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16-year-old student shot near BHS; male suspect in custody

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

After being shot in the face, a 16-year-old Belleville High School student was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by Huron Valley Ambulance at about 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the student is in temporary serious condition. The gunshot damaged the teen's cheek and teeth.

Chief Berriman said Belleville Police recovered the weapon. A 22-year-old male is in custody and was expected to be arraigned on Wednesday. Berriman said

the suspected shooter came in with his mother and surrendered to police Monday evening.

Berriman said at about 7 p.m. Monday his officers called him to the scene along West Columbia between Columbia Court and Tuscan Manor, about a block away from BHS. He said Police Cpl. Kris Faull, the School Resource Officer, got alarmed when she saw reports all over Facebook about a BHS student being shot.

A neighbor along West Columbia said he saw a male in a brown hoodie walk by and then he heard a pop.



The Opening Day parade lined up on McBride and marched up Beck Road to the Little League Ball Fields as families watched their teams heading for the diamonds. Then the festivities began with lots of picture snapping by the proud families and lots of cheering for the young teams.



Danny Belanger threw out the first softball of the season at Saturday's opening day for VBALL. Next Saturday at 10 a.m. his late father, Harold Belanger, will be honored when a VBALL service is held to dedicate the Harold Belanger Memorial Field at the Beck Road Baseball Complex.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
 Belleville retired Police Chief Gene Taylor, left, was grand marshal of Saturday's opening day parade for the new Van Buren Area Little League. Chief Taylor also threw out the first baseball of the season and was given a trophy with the game ball in it. At right is Marc Littleton, who became president of VBALL in November. The player participation rose from 324 last year to 368 as of Saturday. After hearing Jessica Bell sing "The National Anthem" and "America the Beautiful" and Tommy Leese read the Little League Pledge, Littleton thanked the many, many people who worked to get ready for opening day and those who donated funds. He introduced all the teams and coaches lined up around the field. Then, Littleton yelled out, "Play Ball!" The season has begun.

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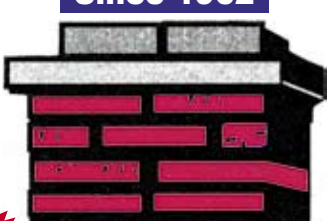
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council wrestles with time schedule for Strawberry Festival

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On May 5, after more than an hour of discussing the Administrative Policy for the Strawberry Festival June 13-15, the Belleville City Council approved a version slightly different than that presented by the Festival.

The council took out the part that said the city will enforce a restriction on passing out handbills in the festival area. Council members agreed that would be illegal.

They also turned down the city enforcing restrictions against pets, bikes and rollerblades, since the reserve officers patrolling the festival do not have the power to arrest anyone. And, city employees shouldn't be posting signs for the festival as required in the policy.

But the big disagreement with the policy was on the hours the festival will be open, especially since a St. Anthony's event brochure lists different times for St. Anthony's than the rest of the festival.

Since Belleville High School will still be in session on Friday, June 13, the superintendent was said to have signed off on a change that holds off on starting the carnival and Beer Tent until 3 p.m. that day.

The St. Anthony Beer Tent has a license from the state Liquor Control Commission and so the council felt it could not set any times for that, although the Beer Tent is a part of the festival and should have the same hours as the rest of the festival.

The Beer Tent will be open 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

The hours for the rest of the festival are noon to 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

"And, music shall end by 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday," Mayor Kerreen Conley stated, and the council agreed.

George Chedraue, a former council member and practicing attorney, said someone from the festival committee should have been at the council meeting to give its side of the policy.

That's when Councilman Tom Fielder spoke up. He is executive director of the Strawberry Festival, but had not entered into the debate on the side of the festival.

He offered to abstain from the council vote on the policy, but council members rejected his abstention. Fielder joined in the unanimous vote to approve the altered policy.

The council members said next year there will be an effort to have the Beer Tent hours conform to the hours for the rest of the festival.

That was not possible this year because Mayor Conley said both the retired Police Chief Gene Taylor and the interim Police Chief Hal Berriman signed off on the midnight Beer Tent closings on Friday and Saturday. (Taylor later said he had not signed off.)

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

The American Heritage Girl Troop MI 0413 of St. Anthony Catholic Church was presented with an award for its entry in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Hares on the Square contest. Pausing for a picture in the Belleville City Council room on May 5 before the awards were passed out were, from left in back: Rachel Faitel, Angela Vinarcik, Heidi Roberts and Julia Wise. In front, from left, are Clare Faitel, Lydia Roberts, Madelyn Roberts, Rochel Vinarcik, and Kate Faitel.



City Councilman Tom Fielder, at right, accepts the Hares on the Square award for the Belleville Area Museum's entry. Fielder also is president of the Belleville Area Historical Society. At left is Steve Jones, president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.



Winner of the business award in the Hares on the Square contest was Michigan PC Tech. Accepting the award is Chuck Nerswick and his daughters, from left, Amara, Zoey, and Lily Ann. Mother, Stephanie Nerswick, not pictured, also helped with the entry.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter Township officials give themselves raises

It wasn't on the official board meeting agenda and there was little discussion, but on Tuesday night the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted itself some hefty raises – effective June 1.

The vote of those board members present was unanimous, although Supervisor Johnny Vawters is still out on medical leave.

Township attorney Rob Young said he and financial officer Jim Glahn were asked to look at salaries for elected officials. Young brought their recommendation up during his attorney's report.

He and Glahn found the current pay was less than surrounding townships – Van Buren and Huron. Sumpter elected officials have had no raises since 1993. Over those same 21 years, the other employees have had an 87% raise, he said.

Young said Glahn came up with a raise for the supervisor, from \$16,000 to \$21,150; the clerk and treasurer from \$14,000 to \$18,101; and the trustees to \$8,000.

The board also approved cost of living increases when the other employees get them and ongoing increases that match the percentages given to the regular employees.

Young said he and Glahn noted that township employees took substantial cuts several years ago and, "We're not out of the soup yet," but 21 years without a raise is a long time.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Monday brought the first of this season's big storms, but there were no tornadoes that touched down in the tri-community, as far as I know.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said that officials considered keeping the students from going out into the storm at the end of the school day, but decided to let them leave. I believe it was raining really hard at the time, but no tornadoes were around.

The word was that the storms due on Tuesday might be even more exciting. Ah, spring in Michigan.

Brian Rupnow, who manages the BHS auditorium, also is in charge of recording the school board meetings and putting them on the school district's cable channel.

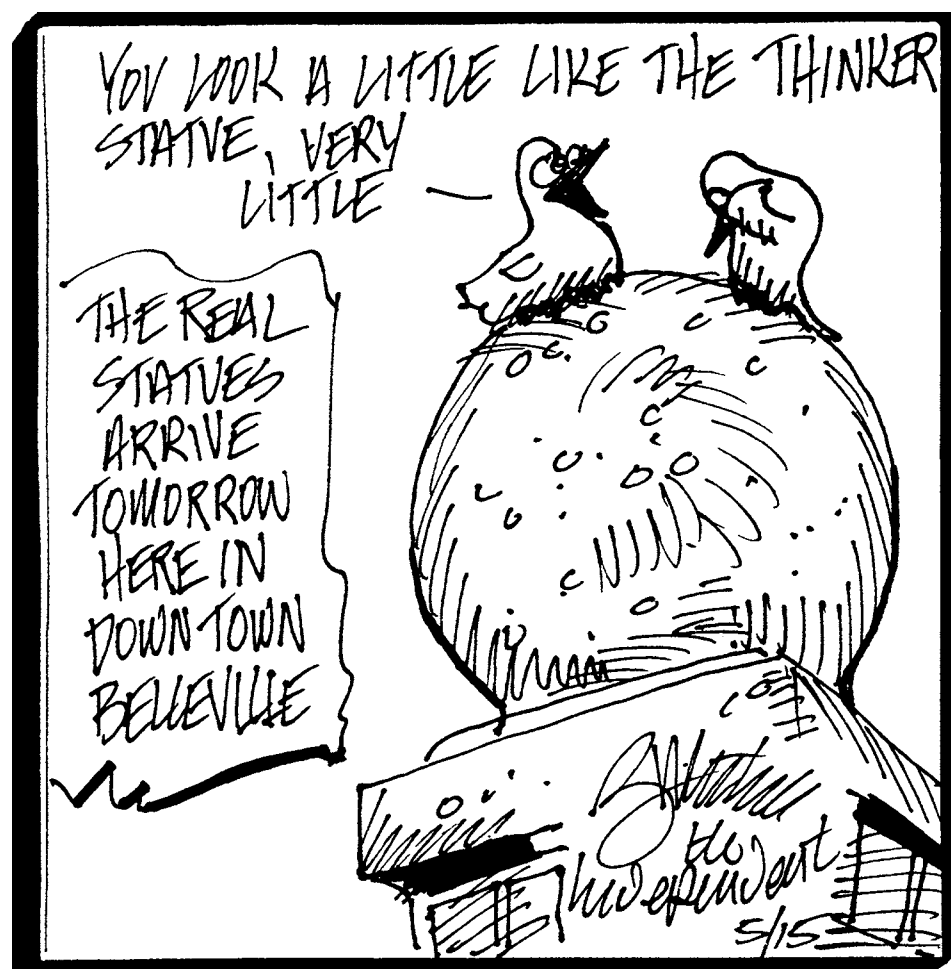
He's really close to cablecasting live school board meetings and told me at Monday's meeting that he plans on cablecasting live for the June 9 meeting.

Until then, he is getting the bugs out. He's been cablecasting past meetings, football games, and other shows and said he will post the schedules on the cable channel, which is Channel 19 on Comcast Cable. I've had Channel 19 running muted in my office since I heard he was cablecasting and it's coming right along.

Victor and Linda Hogan put a question on Facebook, "I Grew up in Belleville, MI," that asked about BHS graduations.

"Interesting question in the local paper. If you graduated from BHS, where was the commencement ceremony held?"

For the Hogans it was the boys' gym in 1963 and Eastern Michigan University in



1966.

"There were many answers, but this one tells everything," the Hogans wrote to the *Independent*:

"Peggy J. Curtis: 1965 was the first year it was not at BHS. It was at Bowen Field House at EMU. We were a large class and the gym could no longer accommodate all of the parents, relatives and friends."

One of our readers emailed me that she had worked out her personal cost for the library millage and it will sabotage her \$100 personal budget cuts for this year. That decides the question for her, she wrote.

I was running a little late to the school board meeting on Monday night so I didn't stop to see why all the fire trucks and police cars were at the side of West Columbia Avenue as I drove by heading to the high school. I should have stopped.

Later I found out the police and fire officials, some from VBT, were all working on finding the weapon after tending to the student who was shot. They found the gun and the suspect turned himself in.

John Delaney had a difference of opinion with VBT DPW Director Jim Taylor at the VBT Board's May 5 work/study meeting. Taylor was planning to order a F150 truck for the water department, went out for bids, and received only one – for \$30,706 from

Jack Demmer Ford.

Delaney said that Novi, Huron Township, and Brownstown buy the XL trucks which are \$11,000 cheaper than the XLT Taylor wants to buy. Taylor said he bought two XLT's last year, too, and he doesn't think all the extras are "bells and whistles" because his guys spend the majority of their days in the trucks.

"I'm going to set a standard," Taylor said. "We're not Browntown Township or Novi. We're Van Buren Township."

Then Taylor said Delaney doesn't live in VBT and Delaney replied, "That's an outright lie." Then, Supervisor Linda Combs told Delaney not to belittle her directors and Clerk Leon Wright told Delaney to speak only when recognized and stop calling names. "You've got to be courteous," Wright stated.

Taylor apologized to the board for his outburst and apologized to Delaney.

There still were questions about the Sirius XM radio in the truck and the rear-view camera and the chrome package and the power windows and remote start, etc.

Taylor said he will get information for all board members comparing the features and how much it would cost to get a XL truck with the safety features needed.



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Letters

Library board needs to be more realistic

To the Editor:

Over the last several months, I have read about the BADL library saga in your paper; from the steadfast actions of Barbara Rogalle Miller to make sure the public is rightfully informed to BADL's closed door meetings that at least seem clandestine and at worst are against the Open Meetings Act.

I have also read the letters to the editor that have both supported and opposed the proposed Library and I would like to add my voice to those who are opposed.

Today, I spent a fair amount of time reviewing the Proposed Library plans and millage request advertised in the BADL newsletter.

I say advertised because the numbers quoted are spun a little. BADL indicates that the new library millages will total 1.96; 0.96 mills to pay back the bonds to build the new library and 1.00 mills to pay for operations (this is in addition to 0.7 mills that we already pay for operations).

BADL also indicates that the 1.96 millage on a \$150,000 house equals an increase in taxes of \$147 per year. This is true. However, 0.7 mills on a house worth \$150,000 is \$52.50.

This means if you own a house worth \$150,000, you currently pay \$52.50 per year for the library. This proposal would result in that amount increasing almost 300% from \$52.50 to \$199.50 (\$147+\$52.50) per year.

That is too much of an increase, especially for our communities that have a median household income of about \$50,000. A 2013 library millage of 1.4 mills for new buildings in Dewitt, MI (median income \$75,848) failed. A 2012 library millage of 0.56 mills in Ann Arbor (median income of

\$105,893) failed.

If communities with higher median incomes rejected lower library millages, why does BADL think this library millage will pass?

In exchange for this tremendous tax increase, we would get a new library complete with a cafe, a lake view, lakeside trails, fishing piers, outside terraces, and a rain garden. Personally, I don't equate those amenities with a library and I am not willing to pay for their construction or their maintenance.

I will be voting NO on August 5, 2014.

I think BADL needs to rethink their proposal and come back to the taxpayers with something more economically realistic and based on what the library needs and not what the board wants.

Diane Forrest
Sumpter Township Resident
Frequent Library User
Sent from my iPad

Vote on absentee ballots before going on vacation

To the Editor:

Kudos to the voting citizens of Birmingham for having the wisdom to see through the smoke screen, the courage to avoid years of financial burden, and the fortitude to make their wishes known to another over-zealous "pie-in-the-sky" library board.

Here is a city whose populace is more than financially able to meet the NEEDS of their community and can plainly differentiate between needs vs. wants.

I know the recharging station was intended for electric wheelchairs, electric carts, etc., but there is not one in the current library. Why do we need one in a new library? Are people staying that long in the library that their equipment needs recharging or is this still a pawn with which to negotiate?

As for increasing the value of current homes, I have difficulty finding any real estate listings that even so much as mention a library as one of the ameliorating amenities enhancing the listing. Not one in any listing anywhere is it locally, cities with new libraries i.e. Saline, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Kalamazoo, or Cheboygan. Go to any listing in the United States and try to find a real estate listing that accentuates a library as an amenity enhancement. No, that argument of "increasing property values" just won't fly, hold water, or sneak in under the radar.

When people look at real estate, they

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do ask about schools, quiet neighborhoods, commute distances/time, traffic, crime rate, etc., etc.; but never once, "And how is the local library? Is it adequate, is it modern, is it an excellent source of research, does it have up-to-date and future electronic adaptations?"

But most of all they are interested in the real estate TAXES!

Back in the '30s, before interstates, a little girl traveled by car with her family from Indianapolis, IN to Santa Rosa, CA and back every summer. As was the case then there was the overnight stop (six times to be exact) and at each stop father had to drive to the center of town, find the local jail and drive by to see how it looked. In the mind of this little girl of six she analyzed that if, "... the town treated its criminals in a nice and good way, it was a good safe town in which to stay." Notice, it wasn't the library, but the local jail?

And this is a true story!

So BADL, don't placate the public with false hopes of increased property values, all of the electronics, all of the computers, and the entire ambiance.

In one of Mr. Whistler's comments he said, "...we're just going to have to sell the public on the need for a new library." So far (in salesmanship jargon) the "Puff" and repetition is on target. Do we need a library?

Vote NO! Get your Absentee Ballots and vote NO before you go on vacation!

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Marie Jean Gonyaw

MARIE JEAN GONYAW

(March 29, 1927 - May 6, 2014)

Marie Jean Gonyaw, age 87, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center, Wayne, MI. She was born March 29, 1927 in Romulus, MI, daughter of Alfred and Vera (Cook) Brendtke.

Marie loved nature and working in her backyard in her gardens. She enjoyed word search puzzles, and supporting all Detroit sports teams: baseball, football, basketball and hockey.

She is survived by three children Donna Hunter of Belleville, Pat Rhoton of Oklahoma and Jamie Gonyaw of Belleville; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; eight siblings Trudy Bogoske and Ed (Becky) Brendtke, both of Belleville, Al Brendtke of Ypsilanti, MI, Cal (Barb) Brendtke of Saline, MI, Alvera (John) Linfield of Maybee, MI, Grace Ann (Ed) Publiski of Rose City, MI, Gary Brendtke of Pittsfield Township, MI and Jerry (Sue) Brendtke of Rose City, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ervin in 1976, also three sisters Gladys Wojcie, Edna Holton and Elinor Wojciechowski.

There was a gathering from 11 AM until 1 PM Saturday, May 10, 2014 with a 1 PM memorial service at David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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



Michael Bruce Runyon

MICHAEL B. RUNYON

(June 9, 1959 - May 9, 2014)

Michael Bruce Runyon, age 54, of Milan passed away Friday, May 9, 2014 at University of Michigan Hospital. He was born Tuesday, June 9, 1959 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Ballard and Loretta (Smith) Runyon.

He is survived by his parents, daughter Meghann (Ronnie) Runyon, two grandchildren Jordan Vernatter and Bradyn Vernatter all of Nancy, KY; three sisters Linda (Charley) Runyon of Shelby Township, Lisa Brown of Ypsilanti, MI, and Nicole (Shannon) Stanley of Pinsonfork, KY.

Mike was a man who loved the outdoors. If he wasn't tending to his garden to can those vegetables, he was on his tractor mowing his lawn. He would travel to Torch Lake in Traverse City to fish and hunt. Most of all he loved sitting by the campfire with his friends and family making memories.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from 4-8 P. M. and Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 10-11 A. M. at David C. Brown Viewing Chapel 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan followed by an 11 A.M. funeral service with Pastor Gene Hurley officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be greatly appreciated.

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

KENNETH DONALD DUSHANE, SR.

(July 19, 1933 - May 6, 2014)

Kenneth Donald Dushane, Sr., age 80, passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Arbor Hospice-The Residence, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born in Marquette, MI on July 19, 1933, son of the late John M. and Loena J. (Dionne) Dushane.

Kenneth was of the Catholic faith. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed wood working, fishing and playing guitar. He was in a band just a year ago.

He is survived by three children Sonyia (Bruce) Egland of Portland, OR, Kenneth (Shirley) Dushane, Jr. of Willis, MI. and Michelle (Michael) Norton of Perry, MI; six grandchildren Shanna Egland, Austin Egland, Kenneth Dushane III, Samantha (Erik) Small, Danelle (Craig) Griffes and Jayson Norton; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters Barbara (Gerald) Stampee and Madonna Combs, both of Upper Michigan.

Mr. Dushane was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley, second wife Margaret and third wife Eunice; two sisters Margaret and Patricia; and two brothers, John and William.

Visitation was on May 8, 2014, 3-8 PM at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI with a funeral service on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 11 AM with visitation from 10-11 AM. Deacon Peter Cornell officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Please sign Kenneth's on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Rowyn Aella Vasquez

ROWYN AELLA VASQUEZ

(April 17, 2014 - May 4, 2014)

Rowyn Aella Vasquez, 18-day-old infant, passed away Friday, May 4, 2014 at University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born Thursday, April 17, 2014, in Ann Arbor, twin daughter of Eros Vasquez and Bethany Zehel. She is also survived by twin brother Ryker Anteros Vasquez and grandparents Frank and Holly Zehel and Thalia and Trinidad Vasquez. A graveside service was held Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Babyland at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Volunteers sought to place American Flags on veterans' graves

The Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee invites volunteers to join committee members at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, to place fresh American Flags on the graves of all veterans buried in the cemetery.

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Belleville planners reject Kassab's request for large sign at Lake Plaza

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The only item on the May 8 agenda of the Belleville Planning Commission was a sign review for Lake Plaza, Sam Kassab's upgrade for a mostly vacant building and parking lot at the city's entryway, 510-524 Main Street.

After about an hour of discussion, the commission advised Kassab to work with his architect and the city's planning consultant to come up with a sign that follows the local ordinance.

His proposed sign was more than twice as large as allowed.

Planning consultant Jill Bahm of Clearzoning, Inc. recommended against sign permit approval since the sign presented is 15' high from the ground to the top of the sign. The base is 5' high and the sign area is 10' high by 8' wide for a total area of 80 square feet.

Kassab said the sign he wanted was from Bloomfield Hills.

Kassab's parcel is zoned B-2 and signs in B-2 are required to have a maximum height of 7' and area of 30 square feet for each side.

Consultant Bahm, who did not attend the planning commission meeting, wrote in her review of the application, "The proposed sign exceeds the permitted height by 8' and area by 50' square feet per side."

Also, Kassab's ground sign permit application did not name the sign installer, marking in "To Be Determined." Sign installers must be named and registered

with the city.

In another written review, this time of Kassab's site plan, Bahm noted that Kassab has not complied with the conditions set forth by the planning commission at its March 13 meeting. The commission had approved his site plan, but required specifics of his landscaping and his proposed parking layout and entryway before he can proceed.

The March 13 site plan was Kassab's fourth site plan.

"It's been four times and I'm really exhausted," Kassab told the commission when he was advised his plans are still lacking and can't be approved.

"I would like to sit down with Jill (Bahm) and go right through [everything]," Kassab said. "We need the parking. I'm paying taxes on the parking lot and everybody is parking there."

"As far as I know our planner has been working with you," said Commission Chairman Steve Jones.

"She said I have to bring \$150," Kassab said. "My architect has been extremely sick."

Architect David Jajjoka accompanied Kassab to his first presentation to the commission in December, but has not been to a meeting since then and has not met with the planning consultant.

It was explained that Kassab has been taking up so much of the consultant's time that she requires a fee to talk to him further. Commission members urged Kassab to spend the money to get his plans in order

so his project can proceed.

Commission Vice Chairman Michael Hawkins asked Kassab if his architect told him he didn't have to follow the ordinance and Kassab said he thought he could get a variance.

Jones said the city has specific limitations, so it doesn't have sign clutter.

Commissioner Mike Renaud said with a sign 8' wide and 15' tall, "You wouldn't be able to see The Lunch Box." He referred to the restaurant at the other side of Kassab's parking lot.

Kassab said he will have eight to ten tenants and he wants them to be listed on the sign. With the smaller sign they would get hardly anything, he said.

"Tonight we cannot give conditional approval to the sign. You have to redesign it," Jones stated.

"I'm really exhausted with this situation," Kassab repeated.

"You've been bringing it on yourself," Commissioner Renaud said. "You don't have what we said to bring and you didn't follow the ordinance on the sign. I don't know if it's because your architect has been so sick ..."

Commissioner Becky Hasen suggested if his architect is so sick, he might need to get another architect.

"The driveway is still an issue," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. "You were supposed to work it out with Jill."

"My architect said the driveway and landscaping are corrected," Kassab said.

"But not fixed," said Chairman Jones. "It's an issue with ingress and egress."

"You have site plan approval. The landscaping and driveway is supposed to be worked out with Jill," Kollmeyer said. "The only thing left is the sign."

"And, the sign has to be redesigned," Jones said.

"Your architect has to get creative," said Renaud. "That's what you're paying him for."

Kassab complained that his sign will be behind the streetscape wall which is 4' tall and people will only see 2' of his sign.

"Time is money," Commissioner Matthew Wagner said. "It's been four months. We skipped last month's meeting. Nothing is going forward. We have to adhere to the law."

"I call it 'The Heart of Belleville,'" Kassab

said of his site. "You can't see a lake like that anywhere else but in Belleville."

In other business at the May 8 meeting, the commission:

- Heard Kollmeyer say a joint meeting is being set up for 6 p.m. June 16 for the city council, Downtown Development Authority, and the planning commission to review the new sign ordinance. She said she is looking for a place large enough to hold the meeting;

- Heard Wagner express hope that Kassab's project will proceed;

- Heard Commissioner John Juriga said that he had been quiet during this meeting. He said he had been a school teacher for many years with middle school students, "but tonight tried my patience ... very painful";

- Heard Jones announce there are still two vacancies on the nine-member planning commission. Renaud suggested they might want to reduce the size to the seven they have, but Kollmeyer said that took several steps to change the size; and

- Heard Kollmeyer said it is going to cost Kassab an additional fee to talk to Bahm. "She's worn out," Kollmeyer said of Bahm's work on the Kassab project.

More Letters

Post Office food drive was a big success

To the Editor:

WOW – another great year for our annual food drive.

We collected 11,183 pounds of food which will go to the food closet at First United Methodist Church that serves our community.

Thanks to each and every one of you who shared in this event.

Also, thanks to Dairy Mart, Stack's Party Store and Subway for their donations to help feed our volunteers.

Lynn Taylor, Coordinator
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Airman Janay M. Jones graduates from basic training in Texas

Air Force Airman 1st Class Janay M. Jones graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, TX.

Jones is the daughter of Belendia McGee-Jones of Jackson, MS and Wardell Jones of Belleville, MI, sister of Brittany M. Jones of Prattville, AL, granddaughter of B.A. McGee of Jackson, MS and niece of Beatrice Boykin-McGee of Jackson, MS.

She is a 2006 graduate of Murrah High School, Jackson, MS. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2012 from Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.

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City Council

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In other business at the May 5 two-hour-and-20-minute meeting, the council:

- Unanimously approved using the *Belleville-Area Independent* as its newspaper of record at a bid of \$5 per column inch. There was one bid;
- Approved the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's "Safe Boating Week" activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 at Horizon Park and at the DNR east boat launch site just east of the city limits. Their annual "Ready, Set Wear It" photo with everyone wearing life vests will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the park;
- Approved the Half Way to St. Patty's Day event on Sept. 20 and the St. Patrick's Day party on March 17, 2015 put on by Egan's Pub on the Fourth Street Square. Both events will be from 7 a.m. to the following 2 a.m. Councilwoman Kim Tindall, who questioned alcoholic beverages on city property, voted against the September event and didn't seem to vote either way for the March party;
- Approved the MDNR Trust Fund's Development Project Agreement that will bring a grant of \$120,700 for a canoe/kayak launch and other upgrades to Horizon Park. The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is providing a \$51,700 matching grant;
- Discussed a 40-pound pedestrian sign to be put in the middle of Main Street at the Fourth Street crosswalk. Councilman Tom Fielder said Police Chief Berriman scared everyone by saying two or three parking spaces had to be removed. Now, Berriman said they can get by with one. Spicer Engineers are looking into the turning radius needed there for the DDA, which is expected to pay for the sign. A 90-day traffic ordinance may be needed, Fielder said;
- Discussed possible changes to the Special Events ordinance, with suggestions for requiring a deposit for those reserving the use of Fourth Street Square and other city sites, like they have for Victory Station. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she, Carol Thompson and Fielder will be going to an upcoming MMRMA seminar on special events which should

provide important information;

- Briefly discussed the Animal Control Ordinance and then asked for a more-recent version of the 1970 ordinance in their hands to discuss at an upcoming meeting;

• Received a list of estimated revenues and expenditures for the upcoming 2014-15 budget talks. City Manager Kollmeyer said the items need to be cut since the budget would never balance with that spending. The first budget session is set for 6 p.m. Monday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 14;

• Set a public hearing during the regular city council meeting at 7:30 p.m., June 16, to receive comments on the proposed sanitary sewer rehabilitation project financed by an S-2 grant;

• Approved \$97,778 in accounts payable and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to CJ, \$1,842.57 for NSF 61 & 372 compliance (water dept.); to Fox Auto Parts, \$678 for emergency fire vehicle repair; to ICMA, \$598 for annual dues; to Barrett Michigan, \$579 in street funds; to Blue Ribbon, \$1,290 for water main repair on Robbe and \$1,730 for water main repair at Sumpter and Wabash; to Code Savvy, \$506 for building review for Affordable Veterinarian and \$739 for building review for Secretary of State; and to Martin & Son, \$980.24 for DPW truck repair; and

• Heard former councilman Jim Fitch tell of the leaf situation where people dump their leaves way out into the street beyond the pickup time in the fall and leave them there all winter. Fitch cleaned up the leaves on Second Street and it took three weeks for him to get rid of all the leaves so the street sweeper could come down the street.

BHS Class of 2004 sets reunion on June 21

The Belleville High School Class of 2004 has scheduled its 10-year reunion from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 at Dave and Buster's in Livonia.

Class of 2004 graduates are asked to visit <http://tinyurl.com/bhs2004> for more information and to RSVP by June 6.

For additional information, contact bhstigers04@gmail.com.

Sumpter Twp. planners recommend approval of rental parties at rink

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission met May 8 to conduct a public hearing on a request for special exception use of the Sumpter Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road, so rental parties and other events can be held there.

Two members of the commission abstained from voting – Sharon Claxton and Trustee Alan Bates – because they own property within 750' of the rink.

The commission recommended approval of special exception use and sent the recommendation on to the township board for final action at its May 13 meeting.

Besides roller skating at the rink, owners Bewey Horn and Kathleen Spires seek the special exception so they can rent out the rink for other events, as well.

At a planning commission meeting in April, Horn and Spires told the commission that besides roller skating, they would like to have exercise classes, dances, party rentals, church revivals, graduation parties, and other gatherings.

Horn said the dances would not be loud parties. He said fraternities from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan already have had roller skating parties for the first hour, followed by two hours of dancing.

They told the commission they would

like to hold an after-prom affair that lasts until two in the morning.

He said he was advised that he should get special exception use approval in order to expand the uses of the roller rink, so that's what they are seeking.

Museum seeking young volunteers and interns for labeling project

This Spring/Summer the Belleville Area Museum is looking for high school and/or college-aged volunteers to complete a labeling project in the museum.

This will entail researching various objects in the museum and creating labels for them.

This is a non-paid position, but would be available for school-credit, if needed. Hours are flexible and will correspond with the hours of the museum. Tuesday: 3-7 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: noon-4 p.m.

For more information, call Museum Director Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944, or email her at kdallos@provide.net.

The museum is at 405 Main Street, in downtown Belleville.



PUBLIC SERVICE CREDIT UNION



Public Service Credit Union in Romulus hosted an open house on May 2 to introduce the community to four charities that will benefit from a community challenge. PSCU officials have challenged community members to save \$500,000 in loan interest through mortgage, home equity and auto loan financing as well as debt consolidation, credit cards, and lines of credit. When the community has saved half a million dollars, PSCU will donate a total of \$4,250 to four charities: the Romulus Animal Shelter, Champions Against Bullying, Detroit Rescue Mission and Ministries and Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America. Taking part in the open house festivities were, from left, 34th District Court Administrator/Magistrate Al Hindman, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, PSCU CEO and President Dean Trudeau, and Mrs. Michigan 2013 Jennifer McMahan, representing Champions Against Bullying. For more information on the Community Challenge or to get involved, visit www.PSCUSaves.com.

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Court Watching:**Judge Parrott handles variety of drug, alcohol, domestic charges**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

On May 7, the following cases from the Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and City of Belleville police departments came before 34th District Court Judge David M. Parrott.

Van Buren Township

There was a mix-up in transporting **Sara Kay Hand**, 21, from Wayne County Jail to

Judge Parrott's courtroom, so Hand did not appear in court.

Representing her for the scheduled preliminary exam was attorney Dured B. Hajji who asked Judge Parrott to waive Hand's preliminary exam and so the judge waived the exam and sent the case to circuit court on May 14.

[In felony cases a preliminary exam is scheduled so the prosecutor can give evidence to show probable cause that a crime had been committed and that the defendant was involved. If the prosecutor succeeds in proving probable cause, the presiding 34th District Court Judge binds the case over for an arraignment on the

information at Wayne County Circuit Court in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.]

Hand has two drug cases that will be arraigned together. In December, Hand did not show up in Circuit Court Judge David Groner's courtroom for sentencing after pleading guilty to a Nov. 22 charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 25 grams.

On April 8 Hand was charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 50 grams.

Robert Norman Stark, 53, was brought to court for a preliminary exam from the Wayne County Jail on a charge of 1st degree home invasion. There are two co-defendants in this case: Jeremy Allen Sneyd, 27, and Randy Eli Black, 43. Neither of the co-defendants was in court and requests for information from VBT police department on the case have not been answered.

On July 15, 2012 Stark and the two co-defendants were charged with 1st degree home invasion. First-degree home invasion could mean that another person was legally in the home.

Stark is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond. Stark's legal aid defender James Parker asked to waive the preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound Stark over for a May 14 arraignment on the information at circuit court.

Parker then asked for a bond reduction, saying Stark is a caregiver to a mother and child. Judge Parrott replied that Stark is a

habitual offender.

Parker said Starks' priors included a 1991 larceny in a building and a 2011 conviction for controlled substance.

Judge Parrott said that first-degree home invasion is a 20-year felony and he was denying a bond reduction at this time. Judge Parrott referred the bond question to pre-trial services.

Steven Lamont Wilson, 44, was brought to court from the Wayne County Jail. He is known as a habitual offender. Wilson is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd offense and driving while license suspended.

Wilson's public defender James Parker asked that his client's preliminary exam be waived and Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on May 14.

Public Defender Parker asked for a personal recognizance bond because Wilson's prior drinking charges were in 2005 and 2007. He said Wilson needed to take care of his apartment.

Judge Parrott denied a personal recognizance (unsecured) bond.

"If these charges are true he has proven to be a danger to the public. \$5,000-10% bond is not unreasonable," Judge Parrott said, adding that if he posted bond, Wilson was not to be released without an alcohol tether.

"He has proven himself to be a danger to the persons in this district - including me," Judge Parrott continued. "He has had multiple drunk driving offenses, lost his license and drives anyway.

"I'm keeping the \$5,000 bond. That's for the safety of the community."

Murphy Beckon, 41, was charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving with open intoxicant, possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended-2nd.

Beckon's attorney Jeffery Maynard asked for a two-week adjournment since he had just received the evidence in the case. The preliminary exam was adjourned until May 21. Judge Parrott continued Beckon's \$50,000 personal recognizance bond.

Deon Lemont Cooper, 39, was charged with driving while license suspended-2nd, possession of controlled substance, and improper transportation of medical marijuana in a vehicle. Cooper's attorney Thomas Morris asked Judge Parrott to waive Cooper's preliminary exam. Judge Parrott agreed and sent Cooper downtown for a May 21 arraignment on the information.

Brandon John Petri, who is charged with domestic violence, was in court for a pretrial examination. Judge Parrott told Petri he should speak to an attorney before the trial date is set. Petri said he had posted bond on May 3 and would look into retaining an attorney.

At the request of the victim, Petri's no-contact order was modified to no assaultive contact. Judge Parrott explained that "assaultive contact" can be intimidation, or yelling or arguing. Judge Parrott adjourned the pretrial exam until May 28.

Mario Lazaar Toney, 43, pled guilty to operating while visibly impaired. Toney
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Court watching

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was arrested on March 11 in VBT for driving under the influence. Toney's actual blood alcohol content was measured at .30, with .08 being the legal limit.

Judge Parrott said with that high a blood alcohol count, "You were pushing being dead."

Judge Parrott noted that Toney got a "wonderful plea deal" and accepted the guilty plea, sending Toney to probation for a pre-sentencing report.

"No prior offenses. That's what saved you," Judge Parrott said.

Toney's \$5,000 personal recognizance bond was continued by Judge Parrott and is conditioned upon no consumption of alcohol at all, with random testing.

Sumpter Township

Marcus Lee Shaffer, 19, who was lodged at the Wayne County Jail, is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and being under 21 with a measurable blood alcohol level.

Shaffer's Legal Aid attorney James Parker asked the preliminary exam to be waived and for his client to be sent downtown for an arraignment on the information. Judge Parrott agreed and set May 14 as the date for him to appear in circuit court.

Parker then asked for a modification to Shaffer's \$5,000 or 10% bond for a personal recognizance bond, saying Shaffer has been working with his uncle doing moving and drywall. He also has no prior felony convictions and is eligible for

youth offender sentencing.

Judge Parrott denied the modification saying Shaffer had a personal recognizance bond on a prior felony case and did not show up for court.

Belleville

Christopher Bouldes, 40, appeared with his attorney Paul Swanson. In a plea deal, Bouldes pled guilty to possession of marijuana and an amended charge of failure to display a valid license. In return, a charge of driving while license suspended was dismissed.

Bouldes admitted to driving with a suspended license and possession of marijuana on Oct. 27. Swanson said he is too old for this stuff, adding that he is married with children and has had a job for 14 years. He moved to Belleville a year ago for a better environment.

"Sorry this is your welcome," judge Parrott said.

When Judge Parrott issued Bouldes' sentence he said probation won't make a difference with respect to marijuana and ordered 4 days on the work program with fines totaling \$915.

April Sherri Sibbitt was before Judge Parrott for a pretrial exam on a child abuse charge. Judge Parrott said two eyewitnesses have come forward to testify that the Belleville Police report was inaccurate.

"You lost your balance," Judge Parrott said, announcing the People have dismissed the charge without prejudice.

"Without prejudice" means if other facts turn up in the future the same charge could be filed.

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STUTTGART, Germany – Gov. Rick Snyder announced last week that voxeljet, a leading provider of high-speed, large-format 3-D printers, will locate its first U.S. facility in Canton, MI, as he and his delegation completed their third day of his 2014 Europe mission.

The company's first U.S. service center is expected to come online in the third quarter of this year and will create 15 to 20 direct high-tech local manufacturing jobs during the first three years of the project. The service center will allow voxeljet to print on-demand parts, molds, cores and models for automotive and other industrial customers based on designs produced using 3-D computer-aided design, or CAD, software.



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Friday, May 23

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Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

D.J./Karaoke – Big D

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Royalty Pageant

Live Music – Seventh Alley Band

5pm – Close

5pm – 7pm

5pm – 9pm

5pm – Close

5pm – Close

7pm – 8pm

8pm – Close

Saturday, May 24

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Parade (From Sumpter Rd. & Judd Rd to Dunn Rd.)

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Parade presentations immediately following parade

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)

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12pm

1:30pm

12pm – 9pm

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Sunday, May 25

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Car Show (10am Registration)

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D.J./Karaoke – Big D

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Live Music – Big Ray and the Motor City Kings

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Fireworks

12pm – 4pm

12pm – Close

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12pm – 9pm

12pm – Close

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3pm – 7pm

8pm – Close

Dusk

Monday, May 26

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 10pm

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Kathryn is a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School and a 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology. Currently, she is working towards her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Eastern Michigan

University.

Nicholas is a 2006 graduate of Marysville High School and a 2011 graduate of Grand Valley State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Currently, he works in the automotive industry as a supervisor at General Motors.

The couple met at Grand Valley State University. A July 2014 wedding is planned at Northville Christian Assembly.



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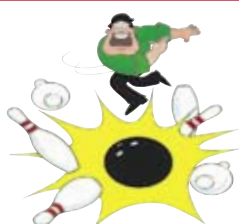
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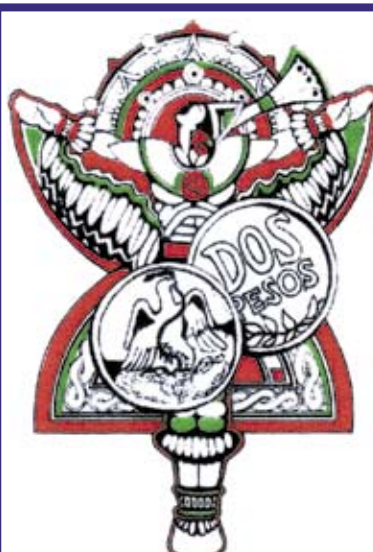
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VBT OKs tax abatement for Costco depot

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously established Industrial Development District #24 for Costco Wholesale Corporation and then unanimously granted it an eight-year, 50% tax abatement on real and personal property.

The board met May 6 and held public hearings on the issues before the votes, with a bare quorum of four members. Absent and excused were Treasurer Sharry Budd and Trustees Phil Hart and Brenda McClanahan.

Costco plans a 347,720-square-foot building on a 71.56-acre site at the Canton Township border on the west side of Belleville Road, north of Van Born and next to Bayloff.

The 50% tax abatement on its real property for eight years totals a \$393,152 abatement and the 50% on its personal property for eight years totals \$24,208.53.

Costco plans to invest \$40 million in real property and \$4.088 million in personal property for a total of more than \$44 million.

VBT Assessor Linda Stevenson said the estimated township tax on the real property each year would be \$98,288 and times eight years equals \$786,304. Half of that is \$393,152.

Stevenson said the personal property tax may go away altogether in 2016 if the voters pass the state ballot proposal in August.

Peter Kahn, Assistant Vice President of Real Estate for Costco, said they plan to have 126 new jobs in the first year at a minimum and could easily grow to 200 in five years. He said Costco hires from the community and the average wage is \$20.90. He said they will be seeking enthusiastic employees who are looking for careers and want to grow with the company to levels of leadership.

"As they say, 'We grow our own,'" Kahn told the board, reeling off the company

benefits, including profit sharing.

He said the Van Buren Township depot will be the distribution center for Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. This will be Costco's tenth depot nationwide and the first in the State of Michigan.

He said vendors will bring in their loads of TVs or soups or other items. The products will be pulled off the delivery truck and the pallet put on another truck to be taken to Costco stores.

He said they have dry docks, for general merchandise, and wet docks for the meat, milk, cheese and other items that need refrigeration.

Kahn said once a manager is appointed they will work out a job-hunting procedure and would be happy to work with the township.

When Trustee Reggie Miller asked if they are union jobs, Kahn replied, "No, not in Michigan... but in other states workers are organized."

Kahn said they would like to be open as soon as possible and are planning for next spring.

Kahn said Costco will give local contractors the ability to bid on construction of the depot. He said it is usually more cost-effective to do that since local companies don't have to pay for transportation and housing, which drives up the cost.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said there will be an increase in traffic on Belleville Road.

Kahn said the basic hours will be 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., with most traffic around the noon hour when trucks go out to distribute their loads.

He said Costco will work with the community to have its preferred routes and work with the vendors on routes.

Kahn said trucks will arrive in the morning prior to the gates opening, but they have a more than 1,000' long panhandle, shared with Bayloff next door (they are negotiating an agreement), where trucks can park – two lanes in and two lanes out).

He said they can easily stack 100 trucks

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Costco

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before the gates open.

Trustee Miller asked Public Safety Director Greg Laurain if this will cause an added burden for the police and fire departments.

Laurain said 200 trucks will increase traffic, but it depends on the route they will take as to how that will affect the township.

Kahn said the trucks could go southbound to Ecorse and then to I-275 or north to Michigan Avenue to I-275.

Laurain said the trucks could go

westbound on Ecorse.

He told Miller he could see no need for more patrol cars.

"I support long-term investment in the community, which will increase the tax base and bring 126 jobs," Supervisor Linda Combs said, adding Costco is the seventh-largest company in the world.

"Thank you for choosing our community," she said to Kahn.

John Delaney said from the audience that he should have given his comments before "the sales pitch" and noted Costco has no control over vendor trucks and, "They'll come however they want to come."

He said there will be damage to the roads by all the trucks and organized chaos with the parking.

"I really don't think this is their first rodeo," Supervisor Combs said referring to the Costco plans.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said a lot of the details will be addressed with the site plan which will go before the planning commission.

Arthur Mullen, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said Costco has a bullpen planned for 46 trucks plus the 1,000 feet outside the gate. He said the planning commission is getting ready to review this.

In other business at the one-hour-and-eight-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of the Rezoning with Conditions from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business) of about 1.01 acres at the corner of Sumpter and Hull roads for upgrading of a gas station and party store owned by Joe Nasser;

- Approved a job description for a part-time Human Resources Generalist employee and authorized a candidate search. The former part-time HR employee left for a full-time position;

- Approved first readings of three amendments of ordinances concerning possession of controlled substances, penalties for violation, use, and narcotic paraphernalia, to comply with state law;

- Removed from the agenda the

first reading of an ordinance to delete the sentence which states, "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State, or Local Laws or Ordinances are prohibited." This ordinance amendment was based on a recommendation by the planning commission to adopt the "Livonia language" related to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. This "Livonia language" has been struck down by the Michigan Supreme Court in its recent opinion of *TerBeek v. City of Wyoming* as the court found that the Medical Marijuana Act preempted the city's zoning ordinance. Consequently the township attorney recommended this "Livonia language" should be removed from VBT's ordinance;

- Approved amendment of the bylaws for the Local Development Finance Authority so it can meet every other month instead of monthly. The LDFA was formed to administer the Visteon Village bonds and finances and there is not enough business now to necessitate meeting every month. Attorneys are working on the Visteon bond problem;

- Approved Zambelli Fireworks Company for the fireworks bid of \$10,000 and using the \$12,000 "concert donations" grant from Waste Management to pay for the display with the extra \$2,000 paying for portajohn rental, spraying for pest control, and DJ services. The fireworks concert is set for Beck Ball Fields on June 28, with a rain date of June 29. Supervisor Combs is collecting corporate donations to pay for the overtime pay for police and fire to handle crowd control. She said she will need about \$10,000 for the overtime;

- Approved the Engineering Standards Manual presented by the DPW as a guide for contractors and developers;

- Approved continued negotiations among Detroit Water and Sewerage Department customers aimed at forming a regional water authority to manage the operations of DWSD;

- Approved reappointments of Walter Rochowiak and Robert Cook to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2016;

- Approved the \$13,200 contract for services for Fire Reporting System of CLEMIS;

- Approved a resolution against Interdepartmental Employment, effective immediately, whereby township personnel will not be allowed to be employed in more than one job classification, with those already in more than one classification allowed to continue;

- Heard Director Mullen apologize for his outburst at the ad hoc lake committee meeting "for unintentionally impugning" the character of Trustee Jahr. Jahr accepted the apology; and

- Heard Timothy King of Ypsilanti again ask the board to sign his petition asking the state to put up the funds necessary to build a memorial at Willow Run Airport to honor the bombers built there during WWII and the employees who worked there.

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Parents come to School Board to ask for mental health lease extension

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday’s meeting, parents of patients and staff members of the Community Care Services asked the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education to extend the lease for the mental health treatment center which now is scheduled to run out June 30.

Vicki Lyons, a support staff member at Community Care, said the mental health service has been in the school district’s trailer at 416 Sumpter Road, #B, for two years and has been in Belleville at various locations for 30 years.

She said they had a clothing closet that was run by developmentally disabled people from Washtenaw County at that location, but that closed. She said it was the cleanest clothes closet she ever saw.

Lyons said Community Care services more than 300 clients with evaluation and treatment. She said if this location closed, patients would have to drive to Romulus, Taylor, or Southgate to get help.

She said one family walks two miles from their home in Van Buren Township to get mental health treatment.

Lyons said people with untreated mental health problems suffer homelessness, incarceration, become victims of crime, and get depressed and suicidal.

She said early diagnosis and treatment can provide help for these people.

Lyons said as a former township clerk for 12 years, she is aware of financial difficulties for all organizations, including the schools, but, “I beg for your reconsideration.”

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said there seems to be a misunderstanding. He said the district signed a lease with Community Care in July 2011 that was to run to June 30, 2014. He said Community Care had to let the school district know by April 1 if it wanted to renew the lease for another two years.

“It’s not that we turned it down,” Supt. Van Tassel said. “We didn’t cancel. You didn’t renew.”

Lyons said her CEO told her that Community Care made many calls to the school district and none were returned.

When Lyons asked Van Tassel if he was willing to renew the lease, Van Tassel said he would be “willing to have a conversation.”

Van Tassel said the district will have “extreme costs to replace the trailer.”

“If you can tell me there’s an open door, I’m going to go through it,” Lyons said. “I’m pursuing it for 300 people.”

Board Treasurer Sherry Frazier said Lyons should be advocating for other locations, in Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, or downtown Belleville.

Frazier said the rent the school district offered wasn’t enough and the district is getting squeezed financially by the state.

“As a Realtor, I say you should have followed your lease,” Frazier said.

“I would have, if I was in charge,” Lyons said. “Ninety percent come from the Belleville schools. Let us help them before they go who knows where ... I’ll pursue it.”

Georgette Reid, who has lived in VBT for 25 years, said all three of her children have disabilities and mental issues.

“This would be a devastating loss for me,” Reid said, adding they now walk a half mile from their home to Community Care because they have no car.

Reid said mental illness is very serious and those without treatment end up in jail or worse, depressed and suicidal.

“I’m your heart, look after these children,” Reid said to the board. “Let them stay ... They don’t have nowhere else to turn.

“There are tons of children out here who have mental issues,” Reid said.

It was clarified that there are 300 patients and 80 of them are children.

Ayron Smith-Douglas, a nurse case manager at Community Care, said she has worked at the Belleville Community Care for 30 years and will keep working there until they close.

She said they were seeing 200 patients when it was in downtown Belleville. She has been working with three generations of families with mental health problems, which she said is “a whole underground in Belleville.”

She said one client recently called her from beside the freeway in her car. She was broken down and didn’t know what to do and so called her mental health worker.

“Sometimes they don’t know what to do,” Smith-Douglas said.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the school board:

- Approved a recommendation from Eric

Dumont of Plante Moran CRESA to award a contract to Control Net in the amount of \$220,850 from the 2014 Sinking Funds for the McBride Middle School Mechanical System and Controls Upgrade Project. The second bid was from John E. Green;

- Heard a presentation by Principal Aleisa Pitt and staff from Tyler Elementary School on curriculum being used;

- Passed a resolution approving the Schools of Choice program for the first semester of the 2014-15 school year;

- Approved the Wayne RESA Budget Resolution, in accordance with the Revised School Code;

- Approved membership on the 2014 Health Advisory Board as: Co-chairperson Joseph Brodie, health teacher at BHS; Co-Chairperson Dawn Spicer, parent with students at Tyler/BHS; Health Professional Dionisia, health para at BHS; Parent Connie Testorelli, parent/BHS; Students Eddie McWilliams and Brianna Jones, students at BHS; Pastor Jim Richter, local pastor; Angela Scroggie, gym teacher at Tyler; School Board Liaison Kathy Kovach; and Ex-officio members Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction, and Karen Johnston, Supervisor of Special Education. The board will bring a recommendation to the school board;

- Approved the termination of Jacqueline Johnson as of May 9. She had been a custodian for seven years;

- Approved the resignations as of June 20 of four teachers who had served for one year

each: Joseph Wyly, BHS; Albert Dancho, McBride; Christa Dolan, BHS; and Jamie Ward, Rawsonville;

- Approved the resignation as of June 20 “for other endeavors” of teacher Angela Zuellig of McBride, who had taught nine years; and the non-renewal of the probationary teaching contract of Kim Roberson, who taught one year at Tyler;

- Heard board vice president Martha Toth give a legislative update. She said she believes the state will not use the Common Core tests expected for next school year and will use the MEAP tests instead, which is a bad idea. Toth said the State of Washington declined Common Core testing, so under the federal No Child Left Behind rules the whole state would have failed the test. Now U.S. Secretary of Education Arnie Duncan said he will grant an extension of NCLB. “I understand why people are so upset with the tests,” Toth said, adding she will be doing her part by being in Seattle on June 14 and demonstrating outside the Gates Foundation;

- Was informed by Trustee Scott Russell that the Savage Elementary Carnival will be May 16 and if anyone has the urge to hurl something at a board member, he will be in his best suit sitting in the dunk tank; and

- Was reminded the next meeting of the school board will be at 7 p.m., May 19, for a work/study session at the administration building and graduation for seniors is May 29.

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for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Costco Wholesale Corporation. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Budd, Hart and McClanahan. Carried.

Supervisor Combs opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Supervisor Combs went to Assessing Coordinator Stevenson for an overview. This is a request for an industrial facilities exemption on both real and personal property for its distribution center, which is located on Belleville Road. The project is a \$40 million building and approximately \$4 million for personal property costs for the entire project. Costco has submitted the application submitted, which was filed properly. All public notices were sent by certified mail, and the notice was published in the paper of record. The Costco distribution center, referred to as a "depot", will consist of approximately 347,000 sq. ft. with both dry and wet (refrigerated) areas, office, an engine room, and a guard booth. There are presently nine other depots in the United States. The project will also include a new traffic signal, sidewalks, and improvements to Belleville Road. The abatement analysis is in the packets. Costco qualifies for an eight year abatement. They presently have a purchase option on the land. The building will be pre-cast concrete construction with loading docks. There was a lot of discussion regarding the 198 agreement during the Work Study Session and Assessing Coordinator Stevenson stated Van Buren Township is adequately protected by this agreement; however, would like to add if Costco plans to appeal to the Tax Tribunal due to an issue with valuation, to contact Van Buren Township to discussion first.

Board members made the following comments. Trustee Jahr clarified that while he has concerns on abatements, this is not a complete tax abatement it is only 50 percent. The 2015 taxes are projected at \$18,200 for property tax revenue at (0.91 mills) and \$80,000 for public safety millage revenue (4.0 mills). Trustee Miller asked about jobs. Costco representative Peter Kahn stated Costco would have a minimum of 126 jobs within three years and this number could grow to 200 within 5 to 10 years. The average wage is \$20.90/hour with a comprehensive benefit package. The proposed Costco depot/distribution center would serve Costco retail outlet warehouses in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Kahn discussed Costco's community involvement and its commitment to becoming citizens of our community including: Adopt a school reading program with Costco employees as volunteers; it participates in both the Children's Hospital (in Michigan, this would impact the Detroit Medical Center) and United Way campaigns; the Fresh Start Backpack Program for children in local schools; Communities and Schools volunteerism and fundraising; and a Costco College Scholarship Fund. Trustee Miller asked about efforts to hire local residents and if postings could be handled on the Van Buren Township website. Mr. Kahn stated Costco will set up an office locally and recruit there and Costco would be willing to partner with the Township. Trustee Jahr asked about the construction time table. The estimated completion date is spring 2015. Supervisor Combs asked if local contractors would have the ability to bid upon the construction. Kahn confirmed that local contractors will have the ability to bid. Trustee Jahr requested information about traffic along Belleville Road. Costco is sensitive to this and will work with the Township noting the hours of operation are from 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. with the majority of the traffic at the noon hour when trucks go out to distribute the goods. Also, Costco is negotiating an easement that would be more than 1,000 feet long with two lanes in and two lanes out and widen to three lanes, where 100 trucks could stack on the

asked Public Safety Director Laurain to discuss whether this proposed additional traffic would be a burden on public safety resources. Laurain stated that depending on the actual truck routes he did not feel it would warrant an additional police car on the road. Supervisor Combs stated she welcomes Costco long-term investment in the community noting the proposed development is for \$40 million for real property and \$4 million for personal property with off-site improvements to include a new traffic signal, improvements to Belleville Road and a new sidewalk and reiterated the additional number of jobs. Clerk Wright echoed Supervisor Combs' comments regarding Costco. Trustee Miller asked Mr. Kahn to address the jobs coming from current employees; he confirmed these are new positions. Trustee Miller stated she does not like tax abatements, she is okay with this 50 percent abatement. Trustee Jahr echoed Trustee Miller's discussion on tax abatements, but our community is in competition with other communities within this state and this request falls within the framework set up by the State of Michigan.

The audience made the following comments. Resident John Delaney inquired as to whether presently employed individuals would be given preference over outside candidates to the 126 jobs; had concerns about traffic/transportation logistics and possible damage to roads, as well as County maintenance issues; the feasibility of a rating system for local residents to receive priority on interviews; the process that was used in this negotiation. Director Mullen clarified the traffic issues and Assessing Coordinator Stevenson clarified actively involved both parties.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. Miller moved Jahr seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Budd, Hart and McClanahan. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen shared the a correspondence regarding Van Buren Township Environmental Commissioner Dave Wilson for being recognized last month by the Huron River Watershed Council with their Herb Munzel life-time achievement award. Director Mullen then publicly apologized to Trustee Jahr for an incident that had occurred at an ad hoc Lake Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Delaney discussed the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) By-Laws, including the public comment section. Supervisor Combs agreed to discuss this with the attorney and the LDFA Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-15-14 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance through Rezoning with Conditions of approximately 1.01 acres of land parcel ID # V125-83-129-99-0002-002, also known as 15400 Sumpter Road, located at southwest corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Jahr, Miller and Combs. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Budd, Hart and McClanahan. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 04-15-14 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the job description for the Human Resources Generalist and authorize a candidate search. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2014-09 to establish Industrial Development District #24. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2014-10 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Costco Wholesale Corporation, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(2) to amend General Ordinance 58-292 Controlled Substances: Possession; penalties for violation of section. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 05-06-14(2) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(3) to amend General Ordinance 58-293 Same – use. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 05-06-14(3) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(4) to amend General Ordinance 58-296 Narcotic paraphernalia; possession, sales gift. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 05-06-14(4) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the amendment of Local Development Finance Authority By-Laws. Carried.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the contracted services for Fire Reporting System CLEMIS contract and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2014 Fireworks Show and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract; and use of \$12,000 from Waste Management "Concert Donations" Grant (revenue account #101-000-653-000) for the 2014 Fireworks Show. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Combs received and filed the January 2014 and February 2014 Budgetary Reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Miller announced the Annual Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Building behind Township Hall. Residents can obtain vaccinations for their dogs and purchase dog license.

Clerk Wright shared he would be hosting the Belleville High School student council election on May 13th.

Mr. Delaney shared accolades for Director Mullen, the Planning Commission and the Planning and Economic Development Department regarding the collection of revenues for a carnival.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Non-Agenda Items started at 8:27 p.m. and ended at 8:38 p.m. Comments were made on the following topics: Mr. King asked the Board to consider signing the petition for a Willow Run Memorial; Mr. Delaney discussed fireworks and vendor applications to sell fireworks and an upcoming purchase of a F150 truck; the Board will be reviewing a fireworks ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Published: May 15, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent and excused: Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart and Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Public Safety Director Laurain, Fire Chief Besson, Assessment Coordinator Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Secretary LaMothe and an audience of fourteen (14).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Add to Consent Agenda item #11 "Accept the attorney's recommendation regarding Grays v. Jane Tinsley, Van Buren Township -Wayne County Circuit Court case #13-010175-CH"; Move Consent Agenda item #9 to New Business #10; Remove New Business item #3 "Consider the first reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(1) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to revise Section 4.01 by deleting the sentence, which states, "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State or Local Laws or Ordinances are prohibited". Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Special Work Study Session Minutes April 10, 2014; Closed Session Minutes April 10, 2014; Work Study Session Minutes April 14, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2014; Resolution 2014-11, Engineering Standards Manual; Resolution 2014-12, Water Authority Negotiations; Reappointments of Walter Rochowiak and Robert Cook to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2016; Resolution 2014-13, Interdepartmental Employment; Voucher List of May 6, 2014; Accept the attorney's recommendation regarding Grays v. Jane Tinsley, Van Buren Township, County Circuit Court case #13-010175-CH.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on request to establish Industrial Development District #24. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Budd, Hart and McClanahan. Carried. Supervisor Combs opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Supervisor Combs went to Assessing Coordinator Stevenson to discuss the development of Industrial Development District #24. Stevenson referenced the outline maps in agenda packets, which contain 71.56 acres and are comprised of 3 parcels that would be strictly for the Costco depot. All notices were sent to taxing authorities via certified mail regarding the public hearing, and the notice was published in the paper of record. Supervisor Combs shared that this matter was discussed and questions were thoroughly answered at the work study session. Trustee Jahr asked Stevenson to provide the location of the proposed district. The location is on the west side of Belleville Road, north of Van Born Road and the railroad tracks near Bayloff and Holly Construction.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Budd, Hart and McClanahan. Carried.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on request to

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN REZONING ORDINANCE 4-15-14

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 4-15-14

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning approximately 1.01 acres of land consisting of parcel V-125-83-129-99-0002-002 from C (Local Business) all C-1 (General Business) by Rezoning With Conditions.

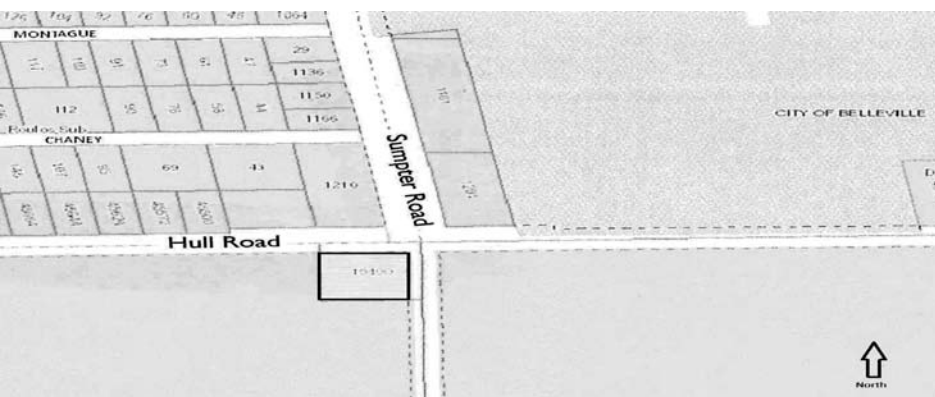
Legal Description of Property:

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THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 210.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF HULL ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE); THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 210.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 210.00 FEET TO A POINT OF EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SUMPTER ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG SAID LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 210.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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This property is located at the southwestern corner Sumpter and Hull Roads.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 6th day of May, 2014.

YEAS: Wright, Jahr, Miller and Combs.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Budd, Hart and McClanahan.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days of passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

Published: 4/24/14 & 5/15/14
Adopted: 5/6/14
Effective: 5/15/14

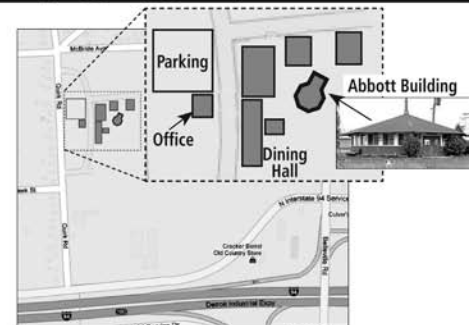


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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 21 – Van Buren

Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 27 – 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, May 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30

p.m.

- Monday, June 2 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 3 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, June 4 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

- Monday, June 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons.

- Tuesday, June 10 – VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, June 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, June 12 – Keystone Academy Board of Directors, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, June 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, June 18 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan Ordinance No.: 05-06-14(3)

First reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(3). Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:00 p.m. regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on May 20, 2014 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend Section 58-293 of the Township General Code of Ordinances, as amended.

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-293 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 58-293. Same—Use.

A person shall not use a controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this division. A person who violates this section as to:

- (1) Lysergic acid diethylamide, peyote, mescaline, dimethyltryptamine, psilocyn, psilocybin, or a controlled substance classified in schedule 5 of section 7220 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 (MCL 333.7220, MSA 14.15(7220)), is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.
- (2) Marijuana, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both unless used in accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MCL 333.26421 et seq.) and the rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health promulgated thereunder and any subsequent amendments to said Act or rules.

State law reference— Similar provisions, MCL 333.7404, MSA 14.15(7404).

SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

YEAS: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Budd, Hart and McClanahan.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

Published: 5/15/14

Adopted:

Effective:

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan Ordinance No.: 05-06-2014(4)

First reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(4). Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:00 p.m. regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on May 20, 2014 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend Section 58-296 of the Township General Code of Ordinances, as amended.

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-296 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 58-296. Narcotic paraphernalia; possession, sales, gift.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have, possess, sell, offer to sell, dispense or give away any pipe, device or contrivance adapted for the use of smoking or inhaling marijuana (*Cannabis sativa* L.), hashish or opium, or other dangerous or hallucinatory drugs as defined by Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 (MCL 333.7101 et seq., MSA 14.15(7101) et seq.), as amended, unless in accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MCL 333.26421 et seq.) and the rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health promulgated thereunder and any subsequent amendments to said Act or rules.

State law reference— Drug paraphernalia, defined, MCL 333.7451, MSA 14.15(7451).

SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

YEAS: Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Budd, Hart and McClanahan.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

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Memorial Day is a few weeks away and the folks in Sumpter are gearing up for **Sumpter Fest**, May 22-26, at the Township Fairgrounds on Sumpter Road. See their half-page ad for the complete festival schedule. The parade is Saturday, May 24, at noon. Call **(734) 461-6201**.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is holding its monthly adoption event this Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. until noon at the **Petco Pet Store** on Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call **(734) 461 9458**.

Parkway Services, Inc. provides septic cleaning and portable toilets for all outdoor activities, such as graduation parties, picnics, construction sites, golf courses, etc. Call **(734) 482-7633** and visit www.gottoilets.com.

Augusta Woods Manufactured Home Community on Rawsonville Road will be holding a community-wide yard sale May 16-18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The **2014 Belleville Beautification Project** is under way this week within the city limits, where downtown businesses are cleaning up their properties and will wrap up the event on Saturday where the group will tackle the public places like the parks and shorelines. Volunteers are needed. Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m., with the cleanup going until 1 p.m., followed by a cookout at 1 p.m. Meet at the BYC lot at 430 Liberty Street. The project is sponsored by the **BYC** and the **Belleville Downtown Development Authority**.

Blessed Life Financial Conference will take place May 17-18 at the **Belleville Lighthouse Worship Center** on Willis

Road, east of Rawsonville Road. Some of the topics include how to get out of debt, mortgages, foreclosures, investing, and other subjects. Guest speaker is **Larry A. Holley**, MREI, and a Financial Wealth Coach. The conference is free and open to the public. To register, call **(734) 461-9800**.

Thorne Hill Golf Course in nearby Carleton is a nice 18-hole golf course offering great coupon deals for golfers and seniors for greens fees, cart, and specials on golf outings, leagues, weekly scrambles, etc. See their ad in today's paper and call **(734) 587-2332**. Visit www.thornehills.com.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer of Belleville is holding a special **Victorian Estate Antique Auction** tomorrow evening, May 16, beginning at 5 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Club** in Romulus. Previews begin at 4 p.m. For more info and lots of photos, see their ad in today's paper and visit www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com.

A **Kika Trunk Show** will take place on Wednesday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at **Main Street Flowers**. The public is invited to check out the new soft and comfy clothing line. Call **(734) 740-4165**.

Congrats to the lucky winners of the Mother's Day drawing giveaway at Garden Fantasy. They were **Diane Dziedzic, B. Major, Glenn Mason, Angie Clements, Lisa Norris, Kent Jones, Leah Keasal, and Roseann Colwell**.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
County of Wayne, State of Michigan
Ordinance No.: 05-06-14(2)

First reading of Ordinance 05-06-14(2). Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:00 p.m. regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on May 20, 2014 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend Section 58-292 of the Township General Code of Ordinances, as amended.

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-292 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 58-292. Controlled substances—Possession; penalties for violation of section.

A person shall not knowingly or intentionally possess a controlled substance or an official prescription form or a prescription form unless the controlled substance, official prescription form, or prescription form was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this division. A person who violates this section as to:

- (1) Lysergic acid diethylamide, peyote, mescaline, dimethyltryptamine, psilocyn, psilocybin, or a controlled substance classified in schedule 5 of section 7220 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 (MCL 333.7220, MSA 14.15(7220)), is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.
- (2) Marijuana, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both, unless possessed in accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MCL 333.26421 et seq.) and the rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health promulgated thereunder and any subsequent amendments to said Act or rules
- (3) A prescription form other than an official prescription form, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

State law reference— Similar provisions, MCL 333.7403, MSA 14.15(7403).

SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

YEAS:	Combs, Wright, Jahr and Miller.
NAYS:	None.
ABSENT:	Budd, Hart and McClanahan.
ABSTAINED:	None.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

Published: 5/15/14

Adopted:

Effective:

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Van Buren Charter Township Vacancy Announcement

Van Buren Charter Township is accepting applications for a Human Resources Generalist, who will report to the Township Supervisor. This is a part-time position. For more information including a complete job description, requirements, and information on how to apply, please visit <http://www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted/>. Send cover letter, resume and salary history to Karin LaMothe at klamothe@vanburen-mi.org. This posting expires on May 31, 2014.

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By Jason Goldman, Esq.
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.

This article is pretty straightforward: Someone owes you money... How can you get them to pay you when they are ignoring your demands for payment?

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If someone owes you money, we encourage you to promptly avail yourself of a two-step process: (1) Mail a demand letter to the debtor demanding payment within 10 days (or whatever date you decide), and (2) file a lawsuit against the debtor if payment is still not received.

Your attorney can draft the demand letter. It is relatively inexpensive and a legally recognized procedure for collecting money. Demand letters act as a warning shot, giving the other party an opportunity to pay before commencing a lawsuit.

If payment is still not received, and you are legally entitled to it, then the next step is to file a lawsuit. Although most people balk at the idea of "going to court," typically it is your best and only option to get paid. Commencing a lawsuit can often be more efficient and cost effective than angrily trying to resolve the matter out of court.

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 they will cover legal issues commonly faced by Belleville-area residents. Their goal is to help you better understand the law.

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Antique appraisal session set at Van Buren Township Hall today

The Belleville Area Historical Society's Antique Appraisal fund-raising event is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, May 15, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road between Belleville and Quirk Roads.

Admission and first item appraisal is \$10, every item thereafter is \$5, limit of three. Items include: antique or old toys/dolls, china, glassware, furniture, documents, figurines, sporting items, Coca-Cola

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



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7 p.m., May 18, 9 a.m./6p.m. Mostly baby
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Birthdays

May 8 - Patrice Love
May 17 - Patricia Rawls
May 24 - Cristine Cook

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Pots, Pans, Furniture, Tools, Clothes &
Misc. Rain or Shine. 5/15

HUGE YARD Sale. 40790 Judd Rd.,
Sumpter. May 18-26, 10a.m./6p.m..
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ESTATE SALE. 19795 Sherwood,
Belleville. May 17-18, 8a.m./4p.m.
Furniture, Yard supplies, Coca Cola &
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12970 Martinsville Rd. between
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May 16-17, 9a.m./4p.m. Riding mower,
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Huron River Dr. May 15, 12p.m./6p.m.,
May 16-17, 9a.m./6p.m. (2) Entertain-
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Misc. tools, Clothes & Misc Household
items. 5/22

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, May 4:

0006 – malicious destruction of property, Peninsular Dr.
0228 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0824 – disturbance, E. Archwood Dr.
0829 – lake complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr./Water’s Edge
1132 – missing person, Country Walk Blvd.
1220 – larceny, Park Estates
1236 – E-911 cellular, Arizona/Holiday West
1407 – intimidation threat, Ironwood Dr.
1417 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1557 – breaking & entering, E. Adams
1627 – civil matter, Bayshore Dr.
1703 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
2240 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
2243 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
2311 – property check, Savage School

Monday, May 5:

0142 – ATV/ORV complaint, Maude Ct.
0522 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0726 – property damage accident, EB I-94/Hannan
0911 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
0927 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
1509 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1533 – malicious destruction of property, Hoeft
1702 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1928 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Park
2010 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2103 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.
2211 – operating while intoxicated, Denton/Mott
2313 – domestic, Barkley St.
2335 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.

Tuesday, May 6:

0009 – harassment call, Woodbury Dr.
0346 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0414 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1507 – personal injury accident, Van Born/Hannan
1608 – holdup alarm, Bemis Rd.
1821 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1900 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1906 – disorderly conduct, Ecorse Mobil
2102 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, May 7:

0535 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Alden Ave.
0646 – private property accident, Van Born
1049 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1646 – larceny, Elwell Rd.
1703 – sexual assault, Fret Rd.
2154 – juvenile complaint, Belleville

Thursday, May 8:

0904 – larceny, Wildflower Ct.
1119 – domestic violence, Meadows Ln.
1214 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
1231 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1549 – fight, Westlake
1624 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.
1720 – trespassing, Parkwood
1736 – private property accident, Parkwood Dr.
1846 – noise complaint, Belleville
2020 – malicious destruction of property, Outer Dr.
2151 – fraud, Meadows Ln.
2212 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2220 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Walmart
2231 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.

Friday, May 9:

0151 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0337 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0400 – property check, Van Buren Park
0403 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0451 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0830 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0844 – harassment call, McBride
1153 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.
1202 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
1257 – private property accident, Birch Dr.
1500 – harassment call, W. Huron River Dr.
1500 – fight, Green Meadows
1516 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1542 – breaking & entering, McBride Ave.

1610 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Prairiegrass Ct.
1631 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
1644 – juvenile complaint, Forestdale Dr.
2010 – assault & battery, Western St.
2023 – suspicious person, Hannan
2052 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2129 – overdose, Ecorse Rd.
2320 – assault & battery, S. Sadie Ln.

Saturday, May 10:

0004 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.
0115 – noise complaint, Cranberry
0129 – noise complaint, Cranberry
0250 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0412 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0424 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
0617 – missing person, Aspen

0915 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood
1226 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.
1326 – breaking & entering, Ash Dr.
1557 – suicide or attempt, Westlake
1650 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd.
1712 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1711 – larceny from auto, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
1905 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2102 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2124 – juvenile complaint, Aspen
2208 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
2234 – malicious destruction of property, Sheldon

Also on this week’s log are 170 traffic stops, 20 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 4:

1109 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1151 – assault & battery, Biggs Ave.
1213 – suspicious person, Wexford Ave.
1247 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1525 – miscellaneous complaint, Goofy’s
1537 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2000 – suspicious situation, Village Park
2327 – assist fire dept., Main St./Second St.
2343 – assist fire dept., Charles Court

Monday, May 5:

0044 – breaking & entering, Victorian Ln.
0938 – intrusion alarm, Owen
0953 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1131 – information, Main St.
1144 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
1232 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1319 – civil matter, Robbe St.
1351 – property damage accident, Owen/Sumpter
1441 – private property accident, W. Columbia
1518 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
1526 – miscellaneous complaint, Harbour Pte. Dr.
1822 – child abuse, Carmell St.
1933 – civil matter, Church
2004 – all other traffic, High/W. Columbia
2127 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Tuesday, May 6:

0155 – trespassing, Lakeview
1250 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River Dr.
1311 – vehicle lockout, Harbour Pointe
1314 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St./Second St.
1334 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1536 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2314 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2329 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, May 7:

0154 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
0904 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1050 – follow up, Belleville
1458 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1707 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1805 – civil matter, Church
2107 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2117 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2151 – suspicious person, Lakeview Tavern

Thursday, May 8:

1156 – information, South St.
1339 – fleeing and eluding, W. Columbia Ave.
1342 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1711 – welfare check, Henry St.
1941 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1950 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2119 – animal complaint, Sumpter/tracks

2147 – suspicious person, Estrada Dr.
2248 – suspicious person, Church St./Roys St.
2311 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln./Thornhill Ct.
Friday, May 9:
1055 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1149 – information, Main St.
1310 – follow-up, N. liberty St.
1333 – parking complaint, SOS office
1504 – intimidation threat, Henry St.
1616 – domestic assault, Clarence St.
1821 – overdose, San Carlos St.
1915 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
2044 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Loza Ln.
2135 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
2157 – suspicious vehicle, Savage
2201 – miscellaneous complaint, Victory
2354 -- warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, May 10:

0122 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd. / Belle Villa Blvd.
0243 – agency assist, Belleville BP
0715 – intimidation threat, Main St.
0759 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1210 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1702 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2314 – disturbance, Johnny’s

Also on this week’s log are 77 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 4:

0057 – property damage accident, 8400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0107 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
0214 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1018 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1047 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1233 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1547 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1620 – mental health commitment, California
1642 – malicious destruction of property, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.

Monday, May 5:

0157 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis
0624 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Paris
0904 – animal complaint, Willis west of Sumpter
0929 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Lohr
1224 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
1407 – identity theft report, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1636 – mental health commitment, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2036 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2102 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, May 6:

0915 – warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1007 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma
1047 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1202 – subpoena service, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1249 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1345 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz
1512 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2053 – indecent exposure, Colorado
2114 – suspicious person, W. Arizona
2342 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2349 – suspicious person, Haggerty/Judd

Wednesday, May 7:

0119 – suspicious vehicle, Nevada
0135 – suspicious incident, Nevada
0902 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1233 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1445 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Judd
1639 – warrant arrest, Greenmeadow
1751 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1810 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2108 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2358 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, May 8:

0824 – neighbor dispute, Nevada
1013 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1052 – neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1201 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1301 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1507 – malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1838 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
1937 – larceny report, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1958 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2002 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2019 – threats complaint, Colorado
2022 – warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
2029 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

Friday, May 9:

0011 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0213 – ordinance violation, 26000 bl. Sherwood
0345 – suspicious incident, Magnolia
0918 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0938 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1108 – animal complaint, E. Arizona
1150 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.
1155 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1402 – suspicious person, Elwell/Judd
1521 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1536 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1835 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1839 – neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1947 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2133 – traffic hazard, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2300 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, May 10:

0019 – family trouble, Wyoming
0529 – suspicious incident, Magnolia
0936 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0942 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1106 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1514 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1650 – assist other agency, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1703 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1801 – suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1848 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2152 – trespassing complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2350 – reckless driver complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are seven follow-up investigations, 39 miscellaneous details, 166 patrol checks, and 81 traffic stops.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 15** – A salad luncheon is served at noon at St. John's Lutheran church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz, for a donation of \$8. Door prizes and a gift for everyone. For tickets call Diana at (734) 654-6366, M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML.

• **Thursday, May 15** – The Other Book Club will meet at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area at 7 p.m. Contact the library (699-3291) for the location. Tonight is “Tell the Wolves I'm Home” by Carol Ritka Brunt.

• **Friday, May 16** – Six outdoor

sculptures will be erected in locations around downtown Belleville. The truck will unload in the North Liberty Street parking lot behind the Fourth Street Square. Come out and watch.

• **Friday, May 16** – Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Movie is “Frozen,” a Walt Disney Animation Studios big-screen comedy-adventure. Free admittance. Free popcorn.

• **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 16 -18** – St. Stephen Church in New Boston is hosting its 66th-annual Spring Polish Festival. Bands all weekend long including Fifty Amp Fuse on Friday (9 p.m.-midnight) and Sunday (5-8 p.m.). Saturday bands are Wingman (4-8 p.m.) and Boogie Dynamite (9 p.m.-midnight). Polish Mass held Sunday at 11:30 with Mike Carey. Info: 734-753-5268 or visit www.ststephenfestival.com.

• **Saturday, May 17** – Join the volunteers who are placing American flags on the graves of veterans at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville in time for Memorial Day. Takes only about one hour of work for each volunteer. Begins at 8:30 a.m.

• **Saturday, May 17** – The BYC is hosting its annual cleanup of the shoreline around Belleville Lake and the City of Belleville and its DDA will have volunteers cleaning up the downtown. Join in for Beautification Day.

• **Sunday, May 18** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Friday, May 23 to Monday, May 26** – It's time for the annual Sumpter Township Country Fest. The parade is at noon on Saturday.

• **Monday, May 26** – It's Memorial Day and time for the tenth-annual Thunder Rolls in Belleville. Motorcyclists take a one-hour, police escorted trip around Van Buren Township starting at 11 a.m. from Wayne County Community College on

Haggerty Road. The motorcyclists get into Belleville between 2 and 2:30 p.m. and then the Memorial Day ceremony begins at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park.

• **Sunday, June 1** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony

• **Thursday, June 5** – Join the Evening Book Group at the Belleville Area District Library at 7 p.m. to discuss “Five Days at Memorial” by Sheri Fink.

• **Friday, June 6** – The 2nd-annual Garden Soiree (formerly known as the Bach's Wine Garden Party) runs from 6 to 9 p.m. as a fund-raiser by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Sunday, June 15** – Cinnamon's 13th annual Father's Day Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville. Free to all spectators.

• **Sunday, June 22** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Sunday, July 6** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

• **Sunday, July 13** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Saturday, July 19** – Family Fun Day at Sumpter's Graham Park

• **Sunday, Aug. 3** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

• **Sunday, Aug. 17** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

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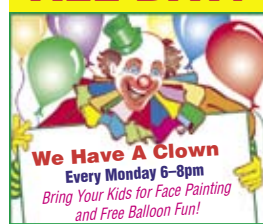
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