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School Board meeting erupts over question on exit interviews

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

There was only one question from the audience at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

But that question set off a commotion that had the board members yelling over each other and members of the audience calling out.

Barbara Rogalle Miller filled out the required card to speak, turned it in, and waited until the end of the meeting when she was called upon by board president Brent Mikulski for her question, which was written on the card.

She asked what it would take to have the board agree to have exit interviews for employees leaving the district.

President Mikulski said they would have School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and the staff come up with a report on that for the board and for the public.

Then he said there was going to be a culture and climate survey of employees in October.

Board member Sherry Frazier said she was surprised at this information.

"I didn't know we had decided to do that," Frazier said and Mikulski referred to memos that had gone back and forth among board members on the internet.

Supt. Van Tassel said the survey will begin in October and it will include parents and administration and it is exactly what is needed.

"My question was about doing exit interviews," Miller said. "It's not clear what you are saying."

Mikulski turned the reply on the survey over to Jeff Moore, the new director of instruction. Moore started to reply and then there was confusion over whether he should be answering a question from the audience and then he was allowed to continue.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Annabelle Road was on stage to entertain a large crowd with country music at last Thursday's Music Lakeside presentation at Horizon Park on the shores of Belleville Lake. The free concert, presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and many sponsors, will feature The Polish Muslims (Polish Rock Ambassadors) at today's 7 p.m. concert and then skip the Aug. 20 Thursday use of the park to make way for the Taste of Belleville and the dedication of the new Canoe/Kayak launch. At 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, the Belleville Community Chorus will perform. That will be this season's ninth – and final – concert.

VBT Board hires new Director of Planning, Economic Development

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ronald A. Akers of Wyandotte will take over as head of the Van Buren Township Department of Planning and Economic Development on Aug. 17.

At the Aug. 4 meeting of the township board, Akers was praised for his experience and recommendations and the board voted unanimously to approve his personal services agreement at a salary of $70,000.

The memo to the board said Akers has worked in planning and economic development since 2008. His roles include capital improvement plans, zoning administration and compliance, industrial development, and site plan reviews.

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in Public Administration and Regional Planning. This fall he is finishing up his graduate degrees in Public Administration and Economic Development at Wayne State University.

He has worked for Blair Township in Northwestern Michigan, Whitewater Township outside Traverse City and currently works at Genoa Township in Livingston County as zoning official.

"Van Buren Township has a lot of opportunities for growth and I'm excited to be a part of it," Akers said.

"No doubt we found the right person," said Clerk Leon Wright.

Supervisor Linda Combs said the interviewing committee consisted of herself, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and McKenna Associates consultant Patrick Sloan, who has been filling in. Supervisor Combs said, "We all agreed he was the best choice."

Ronald A. Akers

Akers replaces Jack Knowles, who resigned as of May 22, saying his resignation was because of "inaccurate statements and grandstanding" by Trustee Jeff Jahr who accused Knowles publicly of not providing information, when it had been provided. He also cited Jahr's "flippant attitude and snippy remarks" which he said he found inexcusable for an elected official.

Knowles was paid $75,000 salary. Knowles took over Dec. 10 after the position was vacant for seven months.

McKenna Associates planning consultants filled in during vacancies.

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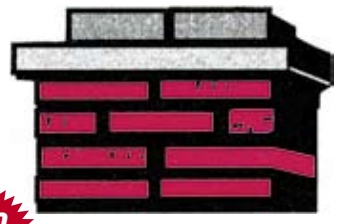

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VBT Board

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Darrell Fecho, who had been an employee of McKenna Associates and helped out at VBT, was hired as Knowles deputy director on April 7 with a salary of $62,400, but has been out on medical since Knowles resigned.

The township is advertising for an interim deputy director at a salary of $60,000.

The parade of men in the director's position started when longtime director Bryce Kelley resigned in late 2008, following the election of Supervisor Paul White, and briefly went to work for the township's planning consultant McKenna Associates.

Dan Swallow was promoted from deputy director to director with a salary of $62,601. Swallow moved on to work for the City of Monroe in January 2011 and Terry Carroll of McKenna Associates filled in and then took over as director. His salary in 2012 was $77,964.

After Carroll was fired Feb. 8, 2013, Arthur Mullen took over as interim director at $77,500 salary and then moved up to $92,300 for the director position in June 2013. Mullen left in July 2014.

Knowles replaced Mullen. Then McKenna Associates filled in again and now Akers is replacing Knowles.

In other business at the Aug. 4 meeting, the board:

• Approved a resolution to send to the State of Michigan supporting "No Reason Absentee Voting," as recommended by Clerk Leon Wright, who said his office would confirm that requests for absentee ballots are thoroughly vetted via signature checks of the application and the returned voted ballot;

• Approved the 2016 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) municipal credit contract, which totals $28,348 for VBT with a local match of $32,597. This money is used for transportation for the elderly and children; and

• In the public comment period, heard Allen Babosh discuss the public safety millage request and the frequent loss of electrical power. He was followed by CeJay Marshall, who spoke on the millage and power outage problems. Paul White spoke on the public safety millage. Marshall returned to speak in support of the millage.

Dennis Roy of Belleville received a $50 gas card for catching this bluegill with a yellow tag out of Houghton Lake, one of three of Michigan's "Other Great Lakes." Nearly 100 new fish have been tagged in Houghton Lake, Higgins Lake, and Lake St. Helen.

Belleville fisherman entered in northern Michigan fishing contest

Dennis Roy of Belleville was fishing in Houghton Lake (Roscommon County) with his granddaughter when he landed a tagged fish in the Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau's Catch Us If You Can fishing contest.

"We are very pleased Dennis caught one of the more than 100 fish tagged in Houghton Lake, Lake St. Helen, and Higgins Lake," said Dave Clouse, president of the tourism bureau.

"This is our 10th anniversary and we are celebrating it in a big way with a chance to win $250,000 and a new Lund boat from Spicer's Boat City, a major contest sponsor."

Roy caught the 8-inch bluegill on July 29 while staying at an area resort. His catch was verified at contest sponsor Lyman's on the Lake and he received a $50 gas card for bringing the tag in.

Anglers can bring their tagged fish in for verification at Lyman's, North Winds Lodge at Higgins Lake, and Trail's End Motel in St. Helen.

"I have been fishing Houghton Lake for nearly 25 years," Roy said. "We have been very successful fishing this year, and it is really exciting to catch the tagged fish."

He is eligible for the drawing in April 2016 at Spicer's Boat City for the grand prize of $250,000 and a Lund boat. There is a guaranteed major prize of $500 cash and $500 in prizes.

Also sponsoring the fishing contest are a number of local businesses including Best Choice Market and Beachfront Hotel.

To celebrate and promote the fishing contest there will be a Fry-In co-sponsored by the HLATB and the Roscommon Area Pilots Association at Blodgett Airport August 15 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The public is invited to the cod dinner at $9/plate, fly-in, and displays from area businesses.

For more information on the contest and Fry-In, contact the HLATB office at 1-989-422-2002, 1-800-676-5330 or email info@visithoughtonlake.com.

Contest rules are found on www.visithoughtonlake.com .

City Council recognizes Auxiliary as non-profit for fund raising event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In order for the Belleville Fire Auxiliary to be able to hold a 50-50 raffle at its upcoming Firefighters' Ball, the city council had to recognize the group as a non-profit organization.

At its regular meeting Monday, the council voted unanimously to recognize the group, which has 501c (3) designation, as non-profit. This approval will now be sent to the state so it can approve the charitable gaming license for the raffle.

Kimberly Keenmon said the ball, to raise money for the fire department, will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn-Belleville on Sept. 26.

Tickets are $60 each or $100 a couple and they hope to get 150 people to attend, Keenmon said, adding, "We're crossing our fingers."

For those wishing to donate items for a raffle, email bellevilleffball@gmail.com .

In other business at Monday's 23-minute meeting the council:

• Heard DPW Director Keith Tackett report on the new playscape being assembled at Village Park. He said most of the primary structure is up and more pieces would be delivered and on Thursday the safety mulch was to be installed. He said then the cement path from the restroom and parking lot to the playscape will be poured. He estimated the playscape will be up and ready to go a week from Friday. The ADA-accessible playscape is being financed through federal Community Development Block Grant funds;

• Learned the young people working for the city under a grant are doing wonderful work. Among many other projects, they helped pour the cement for headstone bases at the cemetery and worked at pulling out weeds and cleaning up areas that the city staff didn't have time to do. They also helped with the playscape erection. The city will write a letter to the grant organization to tell them how much the young workers are appreciated and to encourage them to offer grants next year, too; and

• Went into closed-door session to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations and then adjourned without taking any action.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Monday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 14** – Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Tennis competition at the BHS courts.

• **Thursday, Aug. 13 –** Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with The Polish Muslims (Polka-Rock) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

• **Saturday, Aug. 15 –** Take your Household Hazardous Waste to the Wayne County sponsored collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center located on Warren Road and Nankin Blvd. in Westland.

• **Saturday, Aug. 15 –** Get ready for the fall season. Van Buren Community Soccer Fair, 11 a.m. to noon at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd. Clinic from noon to 1 p.m. vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com

• **Saturday, Aug. 15 –** Belleville Fire Department is hosting an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. at the fire hall. Come tour the fire hall, ask the fire fighters questions, and purchase tickets to the Fire Fighters' Ball, set for Sept. 26. Tickets are $60 each or $100 per couple.

• **Monday, Aug. 17 –** Belleville Area Garden Club invites you to meet with them at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 617 Charles Street, to hear Jennifer Youngquist discuss native birds.

• **Thursday, Aug. 20 –** Belleville Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m., followed by Taste of Belleville. World War II Vets will be honored at the Bridgewalk. Dedication of Kayak/Canoe Launch, plus Rubber Ducky Race and Anthony Richendollar as disc jockey. No Music Lakeside this week.

OPINIONS

Editorial

School Supt. needs to let *Independent* back in buildings

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel has the support of his school board, with only one trustee questioning anything at all that he wants to do. So, the board must agree that employees should not possess the *Independent* in district buildings, because that's his rule.

The recent summary of a community survey of 400 voters aimed at figuring out why the May sinking fund millage failed, pointed out the importance of the paper to the school district.

In Supt. Van Tassel's report to the public in a recent board meeting, he failed to mention the *Independent*, which was emphasized again and again by the professionals. First, they pointed out that 79% of the voters do not have children in the schools and these voters are needed to pass any millage. He announced that.

Most of these voters get their information on the schools from the *Independent* whether he likes it or not. They had a pie chart showing this and other charts. He didn't announce that.

The last sentence in the 51-page Executive Summary by EPIC-MRA, the highly regarded survey firm, reads: "Recognizing the penetration limitations of official newsletter communications, garnering as much coverage concerning the district's efforts to make the most of what it has via the *Belleville Independent* is beneficial."

He might want to rethink his hostility.

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

Angela Nettro, who has been in local real estate for many years, said she is tired of seeing officials figuring the "average" home sale price in the tri-community as $100,000 and the taxable value at half that: $50,000.

This is in connection with the 6.5 mills for VBT public safety on the Nov. 3 ballot, along with the .5 mill for the school district sinking fund on that same ballot.

A $50,000 taxable value would make the Van Buren Township public safety millage cost $325 and the school sinking fund cost $25.

Angela, who is out there selling homes, said she knows the real average home sales price in this area is $190,000, which would give that property a $95,000 taxable value. That would make the 6.5 mills cost $617.50 and the school sinking fund cost $47.50.

"I just wish they would tell the people what they are really going to pay," Angela said.

Then, of course, there is the library question that is expected to come up in the November 2016 election, but will be out of the same local pockets, as well as the Visteon bond payments hanging over the heads of VBT tax payers.

Angela said some of her clients are telling her if the taxes go up again, they will have to move because they won't be able to afford it here anymore.

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More scam reports: I keep getting a notice that what I ordered is ready for delivery, but I didn't order anything. That little message carries a virus.

Another one of our readers brought in an official-looking letter from the "United States Office of Personnel Management" that said her personal information may have been exposed during a cybersecurity incident.

The letter says while they are not aware of any misuse of her information, it would be a good idea to sign up for CSID Protector Plus service because she should worry about her security.

She says they are trying to scare her into signing up for a service she doesn't need. She doesn't buy anything on line because she doesn't trust such sites and has cut off all social media, which has brought viruses into her email.

This is another alert from our readers.

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Buddy Hamrick said he brings the *Independent* to his mother-in-law Alyce Supina of Sumpter Township, who recently turned 100 years old.

Buddy said Alyce has had problems with macular degeneration and most of the sight of one eye is gone. But, she uses a magnifying glass to read the *Independent*.

The picture of her reading the *Independent* that way, touches my heart and commits me, again, to making sure everything she struggles to read is absolutely accurate.

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In the July 30 edition of the *The Eagle*, published by Associated Newspapers, there are legal notices from Wayne County telling of the expansion of drainage districts throughout the county. There are 33 sections readjusted in Van Buren Township, two in Belleville (Bunton Drain and Hubbard Drain), and many, many more throughout the county.

The county's Day of Review was set for Aug. 12. Maps showing the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each drainage district can be reviewed at www.waynecounty.com/doe .

Costs for the drains are collected the same way as property taxes. All this is to say, if you don't check this out you may find a surprise assessment on your property taxes. After all, the county needs money.

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Jim Luke suggests that an extra lane on southbound Sumpter Road heading out of the city might be a good safety idea. He said when someone stops to turn left into the Dollar Store, cars are backed up and sometimes a car ends up waiting in the middle of the railroad track. Not good.

I've heard of a recent rear-end collision there. Others have urged an extra lane there to keep drivers safe, but it always has fallen on deaf ears.

Jim is 91 years old and is recovering from surgery. He's ready to start his 71st year as an usher at U of M football games.

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Letters

Supervisor Combs replies to Paul White

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter by Paul White, in which he accuses me of trying to discredit him and impugn his character, also of presenting a "bait and switch" scenario to residents regarding the millage. This simply is not true. It is true that the Van Buren Township board approved a ballot question seeking 6.5 mills for Public Safety. And yes, we are also facing a shortfall in funds to make upcoming payments on the "Visteon" bonds.

During Mr. White's tenure as Supervisor, he helped to negotiate a settlement during Visteon's bankruptcy proceedings. The settlement was for $10 million, which we received in the form of Visteon stock. Since the township is prohibited by law from holding stocks, they were sold for $5.7 million, (a discount of 53%). This payment was to reimburse the township for unrealized tax revenues for which Visteon received abatements. The resulting $5.7 million is being used to make the current bond payments. Those funds will be depleted in 2018. Mr. White has been well aware that the township would need to plan for that eventuality, although he did nothing to formulate any plan during his administration, instead choosing to leave his successors to deal with it. Well Mr. White, the chickens have come home to roost - we need to plan and save now to meet our obligations in 2018.

Public Safety costs over $7 million a year to operate. The current 4 mills bring in approximately $3.4 million annually. The landfill grant provides another $1 million, leaving $3+ million to come from the General Fund, in addition to funding all other operations of the township government. With the shortfall looming in the very near future, we must start saving now!

An additional 2.5 mills would generate approximately $2.1 million. By designating it for Public Safety, it could only be used for that purpose. The total 6.5 mills would generate $5.6 million a year, dedicated to Public Safety. The added guaranteed $1 million grant from the landfill would increase Public Safety funding to $6.6 million, which would be over 85% of the annual budget for police, fire, dispatch, animal control and ordinance enforcement. And yes, this would allow us to save approximately $2 million a year toward the bond payments, which we are required by law to make. This is not "bait and switch", it is sound financial management to anticipate future needs and put a plan in place to meet those needs.

Regarding the landfill revenue – we receive approximately $2.5 million in annual tipping fees and $365,000 in guarantees. The guarantees are used for what they are designated – public safety, recreation, environmental and cultural, while the tipping fees are deposited and used as needed for general operating expenses. Property taxes continue to be less than in past years, for example in 2008 we collected $972,149 and in 2014 we received $796,222 – a decrease of 8%. Because we are a Charter Township by Resolution, we can only assess .9144 mills for general operations. For 2015, that is expected to generate about $780,000. Using my own property taxes as an example, of the $1,150 that I've paid, only $33.77 was allocated for township operations! Also, due to the decrease in property values, I am now paying close to the same amount that I paid in 2000. While revenue has decreased, expenses have not. Your township board makes every effort to keep expenditures at a minimum. Several vacant positions in the township have not been filled, major purchases have been postponed, overtime has been reduced, vehicles are kept in service longer before being replaced and every department director has had to do more with less. Your public servants are not wasting your tax dollars!

Mr. White, as usual, has given you only part of the story. The bottom line is – in 2003 our elected officials took the advice of professionals from the local, state, and national levels all of whom advocated for the Visteon development and assured the board that they were doing the right thing. Based on that, the board voted to sell bonds to finance the infrastructure for Visteon Village. No one could have predicted the great recession and Visteon's eventual bankruptcy. It is wrong to attempt to lay the blame at anyone's doorstep for this situation, but the fact remains that we are legally obligated to make those bond payments. A failure to do so could cause the State of Michigan to step in and take drastic measures to see that the debt is paid. Your current board is attempting to avoid such a situation by seeking dedicated funding for Public Safety. Those dedicated

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funds would be exempt from any future state mandates that might arise from our inability to pay the bonds.

We have taken steps to mitigate our damages, such as refinancing eligible bonds to save over $1 million in interest charges, filing a lawsuit against Visteon with the hope that the court will compel them to shoulder their obligations and assist us. In the meantime we must make plans to ensure that we have the funds available when and if needed. By saving $2 million a year we will be placing the township in a much better position to deal with the inevitable shortfall and the increased millage would enable us to have a dedicated revenue stream for Public Safety.

Sincerely,
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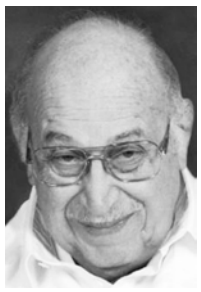

John R. Forsyth

JOHN R. FORSYTH
(April 1, 1937– August 3, 2015)
John R. Forsyth, 78, of Traverse City and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away in Denver, CO on August 3, 2015. John was born on April 1, 1937 to Russell and Eda Forsyth. His father was the Ypsilanti Fire Chief during John's childhood, and John carried on this tradition himself as a Fire Commissioner of Ypsilanti for 33 years.
John's career was in education; he received his Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University, and went on to teach in middle school, retiring as principal after 33 years at Belleville Middle School North in the Van Buren School District. His love of education continues with the legacy of a scholarship fund established to aid a graduating Van Buren School District senior in attending EMU.
Those who knew him know that John was a sociable, civic-oriented man who never passed up an opportunity to be of service to others. He was past president of the Ypsilanti Jaycees and of the Washtenaw 100 Club. He also participated in many other community activities and organizations.
John's love of sports was a life-long passion. An accomplished athlete, he played football during his school years, and coached middle school sports during his teaching career.
John married his wife Bonnie in October 2007. They both had a love of Northern Michigan and decided to make their primary home in Traverse City, a place where John had vacationed since he was a young boy. They spent winters in Sun City Center, FL. John greatly enjoyed traveling, and by the time of his death, John had visited 35 countries and 48 of the United States. He also liked nothing better than socializing with friends, entertaining visitors to Traverse City, and exploring new restaurants and cultural events.
John is survived by his wife Bonnie; cousins Carol Draveling of Blue Springs, MO and Shirley Gurley of St. Louis, MO; aunt Pauline Gabrielson; stepdaughter Mary Elizabeth (Beau Weaver) Jurgensen; stepson Tye (Jayne Ayers) Jurgensen; stepdaughter-in-law Michele Jurgensen; and five step-grandchildren.
John was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother Thomas. A service of remembrance celebrating John's life was held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. John will be interred at the Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti at a later date.
Memorial contributions may be directed to the Washtenaw 100 Club in Ypsilanti. Please visit their website for more information. You are invited to visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to sign John's online guestbook.

Lauren Kay Taylor

LAUREN KAY TAYLOR
(April 24, 1959 – August 9, 2015)
Lauren Kay Taylor, age 56, of Belleville passed away August 9.
Lauren is the beloved mother of Kevin (Kayla) Taylor and Brian Taylor; Mrs. Taylor is also survived by her grandson Noah, another grandchild on-the-way, and siblings Lynne (Larry) Nowak and Lee Ann Wheelock. She is also survived by many loving family and friends. A lifelong resident of Belleville, Lauren will be missed by her family.
A memorial visitation has been arranged for 4 until 7 p.m., Thursday at the David C. Brown funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. An informal sharing ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com .

Marjorie Dolores Kelley

MARJORIE DOLORES KELLEY
(July 16, 1921 – August 2, 2015)
Marjorie Dolores Kelley, age 94, of Freemont was the beloved wife of the late William (d. 1994); loving mother of Michael W. (Barbara) Kelley; and cherished grandmother of Jackie (David) Zeilinger, Katie (Rob) Vetor and Mike (Amy) Kelley. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her son, William D. Kelley, Jr. (d. 1941).
Marjorie enjoyed music, Lawrence Welk, following the stock market and her investments, and spending time with family and friends.
Funeral services for Mrs. Kelley were held at 10 a.m., Monday, August 10, at the David C. Brown Funeral home. The Kelley family greeted guests from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Visiting hours also were held Sunday from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m.
Entombment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.
Memorial contributions may be directed to Spectrum Health Hospice of West Michigan or the American Heart Association.
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JOHN BRUCE QUICK
(May 1, 1948 – August 3, 2015)
Age 67. Survived by wife Shelli, two daughters Lauren and Lindsay, son John (Diane) and their children Natalia and Nicholas. Service was Aug. 10 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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More Letters

Attend Soccer Fair this Saturday at WCCC

To the Editor:
This is a letter to Soccer Members:

Thank you for registering for the upcoming fall 2015 Soccer Season. We are so excited to get the soccer season going. We are looking forward to the players and coaches that will be returning and we welcome all new players and coaches. We would like to thank the parents and families as well for all the support in our community and being able to keep our program going.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Please attend our Van Buren Community Soccer Fair from 11 a.m. to noon this Saturday at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. This will be held in the front room when you enter the front entrance. We will also be having a short clinic from noon to 1 p.m. if players would like to stay after and learn some new moves from some of our VBCSA select coaches. Please make sure to have your player wear tennis shoes or cleats and please have them bring a ball. This will be held outside.

Please check in at your team's table to get your uniform and paperwork and meet your coach.

If you are coaching for the fall 2015 season, please arrive by 10 a.m. for a coaches' meeting. We will discuss paperwork, rule changes and the upcoming 2015 soccer season. If you are unable to make it, please email us at vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com right away.

A couple of friendly reminders:

• On this date we will have a shoe exchange. If your child has outgrown their shoes, shorts, socks, shin guards, please bring them so we can enjoy our first Leave-'em if you Got-'em, Take-'em if you Need-'em exchange. Please help our families that cannot afford to purchase equipment every season.

• Fall season is scheduled to start Sept. 12.

• Coaches will be receiving their rosters in the next couple of days. Rosters could possibly change, if needed. We will also be accepting open registration at our VBCSA Soccer Fair. So, rosters may get additional players, if needed.

• Soccer jerseys for our recreational program will not be available until later in August. Coaches will be given jerseys and they will hand them out to players.

• Pride development program will start on Saturday, Sept. 12. Time is TBD. More information once the scheduling is complete.

• Scheduling for our VBCSA Select will be completed mid-August, U9-U14 Travel Rec, In House Rec, and Pride Development will be completed in late August.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns in the next couple of weeks. We are here to help and always looking for suggestions. If you see a fellow VBCS player, family, or member around, just say Hello!

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Court Watching:

James Chapman due to be released from jail on Sunday, Aug. 16

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 55, of Van Buren Township, who was jailed for 183 days for a trespassing violation in VBT, plus violation of a court order, will be released for good behavior on Sunday, Aug. 16.

He was taken into custody March 17 and has been serving time in the Clare County Jail in Harrison, MI, after being sentenced at 34th District Court in Romulus.

Chapman's attorney John Day has filed a motion with circuit court to appeal Chapman's conviction. That motion will be heard Aug. 14.

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She was born Aug. 3, 1915 in Milan and has been a Sumpter resident since 1946, living in the same house on Sumpter Road all that time.

Her husband Michael Supina died at age 99 on June 15, 2013, just before his 100th birthday in August.

The couple had two children. Michael, Jr. died at age 17 in 1971, drowning in a local gravel pit. Mr. Supina, who had worked at Ford Motor Company for 36 years, retired from Ford the day their son died.

Their daughter Patricia Hamrick died in 2010 and her husband Buddy Hamrick has taken over the role of caretaker for his mother-in-law.

Alyce and Michael enjoyed farming their 20-30 acres of strawberries in Sumpter, along with other farming and family gardens.

She attributes their long lives to good country living.

Buddy said his mother-in-law is "pretty independent," still taking care of herself and doing her own cooking. A few days before her 100th birthday, Alyce wasn't feeling well, so Buddy took her to a

hospital emergency room. But she refused to be admitted to the hospital to be treated for a low pulse. She felt much better after she returned home, he reported.

Alyce's brother John Mangus, 89, drove up from Columbus, Ohio, for his sister's birthday party.

Alyce's granddaughter is Patricia Polderdyke of Southfield. Great-grandsons are Brett Smith of Garden City and Jacob Smith of Wayne. Great-great-granddaughter is Addalynn Smith of Garden City, who turned one year old just before Alyce's 100th birthday.

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On Monday evening the Belleville Fire Department was treated to a pizza dinner at Benito's Pizza in Sumpter Township, courtesy of Roy Acho and his family and a handful of supporters who wanted to show community support for the fire fighters.

More Letters

Belleville Fire Fighters appreciate local support

To the Editor:

Bravery, Courage, Strength, honor and dedication are just a few words that describe the men and women of the Belleville Fire Department.

When the alarm sounds; no matter the time of day or weather outside, they stop what they are doing to run to the rescue.

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With the help and support of the Auxiliary, who are also sometimes found on scene lending a hand, these brave men and women are an asset to the community.

This past Monday a few members of the community came together to help and support the efforts of these brave men and women.

The Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary would like to say a special thank you to Roy Acho and family at the Benito's Pizza in Sumpter for a wonderful dinner, Sister Marty Cherney of St. Anthony's for a delicious dessert, and Kay Atkins and Judy Bell of Belleville for donating door prizes.

The continued support of the community we serve is much appreciated to the BFD and Auxiliary.

Sincerely,
Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary

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Aug. 8 – Michael Pontius
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School Board

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Moore said this is the first year this has been done. "We have not done this before, although in the past there was a climate survey but … not a lot of action was taken in the past as a result."

He said this new survey is from the National Center for Climate and Culture. Then he revised that to National School Climate and Culture survey.

"When did the board pass this?" Miller asked, noting she had been to the last several meetings and doesn't remember the survey being mentioned. Mikulski said it was not brought to the table, but it was discussed in a memo to the board and no board action has been taken.

"Is there an expense to it? A cost? Was it authorized?" she asked and she was told it was not authorized.

"It's always paid in accounts payable," said Board Vice President Martha Toth, referring to similar expenses.

"I submitted a question," Miller pressed, referring to asking about exit interviews.

Mikulski said he didn't have details and Van Tassel will provide details to the board as well as to her.

"There is a perception in the community," Miller began. She said it appears there is low morale in the teaching staff, precipitous departures, abnormally low retention rate of staff.

She said she would like the board to put exit interviews on the agenda and discuss them openly.

"I hear from the community and there's the perception of so much darkness in the schools," Miller said. "If you don't know, I'm telling you."

There was no reply to her comments.

The board then turned to hear Van Tassel list what would be on next Monday's work/study session, which he wanted to be a special meeting instead so votes could be taken.

Frazier asked that exit interviews be added to that agenda.

She said that a couple of meetings ago Richard Rytman suggested exit interviews and he recently sent a letter to the board members asking if any had reached out to Kelly Villa after her resignation. She said she called Villa right away.

(In his Aug. 4 letter to board members, Rytman presented information on the climate survey of teachers he had suggested. He said he would try to attend the Aug. 10 meeting of the board to discuss this professional survey, but his work schedule is very busy. He was not present at that meeting.)

"Ms. Miller represents a good portion of the 79% of people who do not have children in the schools," she said, pointing out these are voters the district needs, as the recent survey of voters pointed out.

"We need to address exit interviews," Frazier said. "We need to not sweep it under the rug, but discuss it openly. Professional exit interviews can be very beneficial to the organization that uses them."

Then, Frazier said 80% of people leave their jobs because of management and Trustee Kathy Kovach interrupted her to question that figure. While Frazier started to explain her source, Toth began talking over her comments.

Toth said what the board is doing in discussing exit interviews is misleading to the public because, she said to Frazier, "You're never going to get a second for your motion." Toth had told Frazier at a previous meeting that no one on the board will support her motion to discuss exit interviews.

"We want to find out what is the root of the problem," Frazier said, while Toth talked over her.

"You're not addressing the question," parent Jayme Schellenberger called out from the audience, referring to Miller's question.

Everybody started talking at once and Miller asked Toth if she was speaking for the whole board in saying there was no support for discussing exit interviews.

When board members criticized Frazier for mentioning exit interviews, Miller said, "The community is grateful when board members speak up."

"It's not going to go away until we address it," Frazier said.

Also at Monday's regular meeting, the board:

• Ratified the Van Buren Administrators & Supervisors Association (VBASA) economic reopener contract change that gives everyone a 1% raise for the 2015-16 school year. Budget implication is $21,973.62;

• Ratified the Van Buren Association

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The family of **Liam Oren** and **Leo's Coney Island** are teaming up for a fundraiser on Thursday, Aug. 20, where 10% of the proceeds will go to Liam, a two year old who is battling Stage 4 neuroblastoma. Liam is the grandson of the Walsh family from St. Anthony Church in Belleville.

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School Board

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of Educational Secretaries (VBAES) economic reopener contract change that gives everyone a 1% raise for the 2015-16 school year. Budget implication is $12,798.59. Also, a part of the tentatively approved language is personal business days to remain in sick bank (to match the rest of the district's contracts), Owen secretaries to move from 203 days to 210 days per year, and vacation days for 261-day employees will change from five days to ten days in the first year;

• Heard board vice president Martha Toth ask if it was correct that all the employee contracts now are addressed except for the executive secretaries and the superintendent and Director of Human Resources Shonta Langford-Green said that was correct;

• Approved replacement of the lift (hoist) for the burned out bus garage by Allied, Inc. in the amount of $55,035.06, including installation, covered 100% by insurance. The district received three bids and this one is neither the highest nor the lowest, but is an exact replacement of what was lost in the November 2014 fire, said James Williams, Director of Plant Operations. He said the structural steel is in place as rebuilding begins at the bus garage site and the bus garage is expected to be ready for use next September;

• Approved purchase of the K-7 Science Kit/Curriculum at a total cost of $112,576.57, which already is budgeted for the 2015-16 school year out of general funds. Costs to replenish the kits in future years are estimated to be $29,000. The purchase of the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center Science Curriculum Kits was recommended by Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction;

• Approved the milk and bread low bids for the 2015-16 school year, as recommended by the Southeast Wayne County Buying Cooperative Group. The milk bid was awarded to Sun Valley/Berkshire Dairy. The bread bid was awarded to Great Lakes Bakery;

• Approved the bid of Domino's Pizza to provide fresh-made pizza to the schools for the 2015-16 school year, as it did last year. Cost is $6.65 per 14"-16" pepperoni pizza and $6.99 for a veggie pizza. Papa John's Pizza bid $6.50 for all pizzas. Food Service Supervisor Karen Waller recommended Domino's, which she said is within district boundaries, has a baking/delivery crew in place, and the district did not experience any problems in the past. Papa John's proposal is for a store on Washtenaw Road between Golfside and Carpenter roads. She said there is a concern if pizzas will be delivered on time and pizza quality. Also, Papa John's was not able to provide any school references in the state;

• Approved the resignation of Sandra Hutchins, who served in Food Service for a year, for a new job opportunity, as of July 31; and the retirement of Diana Soderberg, a custodian for 21 years, as of July 31;

• Approved hiring Nancy Begely for Payroll at the Administration Building, as of Aug. 10;

• Approved the McBride 8th Grade Washington, D.C. deluxe motor coach trip in spring 2016, on a date to be determined based on 2016 M-Step Testing. Teacher Jason Strzalkowski said they would like to have the eighth graders gone on the trip while the seventh graders are taking the test. There is no date set for the testing, as yet. Cost to each student for the trip is $689 with some scholarships available; and

• Heard State Rep. Kristy Pagan give a brief report on educational matters at the state legislative level.

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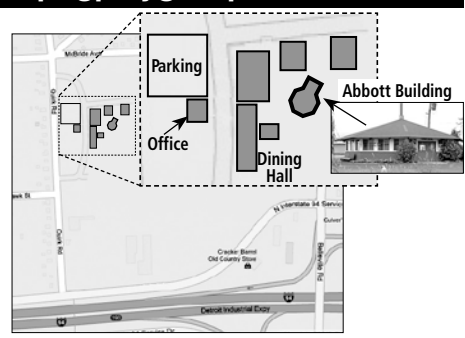

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2015; Prepaid List of July 24, 2015; Prepaid List of July 29, 2015; Voucher List of August 4, 2015; Resolution 2015-32 supporting "No Reason Absentee Voting" and approval of the 2016 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Contract.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Wright thanked RECALL Corporation for providing the annual free shred day on Saturday August 1, 2015 and Public Services Department personnel Kirk Jenkins, Mike Burgor and Jeff Fondaw for their assistance in making this service to the community a success.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the job description and Personal Services agreement with Ronald A. Akers and the Township and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. [Mr. Akers has been selected to fill the position of Director of Planning and Economic Development with a start date of August 17, 2015]. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Beck Road is currently closed between Tyler Rd. and Ecorse Rd. while the Detroit Water and Sewer Department completes water main repairs.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents commented on: The need for the Board to show budget cuts and savings in order to pass the Public Safety Millage; requested the Board contact DTE Energy to determine why areas in the Township consistently experience power outages and that this could possibly be a result of the use of sub-contractors; Van Buren Township has the second lowest tax rate in Wayne County; most of the taxes on residents tax bills go to other entities with a significant portion going to Wayne County; that the Public Safety millage is a bait and switch to pay the Visteon bonds and that the Supervisor made statements, she denied, at the recent LDFA meeting.

Supervisor Combs said she would contact DTE Energy to determine power outages in the area and how we compare to other communities. She stands by any statements made, fully supports the Public Safety Department and is also well aware of the Visteon bond debt which will need to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Published: August 13, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening

Interim Deputy Planning and Economic Development Director

OPENING DATE: 07/29/15

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Developmental Services

SALARY: Annual Salary of $60,000 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:
Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Interim Deputy Planning and Economic Development Director.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.
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Please submit a cover letter, resume and current salary history to: vbthr@vanburen-mi.org.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
JOB VACANCY POSTING

Position Title: Water Worker I

Department: Department of Public Works

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** AFSCME

Opening Date: July 21, 2015 **Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: $15.50

91 Day Hourly Wage: $16.47

18 Month Hourly Wage: $17.45

General Duty Statement:
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More Letters

VBALL announces baseball, softball clinics

To the Editor:

The Van Buren Area Little League (VBALL) will be hosting baseball and softball clinics at Beck Fields on Beck Road in Van Buren Township.

The baseball clinic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22, and the clinic for softball will be held Sunday, Aug. 23. Sign-in begins at 9 a.m., with clinics beginning at 10 a.m.

The clinic for ages 6-8 will be held from 10 until noon; ages 9-10 will be held from noon until 2 p.m.; and ages 11-13 will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. These times are the same for both Saturday and Sunday.

Van Buren Area Little League is fortunate to have Belleville's Varsity Softball Coach Peggy Curtis, Pitching Coach Samantha Cole, the Best of the Best hitting coach Brian Barnes, and other BHS Alumni Baseball and Softball players partaking as coaches for these clinics.

The cost is $10 for players registered with VBALL during the spring or fall seasons and $20 for other players currently not registered with VBALL.

Players will receive instruction on hitting, pitching/catching, fielding and throwing.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity for your child to be coached by some of the finest coaches in our area and the opportunity to increase your son or daughter's ability on the softball or baseball diamond.

For questions regarding these clinics, please send them to vanburenarealittleleague@yahoo.com .

Thank you,
Marc Littleson
President of VBALL

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Aug. 13 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 18 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, August 26, 2015, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1997	GEO	2D	2CNBJ1861V6925336	15-10036
2004	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NE52F04M662654	15-10417
2008	MERCURY	SW	4M2CU97108J07581	15-10955
1998	ROCKWOOD	TC	4X4CFM211WD056100	15-11687
2006	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG558664120843	15-12715
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U31A161428	15-13123
1999	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KY549XXU916715	15-14040
1997	CHEVROLET	SW	1GCDM19W9VB175944	15-14433
1991	FORD	4D	1FAPP36X4MK184729	15-14569
2000	FORD	PU	2FTRF17Z4YCA99605	15-15206
2007	DODGE	4D	1B3HB48B17D595004	15-15537

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1994	OLDSMOBILE	SW	1GHDU06L8RT321989	15-12332
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL75R84N355749	15-12729
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP55U91G129612	15-13848
1997	PLYMOUTH	2D	1P3ES42Y1VD209242	15-14078
1997	FORD	4D	2FALP71W6VX147684	15-14500
1997	AUDI	4D	WAUAA88G2VN003247	15-14588
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL46X94N217827	15-14588
2006	TOYOTA	SW	JTMZD31V165003864	15-14863
1996	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3GR62C9T4110654	15-15228

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: August 13, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 633 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 2:
0049 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0234 – assault & battery, Freedom Way
0333 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Montague Ave.
0343 – noise complaint, Ash
0513 – larceny from auto, Westlake
0858 – suspicious person, I-94 Service/VB Park
0859 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0915 – larceny from auto, Beckley
0917 – private property accident, McBride Ave.
1007 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd.
1020 – larceny from auto, Westlake
1232 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1328 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1348 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1413 – larceny from auto, Water's Edge Ln.
1427 – disorderly conduct, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1429 – hunting complaint, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1505 – agency assist, Martz Rd.
1741 – PPO violation, Pebblebrook Dr.
1828 – larceny, Maple Dr.
1836 – disorderly conduct, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1858 – disorderly conduct, S. Timberview Dr.
2003 – harassment call, Maurice Dr.
2004 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd.
2118 – assault & battery, Beckley
2132 – retail fraud, Belleville
2312 – wires down, Belleville Rd.
2329 – traffic hazard, Beck/Tyler

Monday, Aug. 3:
0046 – traffic hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Farm Rd.
0323 – suspicious situation, Archwood
0330 – suspicious person, Filmore St.
0712 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
0746 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0758 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0814 – private property accident, Belleville
0831 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0921 – malicious destruction of property, Hoeft Rd.
1150 – private property incident, Van Born
1223 – noise complaint, W. Archwood
1426 – abandoned auto, Camden Rd.
1446 – assault & battery, Park Estates
1536 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1537 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1554 – animal bite, Park Estates
1727 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1750 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Ecorse
1828 – breaking & entering, Richards
2000 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2056 – suicide or attempt, Denton Rd.
2305 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2317 – noise complaint, Westlake
2347 – retail fraud, Belleville

Tuesday, Aug. 4:
0259 – agency assist, Ecorse/Van Born
0402 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd./Tyler Rd.
0745 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0810 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1109 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
1123 – lost property, Van Buren Park
1203 – larceny, Peachtree Ln.
1422 – suspicious person, Arthur/McBride
1429 – child abuse, Harbour Club
1502 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1538 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1616 – juvenile complaint, Cedarhursst Dr.
1653 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1658 – suspicious situation, Fairbanks St.
1701 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Independence
1804 – juvenile complaint, N. Timberview Dr.
1813 – suspicious situation, Buchanan St.
1900 – larceny from auto, Richardo Dr.
2033 – suspicious person, E. Walden Dr./Solitude

Wednesday, Aug. 5:
0407 – property damage accident, Jackson St.
0630 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0658 – trespassing, Water's Edge
0836 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./ Haggerty Rd.
0922 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1037 – suspicious person, Becky and Jessica's
1050 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1245 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1250 – intimidation threat, Waters Edge Ln.
1418 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1502 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1508 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1519 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1612 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.
1619 – abandoned auto, Camden Rd.
1636 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1722 – fraud, Meadows Ln.
1804 – ATV/ORV complaint, Hull Rd./Hoeft Rd.
1819 – intimidation threat, Country Walk Ct.
1907 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hull Rd.
2027 – breaking & entering, Borgman
2221 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 6:
0743 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
0930 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1124 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.
1150 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1429 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1516 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville BP
1550 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
1825 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.
1911 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2004 – juvenile complaint, Richard Run

Friday, Aug. 7:
0108 – missing person, W. Archwood Dr.
0221 – disturbance, Cherry Ln.
0236 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0758 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0834 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1402 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1455 – shots fired, Dewitt Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1637 – hold-up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1657 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1810 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2131 – sexual assault, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2213 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2313 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 8:
0208 – disturbance, E. Huron River Dr.
0212 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0239 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
0833 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1018 – private property accident, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1114 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1706 – fraud, BP Ecorse
1711 – missing person, Ayres Ave.
1836 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1909 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.
2023 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
2117 – malicious destruction of property, Andover
2340 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 108 traffic stops, 13 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 2:
1512 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1726 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1855 – agency assist, Pebblebrook
2100 – motorist assist, Main St./South St.
2225 – vehicle lockout, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2310 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
2331 – disorderly conduct, Main St.

Monday, Aug. 3:
0048 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0207 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0929 – vehicle lockout, Estrada Dr.
1035 – property damage accident, Main St./Huron River Dr.
1127 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd.
1150 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1338 – follow up, Carmell St.
1450 – private property accident, Main St./Denton
1546 – domestic assault, Carmell
1625 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1651 – domestic assault, N. Biggs Ave.
1805 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
1811 – found property, Main St.
1920 – ATV/ORV complaint, Victoria Commons
2020 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Aug. 4:
0206 – suspicious situation, Estrada
1132 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1314 – agency assist, Potter Dr.
1948 – malicious destruction of property, N. Biggs
2100 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd.
2207 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Bay Pointe Dr.
2214 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
2309 – family trouble, Carmell St.

Wednesday, Aug. 5:
0605 – motorist assist, Fifth St./Main St.
1053 – fraud, Main St.
1100 – abandoned auto, Potter Dr.
1413 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St./Second St.
1421 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
2003 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
2023 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.
2044 – suspicious situation, Main St./Fifth St.

Thursday, Aug. 6:
0138 – property check, Potter Dr.
0159 – suspicious person, Robbe St./Madelon St.
1209 – private property incident, Estrada
2140 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2149 – welfare check, South St.
2351 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Friday, Aug. 7:
0138 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Main St.
0318 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr./S. Edgemont Ave.
0451 – suspicious vehicle, Loza Ln.
1001 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1218 – disturbance, Owen
1355 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1557 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
1707 – hold-up alarm, Third St.
1924 – suspicious person, Santa Clara St.
2047 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2106 – narcotics crime, Astor Pl.
2119 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 8:
0059 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
0145 – civil matter, Church St.
0217 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr.
0237 – juvenile complaint, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.
0435 – suspicious person, Chase Bank
1442 – animal complaint, Sumpter/tracks
1730 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1744 – disturbance, Estrada
2103 – fireworks, Estrada

Also on this week's log are 99 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 2:
0916 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1322 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1949 – ORV complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2029 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2123 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Bemis
2153 – fireworks complaint, Montana
2321 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Monday, Aug. 3:
0215 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0638 – traffic hazard, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0836 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0941 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1141 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1506 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1543 – malicious destruction of property, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1600 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1612 – found property, Stonecrest
1644 – animal complaint, Second St.
1741 – disorderly person, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1954 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2041 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2058 – subpoena service, Country Club Blvd.
2201 – traffic hazard, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 4:
0340 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0814 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
0844 – assist other agency, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1013 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1033 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1036 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Judd
1108 – citizen assist, Texas
1403 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1500 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1601 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1710 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1715 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1729 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1731 – mental health commitment, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1807 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1828 – identity theft, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1934 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 5:
1148 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Paris
1347 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1540 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willis
1707 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1835 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1924 – ORV complaint, California
1929 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2205 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 6:
0156 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0825 – civil dispute, New Mexico
0854 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1048 – neighbor dispute, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1110 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1407 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1734 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1735 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1755 – ORV complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1807 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1918 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2324 – warrant pick up, Sumpter/Bemis

Friday, Aug. 7:
0306 – warrant pick up, out of township
0914 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1129 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1241 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1536 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1654 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1658 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.
1945 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2217 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 8:
0220 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
0907 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1624 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1924 – breaking & entering, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2148 – threats complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster
2153 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2223 – 911 hang up, Nevada
2315 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2353 – ORV complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 11 follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 180 patrol checks, and 47 traffic stops.

Benefit for Dorothy Ryznar is Aug. 23 at Romulus VFW

A Cancer-Treatment Fund Raiser for Dorothy Ryznar will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Romulus VFW, 39270 W. Huron River Drive, Romulus 48174. The meal is $5 per plate and there will be 50/50, raffles, baskets, and T-shirts.

"I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member."
– Groucho Marx

More Letters

Open letter to VBT Board of Trustees

Open Letter to the Van Buren Township Board:

I'd like to suggest you add the word "Valid" to any reference to the NFPA Fire Inspectors I & II and Certified Fire Plan Examiner requirement in the job descriptions you plan to address.

NFPA requires recertification every three years to maintain currency and relevancy. Documentation and proof of attendance/ participation is required.

I find it ironic that Fire Inspector Anthony Karver was fired for not having a Fire Inspector II certificate while our Fire Chief's valid certification expired October 24, 2008, almost seven years ago. Which casts a shadow on Besson's promotion, as having a Fire Inspector II certification was probably a contributing factor to the promotion.

But let's face it, Karver was fired to protect Floro who continues to be defiant in disregard to policy. He worked three consecutive 12-hour shifts on June 25-26 without the required six-hour break.

Requiring recertification through NFPA keeps our employees current in their skills and knowledge.

Respectfully,
Diane Madigan
Van Buren Township

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Sunday
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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