	\$6,498.11
Laporte, Donald	\$6,239.50	\$6,329.96
Hayes, Stacy	\$6,097.38	\$6,185.80
Laporte, Donald Jr.	\$5,933.75	\$6,019.76
Long, Eric	\$5,581.25	\$5,662.18
Brown, Richard	\$5,284.50	\$5,353.47
Thompson, Walter	\$5,101.50	\$5,175.47
Simmons, William	\$4,846.75	\$4,917.03
McHenry, Michael	\$4,567.50	\$4,633.72
Sliwa, Richard	\$4,347.01	\$4,394.29
Frost, Daniel	\$4,198.75	\$4,259.63
Stumpf, James	\$4,137.75	\$4,197.73
Damico, Robert	\$3,920.00	\$3,976.86
Scott, Christopher	\$2,431.63	\$2,466.89
Montecinos, Daniel	\$1,640.25	\$1,664.04
Krushlin, Jamie	\$1,578.38	\$1,601.26
Barnette, Ronald	\$1,516.50	\$1,538.49
Akans, Garbriel	\$1,219.50	\$1,237.19
Gay, Robert	\$1,143.25	\$1,159.82
Durham, Jesse	\$974.25	\$988.37
Rich, Bernard	\$643.50	\$952.82
Reeves, Jason	\$799.00	\$810.59
Spitznagel, Anthony	\$543.25	\$551.12
Marecle, Michael	\$415.13	\$421.14
Wiley, Rodney	\$372.00	\$400.47
Spoonamore, Scott	\$193.75	\$196.56
Schrock, Jeremy	\$120.00	\$121.73
Herman, Jason	\$83.25	\$84.46
Spoonamore, Shauna	\$48.00	\$48.69
Scott, Jennifer	\$17.00	\$17.25

TOTAL

\$3,215,068.42

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental.
Fire Fighters receive no benefits. Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Keystone Academy teachers, administrators list salaries for 2014

These are the teachers and administrators and their annual salaries for 2014 as reported by National Heritage Academies, which operates Keystone Charter Academy, located on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township.

Keystone Instructors:

Anderson, Stephanie S.	\$39,798.30
Ball, Laura A.	\$46,665.42
Burden, Sara J.	\$45,400.16
Cannon, Jill R.	\$35,000.16
Carpenter, Jared A.	\$39,295.36
Carty, Elsbeth M.	\$42,531.22
Chambers, Ryan D.	\$39,456.35
Chauvin, Kelly R.	\$42,932.45
Chuang, Cindy	\$43,406.90
Despres, Luran S.	\$43,500.08
Eifert, Michelle R.	\$59,656.90

Fincher, Jaclyn M.	\$36,873.82
Heisner, Amy C.	\$46,993.44
Herman, Melanie	\$42,000.19
Kujala, Laurie	\$41,285.71
Lauren, Mechelle	\$35,000.16
Layton, Amanda M.	\$53,788.59
LeBlanc, John A.	\$36,000.22
Lumbardo, Andria K.	\$41,000.13
Mallari, Robyn S.	\$52,409.34
McNulty, Michelle L.	\$46,041.42
Montri, Sheila R.	\$56,997.62
Mushenheim, Jaclyn J.	\$43,871.57
Nalepa, Stacy L.	\$42,176.78
O'Brien, Molly E.	\$39,747.76
Peters, Heather M.	\$45,278.27
Poole, Ellen	\$37,000.08
Priest, Vickey L.	\$44,580.64
Williams, Amy K.	\$39,282.05
Williams, Corey M.	\$23,172.24
Williams, Corey M.	\$23,172.24
Wood, Carolyn S.	\$48,098.96

Academic Specialist

Strecker, Rachael L.	\$41,900.14
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Reading Specialist

Reed, Stacey E.	\$48,997.40
Reed, Stacey E.	\$ 4,845.90

Deans

Hartsock, Katherine A.	\$58,921.62
Henry, Paula D.	\$62,454.70
Mazzoni, Sherri L.	\$68,877.33
Taunt, Jamie M.	\$53,497.81

Special Ed Instructor

Kaplan, Andrea L.	\$56,106.13
Kelly, Meagan E.	\$36,545.81

Principal

Godfrey, Keturah M.	\$85,491.12
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Teachers and administrators in the State of Michigan are required to be named and their wages listed for the state registry.

These teachers and administrators working at Keystone Academy are hired and paid by National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids. Under the law, NHA is not required to give out any more information than what is in the state registry listing.

NHA did not list the names or salaries of support personnel, such as paraprofessionals or recess aides, because they were not required to do so by law.

Keystone is a free, public school academy serving 768 students in grades K-8 and operating under a charter contract issued by an authorizing body – Bay Mills Community College.

Keystone Academy Board has entered into a services agreement with NHA, an educational service provider.

Through this services agreement, NHA is responsible to provide for the day-to-day operations and staffing at the school including the school's leadership team and teachers.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

This week ends our annual salary report to taxpayers

Out of the thousands of entries in our reports on taxpayer-funded salaries for municipal and school workers in the 48111 zip code, we had a couple of errors.

We'll report whatever needs updating, but for the most part we've given readers an accurate report on salaries.

No, the lunch supervisor at the school didn't make a half-million dollars. The decimal point slipped to the right two places. We've announced the error. Sorry.

Any other errors pointed out will be corrected.

It's amazing to many how much – or how little – our public employees are making.

At least one ex-wife is very interested, since her ex is earning more than enough to help pay for their daughter's wedding, but claims shortage of funds.

This is all about transparency. If we're giving the tax money, we should be allowed to know where it is going.

We are grateful to our public servants for working to keep our municipalities and schools running smoothly. But, sometimes the funding gets out of balance and we should know that.

Today's reports are the last for this year. What do you think? Do you think your tax dollars are being spent wisely?

Let your elected officials know your thoughts about the payrolls. Tell them they are doing a great job with the money available, or tell them something is not quite right in that spending.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Wednesday, Feb. 25, around 4 a.m. there was a water line rupture and one motorist said there was a foot of water across Haggerty Road, just south of E. Huron River Drive.

The Van Buren Township DPW got on the job and the roadway was closed until about 10 p.m., making a lot of drivers having to take different routes to and from work.

DPW Director Jim Taylor told me they think a vehicle hit the fire hydrant there and drove off. The damaged hydrant caused the water flow. There's a new hydrant in place and the water line is fixed for now. He said more work will have to be done there later.

I received a tip on Friday that the *Independent* wasn't allowed in break rooms in the school buildings of the Van Buren Public Schools because it printed too much negative stuff about the superintendent. I got to thinking that they must be throwing out our papers, since we are delivering to most buildings, and we don't want that. Many places are asking for more *Independents*. We could just switch the delivery route and make things more efficient.

I called the superintendent's office to verify my information and Pam Johnson, assistant to the superintendent, said she made the decision not to put the *Independents* in the break room in the Administration Building because there was "so much negativity in the paper." She said if people wanted to read the *Independent* they could get it elsewhere.

She said Supt. Van Tassel didn't know about her decision, but he does now and he's OK with it. She said he really doesn't



care, but she does and that's why she made the decision.

When I asked if all of the buildings in the district have taken the *Independent* out of their break rooms, she said she didn't know what the principals were doing.

She called back to stress that the decision was hers and to say the letters were a particular problem for her and that the *Independent* should be more like Fox News, "fair and balanced."

Well, if anyone wants to write a letter praising the schools or Supt. Van Tassel, we'll print it. That's always been the way we've worked.

Anyway, I started calling the buildings where we deliver papers and all but one said keep on delivering. I left a message at Savage and finally heard back on Tuesday morning. The principal said to keep on delivering to Savage because people read them, so we will.

We don't want our papers to be thrown away and so we've stopped delivering to the Administration Building.

This isn't the first time in our 20 years of publishing that we've run into hostile readers in positions of power.

I was sitting next to VBT Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery on Monday and before the board's work/study session started I told her the developers told me Starbucks is probably coming, after all.

She said what she would really like is

a Panera's. So, I went over and told the developers that she wanted a Panera's. One of them said they could reach out to Panera's since the tenant that was interested in one of the units had pulled out. The developer said Panera's is an afternoon business and he didn't know if this would be a good place for them, but he'll ask them anyway.

All this is to say if they do get a Panera's to come in, it's because of Joanne's request.

When the same developers were talking about their new development on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road, they said it would be a USA to Go business, which is a convenience store/gas station. They are seeking rezoning for about 2 acres to make that work.

I told Keith Tackett, the city's DPW Director, that the veterans and others really appreciated the shoveling done around the veterans memorial in advance of last Sunday's Bugles Across America event. It's held the first Sunday of each month at 7:15 p.m.

Keith said the 34th District Court workers came out twice to work on snow removal in that area. It is appreciated.





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Letters

What they make is none of my business

To the Editor:

Let me say that I agree with reporting how much money is spent paying the employees of the City of Belleville and VBT, but I do not agree with reporting how much individuals make. I don't feel that we need to know what individual teachers make per year or what the chief of police makes.

That kind of information can lead to resentment among co-workers and that makes the work environment tense. Why can't you print salary totals by department or by school building? It would be sufficient to say "the instructor staff salaries at Belleville HS total \$1.4 million dollars," as an example.

I have friends and patients that work for the city and VBT and it is none of my business what they make a year. Thanks for your time.

Bradley Pearsall
Physical Therapist Assistant
ATI Physical Therapy, Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: We believe it's your business because it's your tax money. They are working for us. Thanks for your input.

Reply to the Editor:

I agree that it should be reported as it is our tax money. That's not the issue. My concern is that I don't think you should report what every individual is paid. It should be reported by department. These employees do have a right to a certain level of privacy and what each individual makes is nobody's business. Please feel free to print any of this conversation in its entirety.

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Dear Township Board of Trustees,

On Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 the *Belleville-Area Independent* had an article labeled 7th Annual Report to Taxpayers. The article outlined the *Van Buren Township Public Safety Department's Employees Wages and Actual Cost to the Township*.

I certainly appreciate our local community paper outlining these wages, because it brings transparency between our local government and us as taxpayers.

Township Supervisor Linda Combs, I am very disappointed in the leadership of our township. Our township board has allowed an employee to gross \$215,000 in a single year. Please do not ask our residents to vote for a millage increase or renewal if our government leaders are going to continue this type of wasteful spending.

We as taxpayers vote for a Township Board of Trustees with the belief that they will make fiscally responsible decisions. We additionally provide you with those resources by voting for millage renewals and increases. A \$215,000 salary for one employee is clearly not acceptable or economically responsible.

You have consultants, attorneys, and directors to assist with you with your decisions. I am asking you as our Township Supervisor to get with our other board members, create a viable solution to this problem, and publicly inform us residents on how this will be addressed.

I believe Van Buren Township is a great place to live, work, and play. We need economical leadership in which our residents are proud to pass millages, and simultaneously know our government is being fiscally responsible.

I will certainly appreciate a solution given to the public and appreciate you listening to my concern as a Van Buren Township resident and taxpayer.

Thank you,
Adam Byrd

Van Buren Township Resident &
Community Advocate

Editor's Note: Adam Byrd said he requested that Trustee Brenda McClanahan read this letter aloud during Tuesday's VBT Board meeting.

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he who has hope has everything"**

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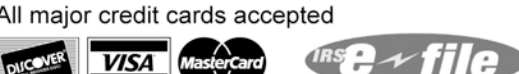
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Obituaries



Helen Mary Zywicki

HELEN M. ZYWICKI

(March 26, 1919 - February 28, 2015)

Helen Mary Zywicki, age 95, a Belleville resident for over 70 years, passed away Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville. She was born Wednesday, March 26, 1919 in Detroit, daughter of the late Benjamin & Pearl (King) Porch.

She is survived by four children John (Nadine) Zywicki of Brighton and Charles (Linda) Zywicki, Gerald (Peggy) Zywicki, and Donald (Carol) Zywicki, all of Belleville; daughter-in-law Doris Zywicki; 13 grandchildren; John Zywicki, Tracy Vazquez, Donald Jr. Zywicki, Joseph Zywicki, Erica Fulton, Richard Zywicki, Scott Zywicki, Randall Zywicki, Ronald Zywicki, Greg Zywicki, Audra Averbach, Cheryl Lusko, and Marcia Buell; 26 great-grandchildren; sister June (Robert) Mann of Romulus; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John Zywicki, son Raymond Zywicki, and two sisters Irene Pinter and Pearl Hamrick.

Helen and her husband John owned and operated Zywicki's Greenhouse in Belleville serving lower Michigan for over 50 years. Helen was a member of the Lincoln Senior Center in Ypsilanti, MI. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting and playing cards. Most of all she enjoyed fishing on Klotz Lake in Canada until her 90th birthday.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 3, from 5-8 P.M., and Wednesday, March 4, from 2-8 P.M., and will be Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 10-11 with a funeral service at 11 AM with Deacon Peter Cornell to officiate at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Interment to follow at Michigan Memorial Park located in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism, Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Alzheimer's Association or Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Fund (University of Michigan). Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



ARTHUR WILLIAM HILL

(September 2, 1926 - March 1, 2015)

Arthur William Hill, age 88, life-long resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2015 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born September 2, 1926 in Detroit, MI, son of James Henry & Elizabeth (Borbridge) Hill. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in WWII. He was an airplane and engine mechanic and sharpshooter. He was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, where he served as an usher and in the Men's Club for many years. He was also a member of Kiwanis Club and was on Van Buren School board for a number of years. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Mr. Hill is survived by daughter Laurie (Michael) Caswell of Canton, MI; son Gregory Hill; son-in-law Gary Bodenmiller of Newark, CA; 5 grandchildren Bryan (Sande) Hill of Saline, MI, Jennifer Bodenmiller of San Francisco, CA, Brett (Teresa) Bodenmiller of Livermore, CA, Lauren (Alex) Christenson of Plymouth, MI, and Michelle (Judson) Rambaud of Ypsilanti Township, MI; 4 great-grandchildren Timothy and Nathan Hill, Julian Christenson and Cameron Rambaud. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joy Marie (Hennells) Hill on February 5, 1996, daughter Diane Bodenmiller on September 16, 2001, also a brother and 4 sisters.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with a 7 PM Rosary. Visitation 10-11 AM Friday, March 6, 2015 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with an 11 AM Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick will serve as Celebrant. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions

may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church, American Lung Association, Breast Cancer research, Alzheimer's Association or Multiple Sclerosis, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Maria Wilkinson Carnahan

MARIA WILKINSON CARNAHAN

(August 4, 1935 - February 23, 2015)

Maria Wilkinson Carnahan, born August 4, 1935, entered the presence of her Savior February 23, 2015. Marie was born and raised in Detroit. She moved to Belleville after marrying Bruce Wilkinson who preceded her in death. She married Keith Carnahan in 1979. He preceded her in death October 18, 2014.

She worked for Van Buren Schools for many years, retiring in 1985 when she and Keith moved to St. Petersburg, FL. She loved bowling and was active in leagues near her home in St. Pete. Marie loved doing things for others. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by four stepchildren Mark Wilkinson of Belleville, Joni Hynson of St. Petersburg, FL, Keith Carnahan, Jr. of Key West, FL and David Carnahan of Plymouth, MI. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was one of 10 children. Three preceded her in death: Sue Cendrowski, Tony Iscaro and Bob Iscaro. She is survived by Vincent Iscaro, Ralph Iscaro, Lenora Ashby, Lena Jenkin, Diana Gidly and Clara Iscaro.

WARREN A. HUNTSINGER

Warren A. Huntsinger of Jackson, formerly of Belleville, age 93, passed away February 27, 2015. He is survived by his sons, Warren Jr., Daniel and David Huntsinger; sisters, Carrie Toth and Edith Welt; brothers, David and Don Huntsinger; several nieces and nephews. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper St. Jackson, MI 49202. Please sign Warren's guest book at sherwoodfh.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sherwood Funeral Home, Grass Lake.



Bernadette Disley

BERNADETTE DISLEY

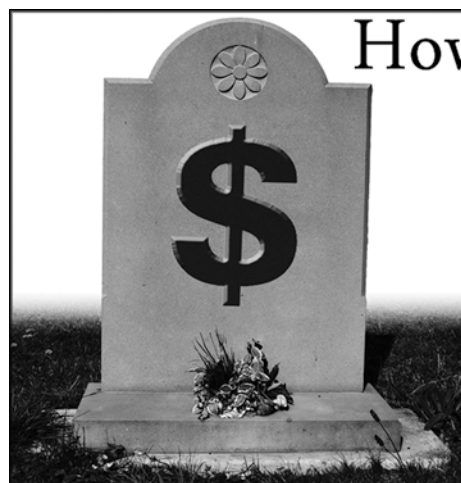
(April 18, 1937 - February 16, 2015)

Bernadette Disley was born Bernadette Therese Tam to Jean Tam and Luceinne Chevrier on April 18, 1937 in Jousse, France. She came to the United States in 1972 and has been a resident of Belleville for over 30 years. She departed from this life February 16, 2015 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She is survived by her son Ronald and two sisters. A private memorial will be held.

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The support from the community has been overwhelming, and graciously appreciated. VBPS employees, both current and past, parents, and students have showered us with gifts, messages, food, or positive thoughts for Amelie's entire (unwanted) journey. Strangers that have never met us, business owners, community organizations, and charitable foundations ... all came together to make sure that we were taken care of in every way possible.

During her time in treatment, we were able to give Amie every comfort she asked for, and provide her with endless opportunities to craft, create, or distract. We were able to do that, to focus on her and not on other things, because of the generosity of this community.

As many of you have written to us, losing a child is one of the most horrific things one can imagine. But the knowledge that so many people were there to help us make it through, and support Amie in her time of need, somehow made things easier. For that, we can never say thank you enough.

Thank you, sincerely.

Jason, Shelley, and Anya Strzalkowski
McBride Middle School Social Studies

Jacob Hoppe competes in Track & Field NCCAA National Championships

Jacob Hoppe of Belleville qualified for the 2015 National Christian College Athletics Association Indoor Track & Field National Championships and competed for a Spring Arbor University team that finished 10th overall in the team standings.

Hoppe, a freshman, finished 19th in the one-mile run with a time of 4:49.69. Hoppe had been home schooled.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Throughout the month of March** – Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum.

• **Thursday, March 5; Friday, March 6; and Saturday, March 7** – McBride Middle School presents "Swamp Pirate Zombie" at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Adults \$5, seniors and students, \$4. PTO food concessions one hour before show.

• **Thursday, March 5** – The Belleville SOUP Project 2015 opens its doors at 5:30 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons and supper is served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$9 for students, and \$40 for a family of four. Enjoy a soup supper and hear BHS New Tech students present ideas for a new Belleville project then vote on your favorite.

• **Friday, March 6** – A Bed Turning with Phyllis Guerrera at the Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum. Museum open noon-4 p.m. Cost \$2.

• **Friday, March 6** – All Free Friends Family Theater Movie Night at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis Road, Ypsilanti. Bounce House at 6:30 p.m. Includes free food. Movie about when you think that you couldn't have a worse day! 2014, 81 minutes. Also, a film about cyber-bullying, 2014, 93 minutes. Questions? (734) 482-5074. Previews: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, March 7** – A Bed Turning with Sue Jaszcz at the Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum. Also, Crank Sewing class with Elaine Stange. Museum open noon-4 p.m. Cost \$2.

• **Saturday, March 7** – Sumpter Township residents can bring their dogs to the Animal Shot Clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. in the pole barn across from township hall. Rabies shots are \$15; distemper/parvo combination, \$22; dog licenses \$5, \$7.

Also on Saturday, March 14.

• **Wednesday, March 11** – Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. to sell out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5.

• **Thursday, March 12** – "The Wonders and Religions of India" with Hilary Savage is the free Homegrown Knowledge presentation at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Friday, March 13** – A Bed Turning with Marjorie Fromm at the Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum. Museum open noon-4 p.m. Cost \$2.

• **Friday, March 13** – All Free Friends Family Theater Movie Night at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis Road, Ypsilanti. Bounce House at 6:30 p.m. Includes free food. "Mantle of Granny Bell," 2014, 168 minutes. Also, a movie about how can culinary differences possibly get along? 2014, 122 minutes. Questions? (734) 482-5074. Previews: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, March 14** – A free class in Bollyfit dance begins at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The class is free, but a \$5 deposit is required at the time of registration. Sign up starts March 2.

• **Saturday, March 14** – A Bed Turning with Pat Sisler at the Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum. Museum open noon-4 p.m. Cost \$2.

Upcoming Meetings

• **Tuesday, March 10** – September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, March 11** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, March 12** – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission continues deliberation on Sumpter Roller Rink's special use permit at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, March 16** – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. at Edgemont Elementary School. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, March 17** – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

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Academy North in Romulus and several individuals associated with that school.

Judge Cohn held a status conference with the parties on Feb. 23 and then on Feb. 24 signed an order stating what was discussed at the conference.

Judge Cohn stated the liability and damages in the case are bifurcated, split up, and he ordered the Plaintiff to file a letter within 10 days stating the particularities of the claims against each of the four school districts. And then, 10 days after that, the defendants shall lodge a letter to the court summarizing the basis for their respective motion.

The U.S. document states: "Under Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause, discrimination based on a person's nonconformity to sex stereotypes, a person's gender identity, or a person's transgender status constitutes discrimination based on sex ... numerous courts that have addressed claims by transgender plaintiffs have recognized that sex-based discrimination may be established in all three of these ways. In this case, Plaintiff has alleged sufficient facts on each of these bases to survive Wyandotte's Motion to Dismiss. Indeed, a person may establish sex discrimination through discriminatory conduct based on gender identity or transgender status, regardless of whether there is evidence of sex stereotyping."

As to the charges against the Van Buren Public Schools, defendants named are: South Middle School Principal Karen Mida, Interim South Principal Robert Wilkinson, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel, and board members, individually, Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Sherry Frazier, Kevin English, Kathy Kovach, Scott Russell, and Kelly Owen.

The law suit is brought by Tooley on behalf of her child through James B. Rasor and Jonathan Marko of the Rasor Law Firm in Royal Oak.

The suit alleges that the Plaintiff is a 14-year-old boy, who was born as a girl, but has since transitioned.

"He has experienced overwhelming instances of harassment and discrimination because of his transition ..." the suit begins. The Student began sixth grade at

South Middle School on Sept. 6, 2011. About a week later the Student was passed a note by a girl classmate. The Student waited until the Student got home to open it and the letter said the Student was going to go to hell because of the way the Student dressed and there was a rainbow colored on it.

The suit said the next morning the mother called Vice Principal Mida, who she had known for years. The suit said the mother brought Mida the note and "she made light of it" saying the girl comes from a good family. Mida made a copy of the note and said it was for the Student's file and kept the original note and said she would take care of it, "but she didn't," the suit said.

That same day, the suit said, the Student got off the bus and ran through the door upset. The Student had urinated because the Student was scolded for attempting to walk into the boys' bathroom, so just didn't go all day long.

Also that same day, the Student was given another note from the same little girl that said the Student was going to hell the day prior. Inside it, she asked to be forgiven for scaring the Student. When the mother went to see Mida the next morning, Mida told the mother that she figured that since the girl apologized on her own, that the situation was handled, the suit said.

The mother demanded to have a meeting with the child's parents, but Mida said it wasn't possible, but she would talk to the little girl's mother. According to the suit, Mida said the girl's mother said she would never do that and Tooley thought the girl should be disciplined and found Mida's handling of the situation not acceptable.

The suit spells out problems in gym class where the Student changed inside the bathroom stall so the Student wouldn't have to change with the girls. The Student started to throw up daily after gym at that point because of the severe harassment, the suit said.

Between Sept. 6 and Oct. 17, 2011, the Student was called fag, queer, and he/she at school and the mother went to the office almost daily, the suit said.

The suit said four female students told the Student that "they kill dykes like him." When the Student turned and ran to a locker, the girls said, "You better be afraid, bitch," and laughed, the suit said.

Although the mother wanted the Student to pick out the girls from the yearbook for Mida, that never happened. Although Mida had said she would walk the Student to classes, she only walked the student to the first class and not the rest, the suit alleges.

When Tooley went to see Mida about that, the suit quotes Mida as saying, "When you get older you'll forget all about the kids that didn't like that you were a tomboy and you will develop into a beautiful woman and..." Then the Student stood up and said, "I am a boy" before the mother had the chance to. Tooley reminded Mida that those four girls threatened to kill her son. Mida, allegedly replied, "It was their word against hers," and she refused to protect the Plaintiff, the suit said.

Mida was unavailable from that point on and so the mother demanded to see interim principal Wilkinson. The suit said at every appointment he would say such things as, "If she is going to dress like a boy she needs to toughen up."

About Nov. 1, 2011, Wilkinson threatened the Student's mother with truancy charges, according to the suit. The student had never returned to school after Oct. 17, 2011 because Mida failed to discipline the girl who wrote the note and the four girls who threatened him, the suit said. The administration at South Middle School said the Student needed to make changes by dressing more feminine and that the Student wasn't allowed to use the boys' restroom.

The mother said she made an appointment to see Supt. Van Tassel on three separate

occasions and left him several voice mails. She even walked in two times demanding to see him. She explained that her child had been out of school for a very long time and that she needed help so that her child could get back in school, but she never received a reply, the suit states.

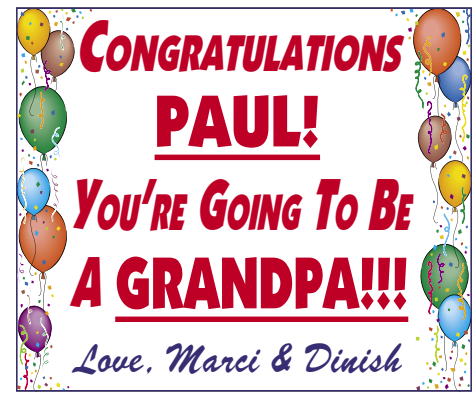
In January 2012, the mother decided to look into different school options because of the harassment and she chose Summit Academy in Romulus, the suit said. After testing, the Student was put back a year.

Problems persisted there with the staff refusing to call the Student by a boy's name.

The suit states after leaving South Middle School, the Student started to experience psychosomatic pain condition and within a few months the Student was in a wheelchair. There were problems at Summit, as well.

On or about Dec. 4, 2012, the Student started sixth grade at Wilson Middle School in Wyandotte. After some opposition, the school allowed staff to use male pronouns

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Correction: Lunch Room Supervisor did not make half a million dollars

On Page 15 in the Feb. 26 issue of the Independent, we listed Shirley Scott, a lunch room supervisor, with a base pay of \$4,774.84 and a total compensation of \$525,986.00.

That was an error. She actually has total compensation of \$5,259.86. We regret the error and apologize.

Also on pages 16 and 17, the heading included a misspelled version of Transparency.

-- Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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 The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 27 with Boji Home Builders at Cobblestone Creek Woodlands subdivision on West Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township. People attending enjoyed lunch and refreshments and got to tour a furnished model home.

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Transgender

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for the Student, but still made the Student use the staff ladies' room across from the cafeteria. The Student was warned never to try to use the boys' bathroom upstairs. It was a trough urinal and no doors. The Student was told if boys caught him sneaking, they would see and the Student would probably get hurt.

Problems persisted, according to the suit, and staff members called the Student by the legal female name. The suit alleges staff members outed the Student to the student's friends.

In July 2015 a boy threatened the Student and the Student ran off so fast the Student fell and fractured an elbow and hit the Student's ear and face. That boy was eventually prosecuted, the suit said.

In September 2013, the Student started classes at OW Best Middle School in Dearborn Heights, where the Student got a girlfriend and then was outed to the girl's parents by the staff. The Student experienced kidney infections due to not being allowed to use the boys' bathroom and was in Children's Hospital about April 1, 2014, the suit said.

The law suit was filed Sept. 5, 2014. It alleges violation of the Student's constitutional rights, sex/gender discrimination under Title IX, sex-based harassment, violation of Michigan Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act, violation of 14th Amendment, First Amendment, violation of Equal Protection Rights under the Michigan Constitution, Gross Negligence, suffered injuries as a result of execution of the districts' policies and customs, and violation of Civil Rights.

"Students in the districts' school ... have been harassed by their peers with derogatory language, threats, and physical assaults because of their nonconformity to gender stereotypes and/or sexually harassed by their peers," the suit alleges.

"Sex-based harassment in the districts is severe, pervasive, or persistent, and has denied or limited students' abilities to participate in or benefit from the district's educational program.

"In some instances, the district should have known of the harassment but failed to investigate, address, and/or stop the

harassment. In most instances involving Plaintiff, Plaintiff himself and his mother have reported sex-based harassment to school and district officials. District officials clearly knew of the harassment but the district either took no action or its response was inadequate. The harassment continued and in many instances escalated.

"A hostile environment exists in the districts and the districts' existing policies and procedures have contributed to the hostile environment," the law suit states.

"Unless enjoined by this court, the district will continue to violate the Plaintiff's state, federal, and Constitutional rights. Plaintiff requests injunctive relief from allowing the districts from continuing their discriminatory policies and procedures."

Editor's Note: Although the law suit uses the transgender child's names – both the feminine and masculine versions – the *Independent* has decided to call the child "Student."

Quilt Show under way throughout March at Belleville Area Museum

The 19th-annual Quilt Show at the Belleville Area Museum, sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild and Threads 'N Treasures of Belleville, is under way and runs through March 31.

The museum is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

There will be Bed Turnings every Friday and Saturday, with a quilt presentation at the Belleville Area District Library at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and a Children's Sewing Workshop from noon to 4 p.m. at the museum on Saturday, March 28.

The museum is at 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Museum admission is \$2. For more information, contact the Belleville Area Museum by phone at (734) 697-1944 or email: kdallos@provide.net.

"You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else."

– Albert Einstein



The second-annual Mayors' Ball on Feb. 14 at the Detroit Airport Marriott Hotel raised \$18,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Romulus and the Belleville Boys & Girls Club. There were 180 people present at the ball at \$100 per ticket and there were many generous donations to make the party a great success. The tickets for the event were sold out and they may seek out a larger venue for next year's party. From left are Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley; John Juriga of Belleville, founder of the Boys & Girls Clubs in both Romulus and Belleville; and Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcuff.

VBT Board votes 6-1 to create full-time position, put Nicole Sumpter in place

At Tuesday's 26-minute regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to approve a job description for an Administrative Assistant/Benefits Coordinator and to move Nicole Sumpter from her present job in the clerk's office to this job in the clerk's office. Trustee Regina Miller voted against the motion because she said the person hired for the position should have experience in Human Resources.

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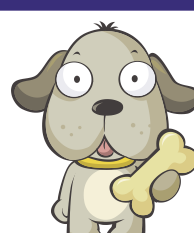
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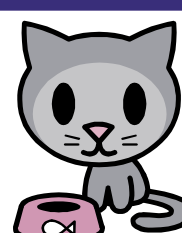
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March 13 – Sean McCluskey
March 14 – Julie Villeneuve
March 15 – Pat Villeneuve
March 16 – Stephanie Villeneuve
March 18 – Lauren Villeneuve

Do you have a birthday in March? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Keystone salaries

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Consequently, Keystone does not have any employees.

Also, the *Independent's* FOIA requested a report of employee benefits. NHA, a private company, does not have to reveal individual benefits nor give any information on how much employees may or may not pay for benefits.

But, NHA did include a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Medical PPO Plan Benefits-at-a-Glance for Sept. 1, 2014-Aug. 31, 2015.

Among the benefits, annual deductibles in-network are \$500 per member or \$1,000 per family, \$10 copay for general services, \$20 for specialists, \$50 for outpatient surgery, \$100 for emergency room, and inpatient admission, among others, plus prescription plans.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

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Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road will be reopening on Monday, March 9, at 6 a.m. They've been closed for a couple of weeks now because of water damage from freezing pipes. See their ad in today's paper for some great welcome-back coupons. Call (734) 697-1000.

The 19th-annual **Quilt Show** is under way at the **Belleville Area Museum** through the month of March. Museum hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. A children's **Sewing Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at noon, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Call (734) 697-1944. Be sure to vote for your favorite quilt.

A **Craft & Vendor Show** is taking place this Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Belleville Coney Island** on Sumpter Road in the **Belle Plaza**. Watch for other craft shows coming to the restaurant's banquet room.

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With the planning of Sumpter Fest and Strawberry Festival already under way, we also are working on advertising packages for the official program for the festivals. Watch this column for more details in the weeks to come.

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Belleville approves stipends in place of raises for POAM

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council unanimously approved paying a one-time, \$1,000 stipend to full-time employees and a one-time \$800 stipend to part-time employees, who work 32 hours, covered by the Police Officers Association of Michigan union.

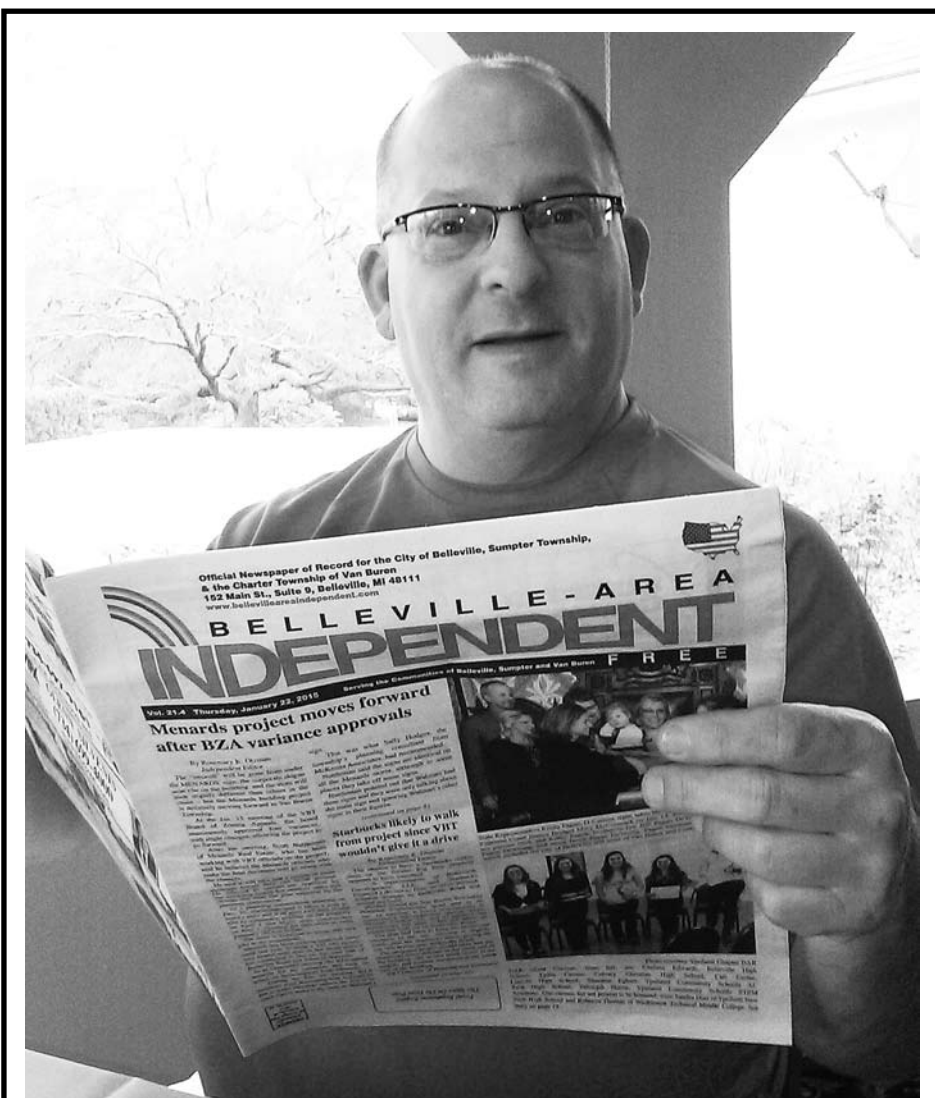
At the Feb. 17 council meeting, Mayor Kerreen Conley explained this stipend was for the current POAM wage reopener on the last year of the contract. She said union members agreed to take the stipend instead of a raise in pay.

Also at the 21-minute meeting, the council:

- Unanimously approved closing part of High Street along Horizon Park for the Relay for Life event. The fund raiser for the American Cancer Society will run from 10 a.m. May 30 to midnight, with two hours of cleanup planned after that. While the Relay for Life usually is a 24-hour event, this year it will be 12 hours. There will be tents in the street, walking the sidewalks in a route by teams, and a stage and entertainment. Jen Garland said they will sell relay wrist bands that will entitle the wearers to discounts at local businesses. Steve Windham, the "face" of Relay for Life came late to the council meeting because of bad roads. He was introduced to the council.

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office."

— Aesop



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Peter Dodge reads his *Independent* at Belleville Days in Florida on Feb. 4 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club in Hernando. "I grew up in Belleville and love the town that raised me," Peter said. "But the cold weather got the best of me and now 70 degrees seems cold. So, Florida is home for now or some other warm destination in the future.

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SPACE #H-23, Janeese Horne – China cabinet, refrigerator/freezer, shelving unit, TV, glass display case, bed frame, 3 bamboo shades, laundry basket, 2 bicycles, patio furniture, propane tank, several totes and boxes.

SPACE #H-25, Janeese Horne – 5 folding tables, 12 folding chairs, many decorative items – house décor, plants, Christmas – lots of craft items, several boxes and totes.

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The awards will be presented at a recognition dinner on Tuesday, May 19, in Ann Arbor. The awards are presented during National EMS Week, a time to recognize and honor the dedication of EMS personnel who provide emergency lifesaving services to their communities.

Nominees for the Life Saving Award can be individuals of any age who live in the HVA service area. Individuals who have saved or attempted to save a life under unusual or extraordinary circumstances and have not received an award for their life-saving actions from any other organization are eligible for the award.

Businesses or organizations in the HVA service area can be nominated for the Heart Safe Award. Nominees should meet the following criteria for creating a "heart safe" environment at their workplace by having:

- Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in all buildings;
- Staff trained in CPR/AEDs in all buildings; and
- Cardiac emergency response plan drills.

Nomination forms for both award nominations are available at hva.org. To request a print version of the nomination form or for questions, call HVA Community Relations at (734) 477-6258 or send an email to communityrelations@emergenthealth.org. The deadline for award nominations is Friday, April 3, at 5 p.m.

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– Abraham Lincoln



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville

NOTICE OF AMENDED STATEMENT

2013 Community Development Block Grants



Following a public hearing on March 2, 2015 the City Council reprogrammed part of the 2013 CDBG funds which were not needed to complete Barrier Free Improvements project, to fund an ADA accessible Playscape in Village Park as follows:

1. Barrier Free Improvements

Location: Various City facilities

Activity: ADA evaluation & modifications

Project	Original	Change	Final
Barrier Free	\$ 39,204	- 39,204	\$ -0-

2. Village Park ADA Accessible Playscape

Location: city-wide

Activity: ADA Modification

Project	Original	Change	Final
ADA Playscape	\$ 0	+\$ 39,204	\$ 39,204
Village Park			

Lisa Long
City Clerk

PUBLISH: March 5, 2015

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

1984 Chevrolet Celebrity
1997 Ford Escort
1995 Cadillac Deville
2007 Chrysler 300
1999 Chevrolet Lumina
2002 Ford Taurus

The vehicles are being stored at J&T Towing in Belleville. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by Friday, March 13, 2015, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the March 16, 2015 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, Michigan.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

DATE: February 13, 2015

**PUBLISH: February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015
March 12, 2015**

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Works will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township Cemeteries.

Spring Cleaning will begin March 23, 2015 and run through April 2, 2015

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by March 20, 2015.

New items may be displayed beginning April 3, 2015

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton-49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop- 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler-39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Road)

Otisville-41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
Department of Public Works 734-699-8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by J. Morgan, Supervisor showing present: Supervisor Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees, Hamm, P. Morgan, Oddy, and Swinson. Also present: D. Bowman, Attorney Young and approximately 17 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman by to approve the agenda for the February 10, 2015 correcting the warrant amount to read \$1,385,946.43 and the addition of Item 15.d Renovation of the Interior of the Parks & Recreation Building. Motion carried.

4. Public comments only on agenda items: None

5. A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve the regular board meeting minutes January 27, 2015 with the correction of the Warrant amount to \$1,385,946.43. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$1,515,832.60. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, Oddy, Swinson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Swinson to approve the Water & Sewer Department report as presented by Treasurer Bates. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Hoffman supported by Bates to approve the Police Department Report as presented by Chief Pierce. Motion carried.

9. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Bates to approve the Building/ Ordinance Department report as presented by Supervisor Morgan. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Hoffman supported by Hamm to approve the Fire Department Report as presented by Chief Januszyk. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Hoffman supported by P. Morgan to approve the Treasurer's Department Report as presented by Treasurer Bates. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Hoffman supported by P. Morgan to approve the Supervisor Report as presented by Supervisor Morgan. Motion carried.

13. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Swinson to approve the Attorney's Report as presented. Motion carried.

14. Board Response – Trustee Hamm thanked Don

La Porte who served as union president for the Fire Department for the past four years.

Supervisor Morgan thanked the Fire Department for their help with a medical emergency.

15. New Business

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to approve the lease agreement with Clinton Brown and Amelia Rose Brown beginning May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hoffman supported by P. Morgan to approve the appointment of Torri Douglas to the Board of Review, term to expire January 2016. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Hoffman to approve the contract with Breathing Air Systems at an annual cost of \$1,019.10. Motion carried

D. Motion by Hoffman supported by P. Morgan to accept the bid of \$5,200.00, from R Henry Construction, for the renovation to the interior of the Park & Recreation building. Motion carried.

16. Announcements: None at this time.

17. Open Floor:

Mary Ban – 1) Comments regarding the amount paid by the Belleville Library for the DNR property and the amount paid attorneys and architects. Ms. Ban asked if Attorney Young would look into these costs and report back to Sumpter Township.

18. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Hoffman to adjourn the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

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 February 10, 2015 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.

Published: March 5, 2015

Belleville, VBT leaders plan to sign new Downriver Sewer pact

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Wayne County's new CEO Warren Evans has revoked the County Commission's acceptance of the new Downriver Sewer Agreement and sent 13 communities into battle – including the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township.

The commission vote in December was 14-0 with one commissioner absent. Although Evans had a window to rescind things he didn't like after being sworn in in January, he only dealt with the sewer agreement Feb. 20 and sent out a notice that since not all the communities had accepted the agreement, the county was revoking acceptance, effective immediately.

On Monday, both the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and the Belleville City Council heard reports on the new sewer agreement and how the new county executive seems to claim ownership of the sewer system, which the communities paid

for.

Both municipalities indicated they would sign the 20-year agreement at their next meetings: Belleville on March 16 and VBT on March 17. All 13 municipal members must sign the agreement for it to be accepted and many of the larger communities have signed.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley told the council that the original Downriver Sewer System Agreement ran for 50 years, from 1961 to 2012, and for the past 4 ½ years they have been negotiating a new agreement.

Mayor Conley said in December the agreement wasn't perfect, but the commission passed it and the 13 communities were working through details they didn't like before signing it.

Conley said the communities wanted Evans to look at the agreement and a meeting was planned. Two representatives from the county came 45 minutes late.

Then another meeting with the county was set and at the last minute the county decided not to attend. The communities met together and there was a lot of dialog and they encouraged each other to sign the agreement.

Each community forwarded a letter to Evans that he doesn't have the authority to do what he did.

Conley said State Rep. Kurt Heise is introducing a bill in the state legislature that says before you sell an asset you have to own it.

"Ownership is yet to be determined," Conley said. "We feel since we paid for it, we own it."

"This is really a pretty hot, big topic for our 13 communities," Conley said. "We paid hundreds of millions of dollars on the system. None came from the county."

At the VBT work/study session DPW Director James Taylor reported on the situation, saying at their Feb. 25 meeting the downriver communities challenged Evans' authority.

"To be direct, we believe he has no authority to veto the commission's action," Taylor said.

Taylor said it is believed "the approval of the agreement will strengthen any potential attempts to ignore the significant financial investment our communities have made."

Taylor provided a large packet of information on the issue, along with a letter from township attorney Patrick McCauley in support of recommended approval.

Taylor said the new agreement preserves the communities' ability to contest ownership if it is decided at some future date that the communities want to challenge that issue and initiate litigation.

"Don't gamble! Take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it 'till it goes up, then sell it. If it don't go up, don't buy it."

– Will Rogers

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CDBG PROGRAM TRANSFER



Notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled before the City Council on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, for the purpose hearing comments in the City of Belleville, in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Community Development Block Grant Program provides for citizens the opportunity to participate in the preparation of the City transferring 2013 CDBG funds by discussing City needs and expressing preferences on proposed activities. At its March 2, 2015 City Council meeting, approval was granted to set a Pubic Hearing to consider the transfer of 2013 CDBG funds.

Total funds to be transferred for the City of Belleville from 2013 Community Development Block Grant Planning and Administration funds is \$5,228.00 and is planned for replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If you wish to be heard on this matter please make arrangements to be present, or send written communications to the Belleville City Clerk.

The City of Belleville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and service to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon advanced notice to the City Clerk, by writing or calling Lisa Long, City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Telephone 734 -697-9323.

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Total funds to be transferred for the City of Belleville from 2012 Administration funds are \$2,775.00 and is planned for replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Feb. 22:

0045 – mental, Quirk Rd.
0124 – assault & battery, Beacon Trl.
0156 – property damage accident, E. Archwood
0220 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0236 – fight, Rawsonville
0237 – noise complaint, Parkwood
0238 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0622 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
0755 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0832 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1150 – private property accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1303 – private property accident, Belleville
1319 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1345 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1445 – suspicious person, Westlake
1527 – disturbance, Old Michigan Rd.
1554 – indecent exposure, Stephanie/Fay
1650 – private property accident, Mammoth Video
1712 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.
1914 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
2029 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
2058 – suspicious person, Village Green Ln.
2222 – harassment call, E. Archwood Dr.

Monday, Feb. 22:

0803 – private property accident, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1343 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1419 – holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1631 – hunting complaint, Red Oak Dr.
1648 – fraud, Winding Pond Dr.
1848 – private property accident, Van Born
1953 – missing person, Farm Rd.
2001 – suspicious situation, Brandi
2027 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
2049 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
2224 – suspicious situation, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 23:

0940 – abandoned auto, Dentron Rd.
1120 – animal complaint, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
1136 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.
1306 – fraud, Savage Rd.
1328 – harassment call, Coca-Cola Dr.
1349 – abandoned auto, W. Huron River Dr. / Fairview Ct.
1501 – mental, Alden Ave.
1530 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1542 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1647 – suspicious person, Menlo Park
1802 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1950 – operating while intoxicated, I-94 EB / Belleville Rd.
1958 – private property accident, Jackson Ct.
2014 – suspicious situation, Rose Blvd.
2102 – suicide or attempt, Rogers Ave.
2226 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, Feb. 24:

0359 – operating while intoxicated, Hoeft Rd.
0408 – water leak found, Haggerty/E. Huron River
0451 – hospice, Denton Rd.
0901 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Fed Ex
0929 – breaking & entering, Lindsey Dr.
1047 – fraud, S. Timberview Dr.
1121 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1301 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1306 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
1821 – traffic hazard, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.
1920 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2033 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
2044 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
2206 – breaking & entering, Clayton Rd.
2245 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
/ Riggs Rd.
2341 – hospice, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 26:

0151 – suspicious person, Van Buren Plaza
0936 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.
1113 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1116 – private property accident, Van Born
1154 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1537 – crossing guard, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1608 – private property accident, Edgemont School

1846 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2031 – agency assist, W. I-94/Rawsonville

2154 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.

Friday, Feb. 27:

0043 – agency assist, Haggerty/I-94
0318 – fraud, Maple Dr.
0423 – suspicious person, W. Archwood Dr.
0431 – property damage accident, Denton Rd./Ecorse Service Dr. A
0705 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
0722 – suspicious vehicle, Fairbanks St.
0827 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
0900 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1827 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.
1933 – personal injury accident, Belleville
1952 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
2023 – animal complaint, Westlake
2045 – suspicious situation, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2138 – disturbance, Lighthouse Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 28:

0222 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
0314 – suspicious situation, S. Bellridge Dr.
0324 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd. / Michigan Ave.
0325 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0604 – unattended death, s. I-94 Service Dr.
0659 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0754 – water leak found, Camden Rd.
0812 – noise complaint, Meadows Ln.
0842 – private property accident, Redwood
1204 – property damage accident, Riggs/Haggerty
1419 – noise complaint, Buchanan
1502 – agency assist, Parkwood Dr.
1602 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1613 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
1850 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.
1902 – family trouble, Borgman Ave.

Also on this log are 197 traffic stops, 71 of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 22:

0414 – vehicle repossession, Carmell St.
0700 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
0742 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1123 – follow up, Henry St.
1217 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
1253 – animal complaint, Biggs Ave.
1536 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1559 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2054 – family trouble, Bay Pointe Dr.

Monday, Feb. 23:

1713 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2037 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Feb. 24:

0009 – hospice, Carmell St.
0842 – agency assist, Main St.
1747 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.
1857 – civil matter, Main St.
2110 – warrant arrest, Loza Ln.
2109 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

0220 – assist citizen, Main St.
0458 – suspicious vehicle, Davenport/E. Columbia
1543 – crossing guard det, Owen/Sumpter Rd.
1602 – vehicle lockout, BHS
1829 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1857 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1943 – vehicle lockout, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 26:

1211 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1345 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1445 – PPO violation, Carmell St.
1537 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1627 – private property accident, Edgemont
1852 – juvenile complaint, Loza Ln.
2354 – suspicious person, Henry St.

Friday, Feb. 27:

0913 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1042 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia
1227 – welfare check, Jet's Pizza
1420 – malicious destruction of property, E. Waterbury Ct.
1527 – traffic complaint, Van Buren Transportation
1858 – civil matter, Church St.

1904 – larceny from auto, High St.

2040 – serve warrant, Carmell St.

2102 – serve warrant, Loza Ln.

2118 – serve warrant, Village Green

2159 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.

2349 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 28:

0448 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
0455 – personal injury accident, N. Liberty St.
1014 – found property, Main St.
1019 – information, Main St./South St.
1048 – domestic assault, Main St.
1143 – property damage accident, Main St./Denton
1356 – follow up, Menlo Park Dr.
1625 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1827 – family trouble, Carmell St.
2006 – serve warrant, Loza Ln.
2014 – fight, Egan's

Also on this week's log are 40 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 22:

0317 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0350 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd / Sherwood
0609 – fire dept. assist, Birch
0900 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0917 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0934 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1151 – assault, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1312 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1426 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1805 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1911 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1936 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2002 – warrant pickup, out of township
2104 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2258 – suspicious person, Judd/Elwell

Monday, Feb. 23:

0810 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1324 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Bemis
1441 – fire dept. assist, Pecan
1759 – fire dept. assist, Oregon
2008 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2016 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 24:

0306 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1413 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1423 – alarm, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1813 – warrant pick up, out of township

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

0109 – family trouble, California
0658 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1234 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1314 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1355 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1431 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1441 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1519 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1855 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Judd
1941 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
2158 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 26:

0433 – well-being check, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
0950 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Sully
1507 – attempt warrant pick up, Second St.
1514 – attempt warrant pick up, 46000 bl. Willis
1531 – attempt warrant pick up, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1558 – attempt warrant pick up, 40000 bl. Harris
1643 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1742 – juvenile complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2119 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
2130 – warrant pick up, out of township
2256 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2345 – fire dept. assist, Nevada

Friday, Feb. 27:

1217 – warrant arrest, Karr/Willow
1341 – citizen assist, Willow/Carleton West
1509 – 911 hang up, Texas
1515 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
1734 – subpoena service, out of township
1818 – family trouble, Texas
1859 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1941 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2013 – assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville

Saturday, Feb. 28:

0039 – alarm, 22000 bl. Fenster

0045 – property damage accident, Karr/Judd

0114 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0343 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz

/ Exeter

1704 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

2221 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 14 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 133 patrol checks, and 26 traffic stops.



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 2, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. American Cancer Society – Relay for Life Event – High Street Closing

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-011 to approve a request by American Cancer Society to hold a relay for life event to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

and ending on May 31, 2015 at midnight on High Street between Main and the gazebo. Street closing on High Street from the church parking lot to Church Street

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. POAM Wage Approval

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-012 to approve paying a one time \$1,000.00 stipend to full-time employees and a one time \$800.00 stipend to part-time POAM Employees.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. 2013 CDBG Transfer of Funds

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-013 to discuss the transfer of 2013 CDBG funds and to set a Public Hearing for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of hearing comments in accordance with the CDBG Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-014 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Public Hearing to discuss the transfer of 2013 CDBG funds to be held on March 2, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: March 2, 2015

Publish: March 5, 2015

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Linda and Ken Schroeder of Canton Township saw the letter from a California student in the Feb. 19 *Independent* requesting things from Michigan for the

student's report. They decided to help the student and gathered a pile of Michigan items and sent them off to the child on Feb. 25. The box included maps and brochures from the I-75 rest stop near the Ohio border, individual boxes of cereal from Kellogg's in Battle Creek, clothes from the Salvation Army with Michigan logos on them all washed and folded, a cap with a Detroit "D," Motown 45 rpm records, Jiffy Mix items (and a picture of a Jiffy Mix semi at the rest stop), and more. Linda is the daughter of Lois Mida Zilka, BHS Class of '54, who is recovered after her car was T-boned at the Michigan Avenue / Belleville Road intersection last August.

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