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VBT Planners give final OK to building for Starbucks, Qdoba

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Leases have been signed for the Starbucks and Qdoba Mexican Restaurant businesses that will be in the new building going up on the 1.98-acre site of the former Big Boy restaurant.

This was confirmed by Stephen Alexander, the developer of the Belleview Development project. He said he is still talking with businesses that may occupy the middle section of the building.

He said for while they thought it would be PureSleep. Now he said he is talking to T-Mobile and Domino's. He said he wants to keep it down to four tenants.

So far, Starbucks will be at the north end of the building and Qdoba at the south end.

At the May 27 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission the commission voted unanimously to give

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Sumpter approves liquor license for Tin Pan Saloon's reopening

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A new liquor license and dancing and entertainment permit was approved by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its May 26 meeting.

The recommendation will now be sent to the Sumpter Police Department for an investigation and then on to the Liquor Control Commission for the final decision.

The application was for a new Class C Beer Wine and Liquor License and SDM License with Permits for Dancing and Entertainment for SPK III, INC., at 19350 Sumpter Road. The applicant is Stephen P.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Kevin William Steffes, 44, of Ortonville was pronounced dead at a hospital following an accident on the Belleville Bridge at around 9:25 a.m. Monday. Van Buren Township Police Sgt. Bart DeVos said police were investigating what happened, but preliminary reports from a witness and police show Steffes was southbound in a white Jeep when he veered over the center line and hit an Escape which was northbound. The driver of the Escape, who tried to veer out of the way, did not have life-threatening injuries and was out walking around after the crash. VBT fire fighters extricated Steffes from his vehicle. Alcohol consumption by the deceased driver is suspected to be the cause of the accident, but blood tests need to come from the medical examiner.

VBT to test emergency sirens for one minute at 1 p.m. Sat., June 6

The new equipment is up and running and Van Buren Township is ready to do its first test on the emergency siren warning system.

The test will be for one minute at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said if the siren runs a minute and a half for the test that's OK.

But, if the siren blast is three minutes or longer, it will be a real warning and people should tune into radio or television broadcasts to find out what's going on.

Director Laurain said the siren could alert people to a tornado, hazmat situation, or some other emergency.

"Now, if we have a tornado, we're ready," Laurain said.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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VBT Plan

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final site plan approval to the project at 10705 Belleville Road.

Alexander said to the commission, "We had hoped to have two access points. We lobbied and then we agreed with you… We agreed with the township on the brick it wanted."

He referred to what he said was Starbuck's requirement to have the lane from its drive-in window go right out into Belleville Road, in addition to the lane already accessing Belleville Road. The township was firm that only one curb cut should be in that busy intersection. Also, the commission required real brick on the new building.

The former Big Boy has already been demolished.

In other business at the May 27 meeting, the commission:

• Approved the rezoning from C-1 to R-1B of 3.4 acres of vacant property on the north side of Tyler Road, across from Meijer, and to send it on to the township board for final action. The property was the first conditional rezoning for the township in July 2007 and there was an oversight by the board. The developer of a proposed medical center did not go forward and the zoning was supposed to revert to the original zoning and didn't. It currently is zoned C-1 between two R-1B properties. Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson thanked the resident (Andrew Pavlosky) who alerted the township to the problem. The rezoning recommendation now goes to the township board for final action;

• Held a public hearing on Angry Tiger Fireworks request to sell fireworks at the Metro Parks Party Store parking lot for longer than the seven days that can be approved administratively. He will put up a 10'x10' tent, with customers being served at the counter, not inside the tent. The commission will vote on the request at an upcoming meeting;

• Held a public hearing on the Tim Donut U.S. Limited Inc. request to move the drive-in window on the Tim Horton's restaurant on Rawsonville Road and to realign the drive-up lane farther to the east to free up the delivery area at the building. A vote will be taken on the request at an upcoming meeting.

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Sumpter Twp.

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Kovach III, age 24, with a home address of 19234 Sumpter Road. He is listed as the sole owner.

The location is the closed Tin Pan Saloon that is reopening.

Attorney for the applicant said the proposed licensee was previously occupied by another licensee, T.P. Tin Pan, Inc. That licensee no longer occupies the premises, said attorney Frank J. Palazzolo in a Feb. 24 letter to the LCC.

SDM, Specially Designated Merchant, allows beer and wine consumption off the licensed premises.

In other business at the May 26 meeting, the township board:

• Stood for a moment of silence in memory of Fire Fighter Ed Wisniewski;

• Approved hiring Carlisle Wortman Associates as planning and zoning administrators at a cost of $2,560 monthly;

• Approved the Sumpter Township Emergency Operations Plan as updated by Police Captain Eric Luke. He said after reviewing the Wayne County Program, he came to the conclusion that Sumpter needed a more comprehensive plan. The community center will be used as a shelter after a tornado or other emergencies and the township will be going out for bids for a generator to use there;

• Approved the updated Emergency Management Resolution as part of the Wayne County Program, as submitted by Captain Luke. He said the last one signed was from 2004 and contact names needed to be changed. He said by taking part in this program, if they need Sumpter's help, they will get it, and Sumpter needs their help, Sumpter will get it;

• Approved adoption of the State of Michigan's Substantial changes to the FOIA Act and Sumpter's updated policies;

• Approved the recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt six amendments to be added to the special exception use permit for 19750 Sumpter Road, the Skate Park;

• Approved the Fire Department discontinuing association with the Western Wayne Mutual Aid. Fire Chief Joe Januszyk said the group costs $2,500 to join and fines $5,000 for each position it is not able to fill. "It's getting to be a money pit," he said, adding that the township has mutual aid with Augusta and Van Buren townships;

• Approved hiring Chris Walter-Hamm as a firefighter. Hamm, who is a new appointee to the planning commission, is the wife of Trustee Bill Hamm, who also is a paid-per-call fire fighter;

• Was informed by township attorney Rob Young that he has the two deeds for the property being donated to the township by the pump station and he will have them recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds;

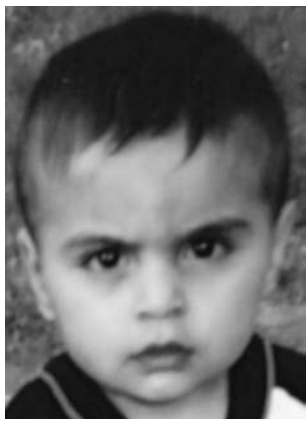
• Heard Leroy Paige talk about the Honor and Remember Michigan Chapter, of which he is director. He said Sumpter Township was the first community in Michigan to endorse the Honor and Remember flag. "We'll support it in any way we can," Supervisor John Morgan said of Paige's veterans program;

• Heard Sharon Pokerwinski, secretary of Parks and Recreation Commission, explain that as long as she is secretary the minutes of the commission will be handed into the clerk's office after each meeting. She said when the deputy clerk was out for recovery from an operation she didn't know why the minutes weren't given to the board. She asked Trustee Bill Hamm, who had complained, if he had all his minutes now and he said he did; and

• Heard newly widowed Denise Wisniewski thank everyone for the spaghetti dinner to raise funds for her husband and for those that visited him at home.

Chance Darbyshire
1st place

Jesse Morgan
2nd place



Adam Al-Said
3rd place

Jasmine Larr
1st place

Raven Bennett
2nd place

Blakely Cates
3rd place

Sumpter announces Cutest Babies

The winners in the 2015 Cutest Baby Contest held during Sumpter Country Fest were announced on Memorial Day. They are:

Girls

1st place – Jasmine Larr, daughter of Heather Granger

2nd place – Raven Bennett, daughter of Brianne Lett and Gene Bennett

3rd place – Blakely Cates, daughter of Doyle and Crystal Cates

Boys:

1st place – Chance Darbyshire, son of Richard Morgan and Doriel Darbyshire

2nd place – Jesse Morgan, son of Richard Morgan and Doriel Darbyshire

3rd place – Adam Al-Said, son of Kim O'Connor

The staff of Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank its generous sponsor, John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc., Southgate.

"Thanks to all the contestants and their families for their participation and their work to make the contest a success," said Virginia Belinski, chairperson of the event. "The funds raised from the contest will be used by the Parks and Recreation Commission for family-related events, such as Family Fun Day, the Children's Christmas Party, and the Easter Egg Hunt."

Other entrants in the contest were: Gannon Beaudrie, Noah Murphy, Carter Lear, Jaxson Williams and Nolan Lambright, Aviana Howell, Sophia Sloan, JuJu Bug Bradley, Avarie Rupert, Sophia Bennett, Autumn Fleming, Aubrey Hatfield, Rylie Ann Wojcik, Evelynn Lear, and Alexandra Williams.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Does Van Buren district need SRO?

Belleville City Council, like all municipal boards, is wrestling with its budget.

One of the points of discussion is the School Resource Officer and whether the city can afford to provide the certified police officer for the schools.

The school district has some security officers, so maybe it needn't pay for a certified police officer on the scene.

The city is trying to decide whether to pull in its SRO to patrol the streets rather than expend more funds to hire another full-time officer.

It's always about money. The school district needs to watch its funds – although at Monday's city council meeting it was pointed out the school board recently agreed to spend $20,000 for a public opinion poll.

The city officials wonder whether it's in their citizens' best interests to send a police officer over to tend to the kids who are mostly from out of Belleville.

Councilwoman Tindall stated there were 2,000 taxpayers in the city that were paying, not only for their police service, but for service to the school district.

City officials will make sure they know what they are paying for the SRO for nine months before they ask for additional funds. Last time they looked it was costing them $70,000 for the time and the schools are paying them $40,000 now.

A couple of years ago, the school district raised its payment from $25,000 to $40,000. Will the schools raise their payment again? Negotiations begin soon.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

It has been announced that Collette McClinton of Garden Fantasy is buying Main Street Flowers in downtown Belleville. It is expected she will be reopening the shop soon. Former owner Jane Vesche closed the shop on Friday after many years of service.

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John from Fielder's Collision stopped by last Thursday to tell us about the train that Ruth Bleeker was asking about in last week's column.

John said the Blue Water excursion stopped running around 20 years ago. Last year Norfolk & Southern ran an excursion train through Belleville, but it was for employees only.

He keeps track of the trains and he will let us know ahead of time when the Christmas Train will be going through.

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Also, Gary Sample sent us an email:

"In an answer to Ruth Bleeker's question -- The passenger train that used to run through Belleville runs from time to time as an excursion train from Allen Park to either Fort Wayne, IN or Montpelier, OH. Last July, it ran as a Norfolk Southern excursion using the Nickel Plate Road steam engine #765 owned by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. No trip has been announced for this year. Check www.fortwaynerailroad.org for upcoming events.

The good news: Norfolk Southern Railroad has a new corporate steam program which may result in the streamlined N&W #611 making an appearance in the future. In the meantime, stand at a safe distance and wave at the freight trains!"

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A reader sent us a news story on Visteon donating $200,000 over four years to the Michigan Science Center, adding: "Looks like Visteon has money to throw around! Too bad not to VBT."

He, of course, is referring to the dispute between VBT and Visteon on the payment of the bonds for construction at Visteon World Headquarters that VBT won't have the money to pay.

We also heard about Inkster making a $1.2 million settlement with a man who was beat by an Inkster cop. It was announced that the city doesn't have insurance for that and so taxpayers will have more than a 6-mill tax levy to pay it. It's being levied this summer.

If Visteon doesn't cough up some cash to help pay the bonds in VBT, the residents there could be facing a similar millage hike.

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There are several different versions of what happened on Belleville Lake at about 8 p.m. Friday. A woman called me to report a boat sunk and was trailing gasoline as it was towed to Sandy's Marina where it was refused and finally towed to the DNR launch on E. Huron River Dr.

The woman said under federal law you have to clean up spills of any amount and so she didn't understand why VBT wouldn't come out. She said later she was informed by VBT Dispatch that it received 100 calls on the incident. She said she was told the fire crew wasn't coming, so she called the EPA, DEQ (which said they would send hazmat) and finally called Washington, D.C. to report the spill.

She said VBT lied to the DEQ saying they went out on the lake and looked at it, which they didn't because she was watching.

Deputy Director-Police Jason Wright told me the police department had a sergeant at the scene and while he was out there a call from Environmental Services was routed to the sergeant. After discussion they decided the spill was too small to send anyone out, but if it got larger to call them back. Meanwhile the boat was towed to the DNR launch and removed from the water by the owner.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said he also received a call from a passerby on Saturday regarding the boat. There had been concern other boaters might strike the boat and also some concern about the gas spill. He said the fire department wasn't called on this and it was taken care of by road patrol.

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A Nixle alert was sent out by VBT on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. warning drivers to avoid the I-94 South Service Drive and Denton Road area due to a power line down and arcing on a fence. The road was closed to traffic.

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Letters

Saturday is FMAR cleanup, need your help

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue has reason to celebrate. Our Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser Party was the best one yet. At the Sumpter Fest we won the trophy for Best Community Organization. Recently we had community service provided by and donations from Keystone's NJHS, the BHS Interact Club, Arbor Prep HS, Franklin Middle School, and the 4-H Club. Our adoption rate for 2014 was quite impressive with 76 dogs out of 96 finding permanent homes, and with 163 cats out of 185 finding permanent homes. 770 feral cats were sterilized including 140 kittens that entered our shelter and found forever homes.

Saturday, June 6 is FMAR Clean-Up Day. This is a call for volunteers. Work will commence at 9 a.m. If you'd like to join us, wear work attire including gloves, and bring yard tools. The shelter property will be spruced up inside and out. Baked goods and lunch are provided.

The 6th-annual FMAR Golf Outing Fundraiser will take place at 12:30 on July 11 at Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti. Cost is $220 for a team of 4 ($55/person). There will be prizes, raffles, hot dogs and chips at the turn with a steak dinner to follow at the nearby Ypsilanti Eagles, shot-gun start, four-person best ball scramble. If you have questions, please call Kathi at 734-635-9141 including questions about sponsoring a hole for $100 and/or donating a prize. Send checks to FMAR, 51299 Arkona Rd., Belleville 48111.

Please check out our website www.FMAR1.org . We invite you to Friend us on Facebook. The shelter email address is: shelter1@comcast.net .

Be sure to stop by the FMAR booth underneath the Higgerson-Neal Funeral Home canopy at this year's Strawberry Festival, June 19, 20, 21.

FMAR will also have a presence at the Saline Celtic Festival at Millpond Park on July 11 from noon until closing.

FMAR wishes to thank you for your donations and support as we work at the worthy cause of giving homeless animals a second chance.

Linda Luke
FMAR Fundraiser/Events Coordinator

Donations send two kids to camp program

To the Editor:

It is so inspiring when residents of this community realize it really does take a village to raise a child.

Because of the generosity of individuals, Trustee Reggie Miller and an anonymous donor, two well-deserving kids will be able to attend the Van Buren Summer Camp Program.

Each of these donations will fund sending two kids in our community to camp for eight weeks. This program provides children with an opportunity to have fun, create memories, and make friends in a safe and welcoming environment.

Many thanks to these individuals for making our community a better place.

Jennifer Wright, Director
Van Buren Parks and Recreation

Belleville Area Museum sets summer events

To the Editor:

Did you know that clamming was a considered a major industry in the tri-community prior to damming the Huron River at French Landing? Yes, mother of pearl buttons were produced and sold locally.

Did you know that Henry Ford and Thomas Edison are responsible for creating Edison/Belleville Lake? That's right, too. Ford wanted electricity at his summer home and hunting cabin in Van Buren so he asked his "vagabond" buddy, Edison, to assist him.

Find out more about these two great minds and great friends, as well as the history of French Landing Dam, at our new exhibit "Lake Life: The Creation and Recreation of Belleville Lake."

It is designed by the students of Belleville High School's New Tech Ecology Club.

In addition, we have unveiled another new exhibit: "Kureth's Department Store." Come in and try on hats in our beautiful changing room that features a three-way mirror from Kureth's.

The department store opened on Belleville's Main Street in 1949 and closed in 1981. Look for an upcoming Vintage Clothing Day where the museum will open our apparel collection for visitors to dress up!

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The Passport to History Scavenger Hunt has begun. Come by the museum to pick up your passports and game. You will receive a prize from The BAM for completing the contest and be entered to win a Grand Prize from the Yankee Air Museum during their Home Front Victory Celebration on Aug. 16. Need not be present to win.

Our last Third Thursday Lecture for 2015 will be "Sumpter Township History" featuring Mary Sherwood. The presentation will take place at 6 p.m., June 18, at the Belleville Area District Library. Pizza served at 5:30 p.m.

The BAM: Belleville Area Museum is located at 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Summer hours are Tuesdays: 3-7 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday through Friday: noon to 4 p.m. Guided group tours by appointment.

Katie Dallos, Director
Belleville Area Museum

Moose Lodge sets car wash June 14 to benefit Girlstown

The Belleville Moose Lodge & Family Center will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, with proceeds to benefit the Belleville Girlstown. The Lodge is located on Sumpter Road at Harris Road. Rain day is June 28.

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Obituaries

Darryl Glen Robson

DARRYL G. ROBSON
(October 1, 1934 - May 27, 2015)
Darryl Glen Robson, age 80, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Regency of Canton, MI. He was born October 1, 1934 in Van Buren Township, MI, son of Glenn & Larena (Felt) Robson.
Mr. Robson founded Robson Builders, Belleville in 1973. He retired and sold the business to his son in 1996. He built all four of his children's homes as well as his own. He loved tinkering in his garage and having coffee with The Boys. He was a member of Bethany Bible Church, Belleville, and the antique John Deere, Wayne County Two Cylinder Club.
Darryl is survived by two daughters Carol (Rickie) Towles and Sara Fitzpatrick, son Neal Robson, daughter-in-law Kay Robson, all of Belleville; six grandchildren Travis, Craig, Christina, Jennifer, Rachel and Ryan; seven great-grandchildren Tyler, Joshua, Madison, Tami, Davis, Jax, and Alex; sister Elaine Lafer and brother Gail Hulette, both of Michigan; also numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean Carolyn (Cole) Robson on December 31, 2010, son Mark Robson January 4, 2008, son-in-law Tom Fitzpatrick December 2, 2010, also two sisters Leona and Leora, and one brother Ken.
Visitation was 5-8 PM Thursday and 3-8 PM Friday and 9-10 AM Saturday, May 30, 2015 with a 10:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Rev. John Losen will officiate. Interment will be in Tyler Street Cemetery, Van Buren Township.
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com .

CAPTAIN GREGORY CLYDE BEAN
(August 8, 1958 - May 23, 2015)
Age 56, of Van Buren Township. Survived by his mother Dolores Nadine Toye of VBT and six siblings, Michael, Linda, John, Jefferey, Dionne, and Chad. Service was May 30 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Prisoner Thomas White moved to Chippewa Correctional Facility

Thomas A. White, the disbarred Belleville attorney who pled no-contest to 20 felonies and was sentenced April 10, finally has been processed into the state prison system.

He was at the Charles Egeler intake processing center in Jackson until last week when he was taken to the Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe in the Upper Peninsula. He is incarcerated under Security Level II. Level I is minimum.

According to the online Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS), White, 47, is scheduled to serve from 6 to 15 years incarcerated by the Michigan Department of Corrections.

According to OTIS, the earliest release date is April 8, 2021 and maximum discharge date is April 8, 2030. The earliest release dates may change depending on good time or disciplinary credits, or misconduct for violating prison rules.

White was a Belleville attorney with his office across from Belleville City Hall on Main Street for more than 20 years.

He pled no-contest to the 20 felony charges stemming from his embezzlement of funds from senior citizens, families waiting for inheritances, businesses seeking important paperwork to stay in business, the elderly who sold their houses to go into nursing homes only to have the money stolen, and many others.

He told the circuit court judge that when he gets out of prison he will spend his life paying back the people he cheated.

The large amount of money he took is yet to be found.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Birthdays

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June 3 – Shawnee Elizabeth Lawson, Debbie Griffin
June 4 – Bobby Keene
June 5 – Brianna Hoogterp
June 6 – Valory Laginess
June 8 – Danica Broome
June 9 – Jeff Atwood
June 10 – Connie Meyers
June 21 – Joel Posegay
June 25 – Rosemarie Hoogterp
June 30 – Alan Bates

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Stopping for a photo at Saturday's Coffee with a Cop were, from left, Deputy Director-Police Jason Wright, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, Marian Caldwell, and Public Safety Director Greg Laurain.

Nice to meet our local police, fire officials

To the Editor:

I had the extreme pleasure of celebrating "Cops for Breakfast" last Saturday at Leo's Coney Island. There was such an enthusiastic crowd there and a balloon-making clown Tracy. Kids had fun and so did the adults as we were given balloon sculptures.

It is nice to meet our local police and fire officials and have the chance to ask questions and to say thank you for the service that they perform each day. Newly elected Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous was also present giving his support and update on the County business.

I have included a picture that I am proud to be part of.

I recently attended McDonald's introduction to their new menu event. There was a presentation on their use of local fresh produce and eggs for their meals. Congratulations to Brenda Renders, Store Manager, Matthew and Taylor for an excellent presentation and such a warm welcome to all the customers.

Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township

Reminder: Flag Day is June 14, fly your flag!

To the Editor:

This is a reminder to Belleville Residents and all my South Biggs Neighbors:

Flag Day (June 14) falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. This is a time when true Americans remember their loyalty to the nation, *reaffirming their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.*

June 14, 2015 is fast approaching and I am again attempting to have a Flag displayed at every home on South Biggs Street. Also, every business in Belleville should be displaying our flag.

Let's show ISIS and other enemies of our country that we love our country and WILL NOT allow their way of life into our country.

Here's YOUR chance to demonstrate pride in OUR COUNTRY and remember what a great nation we live in. Once again, I am encouraging all my South Biggs neighbors AND the city to have a flag at EVERY home.

If the results this year are anything like the last three years, you have to be impressed by the display my South Biggs Street neighbors put on. This should be city-wide effort and I am looking forward to having several more streets with 100% participation. I dare you to drive up S. Biggs Street and NOT be impressed with the sight of U.S. Flags at every home.

In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until Aug. 3, 1949, when an Act of Congress designated June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Business Owners, Firemen, Police Officers, City Officials: Set the example display YOUR U.S. flag early. Show the rest of Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and the entire Country how proud we are to be a U.S. Citizen creating a sense of pride in our neighborhood and our Country.

Thanks to very generous donations from Manns Lumber, Belleville Hardware, Sumpter ACE Hardware, and Home Depot, I have a couple hundred free, refurbished flags (11"x16") available. All these flags are from Hillside Cemetery where they were flown over a Veteran's grave. Let's honor them once again by re-displaying them at your home. Stop by and pick up one. Call 699-8563 or stop at 48 S. Biggs. Also, I can have your old flags properly disposed of; drop them off when you pick up a new one.

You may purchase flags at Meijer, Walmart, Belleville and Sumpter Hardware Stores, even most drug stores and they are relatively inexpensive.

Don't let Flag Day go by without acknowledging our GREAT COUNTRY.

Pete Pitzen
U.S. Citizen, Belleville Resident, U.S. Army Vet, U.S. Air Force Vet, VFW Life Member, American Legion Member

Thanks to all who helped with scholarships

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club annual Spring Fling Fashion Show was a great success again this year. Held at the BYC and catered by Deb Shanks, the 250 attendees helped bring in over $10,000 in net proceeds to finance scholarships.

Special thanks go to Kathie Steigerwald and Becky Thornell who co-chaired the event, Randy Brown our MC for the second year, Steve Jones for providing a great sound system at the last minute, Dress Barn and Kika Fashions, the members of the BAWC, and, of course, the beautiful models and their escorts. Please see our Face Book for pictures.

Raising this kind of money in one evening would not be possible without our sponsors and donors. We are very fortunate to have such community support.

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Council OKs budget, 3-2, puts moratorium on any new hires

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council approved its balanced $2,082,691 budget for 2015-16 on Monday with a 3-2 vote following about two hours of discussion.

Voting to approve the budget as presented were Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria and Councilmen Tom Smith and Tom Fielder. Voting no were Councilwoman Kim Tindall and Mayor Kerreen Conley, who said they needed more information.

After much discussion the council unanimously passed a motion to put a moratorium on hiring any additional employees until the council gets more information; to find out the situation with the School Resource Officer position; and not to make any decisions on items subject to contract negotiations. The council is negotiating contracts with all its unions this year.

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The budget wasn't printed off until 6:11 p.m. Saturday after City Manager Diana Kollmeyer and Plante Moran financial representative Kelly Howey spent the day trying to get everything into the budget and balance it. The numbers changed on Thursday and Kelly wasn't available on Friday, Kollmeyer said. They were able to balance the figures without dipping into the fund balance.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she got the budget about midnight Saturday and had questions on some of the figures.

The biggest problem was that Police Chief Hal Berriman wanted to hire one more full-time officer and a part-time officer, and so funds for that were put into the budget.

The department currently has six officers who cover the city 24/7 and one of them is a School Resource Officer. But, there is no fulltime officer on patrol during the day on Mondays and Tuesdays, Kollmeyer said.

She said Cpl. Kris Faull had to leave the schools on Monday morning to go to the fatal accident on the Belleville Bridge.

And, that is one of the budget hang-ups.

Cpl. Faull is the lone School Resource Officer for the Van Buren Public Schools. If she was to be pulled out of the SRO position and put on patrol, then the city might not have to hire another full-time officer.

For the past two years the Van Buren Public Schools have been paying the city $40,000 annually for the SRO and that was up from the previous $25,000 annual payment.

Mayor Conley said the city has calculated that it costs the city $70,000 for the nine months the SRO is on duty and Belleville is the only one subsidizing the school district.

"I don't think our 2,000 taxpayers should be subsidizing this," said Tindall.

Mike Renaud said from the audience that there are concerns from Van Buren Township about the city not paying its fair share for the museum and there are inequities throughout the budget.

"If the school really wants the thing, it needs to come to the party and pay," Renaud said. "…They're either going to agree or we remove the officer."

Fielder said he doesn't think the council has a clear job description about what Cpl. Faull does. He said years ago the city got a grant for two SROs and both officers were deputized by all four communities.

He said VBT pulled out its SRO and Sumpter no longer has Elwell School in its area, so Belleville has the lone officer.

"Every day there is school, the city's population doubles," Fielder said, pointing out most of the kids don't live in the city but they may be violating city laws.

"Who does she report to?" Renaud asked, referring to Faull and Chief Berriman said she reports to him.

"Ask her what she does," Renaud suggested and Chief Berriman said, "I know what she does."

Mayor Conley said if the administration [Kollmeyer] stood up and said the city needs these extra police because there are four bars in town and more drunk driving, she would consider the hiring. But, she said, she hasn't seen Kollmeyer do that.

Kollmeyer said they put it in the budget after Chief Berriman talked about not having a full squad. She said Berriman said last time he was chief he had 13 officers.

She said it will take time to negotiate with the school district on the SRO and they will have to find out how many school hours are involved, how many days off. She said Faull spends her first half hour on duty at the city and then goes to the school and back to the city after school.

"I do believe we need another full-time officer," Kollmeyer said.

Mayor Pro Tem Loria said, "We're getting tattooed by the school district [on the SRO]. What percent of Belleville residents have students in that high school? … Let's find out … if they're not going to pay for it, we'll put that person on the street."

Tindall said the city pays $60,000 with lifetime benefits for a police officer and the SRO is contracted at the discretion of the city council.

"If that SRO officer moves here, do we still need another officer?" Tindall asked.

Loria said the police chief would evaluate the situation and report back on if he still needs another officer.

"I'm not convinced it's a worthy decision to fund the SRO," Tindall said.

"This budget came out at midnight on Saturday and was made available to the public at 9 o'clock this morning [Monday]," she said, noting the public hasn't had time to look at the numbers. "Because I just got the numbers, I got questions."

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the Fourth of July closing of part of High Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Grace Baptist Church picnic in the church yard;
- Heard updates from Mayor Conley on the Downriver Joint Management Committee and the new addition of Lincoln Park to the Downriver Utility Waste Water Authority (DUWA);
- Approved accounts payable in the amount of $89,350.69 and departmental purchases in excess of $500: to Foremost Medical $774.79 for medical supplies out of the general fund/fire; to Michigan Municipal League $2,595 for membership dues; to Shred Corp $400 for document shredding; to Time Emergency $2,191.68 for hose replacement, from general fund/fire; and to Van Buren Township $650 for training academy, from general fund/fire; and
- Heard Kollmeyer say that evening (June 1) was the 17th anniversary of her employment with the city of Belleville and she spent 17 ½ years at her previous city of employment.

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Thanks to ALL who helped Sumpter Fest

To the Editor:

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission presents the Sumpter Country Fest thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers for Memorial Weekend, May 22-25.

The festival attracts some 50,000-plus attendees from Southeast Michigan and beyond. This family event is a celebration of the Sumpter Parks & Recreation Commission: Chairperson Kim Toms, Co-chairperson Holly Swinson, Secretary Sharon Pokerwinski, Treasurer Drusilla Allen, Liaison Don Swinson, Cheryl Toms, Richard Pokerwinski, Margaret Rochon, Jim and Joanne Posegay, James Chudzinski, Kevin Rochon, Becky LaPalme, Alan Bates, Virginia Belinski, Danny Jones, Mary Carter, Jay Bardell, Esther Hurst, Selena Swinson and Anna Bellamy.

We had a carnival by Schmidt's Amusements, LLC; parade was sponsored by Joe Nassar, Little Town Liquor & Deli, Atchinson Ford Sales, Mark Chevrolet, Sumpter Pharmacy, Zane Jones and Mary Carter; a car show; live entertainment for all ages. The live arena area entertainment this year was by U.S.A Demolition Derby, Inc., Auto Cross Demo, Car and Truck Demolition Derby and spectacular fireworks display on Sunday evening at dusk sponsored by Republic Waste / Carleton Farms. We featured a Children's World presented by Bob Bohm and his amazing entertainment with activities with crafts and for children of all ages, Bingo by Sumpter Township Moose, The Baby Contest sponsor was John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc. of Southgate, MI and there were contestants through three years of age. The Royalty Pageant was sponsored by Drusilla Allen and L.A. Aggregate and Construction and Jessica Smithwith and there were contestants ranging from age five to 15 years of age. Inflatables this year was presented by Bouncetastics and pony rides were presented by Blueberry Hill. Parking crew was Keystone Academy.

Entertainment this year was DJ Big D, Impersonators/Tribute Artist, CD Sound System was coordinated by Joe Goldsmith, Ray Charles (Tyrone Hamilton), Loretta Lynn/Reba McEntire (Bernie Walters), John Denver/Bobby Vinton (Jim Walters), Ray Charles (Tyrone Hamilton), Neil Diamond (Johnny Diamond), Willie Nelson (Jeff Carr), Patsy Cline (Kathy Bressler), Jerry Lee Lewis (Don Grant), Elvis (Sherman Arnold), Linda Ronstadt/Mama Cass (Mary Jane Stone, and the Blue Brothers (Russ & Jake). Bands were Spectrum Project, Wingman, Tall Cool One Robert Plant/Led Zepplin Tribute Band, Bugs Beddows, T J Thomas and the Kentucky Strait , Remedy, and Steelin Time.

The chairman of Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission Kim Toms, and the members want to thank all of our sponsors. We want to especially thank the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees (Supervisor John Morgan, Clerk Clarence Hoffman, Treasurer Alan Bates and Trustees Don Swinson, Peggy Morgan, William Hamm and Matt Oddy), Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst, Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis, Sumpter Township Police Department (Chief James Pierce, Captain Eric Luke, Police Officers John Ashby, Joseph Balowski, James Cayce, Jerry Cox, Sue Dufresne, Elizabeth Egerer, Partick Gannon, Colleen Gottschalk, Christopher McGlynn, Patrick Russell, George Salajan Joshua Scaglione, Brian Steffani, John Toth, Malissa Paquette and Jewel Leonard), Sumpter Township Fire Department (Chief Joseph Januszyk, Gabriel Akans, Tim Armstrong, Ronald Barnette, Richard Brown, Robert Damico Jesse Durham, Daniel Frost, Robert Gay, Jamie Goode, Jason Reeves, Chris Scott, Jennifer Scott, William Simmons, Richard Sliwa, Scott Spoonamore, James Stumpf, Walter Thompson, Mary Ann Watson, Ed Wisniewski and Michael Wisniewski), Department of Public Works (John Krushlin, Leroy Campbell, Ken Kunka, Randy Lynch and Mike Petroswski), Staff (Karen Woodington, Roxanne Bardell, Michele Roman, Jim Glahn, Sybil Buchanan, Maria Beaudrie), the Sumpter Township Senior Citizens for their support.

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Thanks again and see you next year.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission

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Belleville Rotarians unveil Little Free Library at Victory Park

On Tuesday evening, May 26, the Belleville Rotary Club unveiled its first Little Free Library in Belleville's Victory Park next to the gazebo.

This is the first of several others that the club has in mind for the area. Little Free Libraries are being set up throughout the country by service groups, corporations and individuals.

The concept is simply to provide reading material that individuals of all ages can borrow, read, and return as they wish.

Furthermore, borrowers are encouraged to donate a book that they enjoy and would like to share with others.

Here's how it works: Simply open the front door of the library, find a book that interests you, take it with you and read it. You may return it when finished or pass it around to your friends.

If you have a book to donate to the library, just place it on the shelf. If there isn't room for the book, come back later when there is more room or contact the Belleville Rotary Club at 734-697-3731 (Jerry Richardson - steward of the Victory Park Little Free Library).

According to Richardson, this Little Free Library movement embodies the ideas of Rotary. It reaches out to people, builds them up and helps make them better without regard to who they are or where they come from.

It is Rotary's hope that this dedication to the citizens of Belleville will help strengthen the community and advance literacy for all who use it. More information about the Little Free Library movement can be found at littlefreelibrary.org, including a global map of all the registered libraries.

The library box was fabricated by Dr. John MacDermid and the post was installed by Keith Bruder.

The very first Little Free Library was created by Todd Bol near Madison, WI.

Photo courtesy of Timeless Images by Susan

The Belleville Rotary Club, including a couple of junior Rotarians, gathered in the gazebo for a group picture on May 26 as they celebrate the installation of Belleville's first Little Free Library. This Little Free Library is next to the gazebo in Victory Park at Five Points.

Bol put the Little Free Library in his front yard as a gift to his neighborhood in loving memory of his mother. It was stocked with the books that she had accumulated over the years.

People from the neighborhood liked it so much that Bol built more and gave them out to other neighborhoods in the Madison area. From there, the concept got wings and began popping up all over the globe. There are now over 26,000 Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and in more than 80 different countries.

This has become more than just a global literacy movement. It has become a way to help connect people locally in their neighborhoods and communities.

Interestingly, in October 2014, 25 Little Free Libraries were donated, as a gift, from the State of Wisconsin to the City of Detroit, to help Detroit become the Little Free Library capitol of the world. Those libraries were built by the Prairie Du Chien Correctional Facility.

-- Ray Eissinger

"Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising."
Mark Twain

VBT DDA makes offer to buy two more parcels along Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a closed-door session on May 26, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted to submit an offer to purchase two more parcels of land along Belleville Road.

Executive Director Susan Ireland said the narrow parcels, with homes on them, are just north of the parcels purchased from the Harris family by the DDA.

Last fall the DDA purchased about one acre of land on the east side of Belleville Road that was formerly the Harris residence and Grandpa's Toy Shop. The Harris family was one of the first African American families to settle in Van Buren Township.

The site at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road wraps behind and around the Remerica Main Street Realty office in a refurbished old home.

Realtor Carol Bird, who owns Main Street Realty, is a member of the DDA and she abstained from the motion to make an offer on the properties. She is acting as the Realtor in the process.

The proposed purchase of the additional Belleville Road frontage would add to the DDA land to the north along the roadway. The property owners had approached the DDA showing an interest in selling after the DDA bought the Harris property.

The DDA is putting together a survey to find out how the public thinks this space should be used.

In the 15-question draft survey, choices include farmer's market, public transit stop, lunchtime concerts, summer concert series, outdoor movies, pet stations, outdoor art, rest rooms, drinking fountain, benches, community information kiosk, playground, gardens, etc.

In other business at the May 26 meeting, the DDA approved paying up to $2,000 for Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer to fly to St. Louis Sept. 12-13 to attend a National Franchise and Business Opportunity Show to get information on how such shows are run and what to expect.

The VBT DDA is signed up to participate in the Oct. 30-31 National Franchise and Business Opportunities Show at the Novi Suburban Collection Showplace. This is the first time the DDA is taking part in such a show.

Of interest are the types of promotional items that should be given out, what type of literature to have available, and other information to help with the October event.

DDA member Helen Foster, who made the motion to approve, said they should only go if they see some benefit and maybe they could go to a similar event that is closer. The expenditure is optional and they don't need to go.

Director Ireland said they are still weighing the benefits of such a trip.

Ireland also gave reports on ongoing projects, including:

• **The sidewalks along the north I-94 Service Drive and from Tyler north along Belleville Road**. She said a preconstruction meeting was set for 9 a.m. May 29 with contractor Davenport Brothers. A timetable for the project will be set up.

• **The Belleville/Ecorse landscape**. She said the bid period will be May 20-June 15, a recommendation will be in the DDA Board Packet on June 18, the DDA will select a contractor on June 23, and, the landscaping will be installed Aug. 10-Sept. 18.

• **Belleville/Quirk Road Monument Area.** Ireland reported the township's electrician is finishing up a project for the township. When they are finished it will be necessary to see where the DDA can get the electrical power so the electrician can make a recommendation. They want to get it from the same side of the road rather than crossing Belleville Road.

• **Emergency Sirens**. Ireland said the sirens have been installed and Public Safety was waiting for the dispatch equipment to arrive. Ireland said the equipment may have just arrived and, hopefully, they will be able to test the sirens on June 6, as planned.

• **Walkability Audit**. Ireland said it will kick off in early June. McKenna Associates is doing the audit and events are set with a final report to the DDA board set for Aug. 25.

Independent photo by Bob Mytych
The Survivors' group kicked off the Relay for Life Saturday morning at Horizon Park.

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With the help of the community and members of the Van Buren Fraternal Order of Eagles #3996, the group raised more than $16,000 at its annual "That's Amore" dinner-dance live auction held Nov 8. A grant was added to this amount and the Eagles proudly presented a check for $20,000 to Katy Kaliszewski from CS Motts Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor at a recent Zone One Conference at the home aerie. The Van Buren Eagles have raised almost a quarter of a million dollars for cancer research and to provide free bone marrow testing at their annual "That's Amore" events. This year the event is tentatively set for Nov 7. Seated in back, from left, are Dave Smith, Grand Worthy Trustee, and Patricia Murney, State Madam President. In front, from left, are Janice Eaton, Linda Combs, Katy Kaliszewski of CS Motts Hospital, and Debra Gagneau.

On May 12, the Van Buren Charter Township Clerk's Office transformed the Belleville High School cafeteria into a polling location for the 2015 Student Council Election. Graduating seniors served as poll workers checking student identification, issuing ballots, and guiding participants through the election process. The class of 2015 has experienced this "real life" voting experience through their entire high school career celebrating a milestone for the project. Of the 1,309 eligible voters, 60% cast their vote. Twenty-six students became registered voters and 11 Election Inspector applications were completed. Since the inception of the project, the VBT Clerk's Office reports an increase in the number of votes cast during elections held in the community by voters in the 18-21 age range. This year's Student Council election was made possible through a donation by the Cozzad Rotary Foundation and the support of the Van Buren Public School District.

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"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself."
– Albert Einstein

Sen. Hopgood sets coffee hour with community for Friday, June 19

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, invites members of the community to join him at his upcoming June coffee hour to discuss state and local issues of concern.

The coffee hour is set for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 19, at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road.

For information on the event call (517) 373-7800 or email him at senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov .

Sen. Hopgood represents the new 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Westland.

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Members of Moose Lodge ran the kitchen and called Bingo at the Sumpter Country Fest. On hand were Governor Craig Daroci, Senior Regent Diane Love-Sovota, Kelly Daugherty, and Denise Love (mother of Diane). 34th District Court Judge David Parrott called bingo at the festival.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is gearing up for its **3rd-Annual Summer Soiree** benefitting **Music Lakeside** on Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the **BYC** on E. Huron River Drive. Tickets in advance are $50 per person, $100 per couple, and $60 and $120 at the door. The event will feature a live and silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and live entertainment with two bands. Tickets are available at the BYC Clubhouse, Belleville Library, Belleville Chamber, or by calling **(734) 697-8123**.

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Young Life Belleville/Ypsilanti will be holding its **4th-Annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday, June 27, at the **Eagle Crest Golf Course** in Ypsilanti. Entry fee is $100 per golfer. Registration begins at noon with a tee off at 1 p.m. followed by awards and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sponsorships are also available and range from $100 for Hole Sponsorships to $1,000 for the Gold Banquet Sponsorship. Registration can be made online at **www.bellevilleypsi.yl.org**. or by calling **(734) 252-9395.**

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Southern Express, a local country music band, will be performing this Sunday, June 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the **Van Buren Township Senior Center** on Tyler Road. The event is free.

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Lisa Long,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Contract Documents are available and may be purchased at: **Hennessey Engineers, Inc., 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, Michigan, 48195** upon payment of a fee of $30.00 per set, $40.00 if mailed, which is nonrefundable. **Please contact Hennessey Engineers at 734-759-1600, 24 hours in advance to request a hard copy. Also, plans are now available on CD for a fee of $10.00 per CD or if mailed, $20.00.**

Bidders must deposit, with their bid, surety in the form of a certified check, bank draft, or bid bond, in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any information or to reject any and/or all bids. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within 90 days after the date of bid opened.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) TO DESIGN, PROCURE AND INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND FALL ZONE MATERIAL AT VILLAGE PARK, BELLEVILLE, MI

The City of Belleville is requesting proposals to design, provide and install playground equipment and Fall zone material in connection with Village Park, **Project No. 58800.02**. Full RFP will be available for pick up on Friday June 5th, 2015 at City Hall or Hennessey Engineers, Inc. and Proposals will be due Thursday June 18th by 2:00pm to the City Clerk's Office at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111.

The City will select one
(1) Supplier to provide equipment, materials and installation for the park as outlined in this request.

SCOPE OF PROJECT
This project consists of the design, procurement and installation of a playground system including fall zone material at Vi8llage Park located at 420 Savage Road, in Belleville, Michigan. Work is to include the design of a play system within the constructed play area boundaries, as well as the installation of commercial grade playground equipment, equipment footings, landing mats, and fall zone material. This project will be the final turnkey step in completing the overall Village Park Renovation project. It is important that the design of the play system include the ability to expand the proposed play system within the existing play area. The funding source for this project is Wayne County CDBG Federal Funds .

All equipment will be assembled and installed by the Supplier.

Playground Suppliers shall provide a maximum of (2) two designs for each Supplier represented for the park playground.

The City of Belleville requires Suppliers to design a play system that meets or exceeds all current federal CPSC, ASTM, IPEMA standards and ADA requirements. The proposals shall include the costs of delivered play systems as designed, inclusive of the equipment structures, components, hardware, detailed technical installation instructions and maintenance & operations manuals from manufacturer.

Suppliers should base their playground equipment designs on meeting all accessibility and safety standards as well as the guidelines & specifications listed in the RFP. Quality of equipment components, quality of design, play value, cost, and appropriateness to location and target demographic must be taken into consideration in the design of the play system. The total dollar amount allocated to the project is $80,000.00 inclusive of everything.

Questions concerning the bid should be directed to:

Ray Parker
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AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

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(734) 482-1502

SPACE #E-15, Kenneth Chancellor – 2 BBQs, 2 bicycles, ladders, patio furniture, fishing equipment, 2 sets golf clubs, lawn mower, weed whacker, leaf blower, seed spreader, weed sprayer, coolers, bow, lawn edger.
SPACE #C-38, Stephanie Harbin – kitchen cabinets, dining table & chairs, microwave, refrigerator/freezer, kitchen sink, futon, end table, plant shelf, box springs & mattress, clothes closet, 2 sets crutches, bongo drums, heater/fan, exercise equipment, granite slabs, misc. boxes & totes.
SPACE #J-11, Victoria Harris – 3-piece sectional sofa set & recliner, curio cabinet, large wall unit, dresser, mirror, turkey cooker, bread maker, desk chair, misc. boxes & totes.
SPACE #G-8, Pavlos Linardakis – restaurant equipment
SPACE #J-26, Barbara Stephens – dining table & chairs, pantry cabinet, recliner, wall lamp, table lamp, shelving unit kit, curio cabinet, dresser, utility cabinet, hose, propane tank, tool box, sander, tire.

Publish: June 4, 2015

GARAGE/YARD SALE

HUGE MOVING SALE. Lots of $1 items. 9am-5pm starting May 29 till everything is gone. 48270 Martz Rd. 6/11

GARAGE SALE. Friday, June 5, & Saturday, June 6, 9am-5pm. 47663 Belmont Dr. Misc. - Collectibles 6/4

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HUGE SALE. 41944 Arthur, Haggerty Sub, Belleville. Saturday, June 6, 8am-5pm. $1.00, $3.00 bags you fill. Some items priced. 6/4

GARAGE/YARD SALE

3 FAMILY YARD SALE. June 12 & June 13, 9am-4pm. 185 Spencer Street. Furniture, hospital bed, clothing, household items & more. 6/11

AUTISM FUNDRAISER. June 6 9am-4pm & June 7 9am-2pm. 9605 Van Buren, Haggerty Sub. Team Kaylee/Walk Now for Autism Speaks, 2015. 6/4

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3 FAMILY SALE. June 4, 5& 6, 10am-6pm. 46200 McBride, Quirk Sub. Baby items, women's 2X/3X clothing, glassware, misc. Items. 6/4

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Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, June 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, June 9 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., to consider setback at 14018 Hannan Rd. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m. (NEW TIME)

• Wednesday, June 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, June 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 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. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 16 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor J. Morgan, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, & Hamm. Also present: Attorney Young, acting deputy Janet R. Hoffman and approximately 12 residents.

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

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve April 28, 2015 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to accept parks & recreation minutes of December 10, 2014, January 21, 2015, February 18, 2015, & March 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling $245,678.03, with a roll call vote. Yea: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy & Hamm. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water/Sewer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve water/sewer report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

9. Building/Ordinance: No report.

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

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

12. Supervisor: No report.

13. Attorney: No report.

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to hire Ostech Group to install security cameras in the township hall at a cost not to exceed $4,000.00. The monitor will be in the Supervisor's office, with Captain Luke being the administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept the 2014-2015 Wayne County Parks Grant for $10,000.00 with resolution 2015-02. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to amend the parks 7 recreation constitution by laws regarding dissolution. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to hire the Ostech Group to install surveillance equipment in the fire department for $7,994.10. Chief Januszyk will be the administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to have the engineers compose specifications to replace the cement porch, ramp and steps at the police department entrance. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn meeting at 7:04 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: June 4, 2015

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
2014 Water Quality Report

Our department is proud of the fine drinking water it provides and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2014 Annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason from concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The state and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to insure its safety.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

The vulnerability of some populations to contaminants in drinking water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Sumpter Township Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can

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minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact Sumpter Township water department (734) 461-6201.

Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 461-6201

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the reprogramming / transfer of the following funds and the creation of a new project to demolish condemned structures that are uninhabitable.

Qualifying the Project

The demolition project would meet the qualifying standards for CDBG projects as follow:

- National Objective – Elimination of Slums and Blight
- Eligible Activity – Clearance and Demolition (HUD Matrix Code 04)

The Township will comply with all CDBG regulations pertaining project qualification.

Proposed Funding Sources

The cost of each demolition will be determined on a case-by-case basis. To establish funding for the demolition program, the Township proposes to use the following estimated funding:

- Reprogram (transfer) 2013 balance:
  - Activity #13-30-14A, Countywide Housing Rehabilitation - $20,000.00

TOTAL $20,000.00

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: May 26, 2015
Published: June 4, 2015

Wayne Co. Executive appoints Veteran's Services Administrator

On May 13 Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans appointed John Gardner, a retired military veteran, as Veteran's Services Administrator. Gardner will begin his duties immediately.

"Mr. Gardner brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Veteran's Services, which will be invaluable as we continue providing services to veterans in Wayne County," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

In his new role, Gardner will oversee Wayne County Veteran's programs such as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. These programs help veterans who are experiencing financial hardships pay their mortgage, rent, or utility bills. Both Funds also help veterans with transportation needs.

Gardner will also oversee the County's Veteran Burial Benefit program which provides qualified veterans or their next of kin with up to $1,000 to go toward burial fees.

Gardner will serve as the County's representative for the Veteran's Community Action Team (V-CAT), which is made up of a consortium of more than 230 groups in Southeast Michigan that provide a wide array of resources to veterans. These resources include but are not limited to access to employment, housing and education opportunities, and health care.

As Veterans Services Administrator, Gardner will manage a staff of six, including three full-time veteran counselors, one department manager, one secretary and one community outreach manager.

Gardner retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service in logistics management, computer operations and recruitment. He was most recently the Military Veteran Recruiter and Program Manager at Quicken Loans.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Job Vacancy Posting

Position Title: Building Inspector / Plan Reviewer
Starting Hourly Wage: $19.76
Closing Date: Open until filled
To Apply: You must submit a resume, including salary history via email to Nicole Sumpter at nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org .
Description: Under the supervision of the Planning and Development Director or his/her designee, this employee is responsible for building plan reviews, conducting building, plumbing, electrical and/or mechanical inspections and other duties as outlined below. Performs tasks involving code and ordinance interpretation. This individual may also be called upon to assist other departments in performing tasks requiring the same level of skill and ability.
For Full Description at http://www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted/
Publish: May 21, May 28, June 4, June 11, 2015

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, June 6 –** Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., is holding a Mom 2 Mom sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Sunday, June 7 –** Southern Express, a local country music band, will perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Senior Center. Free.

• **Sunday, June 7 –** Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. FREE, but donations accepted to help. Your Pugs will love you for their new social life! www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **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.

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KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
mg/L	Milligrams per liter	A milligram = 1/1000 gram 1 milligrams per liter is equal to 1 ppm
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	Not Applicable	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity. Picocurie (pCi) means the quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chl oroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromoochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.

Southwest Water Treatment Plant

2014 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	**5/13/2014**	**ppm**	**4**	**4**	**0.56**	**n/a**	**no**	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	**5/13/2014**	**ppm**	**10**	**10**	**0.29**	**n/a**	**no**	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	**2014**	**ppb**	**n/a**	**80**	**53**	**30 - 53**	**no**	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	**2014**	**ppb**	**n/a**	**60**	**17**	**11 - 17**	**no**	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Chlorine Residual	**2014**	**ppm**	**4**	**4**	**0.64**	**0.52-0.73**	**no**	Water additive used to control microbes.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2015

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent (Excused)
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda with changes. To move Item 8E to 8A and move all other items down.
MOTION CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 4, 2015 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of May 11, 2015 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-** None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY2015/16

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-061**, to call a Public Hearing on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed 2015/16 budget.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solicit funds – Lions Club – White Cane Campaign

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-062**, to approve a request from Canton Lions Club to solicit for funds to support the blind and hearing impaired on May 22nd and 29th on Main Street from Five Points to Third Street from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.

C. Veterans Memorial

Cornell Anton of the Belleville VFW Post 4434 presented pictures of the Veteran's Memorial and damages that have occurred due to normal wear and tear over the years.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-063,** to have Hennessey Engineers evaluate damages and give a cost estimate for repairs.
MOTION CARRIED.

D. Mayor's Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-064,** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Douglas Dalton to the Civil Service Commission with a term to expire on May 31, 2018.
MOTION CARRIED.

E. Employees Healthcare Premium Cost Share

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-065,** pursuant to Public Act 152, City Council hereby elects to continue to institute a 20% monthly healthcare premium contribution by all City employees eligible for healthcare coverage.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-066** to approve accounts payable and payables over $500.00 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, CMC
Approved: June 1, 2015
Published: June 4, 2015

Judge Oakley adjourns exam for accused armed robber until June 10

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The May 27 preliminary exam in 34th District Court for Terrance Antwan Carlton, accused of armed robbery in Van Buren Township, was adjourned until 9 a.m., June 10, so that Carlton and his co-defendant can link up court dates.

On May 27, Judge Brian Oakley agreed to reschedule Carlton's exam. Carlton's bond of $10,000/10% had been posted and it was continued.

Carlton, 28, is charged with armed robbery, larceny from the person, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in Van Buren Township on Feb. 1, 2014.

Co-defendant Christopher Michael Miller, 30, has the same charges.

The plan is for them to be in court together on June 10 said Carlton's retained attorney Joseph Wagner.

Ernest Leon Trammell

Ernest Leon Trammell, 26, who was present for a probable cause hearing, asked to have his hearing delayed until he could retain an attorney, instead of using the court-appointed attorney.

Judge Oakley gave him three weeks, until 9 a.m. on June 17, when he will be due back in 34th District Court.

Trammell is charged with weapons / firearms possessed by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), felony firearm, and domestic violence. He is considered a habitual offender.

He was arrested for an incident on May 7 in Sumpter Township. His bond of $3,000 or 10% has been posted.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

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2014 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	**Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)**	**Violation yes/no**	**Major Sources in Drinking Water**
0.14 NTU	**100%**	**no**	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2014 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	**MCLG**	**MCL**	**Highest Number Detected**	**Violation yes/no**	**Major Sources in Drinking Water**
Total Coliform Bacteria	**0**	**Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples**	**0**	**no**	Naturally present in the environment.
***E. coli* Bacteria**	**0**	**A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.**	**0**	**no**	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	**Test Date**	**Unit**	**Health Goal MCLG**	**Action Level AL**	**90th Percentile Value***	**Number of Samples Over AL**	**Violation yes/no**	**Major Sources in Drinking Water**
Lead	**2014**	**ppb**	**0**	**15**	**0.5 ppb**	**0**	**no**	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	**2014**	**ppm**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**85 ppb**	**0**	**no**	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	**5/13/2014**	**pCi/L**	**0**	**5**	**0.65 + or - 0.54**	**no**	Erosion of natural deposits

2014 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	**5.41**	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

Publish: June 4, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 503 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 24:
0000 – noise complaint, Jackson St.
0012 – suspicious situation, Oak Ln.
0201 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
0430 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
0917 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0951 – panic alarm, Fret Rd.
1100 – disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.
1246 – assault & battery, Winding Pond Dr.
1258 – disturbance, Westlake
1931 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1939 – fight, Parkwood Manor
2122 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
2226 – fireworks, Northshore
2247 – fire investigation, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2326 – assault & battery, Capitol Dr.

Monday, May 25:
0034 – family trouble, N. I-94/Wendy's
0255 – suspicious situation, Green Meadows
0325 – shots fired, Freedom Way
0931 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
1231 – larceny, Congress St.
1322 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1403 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1442 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1537 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1637 – mental, Lighthouse Dr.
1957 – private property accident, Belleville
2022 – suspicious vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, May 26:
0052 – shots fired, Parkwood Dr.
0504 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
0602 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1253 – agency assist, Bog Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1422 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1429 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1543 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1627 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
1638 – holdup alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1733 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1823 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1834 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Brookview Dr.
1853 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1911 – disturbance, Jeannette Ave.
2222 – civil matter, Jeannette Ave.

Wednesday, May 27:
0007 – panic alarm, Belleville Rd.
0202 – mental, Peachtree
0304 – disturbance, Hanover Dr.
0854 – larceny, Old Michigan Rd.
0936 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1311 – larceny from auto, Ecorse
1349 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
1918 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1932 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
2157 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2158 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2209 – fireworks, E. Walden Dr.
2213 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Tyler Rd.
2215 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler

Thursday, May 28:
0115 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.
0224 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0307 – family trouble, Borgman Ave.
0724 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0734 – private property accident, Stonebridge Dr.
1223 – larceny, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1342 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
1500 – property damage accident, E. Huron River / Hannan
1503 – family trouble, Clayton Rd.
1517 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1825 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville Rd.
1914 – suicide or attempt, Belmont Dr.
1923 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2040 – overdose, Liberty Ln.
2107 – disturbance, Outer Dr.
2115 – harassment call, Spruce Ln.
2123 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Huron River Dr.
2213 – sexual assault, Bemis Rd.

Friday, May 29:
0426 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.
1116 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/I-94
1246 – missing person, Senate St.
1417 – intimidation threat, Westlake
1455 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1542 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1641 – hold-up alarm, Hardwood Dr.
1735 – lost property, Wayne County Fairgrounds
1735 – property damage accident, Park Estates Dr. / Michigan Ave.
1913 – disturbance, Belleville
1943 – marine violation, Edison Lake
2004 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Beck
2026 – family trouble, Purple Sage
2056 – trespassing, Edison Lake
2149 – fireworks, Milton Dr./Country Walk Blvd.
2151 – shots fired, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.
2201 – private property accident, J&T Towing

Saturday, May 30:
0106 – noise complaint, Wheeler St.
0433 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
0921 – malicious destruction of property, Country Walk Blvd.
1041 – missing person, Endicott St.
1124 – neighbor trouble, Wheeler St.
1248 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1311 – missing person, Western St.
1426 – neighbor trouble, Tompkins St.
1615 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1754 – private property accident, Parkwood Dr.
1958 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
2014 – agency assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – suspicious situation, Bayshore /Denton
2212 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2225 – suspicious vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 175 traffic stops, 72 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 24:
1206 – found property, Main St.
1206 – juvenile complaint, Owen Middle School
2043 – traffic complaint, N. Biggs Ave./E. Huron River Dr.

Monday, May 25:
0221 – vehicle repossession, Henry St.
0302 – noise complaint, S. Biggs/Huron River Dr.
0643 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1102 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1235 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1315 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1410 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1514 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2012 – disturbance, Loza Ln.

Tuesday, May 26:
0044 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
1159 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1552 – civil matter, Henry St.
1747 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2245 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2248 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, May 27:
0015 – information, Main St.
1446 – personal injury accident, Five Points
1515 – agency assist, Henry St.
1911 – suspicious situation, Loza Ln.
1938 – parking complaint, Main St.
2225 – disturbance, Liberty

Thursday, May 28:
0816 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave.
0843 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0848 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Angola St.
1151 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1316 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1445 – vehicle lockout, N. Edgemont Ave.
1458 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.
1925 – agency assist, Mike's Kitchen
2102 – breaking & entering, Breakwater Dr.
2117 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza
2124 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, May 29:
1525 – parking complaint, Biggs Ave.
1916 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
0450 – agency assist, Denton
0507 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0924 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2003 – property damage accident, N. Liberty

Also on this week's log are 50 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 24:
0120 – assist other agency, out of township
0148 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0506 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
0708 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1406 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1456 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1456 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1641 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1717 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1833 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Elwell
1852 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2128 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2154 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2221 – mental health commitment, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2222 – breaking & entering, Washington
2252 – warrant pick up, out of township
2328 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, May 24:
0014 – citizen assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0057 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln/Rustic Ln.
0548 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1025 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1137 – trespassing complaint, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1514 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1625 – citizen assist, Martinsville/Willow
1842 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1915 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2144 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
2209 – assist other agency, Oregon

Tuesday, May 25:
0230 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0317 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Clark
1220 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1515 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1624 – suspicious incident, Sherwood/Wear
1643 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
1704 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1729 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1752 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1811 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1853 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1934 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2028 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2117 – fight, California
2301 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Martinsville
2347 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, May 27:
0026 – warrant pick up, Sumpter/Kozma
0722 – warrant pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
0924 – larceny, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1100 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1151 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1434 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1435 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1600 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1729 – identity theft, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1906 – larceny, Vermont
1916 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd.
1921 – reckless driver complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1944 – threats complaint, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2004 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2101 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2225 – disorderly person, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, May 28:
0118 – unauthorized driving away of auto, New Mexico
1103 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1108 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1323 – attempt warrant pick up, 18000 bl. Elwell
1424 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1615 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1835 – attempt warrant pick up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2028 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2203 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.

Friday, May 29:
0008 – assault, Second St.
0105 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0159 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0238 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0818 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0949 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
1152 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1228 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1922 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1956 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, May 30:
0143 – assist other agency, out of township
0630 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0658 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0702 – animal complaint, Savage/Bemis
0930 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1131 – abandoned vehicle, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1207 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1229 – unauthorized driving away of auto, New Mexico
1238 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1410 – dumping complaint, Willis/Lohr
1540 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1648 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1733 – ORV complaint, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.

Also on this week's log are 15 follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 91 patrol checks, and 42 traffic stops.

Correction: Numbers for fireworks companies were shots, not dollars

On page 3 in last week's *Independent* we put dollar signs in front of numbers that should have indicated the number of shots provided by each fireworks company. No dollar signs needed. (Almost always, bids are reported by dollar amounts.)

For instance, Zambelli bid 4,892 (which we learn means shots), Melrose 3,130 and Greatlakes 825.

"So how it reads now it looks like I went with the highest bidder based on cost," said Jennifer Wright, Director of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department. "Actually we chose Zambelli because they will be able to provide 4,892 total shots. … I don't want people to think I'm spending more money."

We regret the misunderstanding and thus the mis-reporting.

Varsity Men's Golf

The story on page 9 in the May 21 issue of the *Independent* on Belleville High School Varsity Men's Golf team league play said the team had two wins and five losses. It should have said four wins and five losses. We regret the confusion.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Ken, Brian Palmer share April 25 Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

By Brian Palmer

This Memorial Day holiday will always hold special meaning to me.

When I was growing up in Belleville, my father Kenneth Palmer would seldom talk about his service In the U.S. Navy in World War II. The few times he would mention it, it would be of an event or two that stuck in his mind from a time long ago, during the Pacific theater.

Being assigned to a wooden-hulled mine sweeper, the YMS 299, he saw action in Okinawa, the Philippines and then occupied Japan. During the battle of Okinawa, he happened to be on a cruiser due to sickness. Late one night, the cruiser was hit mid-ship by a Japanese kamikaze. In the ensuing chaos, Dad helped move the injured into the hastily set up triage area. It was during this event, that he decided that a planned medical career would not be in his future. He was 18 years old.

Dad's older brother, Les, was a captain in the Army air force, flying B-17 flying fortress bombers over Germany, during this same time. Les was shot down on his 14th mission and was listed as missing in action for several months, and then was found to be a German POW for nearly two years. In fact, it was during this time that Dad had to convince his parents to sign for him to join the war effort, as he was only 17 years old at the time.

After the war came to an end, Dad returned to Michigan and went to Albion College on the G.I. bill to work towards an education degree. In his junior year he decided to attend the University of Arizona in Tuscon. It was here that he met the love of his life, Elizabeth Porritt of Alto, MI, who happened to be working as a nurse at the local VA hospital. A short courtship ensued, and they were married on Easter Sunday in 1950.

Soon after, they settled in Belleville where they raised us five children: Vicki, Dan, Cynthia, myself, and Kim. Dad worked for 35 years in the Van Buren school system teaching math and algebra, and coaching sports, mainly basketball. He also served many years on the Belleville City council with a couple stints as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mom was the classic stay-at-home Mom and was always a huge supporter of Dad's activities and a friend to all.

Their marriage lasted 64 years until Mom passed away, unexpectedly in July 2014. It was after her memorial service that I mentioned to Dad, about the Honor Flight I had heard about a few years earlier. This is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to get veterans back to Washington D.C. to see their memorials. The southern chapter of Honor Flight is based in Kalamazoo and is named Talons Out.

Dad seemed unsure on if he would like to make a trip like that, but we filled out the applications, knowing that it could take a while for donations to make a trip possible. It was in March that I received a call from Talons Out that a trip was being planned for April 25. I called Dad that day from where I live in Idaho, to see if he would like to do it. He agreed and we started planning. It would be a one-day trip, leaving Kalamazoo about 7:30 a.m. and returning about 8:30 p.m.

Any veteran is eligible for these trips, and of course, WWII veterans are the top priority. Of the over 15 million WWII veterans that served, only 900,000 are still living. As I told my dad, he is one of these 7%. Each veteran is allowed one guardian to travel with him and the only thing Honor Flight asks is for the guardian to make a minimum donation of $500 to the program.

The night before the flight, Talons Out hosted a "meet and greet" at the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, where there are several vintage planes and exhibits about the Air Force. There would be 67 WWII veterans and 2 Korean War vets making the trip, on a chartered plane. During the meet and greet, the presenter had each of the branches of the military raise their hand to see who served where. Michigan's Lieutenant Governor gave a short speech thanking these brave men and women for their service to their country. Soon after, we retired to a nearby hotel that graciously provided rooms at a deep discount to the veterans. The morning of the 25th came early as Dad and I were provided a shuttle to the airport by a local business about 5:30 a.m. The airport was bustling as wheelchairs were provided for any vet needing them and a reception, made up of current servicemen and women were lined up, saluting and welcoming the veterans to this special trip. A breakfast was provided both at the airport and on the plane by local businesses. As we taxied out of the gate, folks on the tarmac were waving and the plane received a wash down salute by the fire department.

When we landed in D.C. another entourage of armed forces was there to greet our veterans and a local chorale group of ladies were there singing patriotic numbers. We boarded four tour buses and headed to the National Mall area. Everywhere we drove we were accompanied by a police escort, so traffic would be of no consequence. Our first stop was the fairly recently built WWII memorial, with one side representing the Atlantic Theater and the other side, the Pacific Theater. Several battles and famous quotes were etched in stone in different areas. After experiencing that, Dad and I wheeled along the reflection pool to the steps of the Lincoln monument. We then wheeled along the Viet Nam memorial with its countless names and then over to the haunting statues that make up the Korean War memorial.

We then boarded the buses and headed to Arlington Cemetery to view the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the changing of the guard. To say this was a powerful moment to share with these veterans is a gross understatement. After this solemn ceremony, we headed to the Air Force memorial which contains three huge sweeping arcs sweeping into the sky. These were constructed after the terrorist attacks of 911 and are in the flight path of the plane flown into the west wall of the Pentagon. After viewing the Air Force memorial we shared a catered barbeque lunch, overlooking Arlington.

Our last stop was a viewing of the iconic Iwo Jima memorial. I would highly recommend a reading of Flags of our Fathers, to gain a true understanding of what this battle signified. After everyone had a chance to view this, we headed back to Ronald Reagan airport to return to Kalamazoo. On the flight back the veterans were treated to a surprise "mail call" that included cards from family and friends thanking them for their service. After landing in Kalamazoo we loaded onto school buses and left for the local high school where nearly 3,500 people were there to surprise and welcome back the veterans and thank them for their service.

In summary, I wondered if a one-day trip to the nation's capital could be meaningful to either my Dad or I. I am happy to report not only that it was incredible, well organized and emotional, but provided a great platform to visit with my dad about some of his feelings and events surrounding his late teens and early 20's serving in WWII.

No wonder these men and women are known as "The Greatest Generation."

For more information about this program for veterans Google "Honor Flight" and/or "Talons Out" on the internet.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

Request for Quotes

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The City of Belleville is accepting quotes for Municipal Accounting Services until

4:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15 , 2015

Quotes will be accepted for consideration if received by the City Clerk's office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15, 20 15.

Respondents will submit six (6) copies of the quote. A brief oral presentation of the quote may be requested. The intent of this oral presentation will be to provide your firm an opportunity to clarify the quote and assure a mutual understanding.

Quotes must be submitted together in one sealed envelope marked "Municipal Accounting Services", and addressed to

Lisa Long, City Clerk
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