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Jet skis collide jumping wakes on Belleville Lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two brothers, aged 16 and 14, from Ferndale on one jet ski and one 17 year-old male from Saginaw on another jet ski were involved in an accident on Belleville Lake at 4:50 p.m., Aug. 3.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said those involved all knew each other and were recklessly operating their jet skis and jumping wakes when they collided in the air.

The 16 year old was uninjured and the other two had non-life-threatening injuries.

They were cited for reckless operation and expired registration.

A witness said the injured were loaded into an ambulance at Hayward's.

Lt. Bazy said their father brought them down to ride on the lake while he visited someone in Belleville.

Lt. Bazy said the VBT department had to fill out a DNR Water Crash report.

Court Watching:

James Chapman waives preliminary exam, sent on to circuit court

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 55, waived his preliminary exam before 34th District court Judge David Parrott on Sept. 2 and was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16.

This was for the felony charge of aggravated stalking. He was being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$25,000 cash bond which pretrial services at the jail reduced to 10% plus a tether. Chapman was
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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Every year on the first day of school, retired teachers from the Van Buren Public Schools gather in front of Victory Station at Five Points early in the morning to wave to the students on the buses going by to the schools. The first day of school this year was Tuesday and these were the wavers.

VBT denies request for Industrial Development District

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The request of Ashley Crossroads North to establish Industrial District #25 was denied by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Sept. 1.

The property is near the northwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads.

During the public hearing held at the beginning of the meeting, Treasurer Sharry Budd reported that the planning commission looked at the plans Ashley Capital had in May and some items had to be addressed.

When the traffic problem was mentioned, Budd said, Ashley said they didn't have to change anything because Wayne County didn't require it.

Budd said they have no site plan and necessary rezoning of some of the lots were not done. She told the other board members that they should table the industrial district request.

"When they've got something, they can bring it back," Budd said.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said they could hold the public hearing and postpone action.

"I don't want to postpone," Budd said. "I want to turn this down."

Trustee Jahr said he has a problem with taking action on an item the same night as the public hearing because, to the public, it looks like a done deal.

Township assessment coordinator Linda Stevenson said on July 31 she received a request to establish this district on 283 acres.

"I don't see Mr. [Michael] Balow here from Ashley tonight," Stevenson said.

She said the map of the proposed district shows different zoning and the residential is around the industrial parcels.

The township's new director of planning and economic development, Ron Akers, said he doesn't have all the information on the project.

Trustee Reggie Miller said at the work/study session on the project, the Ashley representative said they wanted to have the industrial district because it would draw businesses into their development based on the tax abatement.

"We don't know who's going in there," Trustee Miller said, adding she would vote no to establishing the district. "I'm glad Sharry spoke up."

Budd said at an earlier meeting residents voiced concern about water in the field and their home values declining on Haggerty Road and whether they can sell their property.

"Would Ashley finish work with Wayne County?" asked Trustee Brenda McClanahan.

"They have to have the work done before bringing it back to the planning commission," Budd said.

Trustee McClanahan said the Ashley representative said they were seeking the industrial district for the future. She said she thought it was a little premature.

Budd said on the south side of Ecorse at the present Ashley location, they rent the buildings and she never knew them to sell.

McClanahan recalled they said they would sell them or lease them or both.

Resident John Delaney said the tax abatement was a selling point for Ashley and it would be "a tax abatement that comes with a set of keys." He said this
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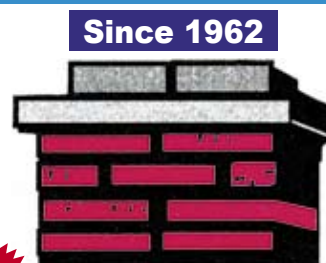
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VBT Board

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would be nothing but a set of headaches for the township and its residents.

He said 47 parcels along Ecorse and Van Born got notices and only one resident is here at the meeting.

Delaney reminded the board that if the township approves a district and then turns down a tax abatement they can go to the state and the state will approve it.

“I think the board has indicated we will not sit back and let it happen...” said Supervisor Linda Combs.

When the item came up for a vote later in the meeting, the board voted unanimously to deny the request for Industrial Development District #25.

Supervisor Combs said Ashley’s work is incomplete and they need to finish it before returning to the township.

In other business at the Sept. 1 meeting, the board:

- Heard Supervisor Combs read a letter to Public Safety Director Greg Laurain praising his department for work during a traffic accident and heard Budd read a letter from School Board President Brent Mikulski thanking the township for its assistance with collecting school supplies for Back 2 School Blitz;

- Approved selection of Verdeterre Contracting as contractor for the reconstruction of Dewitt, Jeanette, and Venetian at a cost of \$488,100, plus up to 10% construction contingency (\$48,800). Also approved was Wade Trim for engineering work for the project at a total of \$46,200. The whole project will cost \$628,100, which is under the estimate of \$650,000. There is no cost to the township.

The Special Assessment District of property owners will pay 20% and the County pays 80% through its Local Road Initiative program. Verdeterre actually was the high bidder of three, but there was a 3.5% difference between high and low bidder and the township’s purchasing policy allows a 5% leeway to local contractors;

- Approved Martin Ladd as the new DPW Superintendent. Bill Turner has been supervising DPW and water and sewer and now will just do water and sewer. Ladd will be paid \$56,850 from the water and sewer budget. He has almost 30 years of experience with Madison Heights, City of Taylor, and City of Hamtramck;

- Approved hiring Matthew Best as the deputy director of planning and economic development. Combs read off his credentials and said, “It’s been a while since we had an environmental person on staff.” He will be paid \$62,000 and was to start work the next day. He has worked with Wayne County Environmental Services Department for 12 years and holds a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University in

biology, environmental science, and geology and a master’s degree in urban and regional planning from Eastern Michigan University;

- Approved a resolution for Health Care Opt-Out for 2016, as required by law if the township wishes not to place a hard-cap limit or an 80% limit on the amount the township may pay toward employee health care benefits;

- Approved the combination of two lots on Denton Road, slightly north of the railroad tracks: V125083-018-02-0112-003 and V125-83-018-02-0115-000;

- Heard Marge Malicke say she has lived in the township for 47 years and on Harmony Lane for 19 years and she wanted to criticize the process by which the millage decision was made. “It is in your control to be transparent,” Malicke said, noting the board said it was going to discuss options and then rushed forward with only one proposal: 6.5 mills;

- Heard Don Schoenberger (who was wearing a brightly colored sign on his chest reading “No New Taxes”) ask about what Supervisor Combs found when she asked the attorney for an opinion about whether she could shut down the public from talking about the millage at meetings. He said he expected it to be on the agenda but no mention has been made of it. “We are your boss,” he reminded her. “Not at township meetings? Wow! No more talk of the millage, you said ... Let the peasants eat cake...” Combs said she should have brought the opinion to the meeting but she recalled it said the board does not have the power to limit the subject of the speaker and they can speak on whatever subject they want to, “as long as it is germane to township business.”

Court watching

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released Sept. 1 with a GPS tether through his cell phone. He was directed not to go to any location on Hull Road, where the victim lives.

A second charge on a misdemeanor offense of refusing to give a DNA sample was set for a motion hearing before Judge Parrott at 11 a.m., Oct. 14. Chapman’s attorney John Day said he had several motions to file on the DNA charge.

Belleville Area District Library fall story times

The Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, announces the following fall story times.

- Family Story Times is on Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 21-Oct. 26. For children in preschool-elementary, ages 4-10.

- Toddler Times Story Times is on Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Sept. 22-Oct. 27, and Thursdays at 11 a.m., Sept. 24-Oct. 29. For children ages 2-4.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Bob Schoenberger and Marge Malicke voiced their concern over the Van Buren Township millage proposal and the process of putting it on the ballot at the Sept. 1 meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees.

Michigan Dept. of Edu. 2013-2014 Top to Bottom School Percentile Ranking							
	Grades	Percentile			Grades	Percentile	
VAN BUREN		2013	2014	ROMULUS		2013	2014
Belleville High	9-12	42	31	Romulus High	9-12	33	20
McBride Middle	7-8	13	8	Romulus Middle	6-8	14	17
Owen Intermediate	5-6	10	7	Romulus Elem.	K-5	54	79
Rawsonville Elem.	K-4	31	12	Barth Elem.	K-5	27	24
Savage Rd. Elem.	K-4	23	56	Wick Elem.	K-5	10	10
Tyler Rd. Elem.	K-4	31	9	Hale Elem.	K-5	22	23
Edgemont Elem.	K-4	44	28				
Keystone Acad.	K-8	51	50	PLYMOUTH/CANTON CHARTER			
				PL Edu. Center	K-8	26	14
HURON				PL.Edu. Center	9-12	25	3
Huron High	9-12	66	44	Canton Charter	K-8	98	98
Renton Jr. High	6-8	34	30				
Brown Elem.	K-5	48	38	PLYMOUTH/CANTON			
Miller Elem	K-5	67	48	Canton High	9-12	90	89
				Plymouth High	9-12	83	81
LINCOLN				Salem High	9-12	88	82
Lincoln High	9-12	58	47	Central Middle	6-8	46	60
Lincoln Middle	6-8	24	26	Discovery Mid.	6-8	87	91
Bishop Elem.	K-5	29	12	East Middle	6-8	55	49
Brick Elem.	1-5	25	35	Pioneer Middle	6-8	83	90
Childs Elem.	K-5	39	43	West Middle	6-8	85	86

Michigan Dept. of Education releases Top to Bottom Rankings

The Top-to-Bottom list is part of Michigan’s school accountability system which ranks schools on their student performance in mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies and graduation rate data (for high schools).

School performance components include student achievement, improvement and achievement gaps between the highest and lowest scoring 30 percent of students in each school.

This list provides valuable information on the performance of Michigan’s public schools and identifies areas of both strength and challenge. It is also used to determine:

- Reward Schools, based on the top 5% of schools in the ranking as well as the schools with the highest improvement values from this list. Beating the Odds schools, which are those schools either outperforming

their expected ranking or outperforming other similarly-situated schools, are also Reward Schools.

- Focus Schools, based on the achievement gap component of this list.

- Priority (formerly Persistently Lowest Achieving), Schools based on the bottom 5% of this list.

All schools are included in the ranking if they have two years of assessment data for 30 or more full academic year students in two or more tested subjects.

These measurements were developed in conjunction with a diverse set of education stakeholders throughout the 2010-2011 school year as part of Michigan’s approved federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) flexibility waiver.

-- Michigan Dept. of Education
(Chart created by Diane Madigan.)

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter, Library Board consider media center

On Sept. 2, two members of the Belleville Area District Library Board met with three representatives of Sumpter Township to discuss the library's recent public opinion poll brought on by a failed millage vote for a new library.

Library board members – Joy Cichewicz and LaChelle Caver – who are both Sumpter residents, explained that Sumpter Township residents taking the poll said they needed a place for computers, wireless, and online.

"What Sumpter Township was saying was they wanted a media center," said Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan, when the poll results were outlined -- a media center instead of the proposed library branch. Morgan, Treasurer Bates and Deputy Treasurer Armatis discussed the situation with Cichewicz and Caver.

"There's no free wireless out there," Cichewicz said of Sumpter, adding people come into the Belleville library just to use the free wireless service for their devices.

On Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. the library's architect, Supervisor Morgan, members of the library building committee and anyone else interested will meet at the township's six-sided building across the road from township hall to see if might make a good media center. Then, the library building committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. to discuss what to do about the main library in downtown Belleville. Library plans are moving forward and you're invited to attend the meetings and join in the plans.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Starting on page three in the Aug. 27 issue of our paper, we published a letter from Van Buren Township Police Lt. Mark Buckberry to Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and Deputy Director Jason Wright. It was dated July 14.

Lt. Buckberry is union president of the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command Unit and the letter explained the background of the officers' concerns about the pension situation.

At the end of the letter all of the obviously frustrated command officers asked to be demoted to patrol status.

Well, things exploded. Supervisor Linda Combs (signed by the Board of Trustees) shot back a letter in the Sept. 3 paper accusing the command officers of compromising the board's position in a pending grievance.

"The publication of the grievance also indicates that the Union does not want to go to Step III on the matter," the board's letter said.

A letter of denial of the request to be demoted was part of the board's reply. Then they said if the officers are so unhappy, "they should consider submitting letters of resignation."

We want to emphasize that none of the VBT command officers, or any other employee of VBT, shared the letter with us. We received a copy of the letter from an outside source and found the details of the pension situation very interesting. We thought the residents of VBT would likewise find it interesting.

VBT police did not give us the letter, so don't blame them. Blame me for publishing it.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



And, in today's paper, there is the command officers' reply to the township board's reply. And, there is an advertisement we're printing that was pointed out to me by someone who doesn't live in this area and has nothing to do with VBT that shows VBT has been advertising for candidates for one or more police officer jobs since Aug. 25.

The turmoil continues.

Another scam. Fake calls from the IRS again. A reader brought in the number from his caller ID from an "IRS" agent telling him to pay up immediately or go to jail. He's dealt with the IRS before and he knows they communicate in writing. Anyway, this number was from Colfax, WA: 509-288-4619. I dialed it to see what would happen and the recorded operator said: "Unable to complete your request. Try again later." Beware.

We received an email from a parent on Labor Day: "Thursday, 9/3/15 was the first football game that the band played at. They ended up canceling the game but had the marching band out there doing a pre-show. It was quite dangerous having those poor kids out there with all the lightning going on. I was quite upset along with some other parents and grandparents."

One of our readers said he was on the property on Savage Road owned by the

city where the house burned down. He and his friend were planning to use their metal detectors to see what they could find on the vacant part of the property.

He said they were run off by the city DPW. When they protested that it was public property, they were told there were things in the garage, including a car, that the city owned.

Our reader said the garage is falling down. He asked when the city plans to clean that up.

Barber Bob, across Main Street from our office, explained all the activity in front of his shop over the last few weeks. He said it all started when he went to his Michigan basement to empty his dehumidifier after a weekend, when he noticed a drip on his sewer line. His shop is not a residence, so it doesn't use much water.

Well, after turning on all the faucets and flushing the toilet, he saw the drip increase. He called several contractors, but Davenport was the only one willing to come, he said. They dug by hand at first to find out the problem. When they discovered a gas line had been drilled through his sewer line, the excavation stopped and Steve Davenport called DTE.

It turns out DTE says it will reimburse Barber Bob for all his bills. Hope it does.



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Letters

**Command Officers
respond to VBT Board**

To the Editor:

This is regarding the letter from the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees that you printed on Sept. 3, 2015. Their letter was in response to the letter that had been printed the previous week regarding a request that the VBT Police Officers Labor Council, (POLC), Command Officers had submitted to the Township back on July 15, 2015.

The VBT Command Officers have been without a contract since Jan. 1, 2014. During this time the POLC Command Unit has had several meetings with the Township in attempts to negotiate a contract. Through collective bargaining and mediation the POLC and Township have been unable to agree on a contract.

Arbitration for the POLC Command contract has now been set for Oct. 13 and 15, 2015. Public Act 312 of 1967 requires that if there is impasse in negotiations between an employer and its public safety union (police or fire), then they have to go to mandatory binding arbitration. Usually this means that a contract could not be agreed to in collective bargaining or mediation. Unlike litigation, arbitration takes place out of court: the two sides select an impartial third party, known as an arbitrator; agree in advance to comply with the arbitrator's award; and then participate in a hearing in which both sides can present evidence and testimony. The arbitrator's decision is final, and courts rarely reexamine it.

In response to the letter that was printed, the Van Buren Board of Trustees responds by stating “but since the Union has chosen to address its issues in the public forum, we will do so also.” I would like to clarify for the board and the community that this letter was NOT submitted to the *Independent*, by any member of the Command Unit. The letter was a request that was prepared on behalf of my membership and e-mailed to all elected officials, the Director of Public Safety, and the Deputy Director of Police on July 15, 2015. I can agree that this letter should have never been made public and that the printing of this letter further damages the relationship between the board of trustees and the POLC Command Unit. The board of trustees also stated that “Step III of the grievance procedure would have been to consult with the Supervisor.” I don't know which contract they are referring to. Step III in the Command Unit's contract states, “If the grievance has not been settled in Step 2, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration, provided such submission is made within 30 calendar days after Step 2.”

The board of trustees states that we do not want to work toward a solution and it appears

“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, never regrets.”

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we are dissatisfied with working for Van Buren Township. They further state that if this is the case, regrettably, we should consider submitting letters of resignation. Although we have been unable to reach a contract settlement, the statement that we do not want to work toward a solution is completely false. I can assure you that every command officer at VBT is committed to providing a professional service to the community and will continue to do so. It is not the community of Van Buren Township that we are dissatisfied with.

Without merit the board of trustees assumes that either I or another member of my unit leaked this letter to the *Independent*. The board of trustees then feels compelled to publicly ridicule its command officers and accuses us of being unwilling to work toward a solution and not following proper grievance procedures.

Van Buren Township has a board that consists of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees. Each of these elected officials has specific duties that contribute to effective township governance. The elected officials of the Township Board adopt an annual budget that determines the scope of township services and oversees township services.

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This letter that has prompted the board of trustees to respond in a retaliatory manner was originally submitted to them on July 15, 2015. It was not until the letter was published in the *Independent* that the board of trustees felt compelled to respond. The board of trustees makes inaccurate accusations and fails to cite the correct grievance procedures for the POLC Command Unit. There are seven members that comprise the board of trustees. Not one board member has ever reached out to me or any other command unit member in attempts to discuss this or any of the other numerous issues within our department. The board of trustees has never made an attempt to meet with or discuss current issues with the branch of service, police, that they are responsible for providing. If they are truly engaged and supportive of the public safety department I would think that this would be an important component of effective leadership. Instead they propose that if we don't like it, then we should quit. Their response in last week's paper “VBT Command Officers Invited to Resign” is a clear indication of their leadership style and attitude.

I can assure you that the Command Officers will continue to provide a professional level of service to the community that we serve, however, I do not wish to continue airing our differences in a public forum. Instead, I invite them to come speak with me personally. I believe that with effective communication we could eventually come to some type of common ground. I am currently assigned to patrol operations and have an office within the police department and can also be reached at extension 8904.

Sincerely,
Lt. M. Buckberry
POLC Command Unit President
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Car Show entry is \$15 and entries close at 12:30 p.m. Awards are presented at 2:30 p.m. Swap Meet exhibitor fee is \$20 per 10'x10' space.

There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffle, music, games, and food. There are 23 different classes to enter. Get entry forms at the township hall.

U.S.A. Demolition Derby and Enduro Demo begins at 4 p.m. Admission to the grandstand is \$12 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-12.

District Library garage sale of books set for Sept. 13

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will have a garage sale of books in the library program room on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All books will be 50% off the regular price.

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Obituaries



Roger Newton Ibach

ROGER NEWTON IBACH, SR.
 (July 27, 1942 – September 1, 2015)
 Roger Newton Ibach, Sr., age 73, of Elmira, formerly of Belleville, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2015. He was born July 27, 1942 in South Dakota, son of Newton & Aria (Manski) Ibach.

Roger was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Gaylord, MI. He was also a member of the Lion's Club for numerous years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and riding his trike motorcycle. Mr. Ibach is survived by loving wife of nearly 20 years, Marion (Canup) Ibach; his son Roger (Terri) Ibach, Jr. of Southgate, MI; son-in-law Steve DeGregorio of Trenton, MI; step-children Mark D. Minthorn Jr. of Dearborn, MI and Nicole L. Gradie of Gaylord, MI; grandchildren Ashlie Ibach, Shelbi Ibach, Adam Ibach, Steven DeGregorio, Anthony DeGregorio, Karia DeGregorio, Macie Minthorn and Isaac Watson; also several nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Kim DeGregorio and brother Darrell Ibach.

Visitation was 12 Noon until 3 p.m. Saturday, September 5, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began Saturday at 3 p.m. Pastor Howard Jenkins officiated. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gaylord Lion's Club and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Berniece Angela Baker

BERNIECE ANGELA BAKER
 (December 28, 1951 – August 31, 2015)
 Berniece Angela Baker, age 63, of Sumpter Township passed away August 31, 2015. Berniece is the loving wife of Roger for 44 wonderful years; dear mother of Roger Baker II of Sumpter Twp., Jolene Baker of Sumpter Twp. and Jason Baker of Westland; cherished grandmother of Brittany Ripple, Derrick Ripple (Briana Casas), Meagan Robertson, Zachary Ripple, Jordan Baker and Savanna Lovelace. Mrs. Baker is also the great-grandmother of Derrick Ripple Jr.; sister of Ray (Faye) Baker, Norman (Carmal) Baker, Don (Yvonne) McGuire and James Baker; many nieces and nephews with many other extended family and friends.

Sadly, she is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Ryan and Velma Wanda Underwood. Also, sister Joann Amburgy.

Berniece was born on December 28, 1951 in

Morgan Co., Kentucky. She married the love of her life, Roger, on January 26, 1971. She was retired from Ford Motor Company Ypsilanti plant. Berniece enjoyed playing cards, Yahtzee, being outdoors with many hours being on the water using the family boat. But most of all, she enjoyed the times with her family and friends.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2015 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours were held on Thursday from 12 noon until 9 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service on Friday. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Baker family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Chad Ryan Vanover, Jr.

CHAD RYAN VANOVER, JR.
 (January 24, 2014 – August 31, 2015)
 Chad Ryan Vanover, Jr., age 19 months, of Ypsilanti, beloved son of Chad Sr. and Lacie, passed away suddenly Monday, August 31, 2015 at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.

He was born January 24, 2014 at Mott to Chad Ryan Vanover, Sr. and Larissa Lydia Gagnon. He is also survived by two sisters Makenzie Gagnon, 4, and Morgan Vanover, 8 months, all of Ypsilanti, MI; grandparents Anita Rothman of Britton, MI, Steve Gagnon of Ypsilanti, Leanne Reeves of Smithville, Missouri and Scott Vanover of Belleville. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

Visitation was 4-9 p.m. Friday and 9-10 a.m. Saturday, September 5, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were 10 a.m. Saturday. Deacon Peter Cornell officiated. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses. Please sign his on-line guest book for the family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



HENRY JOHN MILLER
 (February 12, 1928– September 3, 2015)
 Age 87, of Columbia, TN, formerly of Belleville. Survived by wife Pearl; children Dave, Kathy, Donald, Dale, Debra; siblings include Barbara Nelson and Larry Miller of Belleville. Williams Funeral Home, Columbia.

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Court Watching:**Jeffery Rochon charged with arson for fire that destroyed mobile home**

On Aug. 31, Van Buren Township detectives took Jeffery Edwin Rochon, 31, into custody at his place of employment in Romulus, as he was leaving work.

Rochon, of Sumpter Township, was arrested for the arson fire that occurred on July 28 at 6040 Victoria in Van Buren Township. It is alleged that Rochon burned the residence of the mother of his two children, said VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy.

A warrant request was submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Rochon was subsequently charged with second-degree arson and malicious destruction of personal property from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

The arson charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and/or \$20,000 or three times the value of the property damaged or destroyed. The MDOP charge is a five-year felony and carries a fine of up to \$10,000 or three times the amount of the

property damaged or destroyed.

Rochon was arraigned Sept. 3 in front of 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and was given a \$500,000

cash bond, Lt. Bazy said. A probable cause conference is scheduled for Sept. 16 at 34th District Court and the preliminary examination is scheduled for Sept. 23.



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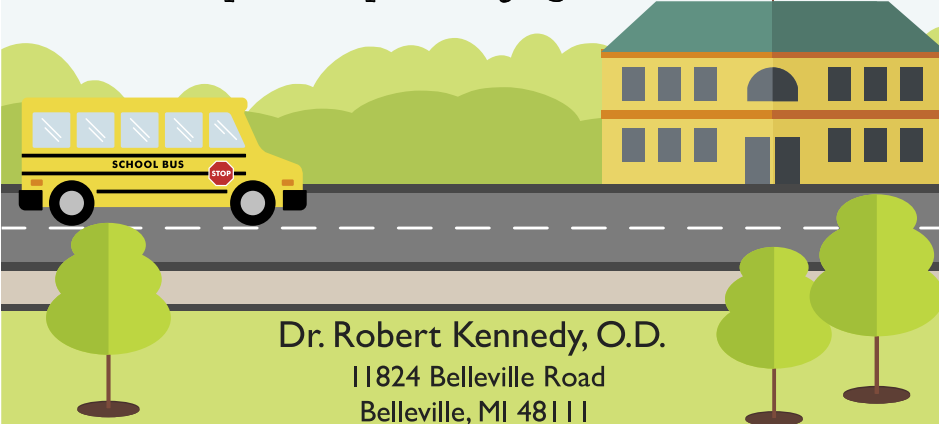
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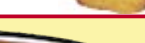


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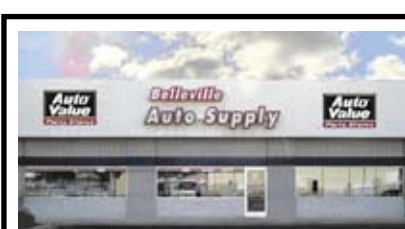
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This help-wanted ad was posted Aug. 25 on the www.michigan.gov/mcoles website, under "online services." In our Sept. 3 paper a letter from Public Safety Deputy Director Jason Wright said: "...The police department currently does not have any open positions in road patrol ..." This call for basic police officer candidates was still running as of Monday. MCOLES stands for Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, DPS Director Taylor, Engineer Nummer and an audience of eleven (11).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of August 17, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of August 17, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015; Prepaid List of August 14, 2015; Prepaid List of August 21, 2015; Prepaid List of August 27, 2015; Voucher List of September 1, 2015; Adoption of Resolution 2015-35-Health Care Opt-Out for 2016 and Approval of the combination of lots V125-83-018-02-0112-003 and V125-83-018-02-0115-000.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to open the public hearing to receive comment on the request by Ashley Crossroads North, LLC to establish Industrial Development District #25 at 7:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Assessing Coordinator Stevenson stated the application to establish the I.D.D. district was received in July. The total size of the property is approximately 283 acres and is comprised of many individual tax parcels, all contiguous, located along Ecorse and Haggerty Rd.

Board members commented on the following: Site plans for development of the property previously submitted to the planning commission were turned down, in part, due to the need for a traffic study; current issues between Wayne County and the applicant remain unresolved, creation of the district would automatically allow any lessee to receive a tax abatement; making a decision without an approved site plan is premature; and opposition to the district.

One public comment was received opposing the district. The resident stated if the district was approved there would be a need to widen Van Born, Haggerty and Ecorse roads; questioned if the 47 residential parcels along Haggerty, Ecorse and Van Born roads were noticed of the intent to create the district; indicated if a district was approved that tenants would receive automatic tax abatement appeals if an abatement was denied by the Township and referenced the 21 page State of Michigan statute relating to Industrial Development Districts.

There being no further discussion Jahr moved, Miller seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter to Director Laurain from a resident who praised the professionalism of public safety Officer Vernier when he responded to her traffic accident in July. Treasurer Budd read a letter from the President of the Van Buren School Board thanking the Township for their assistance in the securing donations for school supplies.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident paraphrased a comment made by an official during the previous day's work study session regarding the area associated with the proposed Industrial Development District #25. He felt the comment was derogatory towards the residents who live in the area. Trustee Miller stated the comment was made in response to her inquiry regarding truck traffic and the reply given by the

Supervisor has been taken out of context.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Miller seconded to deny the adoption of Resolution 2015-34 to establish Industrial Development District #25. Motion Carried. Reasons for the denial were discussed by the Board during the Public Hearing.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to award the construction contract for the 2015 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Dewitt, Jeanette and Venetian Roads) to Verdeterre Contracting in the amount of \$488,100, and authorize a 10% contingency amount to be used at the discretion of Director Akers to address change orders as needed and to accept the proposal from Wade Trim to provide construction engineering services for the 2015 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Dewitt, Jeanette and Venetian Roads) in the amount of \$46,200 consisting of a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,100 for construction engineering and an estimated amount of \$16,100 for construction inspection services. Motion Carried. This project will be funded by the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative and the Dewitt, Jeanette and Venetian Roads Special Assessment District.

McClanahan moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Personal Services Agreement between Martin E. Ladd and the Township and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried. Mr. Ladd has been hired as a Superintendent in the Public Services Department.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Personal Services Agreement between Matthew Best and the Township and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried. Mr. Best has been hired as the Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright congratulated Trustee McClanahan who celebrates her 25th wedding anniversary and Trustee Hart on his retirement, after 37 years, from Ford Motor Company; noted his own 28th wedding anniversary on Saturday and announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day. Treasurer Budd announced the summer tax bill due date has been extended, without penalty, until September 30, 2015.

NON AGENDA:

Residents commented on: the process by which the millage was approved by the Board; that during a special work study session in June the Board talked about three potential millage options; that at that meeting the Supervisor indicated all three proposals would be presented at the July 6th work study meeting; that the three proposals were not presented because the Supervisor indicated that staff did not have sufficient time to compose the language; that staff should have been mandated to prepare the language for further discussion since time was of the essence; that no further discussion occurred on the millage until the Board voted on one proposal at the July 21st Board of Trustees meeting; opposition to the millage; disapproval of comments made by two Board members regarding public comment on the millage during the non-agenda portion of the meeting potentially stifling freedom of speech and having one of the lowest taxes in Wayne County is not bad.

The Supervisor stated she has consulted with the Township attorney and the Board will allow residents to speak on whatever topic they wish to speak on as long as it is germane to Township Business.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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James, Matilda Coleman of Sumpter celebrate 71 years of marriage

James and Matilda E. Coleman of Sumpter Township celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on Sept. 9.

James said he took his wife to Chinese Garden on Washtenaw for dinner to begin the evening.

The couple was married Sept. 9, 1944 at the base chapel in Corvallis, OR. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

Coleman said his family has lived in Sumpter Township since 1935. He pursued a career in structural steel.



James and Matilda Coleman

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 601 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 30:

0250 – operating while intoxicated, I-94 WB / Haggerty Rd.
0807 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
0808 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0813 – suspicious situation, Sam’s Place
0816 – agency assist, Sam’s Place
0958 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1303 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1319 – harassment call, Meadows Cir.
1328 – assault & battery, WB I-94/Belleville
1431 – assault & battery, Savage Rd.
1503 – personal injury accident, Bog Rd.
1634 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Morton

Taylor
1804 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94/I-275
1829 – dumping complaint, McBride/Beck
1857 – fraud, E. Archwood Dr.
1858 – retail fraud, Belleville
2055 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2145 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.
2335 – suspicious situation, Culver’s
2335 – family trouble, Lake Villa Dr.

Monday, Aug. 31:

0836 – code enforcement, Savage Rd.
0851 – fraud, Sadie Ln.
0927 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Rawsonville Rd.
0952 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1115 – private property incident, S. I-94 Service
1128 – private property accident, Belleville
1344 – private property incident, Lighthouse Dr.
1624 – malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.
1707 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1800 – disturbance, Hannan Rd.
1917 – mental, Belleville Rd.
1934 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2012 – larceny, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2113 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2336 – hold-up alarm, Marlowe Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 1:

0004 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0111 – ATV/ORV complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0338 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0756 – larceny, Winding Pond Dr.
0816 – larceny from auto, Sunset Pond Cir.
1120 – abandoned auto, Michigan/Bypass
1133 – code enforcement, E. Walden Dr.
1144 – juvenile complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
1257 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ W. Huron River Dr.

1342 – assault & battery, Milton Dr.
1353 – private property incident, Village Center Dr.

1453 – assault & battery, Hamilton St.
1701 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1737 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty

Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1757 – suicide or attempt, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1927 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1947 – family trouble, Martz Rd.
2240 – harassment call, Marina Dr.
2302 – disturbance, S. Bellridge Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 2:

0051 – disturbance, Lighthouse Dr.
0239 – retail fraud, Belleville
0322 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0513 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
0604 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.
0707 – suspicious person, Jackson St.
0758 – assault & battery, S. Haggerty/Van Born
0836 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Bypass
1045 – harassment call, W. Archwood Dr.
1353 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1406 – private property accident, Parkwood Dr.
1531 – fraud, Park Estates
1730 – larceny from auto, Hull Rd.
1743 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./E. Archwood
1917 – shots fired, Country Ln.
2137 – suspicious vehicle, Beckley
2209 – felony assault, Denton Rd.

2218 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 3:

1149 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1156 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1202 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd.
1616 – harassment call, s. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – assault & battery, Gilmore St.
1649 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.
1654 – property damage accident, CVS
1737 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1833 – disturbance, Haggerty Rd.
2008 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2020 – assault & battery, Southport Apartments
2211 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 4:

0123 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
0257 – disturbance, Oak Ln.
0418 – agency assist, Wayne/N-I94
0637 – abandoned auto, Ecorse/Belleville
0808 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service
0828 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
0838 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1029 – code enforcement, Borgman Ave.
1458 – intimidation threat, Solitude Ln.

1612 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald’s
1654 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1910 – larceny, Pine Dr.
1942 – neighbor trouble, Reedgrass Ln.
2014 – property damage accident, Tyler/Parkwood
2048 – ordinance violation, Chatsworth Dr.
2108 – retail fraud, Belleville
2155 – family trouble, McBride Ave.
2201 – family trouble, Richards Run
2220 – mental, Reedgrass Ln.
2227 – disturbance, Culver’s
2339 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 5:

0009 – neighbor trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0057 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood
0212 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0249 – intimidation threat, Peachtree
0841 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
0847 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1200 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson St.
1204 – trespassing, Park Estates
1256 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron

River Dr.

1358 – larceny, Juniper Dr.
1449 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1629 – private property accident, E. Walden Dr.
1931 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1937 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1953 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1957 – dumping complaint, Martinsville Rd.
2033 – suspicious person, Haggerty Rd.
2151 – child abuse, Westlake
2338 – trespassing, Vernon St.

Also on this week’s log are 113 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 30:

0852 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
0918 – disorderly conduct, Sam’s Place
1112 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1341 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River/Edison Lake
1355 – disorderly conduct, Main St.

Monday, Aug. 31:

0004 – motorist assist, Main St./Second St.
1326 – fraud, S. Biggs
2118 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa
2218 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
2356 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Victorian Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 1:

0501 – juvenile complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
0608 – found property, Village Park
0654 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
0949 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1229 – suspicious situation, Anaheim
1731 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1940 – water leak found, Belle Villa Blvd.
2117 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.
2205 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.

2208 – all other traffic, W. Davis St./South St.
2314 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
2318 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside Cemetery

Wednesday, Sept. 2:

0111 – assist citizen, Main St.
0129 – larceny, E. Thornhill Ct.
1208 – private property accident, W. Columbia
1605 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1626 – agency assist, Carmell St.
2013 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2122 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
2304 – found property, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 3:

0111 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr.
0123 – suspicious vehicle, Church St.
0146 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0203 – suspicious situation, Chase Bank
0219 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.
0529 – suspicious situation, Hayward’s
0633 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0922 – motorist assist, Main St./E. Huron River
1453 – follow up, Second St.
1504 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.
1941 – family trouble, San Carlos St.

Friday, Sept. 4:

0851 – follow up, Anaheim
1248 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1306 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1320 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1508 – hold-up alarm, Third St.
1554 – welfare check, N. Edgemont/Potter Dr.
1923 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1924 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2041 – fireworks, Bedell
2131 – operating while intoxicated, Harbour Pointe
2240 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.
2341 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 5:

0047 – assist citizen, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
1315 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
1526 – civil matter, Main St.
1959 – fight, Owen Intermediate School
2027 – assault & battery, Carmell St.
2253 – juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 60 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 30:

0832 – fire dept. assist, Pecan
0837 – warrant pick up, Sumpter/Bemis
0925 – death investigation, Nevada
1141 – warrant pick up, out of township
1147 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1358 – attempt warrant pick up, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1412 – attempt warrant pick up, 23000 bl. Elwell
1422 – attempt warrant pick up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1432 – attempt warrant pick up, 46000 bl. Willow
1438 – warrant pick up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1501 – attempt warrant pick up, 45000 bl. Judd
1516 – attempt warrant pick up, 21000 bl. Prince
1527 – attempt warrant pick up, Second St.
1528 – attempt warrant pick up, First St.
1529 – attempt warrant pick up, 46000 bl. Willis
1545 – attempt warrant pick up, 48000 bl. Willis
1556 – attempt warrant pick up, 49000 bl. Willis
1602 – attempt warrant pick up, 50000 bl. Willis
1616 – warrant pick up, 48000 Sully Dr.
1736 – attempt warrant pick up, 23000 bl. Elwell
1823 – warrant pick up, Virginia
1952 – shots fired, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2017 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2119 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2250 – violation park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood

Monday, Aug. 31:

0718 – larceny, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1041 – missing person, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1401 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1441 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1702 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1725 – personal injury accident, 40000 bl. Harris
1824 – warrant pick up, out of township
1934 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2021 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2229 – fight, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 1:

0048 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
0321 – odor investigation, Rawsonville/Willis
0522 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0604 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oregon
1104 – mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1155 – fraud report, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1249 – civil dispute, Second St.
1330 – breaking & entering, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1458 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1505 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1558 – warrant pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1635 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1746 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1812 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1950 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2134 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
2234 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2252 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

2348 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 2:

0708 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0748 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1541 – death investigation, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1649 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2054 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2057 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2239 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2242 – found property, Wyoming
2340 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 3:

0009 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0147 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0723 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1000 – trespassing complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1228 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1312 – warrant pick up, out of township
1451 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1511 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2048 – warrant pick up, Sumpter/Willis

Friday, Sept. 4:

0118 – family trouble, Maple
0838 – well-being check, Greenmeadow
1058 – larceny, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1115 – malicious destruction of property, 27000 bl. Karr Rd.

1225 – fire dept. assist, Delaware

1422 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1809 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

1903 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Bemis
2215 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2235 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
2257 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 5:

0304 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1201 – well-being check, Texas
1341 – noise complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1558 – threats complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1614 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Bemis
1713 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1808 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1931 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
2003 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
2253 – warrant pick up, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2301 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis

/ Savage

Also on this week’s log are 21 follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 144 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

Correction:

Driver of pick-up truck innocent until proven guilty in court of law

On page 15 of the Sept. 3 issue of the *Independent*, we wrote about the pick-up truck that hit a jogger and kept on going.

Later the unnamed driver did turn himself in. He was detained for 12 hours and then was released pending the results of toxicology tests by the Michigan State Police lab, which probably will take months.

We stated the actual call to police to assist the fire department on an accident call turned into “arresting someone operating under the influence of drugs.”

We regret that statement since the unnamed driver should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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J & M Towing at 8964 Inkster Road in Romulus will be holding a heavy equipment auction featuring heavy duty trucks, boats, trailers, tools and much more this Sunday, Sept. 13, beginning at 11 a.m. Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart are the auctioneers. For photos and descriptions visit www.rolloandbrad.com.

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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for items that can be used in the silent auction for the awards dinner on Sept. 25. This year's awards dinner, comedy night and auction will be held at Angel Food Catering. Tickets are \$50 per person, and that includes a 3-course buffet, beverages, beer and wine. The event will also hand out this year's chamber winners: Beverly E. Neal - Ted Kuckleman Award, Roy Acho - Leona Van Buhler Award, and Egan's Pub as Business of the Year. Congratulations!

Van Buren Township's Public Safety Day is coming up Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to the Walgreen's parking lot on Belleville Road. Activities include a meet and greet with members of the VBT police and fire departments, VBT Dive Team, the Fire Safety Trailer, face painting, Child ID kits, kids' fingerprinting, and more. Food and refreshments will also be available. See their flyer insert in today's paper for all the details.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion at 734-699-9020. There is no charge to be in this column.

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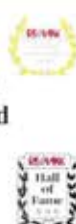
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