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“Steel Horse” by Trevor L. Korn of Chesterfield, MI, is at the Davenport Center. Cost \$8,000



“Harmony” by Douglas Gruizenga of Interlochen, MI, is at Five Points. Cost is \$9,000. (Artist was inspired by WWII airplane engines that work in harmony.)



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“Point Well Taken” by Ric Leichtler of Sugar Grove, Ohio, is at the gateway sign to the City of Belleville. Cost is \$12,000.

Former Sumpter Twp. Supervisor Elmer Parraghi dies June 8

Elmer Parraghi, who was elected to four terms as Sumpter Township supervisor, died on Monday, June 8, at his home in Sumpter at the age of 87.

The funeral is noon Friday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

Mr. Parraghi was elected to three, 2-year terms as supervisor in 1972, 1974, and 1976. He then was elected to a four-year term as supervisor in 2000.

He was recalled twice -- once along with the whole board and then reelected at the next election -- and once in 2003.

In 2008 he ran against Johnny Vawters in the Democratic primary and lost.

Mr. Parraghi and his wife Jeanette, who have lived in Sumpter for 55 years, had four children: Larry, Bill, Deb, Clay, and Mark.

He was a retired federal mediator and labor relations director. Mr. Parraghi was Baptist and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

He was a member of the Pigeon Club and his hobby was racing pigeons.

Mr. Parraghi had said as supervisor he brought in First Energy, The Oakwood Clinic, the charter for the senior citizens group and the lunch program for the seniors.

“This was all done without the assistance of funding from the landfill,” Mr. Parraghi pointed out in an *Independent* 2008 Candidate Information form.



Belleville’s new sculptures

The cost listed is what you can pay the artist to get the sculpture for your yard after it is displayed for a year in Belleville.

The sculptures are leased for display by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority from the Midwest Sculpture Initiative.

The total cost from MSI is \$9,354, said DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson. Sponsors have donated \$4,600, leaving \$4,754 for the DDA to pay.

Thompson said the DDA is still accepting donations, so if someone would like to be a sponsor, there is still time.

School Board member voices dismay at loss of eight beginning teachers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday’s brief meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Trustee Sherry Frazier noted the resignations of eight teachers who had worked for the district for one or two years.

“It’s sad to see we’re losing eight first-year teachers,” Trustee Frazier said, and then revised her figure to state that two of

those had been teaching two years.

“They’ve all resigned,” Frazier said.

“I hope it’s not a sign of where we are in this district,” Frazier said. She asked if there is action being taken to replace these teachers and she was assured the Human Resources office is starting the hiring process.

Frazier also noted on the agenda was the

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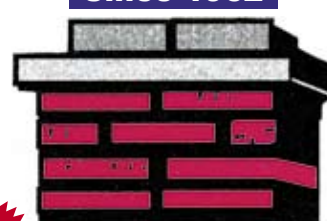
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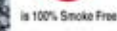


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School Board

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hiring of an afternoon custodian supervisor, which the district hasn't had in years.

She said there are now only four elementary schools and only six or eight people to supervise.

Frazier said she talked to the superintendent and he advised her that James Williams, who is in charge of buildings and grounds, can't be at the schools from 6 a.m. to 10 at night and needs help.

She said she also was told Williams is responsible for the storm water report, which is very lengthy.

Frazier didn't mention the new hire's name, but it is Stephen Jones who until Monday worked in a security role at the district. (On Monday he worked both his old and his new jobs.) Before the security job was privatized, he worked for the district for two years.

Frazier said she was told the new supervisor will be at the high school, also. She said although the position has been unfilled for many years, it is being reinstated.

"I'm glad we have someone from within the district who is familiar with the school district ... and familiar with procedures," Frazier said.

Frazier went on to say she thinks board members should voice concerns at the table.

No other board members made personal comments about items on the agenda at Monday's meeting.

"I get criticized for asking questions," Frazier said, explaining that people are asking her why the district is hiring someone after all these years.

She pointed out the maintenance department has been slashed to the bone and everybody's doing more with a lot less.

In other business at the 19-minute, June 8 meeting the board:

- Approved hiring Deborah Leedy as Human Resources' Executive Assistant as of June 1; Stephen Jones as Afternoon Custodial Supervisor/Building Operations as of June 8; and Sara Cortese as Accountant in the Finance Office as of July 6;

- Approved the requested terminations of the following support staff: Joe Januszyk, retiring after 30 years in Plant Operations/Maintenance, as of June 30; Christina Wright, retiring after 25 years in the Finance Department/Payroll, as of July 31; David Tighe, resigned as bus mechanic in the Transportation Department after four years of service, as of May 27; and Pam Crawford, resigned May 31 after a leave of absence March-June, following 1.5 years of service as Human Resources/Executive Assistant;

- Approved the requested retirements as of June 30 of the following teachers: William Bragenzer, 37 years, BHS; Jennifer Dudick,



Belleville Fire Department officials gathered at the June 1 city council meeting to honor 2015 Belleville High School graduate Bryce Walrath. From left are Capt. Kris Rix, Fire Chief Brian Loranger, Walrath, Mayor Kerreen Conley, Lieutenant Chris Zweng, and Lieutenant Brian Blackburn. Walrath worked with the Belleville Fire Department in pre-training for his goal to be an emergency crew member. He put in 44 hours with Belleville as part of a program through the Wayne-Westland schools and even had a fire department pager so he would get up in the middle of the night for Belleville emergency calls. He did other projects with the department and they wrote a letter of recommendation for a scholarship. Walrath did win the \$6,500 Todd Stanaway Memorial Paramedic Scholarship from the Michigan Academy of Emergency Services and Allied Health that is intended to cover complete paramedic training.

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

BHS, 31 years; and Catherine Cutting, Owen, 16 years;

- Approved the resignation of teacher Anne Pichini, Rawsonville, 1 year, as of May 8; and the resignations of the following teachers as of June 30: Thomas Ambrose and Kevin Botos, both BHS, 2 years; and resignations of the following teachers after 1 year as of June 30: Rachael Bazy, Tyler; Kathy Haydon, Owen; Mary Reinhard, BHS; Jayanthi Reddy, BHS; and Bradley Tucker, BHS;

- Approved leasing school buses to the Boys & Girls Club for summer 2015 field trips: Skateland West, Westland, July 8; Turtle Cove Water Park, HCMA, July 15; Rolling Hills Water Park, Ypsilanti, July 28; and Comerica Park, Detroit, July or August, date to be determined. Cost is \$35 per hour per bus plus \$1 per mile per bus;

- Approved leasing school buses to Huron Valley Ambulance for its Camp 9-1-1 at the U-M Boathouse in Van Buren Park. One bus is needed Aug. 12 for a field trip to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti and one is needed for a trip to the Van Buren Township Fire Hall #2 on Belleville Road on Aug. 13;

- Approved renewing membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$7,453. It was noted that MASB membership allowed participation in the SET-SEG

insurance pool which resulted in a Workers' Compensation Pool Premium Reduction of \$69,804 for the Van Buren Public Schools;

- Approved membership for Belleville High School and McBride Middle School in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2015-16 school year. The application noted there are 700 students in grades 7 and 8 at McBride;

- Heard School Supt. Michael Van Tassel report that the survey for the sinking fund was approved by his cabinet and some people in the community already have been surveyed. He said he wants to make sure all the data is back before bringing it to the board and he thinks that may be at the June 15 work/study session or the June 22 budget meeting;

- Heard Van Tassel say the June 15 meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the administration building instead of the high school as previously planned because crews will be cleaning the high school. On the agenda will be a budget hearing and a report by Curriculum Director Diane Kullis on the NWEA test scores and how the district did. Van Tassel said there have been "nice strides"; and

- Was informed the voting on the budget will take place at the June 22 meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. at the administration building.

Samantha Smart earns associate degree at Marine Depot in South Carolina

Parkville, MO — Park University's Beaufort (South Carolina) Marine Corps Air Station Campus Center held its commencement ceremony on May 26 at the Lyceum, Parris Island, S.C., Marine Depot.

The university had 37 students eligible to participate in the ceremony — 30 students earned a bachelor's degree and seven students earned an associate degree.

Samantha Smart of Munith, MI, who had attended Belleville High School, earned an Associate of Science degree.

Brandon A. Dodge graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Brandon A. Dodge graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Dodge is the son of Staci White of Romulus and Andrew Dodge of Belleville and step-son of Bruce White of Romulus. He graduated in 2013 from Wayne Memorial High School.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Tanya Stoudemire named Budget Director for Detroit

It's a big, big deal!

Tanya Stoudemire of Van Buren Township has been named Budget Director for the City of Detroit.

Stoudemire was elected last fall to the Belleville Area District Library Board and has been a very active member. At the end of Tuesday's regular library board meeting, she apologized for being a few minutes late for the meeting because of her additional responsibilities for the City of Detroit. She also is a wife and devoted mother and balances those responsibilities as well. Everyone at the meeting was impressed and delighted and greeted her announcement with applause.

At Tuesday's board meeting they approved the new budget and Hilary Savage, Adult Services Librarian, was introduced as the new deputy director to the new Director Mary Jo Suchy. Suchy had suggested earlier that a deputy director position might be abandoned in favor of another structure, but she stepped back. She decided the deputy position served Belleville well and should be preserved.

She'll be looking for someone to replace Savage in her Adult Services position.

The library board now is set to move forward to decide what it wants to do about the library building, following the failed election and the library survey. A building committee meeting will be held soon and will report to the board at its July 14 regular meeting. What next?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Thursday when we were delivering our paper to businesses along East Huron River Drive, we picked up a nail or something in our car's left rear tire and could hear it hissing as the tire pressure dropped.

At the Detlor Insurance delivery on Fifth Street we decided action had to be taken. My driver, son Jim, used a gadget he has that plugs into the car and blows air into the tire. After he felt it was safe, we drove to Lonny's at Five Points.

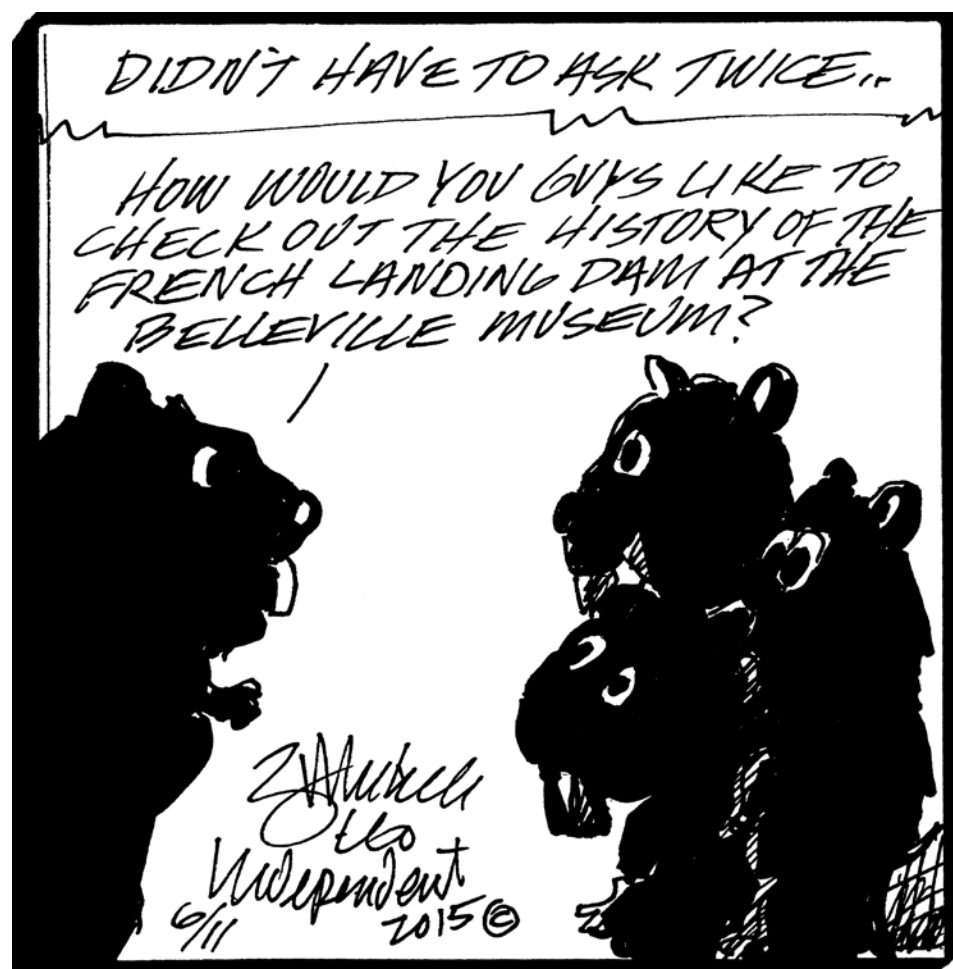
I was going to go back to the office to wait, but Lonny was done in about five minutes and we were on our way, a little late with deliveries, but not bad.

We really appreciate Lonny dropping everything and helping us out. He's a real asset to our community – especially when we have to get our papers delivered.

We received an email from a reader named Diana who commented on the train that has been mentioned in this column over the past two weeks: "I think the train that Ruth Bleeker was referring to may have been the old Norfolk & Southern excursion train, passing through Belleville, mostly in the 1980s. Folks would watch from the crossings because it was pulled by an old-fashioned steam engine, hence the unusual whistle.

"Footnote: I'm always surprised at how many people never knew that there is a railroad tunnel under the Detroit River to Windsor. Trains have passed through the 'Michigan Central Railway Tunnel' for over a hundred years."

We got a report that on June 2 and 3 police have been training in the former Jacobs Stables property on Quirk Road in Van



Buren Township. Usually, the police just train in the barns, but last Wednesday they were in the house, too.

Also, someone is keeping the property mowed now, which the neighbors appreciate.

Besides VBT Police there were Michigan State Police and police from other departments, we're told. Some were in plain clothes and may have been more like ATF, the neighbors say.

Last fall we went out there and took pictures of the patrol cars there from several departments, but we didn't print them. We didn't have enough room at the time.

Before the June 2 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees there was some discussion by board members about why an alarm was beeping in the supervisor's office.

Supervisor Linda Combs said she was told that alarm hasn't been set since Supervisor Cindy King was in office. An alarm went off in the clerk's office, too, but that was turned off.

Supervisor Combs said she was going to let it ring all night until IT Director Steve Rankin got in the next morning.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said she thought the clerk's office had a folder with all the codes in it.

After the 8-minute board meeting ended, I called former Supervisor Paul White to ask him about the alarm. White had beat King for the position and served one term.

White said he was never told about any alarm in his office. News to him.

A man brought in some pictures he took of the parking lot of Leo's Coney Island on May 31 that showed six police cars. He said Leo's is the best-protected business in Van Buren Township.

The man said every Saturday and Sunday, for the last five months, from six to eight Van Buren Police cars are parked at the restaurant, across Belleville Road from Meijer. He said they are there for an hour and 20 minutes, plus, each time starting around 7 a.m., apparently for breakfast.

He said that in the winter the cars are left running. Sometimes there is one Sumpter and one Belleville police car there, as well, he said.

"Is this a new mini station for Van Buren Police?" he asks. Good question.

These days, with everyone able to take pictures with their phones, nothing is secret.

I was inside my home in Van Buren Township at midday Saturday when my son came in to announce the new emergency sirens were being tested. I couldn't hear the blast inside, but outside the tone was loud and clear.

VBT emergency sirens have been on the way for years and now they're here.



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Letters**Ed Wisniewski touched
my life many times**

To the Editor:

On Memorial Day, May 25, we lost another hero: Ed Wisniewski, Sr.

I am sure he touched many lives in his 32 years with the Sumpter Fire Department. I know he touched mine beginning in 2008 when Sumpter Fire and Rescue and Huron Valley Ambulance came to my home quite a few times until they fixed my heart valve.

Chief Powell and Ed were always there, giving encouragement.

When I read the article in the *Independent* it touched my heart. His daughter and family wanted to keep him comfortable, which they did.

The poor fellow was 65 and worried about paying his bills. God has a dwelling place for him in heaven with Ed's name on it — a mansion. No more cancer, no more pain and no bills to pay. Thanks be to God.

Charlie Crispell
Sumpter Township

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To the Editor:

I've been living in Belleville for some time now and enjoy kayaking around the lake and have noticed that more and more people are buying kayaks in the area.

However, one thing that bothers me is the fact that for us kayakers to use the lake we must go out early in the morning or risk our safety.

Most boaters ignore or are ignorant to the fact that kayakers and canoeists have the right of way over motor boats.

This was evidenced this past week end as I was going across from Johnny's to the cemetery and had a boater increase his speed to cut in front of me, leaving me to deal with his wake.

This isn't an isolated incident since this has happened numerous times and friends who kayak have the same story of boaters towing skiers, jet skiers, and tubers heading right toward them. We can't turn as fast as you and we don't know your intentions, leaving us to try to turn away and fight the wake.

I have had friends lodge complaints with the Van Buren Police, but with one boat for the lake they are under-manned.

I'm not asking much, only that boaters and jet skiers learn to share the lake with others and not attempt to swamp us as you come as close as you can and as fast as you can.

Have fun, but think about the others (including the people fishing that get tossed around near shore by your wake) and learn the proper laws of boating.

James Rzepecki

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Obituaries

S. ANN EWING

(June 28, 1947 - June 2, 2015)

S. Ann Ewing, age 67, of Belleville, MI, formerly of California, Florida, and Traverse City, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at her home. She was born June 28, 1947, daughter of Orvil & Emmaline Rossell.

Ann was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was an avid reader who enjoyed going to the movies, as well. She loved wildlife and feeding the ducks around her home every year.

She is survived by her loving companion of 8 years Joseph L. Pine, son William Ewing, Jr., both of Belleville; daughter Christine Ewing of Olympia, Washington; three sisters Yvonne (Dale) Long of Traverse City, MI, Joann (Rod) Elmore of Farwell, MI and Connie (Mark) Tiffany of Annapolis, Maryland; also several nieces, nephews and friends. Ann was preceded in death by her parents.

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Obituaries



N. Ruth Viers

N. RUTH VIERS

(August 22, 1935 - June 2, 2015)

Nina Ruth Viers, age 79, of Willis, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at her home. She was born August 22, 1935 in Clincho, Virginia, daughter of Henry Talton & Alpha (Stanley) Viers.

She was a long-time Belleville area resident. She loved making ceramics, dancing and cooking. Most of all she loved her family.

Ruth is survived by son Doug Taylor (Tammy) Viers of Willis, MI, granddaughter Holly (Tim) Conover, great-granddaughter Brianna Conover, sister Lula Gaye McNeil, brother James (Naoni) Hansel, also several nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry Viers in 2005, brother Henry, and three sisters Lois, Thelma and Juanita.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday, June 5, 2015 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Deacon Woodrow Barker officiated. Interment was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Church or to the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Sue Vanover

SUE VANOVER

(April 19, 1945 - June 5, 2015)

Betty Sue Inez Vanover, age 70, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, June 5, 2015 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center, Wayne, MI. She was born April 19, 1945, in Knoxville, Tennessee, daughter of Paul Edgar & Janie Elizabeth (King) Summers.

Sue worked for General Motors Willow Run plant for over 18 years. She was a member of Belleville Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed trips to the casino with her sister, going to garage sales and thrift stores. She loved a good bargain. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching the Detroit Tigers and loved cooking for her family.

Sue is survived by her husband of 50 years, Thurman Vestus Vanover, two sons Darryl (Mary) Vanover and Scott Vestus Vanover, all of Belleville, MI, daughter Melise "Lisa" Vanover of Monroe, MI, 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, sister Debbie White and brother William (MaryAnn) Summers, both of Belleville, MI, also several nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Mrs. Vanover was preceded in death by her

parents, brother George, sister Lorraine, brother-in-law Bill White, nephew Denny Summers and niece Margie Holton.

Visitation was 5-8 PM Monday, 4-8 PM Tuesday and 10-11 AM Wednesday, June 10, 2015 with an 11 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to March of Dimes and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish.



David E. Stalmack

RONALD E. STALMACK

(July 31, 1949 - June 6, 2015)

Ronald Emil Stalmack, age 65, life-time Belleville area resident, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2015 at his home. He was born July 31, 1949 in Detroit, MI, son of Amel Walter & Jennie (Noworyta) Stalmack.

Ronnie was a 1967 graduate of Belleville High School. He worked for United Mill & Cabinet for nearly ten years, before being hired privately. He was a hard worker who was a "Jack of all trades" and could fix anything. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, Corvettes and his dogs. He was a former member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Belleville. He was a friend to many and will be missed by all who knew him.

Ron is survived by his wife of 20 years, Karen Marie (Richens) Stalmack, his mother Jennie Stalmack, three sisters Jane Stalmack and Sharon (William) Dubisky, all of Belleville, Cynthia (James) Borovsky of Canton, MI, brother John (Vickey) Stalmack of Manistee, MI, 7 nieces & nephews, 4 great-nieces & nephews, and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Amel Stalmack in 1966, mother-in-law Dorothy Richens, father-in-law John Richens, step-son John Herwarth and sister-in-law Betty Richens. Visitation was 4-8 PM Monday and 11 AM until 2 PM Tuesday, June 9, 2015 with a 2:00 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Obituaries



Marjorie Ann Hagerman

MARJORIE A. HAGERMAN

(January 14, 1936 – June 4, 2015)

Marjorie Ann Hagerman, age 79, of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2015 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born January 14, 1936 in Detroit, MI, daughter of William and Rose (Mero) Wheatley.

Marjorie married Arthur William Hagerman on January 31, 1953. Marjorie was a long-time Belleville area resident and years ago she was a member of the Belleville Striders. Marjorie enjoyed crafts, reading, RVing and collecting giraffes. Most of all she loved her family.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters Rose (Tim) Warren of Tioga, TX, Laura (Jeff) Bracken of Belleville, MI and son Dan Hagerman of Belleville, MI. Five grandchildren Misty (Brian) Richardson, Aliana Warren, Amber Bracken, Joshua Bracken, Callie Hagerman, seven great-grandchildren, Dalton, Briana, Blaise, Chase, Zackery, Alexander and Jordynn, brother William Wheatley, also numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by husband Arthur Hagerman in 2010, her parents, and a sister Marian (Wheatley) Kelly.

The family received friends and relatives at Marjorie's home on June 7, 2015. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial donations may be made in Marjorie's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.



Christopher Voakes-Sigeti

CHRISTOPHER VOAKES-SIGETI

(March 17, 1973 - June 7, 2015)

Christopher Michael "Ziggy" Voakes-Sigeti, age 42, of Belleville since 2000, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015 at his home. He was born March 17, 1973 in Taylor, MI.

Chris loved animals, music and his family. He enjoyed helping his uncle's various bands as his Lighting Technician and Sound Guy.

Ziggy is survived by his wife Wendy Ann (O'Neal) Voakes-Sigeti of Belleville; son Ryan Voakes-Sigeti of Phoenix, AZ; Ryan's mother Danielle Bassett of Payson, AZ; parents Paul and Rebecca (Voakes) Sigeti of Payson, AZ; grandmother Barbara Baynton of Allen Park, MI; grandfather Robert E. Voakes of Payson, AZ; uncles David (Karen Therrien) Voakes of Belleville and Robert J. (Stacy Miller) Voakes of Phoenix, AZ, also numerous other family and friends.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A gathering will be held 5-8 PM Friday, June 12, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, Belleville, MI. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, June 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., work/study session at Administration Building, budget hearing. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 16 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, June 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building, voting on budget

• Tuesday, June 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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VBT now has ordinance for outdoor dining and table service in C-1, C-2

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its 8-minute meeting on June 2, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the second and final reading for an ordinance to permit outdoor dining and table service in the C-1 (General Business) zoning district.

The ordinance was initiated because the two restaurants that have signed leases to be in the new building on the former Big Boy site – Starbucks and Qdoba Mexican Restaurant -- want to have outdoor dining.

Patrick Sloan, a consultant from McKenna Associates, said outdoor dining will also be permitted in the C-2 district, since C-2 allows everything allowed in C-1.

Also at the June 2 meeting, the board:

- Approved the second and final reading to amend an ordinance to rezone a parcel at 51257 West Huron River Drive, adjoining Rite Aid, from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) so new owner Dave Woodard can live in the house there and improve it;
- Approved the 2015 Concert Series line up and authorized the supervisor and clerk to execute the contracts with the artists. The total cost for the concerts is \$5,450;
- Approved the \$10,000 contract with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2015 Fireworks show at Beck Ball Field on

June 27 (rain date June 28) and authorized the supervisor and clerk to execute the agreement; and

- Heard Trustee Jeff Jahr praise the work of Account Clerk Jennifer Price who made sure everyone on Harmony Lane knew that the trash pickup had been changed from Thursday to Tuesday.

Birthdays

June 13 – Denise Adkins
June 15 – Richard Cochenour
June 17 – Kyle Ackron
June 18 – Toni Hunt
June 19 – Robert Mytych, Marian Caldwell, Carol Gomes
June 20 – Charlie Crispell

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

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Jehovah's Witnesses welcome all

Jehovah's Witnesses are holding their annual conventions at the Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 43777 Ecorse Road.

They extend an open invitation for all to attend. The theme of this year's program is "Imitate Jesus!"

Wayne Earl, a convention spokesman, said, "Jesus, the founder of Christianity, is widely considered as one of the most influential and significant men who ever lived. As Christians, a core belief of Jehovah's Witnesses is that Jesus lived his life as a model for us to follow."

The "Imitate Jesus!" conventions will examine Jesus' life, as outlined in the Bible, and emphasize how all -- regardless of their background, lifestyle, or religion -- can benefit in practical ways from his example and teachings.

Starting last weekend, and continuing for the next 12 weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will extend personal invitations to everyone from metro Detroit to attend the convention.

Locally, all of the area's over 240

congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will help distribute printed invitations to the convention. There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

The first of 13 three-day events to be held in Belleville began Friday, June 5. An estimated 2,100 people each week will come to the Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for the Bible-based programs.

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• **Preschool** (Read-to-Me) sessions are 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 24-July 29:

June 24 -- The Music Lady

July 1 -- Ming the Magnificent

July 8 -- Joe Reilly and his Guitar

July 15 -- Harpbeat

July 22 -- Tonya "Touchdown" Dallas Storyteller

July 29 -- Gratitude Steel Band

• **SRP** (Independent Readers) sessions are 11 a.m. Tuesdays, June 23-July 28:

June 23 -- Greg Lester's Puppet Adventure

June 30 -- Magic with Gordon Russ

July 7 -- Storyteller Barb Schutzgruber

July 14 -- Baffling Bill and Gus the Bunny

July 21 -- Gemini

July 28 -- Joel Tacey Comedy Show & Final Awards

• **TEEN** (for kids who are starting 6th grade next year and up) sessions are 7 p.m. Mondays, June 22-July 27:

June 22 -- Mark Crilley Drawing Workshop

June 29 -- Baffling Bill Magic and Levitation Show

July 6 -- Jeff Boykin Photography for

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July 13 -- Reg Pettibone's Native American Exhibition

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15, 6:30-7:30 at Quirk Park.

Soccer end-of-the-season party is Saturday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at Quirk Park.

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Volunteers from the General Motors facility in Van Buren Township were out on June 5 volunteering at several locations. This is at Rawsonville Elementary School.

GE volunteers lend a hand at Rawsonville Elementary School

Nearly 500 local General Electric employees from the Van Buren Township GE facility volunteered their time June 5 to make a difference in the community during the 5th Annual GE Community Day across the Detroit area.

This year, GE volunteers were spread out in teams at eight different sites across Metro Detroit working on:

- Gardening, laying mulch, painting and building playground equipment at First Step and Rawsonville Elementary School;
- Cleaning-up the shoreline at the Belle Isle Conservancy;
- Planting flowers, building vegetable boxes and building a retaining wall at The Children's Center of Detroit;
- Gardening, painting and helping to beautify the Community Health and Social Services Center (CHASS);
- Assisting with neighborhood clean-up and building maintenance at the Ruth Ellis Center;
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- Visiting with local heroes at the John Dingell Veteran's Center.

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The Belleville Church of God on Hull Road is giving away free food on June 18 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The church's pantry gives away perishables and non-perishables the third Thursday of each month. To reserve some for pick-up, call JoAnne at (734) 697-1142 or the church at (734) 697-0927.

Tin Pan Restaurant and Pizza on Sumpter Road is open once again offering breakfast specials from \$1.99 to half-price pizza on Sundays. They're open at 8 a.m. six days a week and closed on Monday. See their ad in today's paper for other specials and call their new number at (734) 699-7066.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 3rd-Annual Summer Soiree benefitting Music Lakeside is Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the BYC on E. Huron River Drive. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Call (734) 697-8123.

The classic rock station WCSX 94.7 will be broadcasting live on Friday, June 12, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hidalgo Mexican Restaurant in the Davenport Plaza off Sumpter Road. The public is invited to stop by and enter a chance to win some classic rock prizes. Call (734) 697-3271.

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Today's newspaper includes Ruby Tuesday Restaurant inserts and our Strawberry Festival Booklet filled with everything you need to know for next week's event. The festival gets under way Friday, June 19, and runs through Father's Day Sunday, June 21.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 11** – Free Butterfly Garden Lecture, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Otisville/Sheldon Room at the Van Buren Township Hall. Presented by Susan Anderson, Master Gardener, and sponsored by September Days Senior Center. Sign up at the Center.

• **Friday, June 12** – Summer Soiree, 7 p.m. to midnight at the BYC, to benefit Music Lakeside. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and two bands.

• **Friday, June 12** – The Romulus free summer concert series, Sounds in Downtown, begins at 7 p.m. in the Romulus Historical Park. Tonight is Remedy, with Rocking Country music.

• **Saturday, June 13** – Van Buren Township Family Fun Fishing Day is from 9 a.m. to noon at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township. Enjoy a free fishing day as part of the MDNR's Free Fishing Weekend where fishing licenses are NOT required. Tackle, tying, and casting techniques will be offered for first-time fisher boys or girls. Prizes for biggest fish caught. Bring light-colored, cotton T-shirt for each participant for kids to put fish prints on. No pre-registration required.

• **Saturday, June 13** – Woodstock Revisited, 1-10 p.m., at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Road. \$10 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Come and enjoy five local bands on the lawn. Prize for best original dress. Info: 699-8836

• **Sunday, June 14** – Come to the car wash to benefit the Belleville Girlstown, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Belleville Moose Lodge & Family Center, Sumpter Road at Harris Road. Rain Date is June 28.

• **Wednesday, June 17** – The Romulus Farmer's Market opens for the season, noon-6 p.m. at the Romulus Municipal Complex, 11111 Wayne Rd. The market is every Wednesday through Oct. 14.

• **Thursday, June 18** – A Sumpter Township History presentation by Mary Sherwood will take place at the Belleville Area District Library at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and pizza is delivered at 5:30 p.m.



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More Letters

Best springtime charity event in Belleville

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) will soon be presenting the Music Lakeside Concert Series, beginning Thursday, June 25. These free music concerts are held each week for 9 weeks in downtown Belleville at Horizon Park on the Lake. There will be an ice cream social at the last concert, featuring our own Belleville Community Chorus.

How do we provide FREE concerts? We do fund raising! Each spring, BACA (the Arts Council) puts on a fundraiser called the "Summer Soiree" (pronounced swor-ray).

This year, for the first time, the Summer Soiree will be held at the BYC (Belleville Yacht Club), a beautiful venue right on the lake, on Friday, June 12 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

If you haven't been there it is something you must see! Just wait until you see what is planned! There will be two bands: one is Gratitude, a delightful steel drum ensemble, another is the Morgan Healy Band featuring Robin Hoover, vocalist.

For the price of your ticket there will be catered hors d'oeuvres, flowers, glitter, an open bar, lots and lots of silent auction items. But wait! There's more! We also have Steve Gross, a well-known auctioneer who will conduct a live auction for some of the really big items. Steve is not just any auctioneer. His style is hugely entertaining and promises to be a real crowd-pleaser (even if you don't intend to participate).

A few of the live auction items include artwork from Park West Gallery, a Rusty Wallace Race Experience at MIS (you ride with him in his race car), and a Discovery Flight out of Ann Arbor Airport (a thrilling introductory flight in a single engine airplane designed to show you how easy it is to fly).

So do yourself a favor and get a ticket for yourself and your spouse or special friend. Weather is no excuse. You can be inside or out. It is a really lovely way to spend an evening mingling with some and rubbing elbows with others.

If you like the free Music Lakeside concerts, please come and help BACA support it. Tickets are \$50 each if purchased ahead of time. Don't wait until it's too late, because at the door they will be \$60 each.

For more information about the Summer Soiree, you can visit the BACA website at: www.bacaart.org

For more information about Music Lakeside, go to www.musiclakeside.com.

You can buy advance tickets at the Belleville Library, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the BYC, at the door, or by calling 734-697-8123.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts

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Tucker Insurance Agency has represented Auto-Owners since 1999 and this is their third time to receive this recognition.

Dan Thelen, Executive Vice President of Auto-Owners, thanked the agency for its support and its business, stating, "Their growth and support only help to make the entire community stronger and more secure. We are grateful they choose to do business with us."

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 05-19-15 (1)

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.

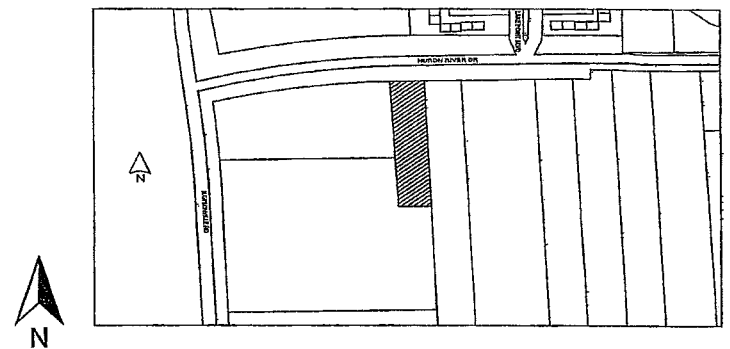
The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

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. 05-19-15

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-118-99-0020-000 to R-1A from C-1 Local business.



This property is located on the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Denton Road.

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 eight (8) days after publication of the notice of adoption 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 2 day of JUNE, 2015.

YEAS: COMBS, WRIGHT, BUDD, HART, JAHR, MILLER, MCCLANAHAN

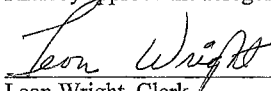
NAYS: NONE

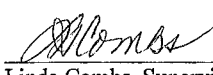
ABSENT: NONE

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 fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,


Leon Wright, Clerk


Linda Combs, Supervisor

Published: 6-11-2015

Adopted: 6-2-2015

Effective: 6-19-2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Consultant Sloan, and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of May 18, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015; Prepaid List of May 21, 2015; Amended Voucher List of June 2, 2015; Approval of the 2015 Concert Series line up and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contracts with the artists and Approval of the contract with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2015 Fireworks show and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (1) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-1118-99-0020-000 from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (2)

to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to permit outdoor dining and table service in the C-1 (General Business) zoning district. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the Recreation Department will host "Takin it to the Streets" on Friday June 19, 2015 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. admission is free however pre-registration is required. To register contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921; The 2015 Fireworks will be held at dusk on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Beck Ball Fields (rain date June 28, 2015). Music by Rich Eddy's Rocking' Oldies Band. Parking is available at the Beck Ball Fields and at Township Hall; The Senior Department is hosting a Butterfly Garden Lecture on Thursday June 11, 2015; The Senior Olympics will run August 10, 2015 through August 14, 2015. Last day to register is July 2, 2015; The DDA is running a contest on their website (www.vanburendda.com) and Facebook page; Testing of the Outdoor Emergency Warning Sirens will be Saturday June 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Trustee Jahr thanked Recreation Account Clerk Jennifer Price and the Recreation staff for providing excellent notice to the residents in the Harmony Lane subdivision regarding the change in date for trash pick-up from Thursdays to Tuesdays.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Published: June 11, 2015

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 05-19-15 (2)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92 AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY ADDING SECTION 12.02 (tt) TO PERMIT OUTDOOR DINING AND TABLE SERVICE UNDER STATED STANDARDS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ARTICLE XII, C-1 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SECTION 12.02 PERMITTED USES is hereby amended to add a new subsection tt., as follows:

tt. Outdoor dining and table service, including but not limited to patios and sidewalk cafes, are subject to the following requirements:

1. The sales and service of food and beverages outdoors shall only be permitted as incidental to a similar principal use that is indoors and adjacent to the outdoor food and beverage sales and service.
2. Outdoor dining areas shall be located in a manner which will not interfere with visibility, vehicular or pedestrian mobility or access, and shall meet Michigan barrier-free requirements. Outdoor dining areas shall not obstruct the entrance to any building or sidewalk, nor shall they obstruct any barrier-free ramp or access aisle. If outdoor dining areas are located on a sidewalk, a minimum 5 foot wide unobstructed pathway shall be maintained on the sidewalk, for pedestrian traffic.
3. Temporary or free-standing food service providers are not considered outdoor dining uses.
4. Tables and chairs must remain within a well-defined and clearly marked area, separated from vehicular traffic. In instances where there is wait staff or alcohol service, such areas must be enclosed. Enclosures shall consist of metal railing, brick walls, landscape planters or other suitable materials using decorative, dark colored wrought iron-look fencing, or other materials consistent with the color and materials of the main building. The height of any barrier or landscaping enclosure shall not exceed three feet, six inches (3'6").
5. All furniture and fixtures shall be removed November 1 through April 30. Outdoor dining furniture and fixtures shall not be stored or stacked on the exterior of the building.
6. Signs are not allowed in the outdoor dining area with the exception of a menu sign.
7. No amplified music shall be permitted if there are residential lots or dwellings within 300 feet, measured from the seating area to the adjacent residential lot line. The outdoor dining area must also abide by all noise ordinance restrictions of the Township.
8. The hours of operation for the outside dining area shall be consistent with the hours of operation of the inside restaurant.
9. No such use shall occupy any portion of a public right-of-way.
10. For plans showing more than 20 occupants within the outdoor dining area, the off-street parking for the use shall be computed according to the standards contained in Section 6.01, as indicated for the indoor portion of the use. If the plans show 20 or fewer occupants, no additional parking shall be required unless required by the Director of Planning and Economic Development as part of his administrative approval.
11. If the outdoor dining area is proposed as part of a site plan application, or if it contains seating for more than 20 occupants, it shall require site plan review and approval by the Planning Commission. If the outdoor dining area is proposed to be added for an existing business and contains seating for 20 or fewer occupants, a plan providing sufficient information to determine compliance with this Section 12.02.tt. may be approved administratively by the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

SECTION 2. Conflicts. If any provision of the Zoning Ordinance conflicts with this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall be applied.

SECTION 3. Severability. This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be declared unconstitutional, null, or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not have any effect on the validity of the remaining parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect eight (8) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

SECTION 5. Availability: This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book upon adoption, 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 fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

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YEAS: COMBS, BUDD, WRIGHT, HART, JAHR, MILLER, MCCLANAHAN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Leon Wright
Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs
Linda Combs, Township Supervisor

Adopted: 6-2-2015
Published: 6-11-2015
Effective: 6-19-2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

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ECORSE ROAD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS VAN BUREN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals will be received for the Ecorse Road Landscape Improvement Project by the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. local time on **June 22, 2015** at the Office of the Downtown Development Authority, Van Buren Township Municipal Building, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Description of Work

The work consists of landscape, irrigation and fence installation in the Ecorse Road median and adjacent to the street.

The Project Area for the implementation roughly consists the Ecorse Road median and adjacent shoulders ¼ mile east and west of Belleville Road. The entire project area is located within Wayne County right-of-way in Van Buren Township.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Downtown Development Authority's Office, Van Buren Township Municipal Building, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 on or after **June 4, 2015**.

Each bidder agrees to and hereby does waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Landscape Architect, Engineer and their respective employees; representatives and agents arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Bidders shall review and comply with the instructions to bidders. Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided. A 5% bid security for the total bid amount is required. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for sixty (60) days. The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject all bids, to waive irregularities in bidding and is not required to accept the low bid.

Each bidder shall submit with their bid, a list of three references, including the name, address and phone number of the contact person for each reference. Proposals submitted by Bidders who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance/Guarantee Bonds. The costs for these bonds shall be included in the bid amount.

No Proposal will be received unless made on bid forms furnished and delivered to the Downtown Development Authority Office on or before 10:00 a.m. local time **June 22, 2015**, which will be the time and location for the bid opening.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity contractor which does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed or a physical disability. All qualified contractors are urged to respond.

Ms. Susan Ireland, Executive Director
Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority

Publish: June 11, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 525 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 31:
0021 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0024 – disorderly conduct, W. Huron River Dr.
0051 – property damage accident, Belleville
0407 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0415 – sexual assault, Jackson St.
0451 – unattended death, Denton Rd.
0804 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0849 – agency assist, rest area
1309 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Sadie Ln.
1619 – breaking & entering, S. Bellridge Dr.
1654 – juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.
1711 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1925 – suspicious situation, Walden Woods
1937 – intimidation threat, Winding Pond Dr.
1950 – mental, Jackson St.
2205 – shots fired, Country Walk Blvd.
Monday, June 1:
0740 – assault & battery, Meadows Ln.
0920 – operating while intoxicated, Village Green
0922 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0925 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Quirk
1019 – parking complaint, Visteon
1437 – holdup alarm, Briarcliff Dr.
1505 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
1521 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1546 – holdup alarm, Brookside Dr.
1635 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
1741 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1755 – personal injury accident, Belleville/S. Service
1827 – neighbor trouble, Bemis Rd.
1829 – private property accident, Happy’s Pizza
2052 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
2358 – suicide or attempt, Lake Villa Dr.
Tuesday, June 2:
0710 – trespassing, E. Schooner Dr.
0825 – missing person, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0906 – assault & battery, Country Walk Blvd.
1152 – fraud, Bak Rd.
1152 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1245 – missing person, Van Buren St.
1301 – trespassing, Patty Ln.
1343 – fraud, Deanna Dr.
1431 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1537 – trespassing, Old Michigan Ave.
1547 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1558 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1559 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
1637 – intimidation threat, Bemis Rd.
1643 – breaking & entering, Maple Dr.
1650 – holdup alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1721 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1926 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
2016 – civil matter, Westlake
2230 – water leak found, Spencer Ave.
2355 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, June 3:
0038 – private property accident, Denton
0133 – suicide or attempt, Oak Ln.
0322 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0632 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0632 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
0806 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd. Westlake Cir.
0935 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd./Independence Ln
0949 – suspicious vehicle, Bog Rd./Republic Dr.
1018 – suspicious situation, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1547 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1642 – trespassing, Walden Woods Pond
1736 – trespassing, Country Walk Blvd.
1738 – private property accident, Meijer
1916 – suspicious vehicle, Valero/car wash
1952 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2045 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
2121 – harassment call, Ecorse Rd.

2123 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2250 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Thursday, June 4:
0103 – intimidation threat, Denton
0216 – mental, Belleville Rd.
0319 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0330 – suicide or attempt, Tyler Rd.
0344 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0450 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0613 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0928 – breaking & entering, Riggs Rd.
1005 – assault & battery, St. Joe
1224 – hospice, Vernon St.
1350 – private property accident, Wheeler St.
1405 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
1443 – disorderly conduct, Rogers Ave.
1520 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. N. I-94 Service Dr.
1616 – larceny from auto, Village Center Dr.
1737 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1745 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1809 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Circle
1821 – larceny from auto, Tyler Rd.
1826 – mental, Western St.
1936 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
1935 – juvenile complaint, Maurice Dr./Sylvia Dr.
1940 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.
2019 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2034 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
2239 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
2313 – juvenile complaint, Westlake
Friday, June 5:
0235 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0702 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0747 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
0818 – driving while license suspended, Belleville BP
0928 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1127 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1151 – larceny, Bog Rd.
1557 – malicious destruction of property, Ironwood Dr.
1620 – property damage accident, Bog Rd./Hoeft
1649 – juvenile complaint, W. Adams
1659 – juvenile complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1820 – panic alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
1927 – malicious destruction of property, Briarcliff
1927 – breaking & entering, Lake Villa Dr.
1942 – fireworks, Sandalwood/Ashbury
2041 – narcotics crime, Sawgrass Ct.
2054 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2212 – suspicious situation, Oak Blvd.
2326 – trespassing, Michigan Ave.
Saturday, June 6:
0122 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Jackson
0138 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Taco Bell
0141 – suspicious situation, Lighthouse Dr.
0210 – suspicious person, Jackson St.
0215 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
0349 – mental, Parkwood Dr.
0349 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0438 – noise complaint, Jackson Ln.
0725 – suicide or attempt, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1056 – larceny, Belleville
1130 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1131 – parking complaint, Quirk Park
1143 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1158 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1215 – disturbance, Belleville
1217 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson
1321 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1341 – suspicious person, Chaney Ave.
1356 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1429 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.
1443 – shots fired, Arcadia Ct.
1457 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville
1603 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1618 – suspicious situation, Van Buren park
1825 – noise complaint, Preswick Ct.
1948 – noise complaint, Coolidge St.
2210 – fireworks, Kennedy St./Tompkins St.
2236 – retail fraud, Belleville
2247 – fireworks, Wheeler St.

Also on this week’s log are 132 traffic stops, 27 of which were on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 31:
0744 – E-911 cellular, Owen St.
0944 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1818 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1835 – larceny, Dos Rios
Monday, June 1:
0850 – assist fire dept., Owen
0926 – agency assist, Belleville/Quirk
1249 – disturbance, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1322 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
1512 – private property accident, E. Huron River
1651 – fraud, Main St.
1847 – parking complaint, Main St.
1917 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1957 – suicide or attempt, Loza Ln.
2020 – misc. complaint, Main St./High St.
2139 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
2354 – suspicious person, High St.
Tuesday, June 2:
0330 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
0543 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0820 – suspicious person, E. Columbia Ave.
1029 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1029 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1209 – all other traffic, Sumpter
1253 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1325 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
1703 – robbery, Lonnie’s
1827 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2025 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
Wednesday, June 3:
0235 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0616 – trespassing, Martinsville/RR tracks
1026 – fraud, Main St.
1042 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1420 – follow up, Victorian Ln.
1504 – suspicious person, E. Columbia
1514 – assist fire dept., Estrada
1545 – warrant arrest, Plymouth Twp. PD
1737 – assault & battery, Oxford Ct.
1901 – lost property, S. Edgemont Ave.
2022 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
2032 – disturbance, N. Liberty St.
2053 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, June 4:
0003 – intimidation threat, Carmell St.
0228 – agency assist, Belleville Rd.
0327 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1317 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1901 – civil matter, Main St.
1933 – personal injury accident, Main/High
1934 – assist fire dept., Main St./High St.
1937 – fight, Victory Park
2226 – breaking & entering, E. Thornhill Ct.
Friday, June 5:
0841 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1036 – larceny, Robbe St.
1056 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1324 – noise complaint, Victorian Ln.
1453 – private property accident, A&W
1710 – personal injury accident, Fifth/Main
1858 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1959 – suspicious situation, Savage/Village Park
2029 – all other traffic, Savage/Main
2124 – civil matter, Church St.
Saturday, June 6:
0032 – assist fire dept., South St.
0217 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
1014 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1525 – neighbor trouble, Wabash Ave.
1701 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
1705 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1919 – property damage accident, Main St.
1953 – animal complaint, Main St./High St.
2224 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
2232 – noise complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct./Victorian Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 48 traffic stops.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 31:
0611 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1056 – assist other agency, Bemis/Haggerty
1102 – alarm, Carriage Ln.
1122 – alarm, Redwood
1258 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1408 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1443 – traffic hazard, 8300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1515 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1538 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1719 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Timber Park
1916 – larceny, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2006 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2045 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Monday, June 1:
0541 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0713 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0740 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
0755 – assault, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0940 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood
1128 – assist other agency, Redwood
1439 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2129 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2336 – mental health commitment, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
Tuesday, June 2:
0934 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter
1255 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Colorado
1319 – identity theft report, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1443 – fire dept. assist, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1714 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1918 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
Wednesday, June 3:
0315 – suspicious incident, CAA
0909 – animal complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1445 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1738 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1800 – juvenile complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
2013 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
2025 – harassment complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2201 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Fenster
Thursday, June 4:
0016 – breaking & entering report, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0409 – suspicious incident, Haggerty/Harris
0635 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0828 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0916 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0951 – neighbor dispute, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1330 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1356 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1433 – larceny, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1555 – larceny, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1632 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2007 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Harris
Friday, June 5:
0541 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0752 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1711 – fraud complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1901 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2323 – shots fired, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Saturday, June 6:
0258 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
0323 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1059 – assist other agency, out of township
1154 – property damage accident, Bemis/Haggerty
1433 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1550 – assist other agency, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
1707 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1925 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1939 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2002 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2053 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

Also on this week’s log are six follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 142 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

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Jacob Mason received command of USAF Auxiliary Squadron at Willow Run Airport on May 26. That's the same day he found out he has been accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO.

Jacob Mason of Belleville to attend U.S. Air Force Academy

Jacob Mason, 17, of Belleville, a 2015 graduate of Milan High School, has been accepted at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He is the son of Dan and Cheryl Mason and the brother of Josh.

Jacob is a member of the Air Force Reserve and the ROTC. On May 26 he accepted command of the MI-260 Willow

Run Composite Squadron. That's the same day he learned he would be going to the Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Jacob graduated from Eastern Michigan University's Early College Alliance program. He holds down a full-time job at the Wayne/Westland school district.

He recently received one of Civil Air Patrol's most prestigious cadet honors, the General Billy Mitchell Award.

Jacob said that hard work and determination have pushed him to excel.

"My parents and family were always behind me 100% and instilled a good, hard work ethic. A Christian home with a loving and supportive family helps, too!" he said.

Jacob had planned to continue his education at EMU earning a bachelor's degree in Flight Technology, while also earning his pilot license. Then, after graduation, he planned on enlisting in the U.S. Air Force where he planned to use his degree and training to work as a search and rescue pilot.

Now his plans have been escalated and he's on his way to the academy.

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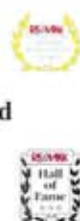
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The 39th Annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival would like to welcome you to a weekend of family fun. The BNSF is one of Southeastern Michigan's premier summer events presented by Meijer.

As Executive Director I would like to thank the City of Belleville, the police and fire departments, the boy scouts, our sponsors, board of directors and everyone who has worked so hard to make the festival a success.

The BNSF has 6 venues: Main Street, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Horizon Park, and Victory Park.

Main Street features crafters, carnival midway by Arnold Amusements, vendors, and a children's area featuring a White Tiger Exhibit. On Saturday starting at 11am there is a parade, and at 2pm and 5pm Horizon Park will feature



Belleville National Strawberry Festival
Executive Director Joan E. Bodnar

an exciting Extreme Water Sports show,

Trinity Episcopal Church features all things strawberry -- pies, breads, jam and much more. They also feature their famous sloppy joe lunches Saturday and Sunday.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church features bingo, great food, entertainment and a beer tent, plus so much more. There is also a second carnival midway by Arnold Amusements on their grounds sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Belleville Presbyterian Church features tours of their church on Saturday and Sunday. The building is one of the original seven Martha Mary Chapels built by Henry Ford and his wife to honor their mothers.

The festival offers free shuttle service with free parking at the Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road. The trolley will make stops at all six venues.

Come on out to enjoy a weekend of family fun for everyone.

Again, thank you to all who helped with this year's festival.



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Lorias to lead parade as Grand Marshals

Jack and Rosemary Loria, who will be honored in the National Strawberry Festival Parade as Grand Marshals, are life-long residents of the Belleville area.

Jack moved to Belleville at age 2 with his family. Rosemary lived in the city with her parents until moving to Van Buren Township as a toddler. Both attended St. Anthony Grade School and graduated from Belleville High School.

Jack and Rosemary married in 1969 and lived in Van Buren Township until purchasing their home in the city in 1972, where they raised their two children and still reside today.

Rosemary spent most of her "work" years on Main Street – Mel's Cleaners, Young's Market, and 21 years at the H.R. Deering Agency.

Jack spent 38 years with American Airlines. In 1974 he joined the Belleville Fire Department where he volunteered for 27 years, retiring as Fire Chief in 2005.



Rosemary and Jack Loria
2015 Parade Grand Marshals

Over the years Jack and Rosemary have given many volunteer hours with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Academy, Belleville High School

Swimming, BHS Football, umpiring softball and baseball, BHS musicals, and being involved with the original Strawberry Festival at St. Anthony Church.

Being active in the city of Belleville has been a pleasure over the many years where both have served. Jack served on the Planning Commission, both served on the Belleville City Council, and Rosemary serves on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

Currently Jack is Mayor Pro-Tem on the City Council and Rosemary is Chairperson of the Belleville DDA.

**Parade steps off at
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The proceeds from this venture, plus the sponsors and members, make it possible for the Belleville CBC to finance the many events it produces each year.

When festival visitors walk south of Second Street, heading towards Five Points, they will find themselves in the Juried Arts and Crafts area where a wide variety of products, handmade by the artists and crafters, are available for sale. A total of 60 spaces are set aside for the craft area and many times additional spaces become available.

Although most of the artisans live in Michigan, the popular Strawberry Festival attracts participants from Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Missouri, as well as states closer to home.

-- Janet Millard



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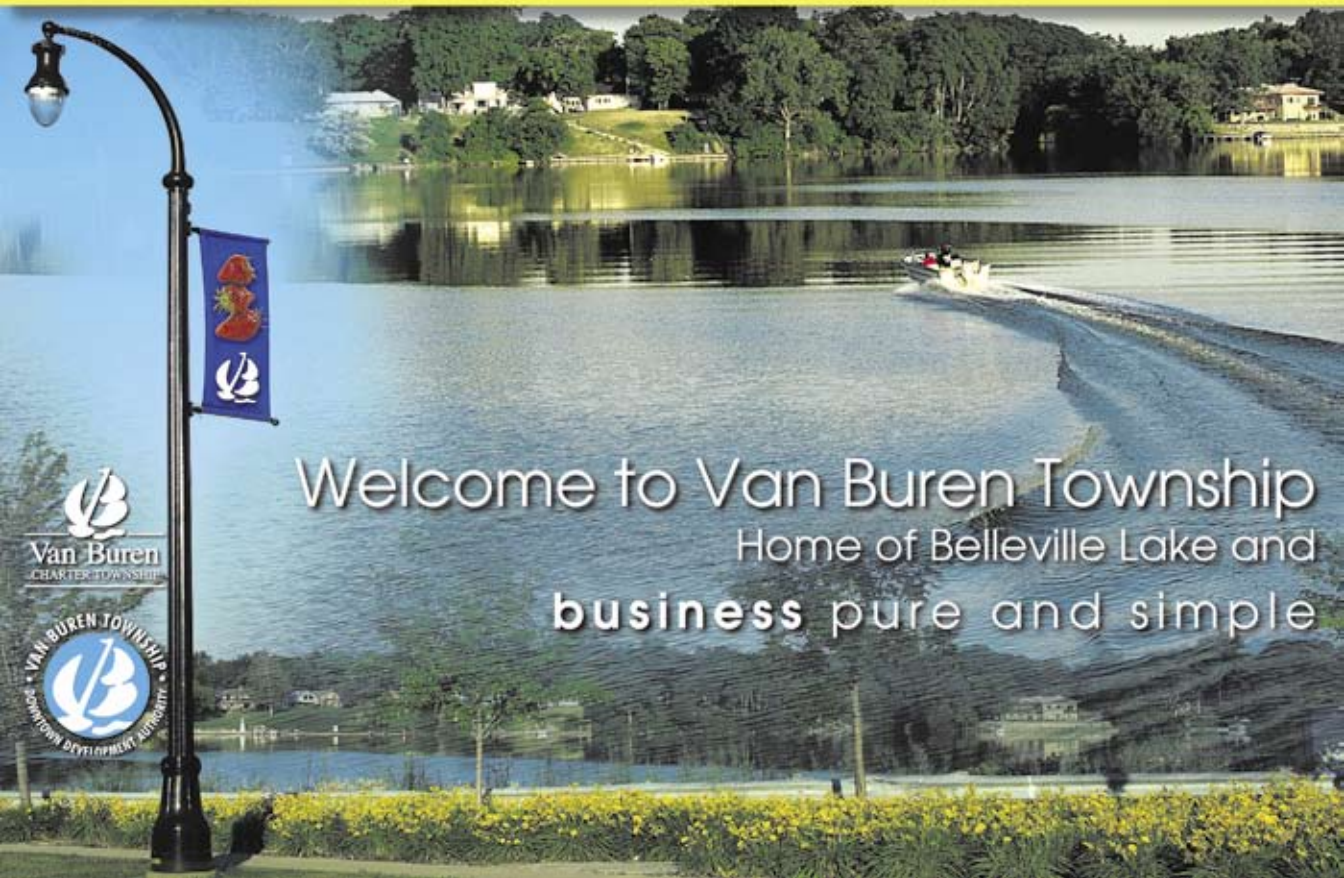
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Savannah Courter



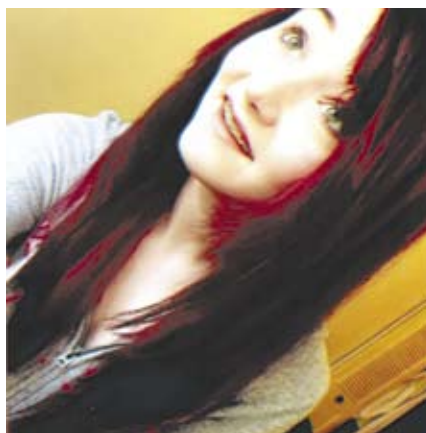
Elli Getter



Evelyn Gitzen



Isabel LeAnne Stimach



Savannah Titsworth

Eight contestants will be on stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the Belleville High School Auditorium to vie for the Belleville Strawberry Queen crown.

The public is invited to attend the pageant.

On Saturday, June 20, the queen and her court will ride in the 11 a.m. Strawberry Festival Parade that begins at BHS, comes through Five Points, and then ends at the museum.

Joyce Rochowiak is chairperson of the pageant. The Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, trophy, and gifts. Second and third runners up will receive a \$500 scholarship and gifts. The Queen and her court will represent the City of Belleville throughout the coming year.

The contestants are:

• **Savannah Courter**, 18, lives on Western Street in Van Buren Township. She will compete with her talent of singing.

She attends Belleville High School and works as a babysitter/nanny. Her school activities include softball and morning announcements. Her career ambition is

to be a physician's assistant.

Savannah's hobbies include choir, softball, video editing, fishing, playing guitar and piano. Her special interests are animal care, working in the NiCU, Mission trips. Her community involvement is in the Belleville Area Community Chorus and a mission trip to Nicaragua.

Savannah's parents are Robert and Theresa Courter.

• **Elli Getter**, 16, a resident of Harbour Pointe Court in the City of Belleville, will be competing with her talent of singing.

She attends Belleville High School and is in the concert choir. She has a career ambition of being a radiologist. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, playing with her little brother, going to the movies. Her special interests are attending science / health programs.

Her community involvement includes being a youth advocate, yoga, and church daycare.

Elli is the daughter of Crystal Culver and Chad Getter.

• **Evelyn Gitzen**, 16, a resident of South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township, will compete with her talent of singing.

She attends Belleville High School. Her



Alexis Hatchard

School activity is choir and her career ambition is being a cosmetologist. Her hobbies are singing and reading. Special interests are animals, her family, and sewing.

Evelyn's parents are Tom and Jen Gitzen.

- **Alexis Hatchard**, 18, resides on



Rozalynn Lee

Reene Drive in Van Buren Township. She will compete with her acting-monologue performing talent.

Alexis is a student at Belleville High



Ryann Patton

School and a shift manager at Culver's. She is in the National Honor Society and is involved in theater and drama. She plans to obtain a degree as a lawyer.

She enjoys acting, cooking/baking, cats, and art. Her community involvement

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Candidates

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includes church and volunteer work with the National Honor Society.

Alexis is the daughter of Jim and Deidre Hatchard.

• **Rozalynn Lee**, 16, lives on Wiard Boulevard in Ypsilanti. She will compete by performing Uptown Funk by Mark Ron.

She attends Belleville High School and is involved in the BHS Choir, Track & Field, and the Ecology Club.

Her career ambition is to obtain a degree as a Certified Public Accountant and open her own firm.

Her hobbies are playing the ukulele and reading. Her special interests are reading poetry, animals, and performing music.

Her community involvement has been choir involvement and being a member of Top Teens of America.

Rozalynn is the daughter of Meredith Barron.

• **Ryann Patton**, 19, a resident of Clarence Street in the City of Belleville, will compete with her talent of singing.

She is attending Central Michigan University and has worked at Frosty Boy and L&W Engineering. At CMU she serves as scholarship chair for Phi Sigma Sigma.

Her career ambition is a bachelor of arts in sales. Her hobbies are running, art, and singing. Special interests are elder care and programs for children.

Her community involvement includes Belleville Lake clean-up, prom dress

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sale at BHS, and assisting the Van Buren Public Education Foundation events.

Ryann's parents are Ty and Sheila Patton.

• **Isabel LeAnne Stimach**, 16, of Lake Pointe Pass in Van Buren Township, will compete with her talent of dance.

Isabel currently attends Father Gabriel Richard in Ann Arbor. She works as a server at the BYC (Belleville Yacht Club).

Her school activities include dance and the tennis team. Her career ambition is to attend college and major in physical therapy. Her hobbies are photography, boating on Belleville Lake, and snow and water skiing. Her special interests are promoting self-confidence and children's cancer.

Her community involvement includes Feed the Poor Program at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti and the BYC.

Isabel's parents are Eric and Ingra Stimach.

• **Savannah Titsworth**, 16, lives on High Street in the City of Belleville and will compete with her talent of singing.

She is a full-time student at Belleville High School and is a member of the BHS Choir. She plans on obtaining a degree in nursing and that is her special interest. Her community involvement

includes choir performances.

She adores drawing, singing, and taking care of her younger cousin.

Savannah's parents are Angela Miller and Jo Titsworth.

St. Anthony Parish Strawberry Festival team names Pete Pitzen as the 2014 Volunteer of the Year

Pete volunteers to do just about anything around St. Anthony Parish out of the goodness of his heart. We are so blessed to have him! During the Festival, Pete's contributions were numerous; as a committee person, as a handyman who got things done, selling raffle tickets for the Men's Club, constructing the new parish raffle drum, and sharing his generous spirit with us all.



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Get lots of strawberry treats at Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, has been a part of Belleville's National Strawberry Festival since 1977.

From the beginning, Trinity has been serving freshly made glazed strawberry pies and its famous homemade sloppy joes in a comfortable, family friendly atmosphere. Half of the proceeds go back into the community to support local social services and projects.

In addition to freshly made strawberry pies, Trinity's bakery features a variety of delicious homemade treats including strawberry bread and muffins, regular and no-sugar-added strawberry jam, strawberry tarts, and strawberry cheesecake.

Take home some treats for yourself or decorate the pie box or bakery bag for Father's Day for the perfect gift.

Trinity's food tent is a great place to stop for lunch or dinner during the Strawberry Festival. Its homemade sloppy joes, a favorite of festival-goers for 38 years, are made from scratch by the ladies of Trinity from a well-guarded recipe. Nachos, sloppy nachos, and 100% beef hot dogs also are on the menu.

Be sure to save room for dessert because you won't want to miss the strawberry shortcake. The light and tender shortcakes, baked special for the festival, are covered with a heaping scoop of sweetened strawberries and topped with real whipped cream.

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You can also satisfy your sweet tooth with a strawberry or hot-fudge sundae, a personal glazed pie, a strawberry tart, a slice of strawberry cheesecake, or a bowl of fresh strawberries to dip in powdered sugar or hot fudge.

Thirsty? Festival-goers say they wait all year for Trinity's sweet and creamy strawberry smoothie. Much of Trinity's food tent and bakery menu is also available gluten-free.

Besides enjoying the food, visitors can stop by to check out the many crafters and vendors who call Trinity home during the festival. Some of the items available at Trinity include honey, lotions, candles, crocheted items, laser wood crafts, jewelry, paracord items, glassware, greeting cards, clothing, dolls and accessories, garden art, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Premier Designs Jewelry, and more.

New to Trinity this year is a Kid Zone for children 10 and under with special activities, hands-on crafts, and carnival-style games with prizes. The Kid Zone will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday

and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Disney's Princesses Anna and Elsa from the movie "Frozen" will be on hand to visit with the children. Look for them in the face painting / henna tattoo / caricature booth. Stop by from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday

for free sculpted balloons for the kids.

From 6 to 7:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday Marco Azil will be playing next to the food tent. Azil is a singer-songwriter from Southeast Michigan, blending folk, pop, and alternative influences.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from Trinity's Strawberry Festival activities are used to support community projects. In years past, the festival has given Trinity means to support Hope Clinic, Helping Hand Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church Food Closet, Alternatives for Girls, Crossroads, Mariner's Inn, and Adopt-A-Child Size, to name a few. The other half of the proceeds is used to fund special projects and events at the church.

Trinity Episcopal Church is the first Strawberry Festival stop visitors see on Belleville Road after exiting I-94 and heading toward the city of Belleville.

Credit cards are accepted at the bakery and food tent, parking is free, and the WiFi is free. Trinity is also one of the trolley stops for the National Strawberry Festival.



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identity.

After having held the first Strawberry Festival in 1977, the following year 1978, the festival opened to all non-profit organizations and churches in the Belleville area and the first Strawberry Festival Board was appointed. Charles Paas, from Thornhollow Berry Farm and a member of the Belleville-Ypsilanti Grower's Association, chaired the group. The first Strawberry Festival Queen Pageant was also held in 1978. The first Strawberry Festival Queen was Debra Ann Juchartz.

In 1979, Leona Van Buhler, Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, took the position as Coordinator and Secretary of the festival and worked with

the incoming Chairman and Board to accomplish the goals set forth in the Statement of Intent. This entailed answering all mail and telephone inquiries, monitoring all activities and participants, collecting all monies, attending board meetings and taking minutes, record keeping, advertising, promotions, etc. Leona Van Buhler held the position until 1988.

The festival continued to grow with more than 22 non-profit organizations,

History of the Belleville National Strawberry Festival

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival began in 1976 when the Belleville Ypsilanti Grower's Association approached Kurt Atchinson, who at the time was President of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, to obtain the title "National Strawberry Festival" from the Manistee Chamber of Commerce.

In 1977 the first Strawberry Festival was organized and held on the grounds of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in the City of Belleville.

The purpose of the Strawberry Festival is to perpetuate a continual community project with a theme of strawberries grown in the area to provide supplemental fund-raising for all participating civic, church and non-profit organizations in the Belleville area. It is also meant to strengthen community spirit and pride and give the Belleville area a national



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clubs and churches in the Belleville area sponsoring events and programs. More than 11,000 pounds of strawberries were used in preparing pies, shortcakes, jams, jellies, sundaes, tarts, etc. Upwards of 100,000 visitors attended the three-day event with people coming from all over the United States and Canada. Today that number reaches more than 200,000 visitors. Many people plan on spending their vacation around the festival. About \$350,000 is generated in extra revenues for the participating groups and businesses.

In 1980, plans for the first Strawberry Festival Parade were made and in the 1985 parade, the entire Shiners' Parade Group performed. Beginning 1990 through 1998 Paul Nerswick held the position of Parade Coordinator. In 1999 through 2002 Tony Gibson was Parade Coordinator. In 2003 through 2006 Harry Van Gelder was Parade Coordinator and holding that position since 2007 is Tina Brooks Green.

In 1981 SEMTA buses started carrying the visitors around the entire festival area to all the venues. Now the Wyandotte Trolley does that. Also in 1981, the promotion of the downtown area took place. Up until that time, most of the activities were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with other areas being three other churches, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Church of God Mountain Assembly along with Belleville High School. With the opening of the downtown area, more non-profit area groups could participate bringing more business to the downtown area, more food and more activities, and resulted in more people for the entire event. In the mid-1990s the Main Street venue expanded from two to five blocks. In 1984, the Belleville-Ypsilanti Grower's Association dissolved and that left the running of the festival to the Festival Committee. The Statement of Intent was made into by-laws and the discussion of fund-raising events became a reality to supplement income for the running of

the festival. Patricia Birbeck chaired this newly formed Festival Committee.

In 1986, the Festival Committee sponsored Hermann's Royal Lipizzaner Stallions Show at the Belleville High School Football Field. It was very successful and offered the visitors to the festival and the hometown people an exceptional event.

In 1987, a Country and Western program was planned by the Festival Committee with the Tom T. Hall show. It was held at the Belleville High School Auditorium and also brought another well-received event to the community.

In 1989 through 1990 Donna Hall became the Executive Director with Patricia Birbeck as President until she passed away in June of 1991.

In 1990, the weekend following the

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festival a Strawberry Jam was sponsored at Van Buren Park featuring Mitch Rider and the Detroit Wheels

In 1991 through 1997 Paul Nerswick and Angela Powers, chaired all festival activities.

In 1998 Reggie Miller and Ralph Nodwell, chaired the festival activities. The downtown area expanded to include vendors from the High St. blockade all the way to Five Points. This expansion allowed approximately 240 vendors, crafters and exhibitors to take part in the festival.

In 2000, the festival featured the "Wedding of the Millennium" and married Angela Myers and Michael Kerner.

In 2000, Ralph Nodwell became Executive Director/President of the festival and held both positions until 2004 when Ralph was President and Mary Strobe became the Executive Director through 2005.

In 2005 through 2009 Harold (Speed) Gant became President of the festival and in 2006 Joan Bodnar became the Executive Director and she still holds that position today.

In 2010 Tom Fielder became President of the festival and still holds that position.

To keep the festival new and fresh, different events and programs have been held throughout the years. These attractions have brought in attendance from 150,000 to well over 200,000 each year. The festival has hosted circuses, demolition derbies, soapbox derbies, national puppet shows, car shows, paddleboat rides on beautiful Belleville Lake, pie-eating contests, ski shows, and fun runs.

The Strawberry Queen Pageant has been a big event of the festival. Diane Ferguson celebrated more than 24 years of volunteering to run this event. Nancy Shepard was

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choreographer and costume creator for a dance group called the "Strawberry Girls" for 15 years. Originally the Strawberry Queen Pageant was held on St. Anthony's Catholic Church grounds. Then in 1982 the Queen Pageant moved to Belleville High School Auditorium. Hazel Bigham was Mistress of Ceremonies and continued until 1992. In 1993 and 1994 Martha Piney, State Farm Insurance business owner, stepped in and took over as Mistress of Ceremonies. In 1995 and 1996 former

Strawberry Queens Veronica Watson and Angela Myers co-hosted the event. In 1997 former Queens Mitzie Herkimer and Shannon Tarris were the co-hosts. In 1998 Angela Myers (1993 Queen) and Andrea Brown (1994 Queen) co-hosted the event. Angela Myers Kerner became the Pageant Coordinator in 1999 through 2006.

In 2007 through 2009 Jennifer Leonard was the Pageant Coordinator. In 2010 through 2014 there was not a Belleville

Strawberry Queen Pageant because of funding. The Belleville Strawberry Queen Pageant is being brought back in 2015 and Joyce Rochowiak of Garden Fantasy is the Pageant Coordinator along with other volunteers.

In the early years Coy Kendall Flowers and Pinter Flowers donated the roses for the Queen Pageant. For many years now Joyce Rochowiak of Garden Fantasy in Belleville has donated the roses for the Queen Pageant as well as floral arrangements for the stage at Belleville High School Auditorium.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival Board is now made up of 21 board members. Executive Director, four Executive Board members, 17 regular board members from participating groups, which guide the activities of all the participants so that no duplications occur, and that there are free services and events to go along with the fund-raisers. They advise and collect all fees, which come from sponsors, vendors and crafters, etc.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival is made of six venues

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(downtown, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville Central Business Community, Belleville Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony Catholic Church and Trinity Episcopal Church) of the community and has been tied together by a free shuttle. There is a carnival in two locations (St. Anthony's Catholic Church and downtown), juried crafters in three locations, live entertainment at St. Anthony's, Car Show in Victory Park, Bingo, Raffle and Beer Tent with live entertainment (St. Anthony's Catholic Church) and food at all locations. Strawberries in every way you can imagine.

Downtown has vendors which include food, commercial, non-profit, political and Main Street and adjacent businesses. They bring in activities that include Zu Zu Pets, Travel Channel, Man Vs Food, Disney, White Tigers, to name a few.

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Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce responsibility is securing a carnival which has two locations, Main Street and St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Belleville Central Business Community (CBC) handles all juried crafters that are located on Main Street.

Belleville Presbyterian Church has free parking and has tours of their historical Martha Mary Chapel which was built by Henry Ford. They also have an Alex's Lemonade Stand in the Main Street Venue with proceeds going to pediatric cancer.

St. Anthony's has a carnival, inflatables, kiddie rides, beer tent with live entertainment, pony rides, petting zoo, bingo, crafters, vendors, parking done by the St. Anthony Boy Scouts Troop 793, their Famous Food Barn with fabulous desserts, their famous dinners on Saturday their Polish Day with great Polish music and Polish dinners and much more, and on Sunday their famous

BBQ Chicken dinners.

Trinity Episcopal Church is a great place to visit during the festival to wander among a large indoor/outdoor juried craft fair, sample their home-made food under the big tent, and enjoy plenty of strawberry treats in their bakery!

Although the Belleville National Strawberry Festival is a separate entity, it has always counted on the cooperation of the City of Belleville along with the Police and Fire Departments and all the businesses. The festival is a very important part of the community, bringing together people volunteering together to benefit each organization.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival committee as of January 2015:
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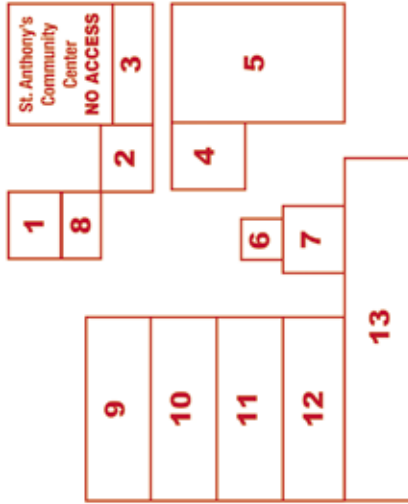
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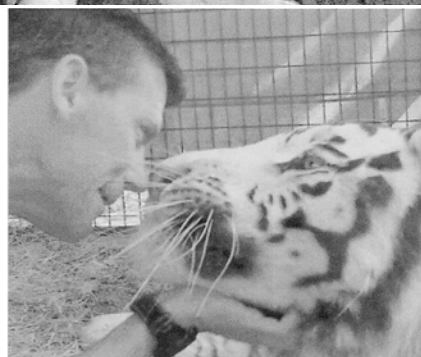
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 WALTER ROCHOWIAK (SUNDAY)
 VIRGINIA CARNAHAN
 SHARON POKERWINSKI/FREDDY GIOVANNONI
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 FRED GIOVANNONI (Mr. G's)
 JOYCE ROCHOWIAK Saturday-Polish/Sunday-Chicken
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Belleville National Strawberry Festival

The 39th-annual Strawberry Festival in Belleville offers something for everyone, with three days of nonstop events.

Queen's Pageant: 7 p.m., Friday, June 19, at the Belleville High School Auditorium. The new Queen will be crowned and will ride in Saturday's parade.

Festival Parade: 11 a.m., Saturday, June 20, starting at Belleville High School, heading to Five Points, then up Main Street to the museum, through the middle of all the vendor booths.

13th annual Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show: On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, shady Victory Park at Five Points hosts the family event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION, SHUTTLE BUSES, AND PLENTY OF PARKING!

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REGISTER TODAY FOR THE FALL 2015 SEASON!



VBSC Pride Developmental Program, Ages 2-5

VBSC In house Recreation Program: Ages 5-8 (CO-ED U6 & U8)



VBSC Travel Recreational Program: Ages 9 & Up (U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, HIGH SCHOOL)

TRY OUTS FOR OUR SELECT PROGRAM WILL BE JUNE 13TH

BOYS TRY-OUTS BEGIN AT 8-9:30AM (U9, U10, U11, U12)

GIRLS TRY-OUT BEGIN AT 10:00-11:30AM (U9, U10, U11, U12, U13)

TRY-OUTS HELD AT QUIRK PARK

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT:

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Belleville National Strawberry Festival Queens were:

1978	Debra Ann Juchartz
1979	Elizabeth Nota
1980	Lisa Duff
1981	Valarie Bechtold
1982	Elizabeth Gruebel
1983	Melissa Sowder
1984	Dawn Finley
1985	Tina Benson
1986	Jill Ann Karolyi
1987	Tina Berones
1988	Jill Jobe
1989	Amy Jo Sutton
1990	Mitzi Herkimer
1991	Veronica Watson
1992	Shannon Tarris
1993	Emily Bohler (She moved from Belleville, was taken over by 1 st runner-up, Angela Myers)
1994	Jennifer Cornell
1995	Ginger Thorne
1996	Andrea Brown
1997	Linzi Bokor
1998	Starr Burke
1999	Danielle Paige
2000	Carmen Richison
2001	Stephanie Shepard
2002	Delissha Woods
2003	Crystal Ross
2004	Alisha Clark
2005	Carey Marie Huff
2006	Cathy Laskaska
2007	Cathy Laskaska
2008	Tiffini Grant
2009	Erin Williams
2010 – 2014	No Pageant
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