

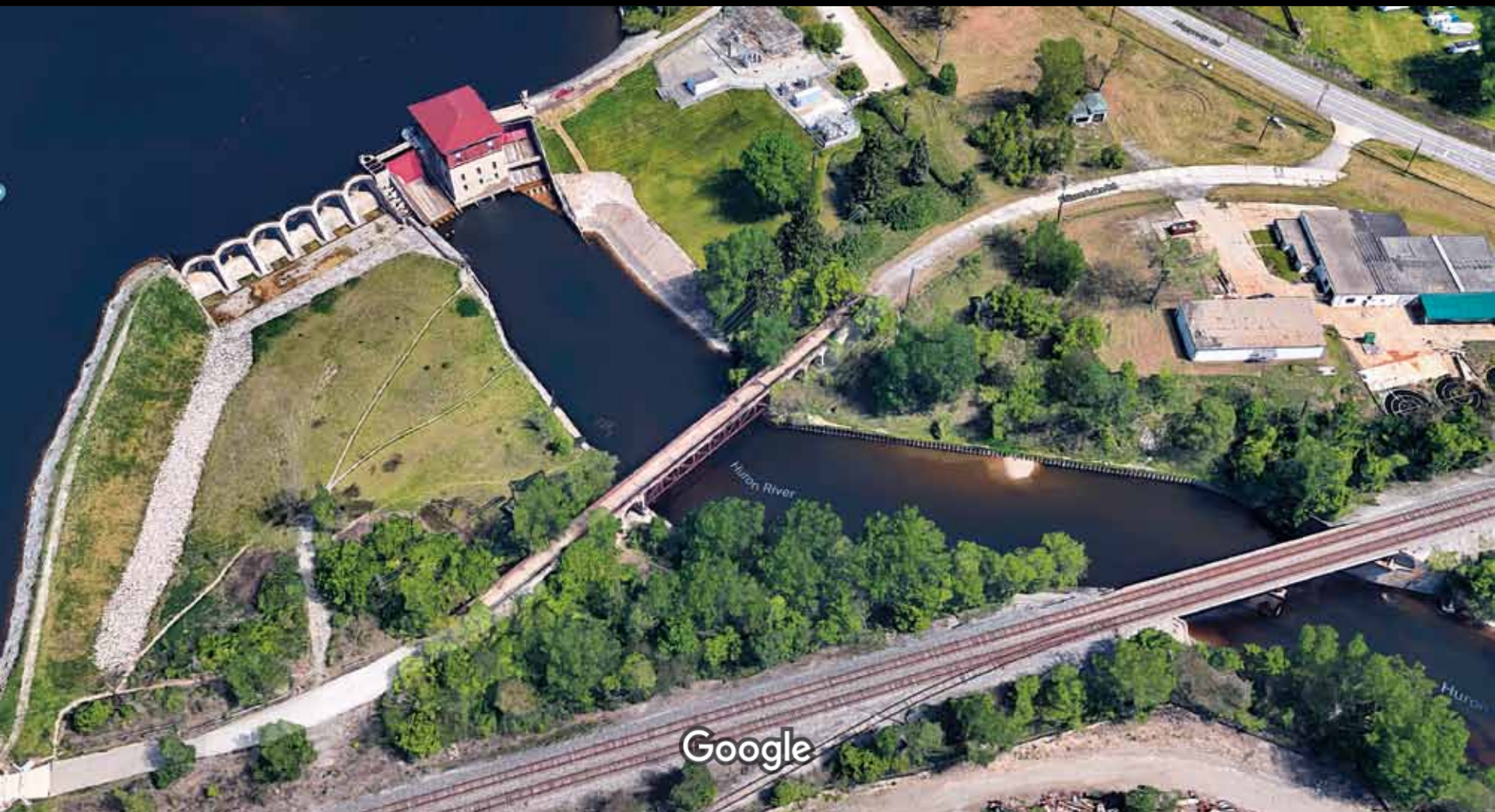


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A public hearing will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, to consider a link through VBT for the state's Iron Belle Trail hiking/biking path. The township board's favored route is Option #1. It comes out of the Lower Huron Metropark, crosses East Huron River Drive and then Haggerty heading west. The former roadway -- between the dam and the railroad tracks -- will take hikers/bikers west over the Huron River, past Sandy's Marina and westward to the city of Belleville along the south side of East Huron River Drive.

VBT sets public hearing, decision on Iron Belle Trail

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The time is short to apply for a grant proposal to help Van Buren Township with the route work on the Iron Belle Trail.

So, the township board set a public hearing for March 6 with a decision that evening on which route to take.

Board members favor the original route #1, which heads north on Haggerty from

the Huron Clinton Metropark, west over the old bridge just south of French Landing Dam, along the front of Sandy's Marina on Edison Lake Road, across East Huron River Drive to the south side of the road where it will go through the front yards of residents along Huron River Drive, make a swipe though Riggs Park, and head onward to Edgemont Drive in Belleville. It's two miles long.

In Belleville it will follow sidewalks to the west side of town, when it will head off toward Washtenaw County. That side of the route has not been mentioned, as yet.

Other routes proposed were behind the houses along E. Huron River Drive, coming out of the Metropark on Bemis, ITC to Savage (3.8 miles), Metropark to Bemis to ITC lines to Martinsville (3.9 miles), and another route in that area.

The Van Buren link being proposed is part of the Iron Belle Trail, the longest state trail in the nation with two paths connecting Belle Isle in Detroit and Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula.

At the Feb. 20 meeting of the township board of trustees, VBT Parks and

Recreation Director Jennifer Wright gave a presentation on five proposed routes.

She said a board resolution is needed by April 1, the application due date. She said they are still looking at the route and the cost, which are needed before they apply for a DNR Trust Fund grant, that will take a 25% match from the township.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the "poison pill" will knock out three routes proposed, since unless there is already an existing crossover in place, the railroad won't approve a trail crossing the tracks.

"They won't give permission because of railroad liability," said Trustee Sherry Frazier.

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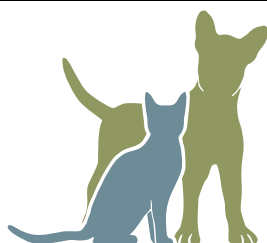
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Woman asks council to remove statue of LaSalle from park

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Patricia Miles of Ypsilanti appeared before the Belleville City Council at the beginning of its Feb. 20 meeting to ask the city to remove the statue of LaSalle at Victory Park.

She said she was from the Chippewa Indian tribe and found LaSalle offensive.

Before the meeting, Miles stood in the parking lot with a sign asking for the statue's removal.

The council did not comment on her request.

The late Park and Edna Mae Gregory

studied local history and believed that LaSalle, a famed French explorer, visited French Landing in Van Buren Township in April 1680. A statue of LaSalle, gift of the Gregorys, was dedicated in Victory Park in August 1985.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Heard the FY 2016-17 audit results from James Wilde of Alan C. Young & Associates, certified public accountants and consultants, who gave an unmodified opinion. He reported revenue of \$2.2 million as of June 30, 2017 and a fund balance of \$1.3 million;

- Held a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and then endorsed it with the caveat that it be changed to include updated demographics;

- Set a public hearing March 19 to consider repealing the second ordinance having to do with permitting Medical Marijuana;

- Opened one bid for \$13,986 for installation of police vehicle equipment from Supreme Detailing and Accessories of Canton for the 2018 Ford Explorer, and approved the expenditure;

- Approved the mayor's appointment of Juli Balestrieri to a term on the Parks and Recreation Commission;

- Discussed the City Parks Evaluation put together by the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$207,008.87 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Morton Salt, \$2,815.34, road salt for streets; to Oakland County, \$2,768.50, for CLEMIS maintenance fees for police; to DEQ, \$2,000, storm water discharge permit fee; to Atchinson Ford, \$1,124.18, vehicle repairs for police; to Cadillac Asphalt, \$618.45, for road patch after a water main break for Water Dept.; and to Wise Technologies, \$596.25, for computers/network for police.

VBT PD arrests man who threatened mass shooting and suicide

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sean Eugene McKeehan, 28, of Harbour Club apartments in Van Buren Township, has been charged with the five-year felony of being in possession of a sawed-off shotgun. He also is charged with felony firearm, that has a penalty of up to two years.

McKeehan was arraigned Saturday by video at 34th District Court and will have his probable cause conference at 10 a.m., March 7, at the court. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$50,000/10% bond.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said at 10 p.m. Feb. 21, the man's mother called police, saying her son is a heavy drinker and she has been unable to contact him.

She told police that he had been making claims that he is going to do a mass shooting and kill himself. She sent a screen shot of his comments to police. She told them he has lots of guns in his home.

Director Laurain said the woman met road patrol officers at his home and she opened the door for them. When they called out that they were police, he came out holding a 40-calibre Glock. They told

him to put down the weapon and he took it back into his bedroom and came out without a weapon.

Police put McKeehan into protective custody, Laurain said. He identified a long list of weapons in the residence, including an AK-47, an SKS Springfield rifle, Mossberg shotgun, two Samurai swords, and a sawed-off shotgun, among other weapons.

Laurain said the sawed-off shotgun was the only weapon that wasn't legal.

Because he was distraught, his mother signed him into the psychiatric hospital at the University of Michigan and the hospital

released him on Feb. 23. That's when VBT police took him into custody for the short-barrel shotgun.

Laurain said his officers worked with the University of Michigan to be advised when he was going to be freed. They also worked with ATF, the FBI, and Homeland Security, he said.

He said McKeehan was capable of carrying out his threats. They searched his computer and electronic devices for information.

Laurain said his department is very happy that they got somebody off the streets, who needed to be off the streets.

School Board committee to consider sale, purchase of properties

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An ad-hoc committee of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will consider reports from the Liberty Mutual insurance company and Plante Moran CRESA and come back with a recommendation to the full board on what district properties should be sold, if any, and what should be purchased, if any.

James Williams, director of plant operations, said Liberty Mutual offered to do appraisals of all the district's properties worth over \$1 million, so those documents were ready for study.

At a recent meeting, Williams presented the board with a report from Plante Moran CRESA on the estimated worth of vacant properties owned by the district.

Williams said CRESA had recommended leaving the Career Tech property as it is to see if there are any offers to buy it with the buildings in place.

"If it just sits there," Williams said. "We could demolish it."

At Monday's regular school board meeting, Williams said he wanted an ad-

hoc committee of the board to meet March 13 or 20 to come up with a recommendation to the full board. He said the committee should list property to sell, if any; list which properties to "stand pat" on; and the possible purchase of land.

No board members volunteered for the committee and School Supt. Pete Kudlak said they would come up with a committee for the review.

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

- Approved the retirement of Pamela Johnson after 18 years of service at the Administration Building, as of June 30. She currently serves as assistant to the superintendent;

- Approved the employment of paraprofessional Chelsea Mittlestat for Rawsonville Elementary School;

- Approved bus usage by the Van Buren Township Recreation Department for its summer camp program, June 18-Aug. 10, with no camp on July 4, and its field trips. Supt. Kudlak said a list of charges would be compiled and the township would only be billed for what it used;

- Approved a field trip for 14 members of the Robotics Team to St. Joseph High School for a robotics challenge March 8-10. The mentors and coaches will transport the team. Teachers are Aaron Lang and Aaron Watkins. Parents/mentors attending will be Bill Wolters, Wade Fields, Jonathan Williams, and Yogesh Sharma;

- Watched a Savage Elementary School presentation on the Grapeseed Young 5s program being tested to get students a good start in reading. Principal Lisa Preuss and teacher Angelique Morrison said they would like to use it in all the kindergarten classrooms. Preuss said Savage has three kindergartens and one is a Gifted and Talented classroom;

- Heard Finance Director Shareen Barker say the payout of the 2010-12 money owed to former employees will be March 1. She explained all the things her office has done to make sure the payouts go to the appropriate people;

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore point out the OK2SAY link is on the bottom of the district website, so students can alert officials to things that aren't right;

- Heard board member Darlene Gerick say she attended the recent State Board of Education meeting at RESA and found the board meetings are recorded and available on YouTube so anyone can watch the state board sessions;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak discuss the repercussions of the Florida school shooting. He said warnings are happening at schools everywhere. He said attendance was lower on Friday in the Van Buren schools when the local warning came in, which turned out to be from last December. And, he said, students are responding. He said at BHS the students are meeting with the administration to let them know what the students are planning. He said when students get together and plan something it brings wonderful skills for the students for their future lives and, maybe, it will head off problems now; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider student discipline.

Board secretary Kevin English was absent from the board meeting.

OPINIONS

Editorial

No Sumpter marijuana business -- now what?

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 5-2 to opt out of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. Now what?

Andre Watson, a supporter of MMFLA for Sumpter, at Tuesday's regular meeting, challenged the Sumpter Township board to come up with something else to move the township economics forward.

He said he supported the MMFLA fact-finding committee the supervisor had set up and now that that's over, he would like to see a new committee set up.

This committee would pay attention to the younger population in Sumpter Township and come up with an alternative to bring industries to Sumpter Township so they could have jobs.

He challenged board members to show the community what their leadership is going to do to help the community grow.

He said Sumpter Township needs a spark in its leadership and shouldn't be just sitting idly by.

Mary Herring said she agreed with Watson that an economic development committee is needed for Sumpter. She noted it would take a lot of work to make something happen, but it could be done while keeping the rural flavor.

Supervisor John Morgan said Sumpter had limited infrastructure. Herring agreed, but said something still could be done.

That would only be if someone wanted to look forward and have some dreams for the township. And, work hard.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, three Detroit television trucks and crews rolled into town to report on Belleville's failing sea wall, obviously summoned by the owners of the condos next door to Doane's Landing Park, who have been waiting patiently for the city to work with them on the repairs to the city sea wall which connects with the condo sea wall. That seawall originally was put into place by a company that did a poor job, obviously.

Over the last five years or so, we've published pictures and written various official warnings about that area falling into the lake and floating away, but the city has continually dragged its feet, mainly because it has no money. Mayor Conley told a channel 7 reporter last week that they would hope to have bids "next year."

Last December the city received a bid for \$339,230 (+\$2,790 to edge the drain with geotech fabric), which shocked councilmembers into further inaction. The bid specifications are being rewritten and they will seek more bids, we're told.

Meanwhile, the soil continues to erode and the condo owners are due to lose lots of money as their homes fall into the lake.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak posted the following statement on the district's website Friday: "At 3:15 A.M., we received a phone call from the local police indicating that an anonymous caller contacted a tip line to say that s/he overheard someone possibly saying something about a shooting at Belleville High School for Friday (2/23/18). No other information was provided by this caller. In conjunction with the police, we felt like



this is extremely vague and may not even be credible. We are holding school today. We will have an increased police presence throughout the day as a precautionary measure."

And then, about noon on Friday, Lincoln High School was temporarily evacuated because of a bomb threat on a bathroom wall. Students went next door to the middle school and then were allowed back into the high school later.

At Monday's VB School Board meeting, Supt. Kudlak said, "This is happening everywhere... It's incomprehensible." He said the district thanked the student for making the call to say what she heard. He said anyone discovered making threats will be disciplined. "We won't put up with that."

Mary Ban of Sumpter Township attended Congresswoman Dingell's special town hall in Ypsilanti last Thursday to get some contacts for her plan to get VBT Clerk Leon Wright to stop bothering Sumpter residents with his 48111 change in VBT. She said there were 600 people present and lots of complaints about the postal service in Ypsilanti. She said she uses the Willis Post Office to send packages, since it is near to her home, and that now has been taken over by Ypsi PO.

Last week, she paid extra for Priority delivery of a package to a friend in Pennsylvania and it took eight days!

Mark Koehler stopped by and said his wife Sue got a call that she won \$750,000 from Procter & Gamble. She had to confirm it at a different number and they said because of the Patriot's Act she would have to purchase insurance from Lloyd's of London (it would cost \$2,500) to cover the amount before they ship it. They are supposed to call her back in case they can get the insurance waived if she can't afford it. Scam alert.

Martha Brown said on Friday she finished exercising at September Days and decided to visit Hillside Cemetery, so she got in the right lane heading over the bridge into the city, so she could turn right on Denton Road. There was a huge pothole she didn't see and the right side of her vehicle slammed into it. She went to the cemetery and then parked at the drug store. When she came out of the drug store, she saw her front and back tires on the right side of her vehicle were completely flat.

I suggested she let the Belleville Police know about it. I've heard reports from others who hit that huge pothole -- and many other potholes. Some are being filled and some aren't. Be sure to keep an eye out on the road while driving.



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Letters

It's the Marys who won the opt-out battle

Fellow Sumpter Villains,

The political process is a fascinating and costly industry. The vote on the 13th is a perfect example as can only be seen in a place like this. Let me explain.

I attended each meeting after the first one of the MMFLA fact-finding Committee. I have a big stake in this place and consider it my hometown, a depressed rural area barely able to scratch out its existence. If it weren't for garbage, the place would be in receivership again to the state. I have tried my best to support it in the past. Building a manufacturing business and moving it here. Developing the Industrial Zone. Constructing a poultry farm that couldn't get business financing. Just like business, some gain traction and take off while others falter and fail. This was an opportunity to recover from a fail. A positive cash flow to help the parasite we call city hall. To fill the potholes in front of Mary Ban's house. Improvements in infrastructure. Making sure your Social Security check clears. All good things that occur when money can be spent. This was my reason for attendance.

Never seen the attendance at such functions. Young people, old guys that looked like me, ex politicians, lobbyists, lawyers, entrepreneurs, single mothers, and our watchdog old biddies. I endured hours of listening to "why not get a Dollar General" instead of a progressive stance in support of those trying to make a living, provide for a family, young and old people with an interest in an agricultural niche market. I was excited about the possibilities. It would take an extra effort from our local politicians and community leaders but they initiated this committee. The ball was rolling! Who was opposed? The Marys.

As the crowds grew in support, so did the Marys in opposition. It became comical to the point I threw out the first "Dilly Dilly." Out of respect for the elderly, the Marys got their say without time limit. Here was a group of people that are parasites upon the system forcing their view of how THEY wanted to see their town. They want this fixed, give me a ride so I can shop, how about a free meal, got a warm place we can hang out, is there a bingo game? Parasite seems to fit. Does this make you angry? That is why I wrote this. I'm angry, too, about the millions, yes many, many millions of dollars these people, cost me and you.

I have invested many times into this township and I am sorry to admit to defeat once again. Not at the hands of a bank,

a lawsuit, a divorce, a fight -- all pale in comparison to the Marys. They are the votes that get counted and the voice (squeaky hinge) that gets heard. The Marys should be ashamed for slamming the door on this and their short-sighted views of people, health, and community. All I can end with is this. If you are old enough to vote, vote. The Marys eventually die and then you can be heard.
 Dilly Dilly!

Kurt Nofz
 Sumpter Township

Let each community shine on its own

To the editor:

I'd like to express my thanks to Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, and Clerk Wright for their efforts in establishing the Charter Township of Van Buren as its own entity through the changes made with the state and the United States Post Office. As a charter township, Van Buren and its residents deserve the right to be recognized as a community with its own brand and governance.

While the tri-community area has always been lumped together as one, and for good reason, each of the three deserve to be recognized on their own, as well. Referring to the whole are as "Belleville" is selling each of them short, as they each have their own identifiable qualities. I'm sure I don't need to list them here, but clearly, Belleville is the city on the lake and home of the National Strawberry Festival. Van Buren Township boasts a majority of the shoreline of Belleville lake, and has a great and ever-expanding DDA and commercial district. Sumpter Township is one of the most rural and peaceful communities in Wayne County.

There's no need to keep everything "as it has always been." Let each community shine on its own, and when successful the strength each possesses, the whole Tri-Community area will benefit.

Charles Larocque
 Van Buren Township

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Don't touch baby robins who fall on the ground

To the editor:

Just writing for a bit of information regarding finding baby robins on the ground. They look like the original angry birds, a round ball of feathers with a huge beak, when opened it looks a big as the bird.

Don't try looking for its nest or handle it too much. Being on the ground is natural, as they are now fledglings and have left the nest. If you must touch it, put it into the closest clump of bushes, as the parents are watching you and will rush to hide the chick in the bushes keeping it from predators.

Like so many apples, baby robins will fall from the trees; let mother nature take care of her own.

Bob Balderston
Belleville

Soccer Fair set March 10 at VBT Hall

To the editor:

Hello Soccer Members,

Once again thank you for registering for the upcoming Spring 2018 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.

Please be sure to attend the Saturday, March 10, Van Buren Community Soccer Fair from 10 a.m. to noon at Van Buren Township in their Board Room, 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. Please note the location change. If you are coaching, please arrive by 9:30 a.m.

If you have not signed up, please attend, as we will have open registration on this date, as well.

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.

- Spring Season is scheduled to start around April 14.

- We are always in need of more volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering, please see Angie McCluskey on this date, or email us at vanburensoccerbelleville@gmail.com.

A few dates to save:

- Select try outs for our more competitive

players will be held June 16 -18. More information to follow, but please make sure to save these dates. All ages will be welcome to try out.

Please email us at vanburensoccerbelleville@gmail.com with any questions you may have or if you are not able to attend.

Soccer Rules!

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Obituaries



William G. Gage, Sr.

WILLIAM G. GAGE, SR.
(August 2, 1940 - February 16, 2018)
William G. Gage, Sr. (Bill), of Grand Blanc, age 77, went home to be with our Lord on Friday, February 16, 2018.

He was born in Bad Axe, MI on August 2, 1940 to his parents, William D. and Eleanor Gage. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Pat), after 58 years of marriage; his son, Bryan Gage; daughter-in-law, Tamara Gage, of the late William Gage, Jr.; grandsons, Adam and Aaron (Stephanie) Gage and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Timothy B. Gage, in 1961 and William G. Gage, Jr., in 2011; brother, Mike Gage; sister-in-law, Carol Gage and his parents, Bill and Eleanor Gage.

Bill graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1959. He made his home in Belleville, MI for 40 years, where he raised his sons. He worked in retail sales until he was injured and permanently disabled in 1986. He and his wife moved from Belleville to Grand Blanc, MI in October of 2008.

Funeral service was held February 26, 2018 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, Pastor Larry Survance officiating. Visitation was Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the funeral home.

Bill was laid to rest beside his son, Bill Jr. at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville, MI.

Bill's life celebration took place at Antonio's Restaurant on Canton Center Road in Canton, MI, following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's wishes are for donations to The Michigan Marching Band in Ann Arbor, where his son, Bill Jr. was a very proud member and played the trumpet. He would like trumpets to be purchased in his son's memory for band members in need.

Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

**More Obituaries on
page 8 & 9**



Larry Edward Cevora

LARRY EDWARD CEVORA

(October 7, 1948 - February 23, 2018)

Larry Edward Cevora, age 69, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Friday, February 23, 2018 at his home. He was born October 7, 1948 in Toledo, OH, son of the late Edward and Julia Ann (Loveridge) Cevora. He was raised in Petersburg, MI, where he completed his education.

Larry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict in the 1st Infantry Division "Big Red 1" in the B Trp. Cav 3rd Platoon as a Tank Driver. He earned many designations, including National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and a Purple Heart. He worked for Ford Motor Company as an engineer at the Rawsonville Road Plant, and retired after more than 30 years. Larry was a kind man who loved his family and friends, and riding his Harley Motorcycle.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Kathleen (Strach) Cevora; step-son Michael (Julie) Campbell of Saline, MI; step-daughter Michelle Kolongowski of Allen Park, MI; 3 grandchildren Justin and Elise Campbell and Kimberly Kolongowski; two sisters Fran (Lew) Toth of Tennessee and Lonna May Cevora, also of Tennessee; a brother Kim Cevora of Mexico; and numerous wonderful nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two sisters Janet Fashbaugh and Jackie Tubbs.

In keeping with Larry's wishes, a dignified cremation has been arranged. His cremated remains will be placed in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Larry's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated.

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Maria Rae Rickel-Harat

MARIA RAE RICKEL-HARAT

(March 16, 1966 - February 21, 2018)

Age 51, of Van Buren Township, died peacefully at her residence on Wednesday evening, February 21, 2018.

Maria is the beloved mother of Aubree Harat and Victor Harat, both of Belleville; dear daughter of Phyllis Rickel of Belleville; loving long-time companion of Kevin Riling of Belleville and cherished sister of Charles (Caroline) Rickel of Ohio, Phillip (Mary) Rickel of Highland and Lora (Michael) Maus of Belleville. She is also survived by many loving extended family and friends as well as her beloved dog "Koda."

Sadly, she is preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Harat (d. 1999) and her father Charles Rickel (d. 2013).

Born on March 16, 1966, Maria was a long-time Belleville-area resident. She enjoyed painting, listening to classic rock and spending time with family and friends.

In keeping with Maria's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged.

A celebration of her life will take place at 11:30 AM Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Maria's family will greet guests from 10 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the wishes of the family.

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Sandra Jean Robson Zimmer

SANDRA JEAN ROBSON ZIMMER

(November 18, 1940 - February 25, 2018)

Sandra Jean Robson Zimmer, age 77, of Charlotte, passed away Sunday, February 25, 2018, at her home.

She was born November 18, 1940, in Detroit, MI the daughter of George and Elsie Robson. Sandra graduated from Belleville High School with the class of 1958. She later attended the University of Michigan. On October 15, 1965, she married Donald E. Zimmer in Belleville. They spent most of their married life and raised their children in Charlotte. She enjoyed quilting, playing the fiddle, and old-time music. Sandy is survived by her children: Gwen Zimmer of Crystal, Don (Beth) Zimmer of Big Rapids, Jennifer (Greg) Weis of Battle Creek; 4 grandchildren: Caleb Freestone, Amelia Freestone, Brettanya Zimmer, Merideth Weis; and companion, Mark Wesley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Donald E. Zimmer in 1998; and brother George Robson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 11 A.M. at the Burkhead-Green-Kilgo Funeral Home, Charlotte. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Tyler Road Cemetery in Belleville and all are welcome to attend.

Those desiring may make contributions in Sandra's memory to the Donald E. Zimmer Fund c/o Eaton Community Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Charlotte, MI 48813 or Wheatland Music Organization, 7251 50th Ave., Remus, MI 49340.



Dennis Allen Linderman

DENNIS ALLEN LINDERMAN

(March 28, 1952 - February 21, 2018)

LINDERMAN, Dennis Allen Linderman, age 65 of Belleville, MI, died Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born March 28, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Irvin A and Kathleen (Poupard) Linderman. In April 1975, he married Doreen S. Moore in Detroit, MI, and she survives.

Dennis was formerly a Ham Radio Operator known with the handle "KC8VNT" and was part of a storm watch team with fellow Ham Radio Operators. He will always be remembered for his love of electronics, his vast collection of Lionel Trains, and collection of old coins and stamps. Survivors besides his wife Doreen include his daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Bryan Tarrow; grandson, Zander Tarrow; five brothers and sisters: Michael (Bonny) Linderman, Patricia (Ron) Kulhanek, Timothy (Rhonda) Linderman, Jeffrey (Kelly Brown) Linderman and Joanne (Jeff) Ferguson; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Per his request, cremation has taken place. Please join Dennis' family on Saturday, March 24, 2-5 p.m., for a Celebration of Life at: Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 7180 S. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Rebecca Lynn Hendrickson

REBECCA LYNN HENDRICKSON

Rebecca Lynn Hendrickson, age 34, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 25, 2018. Becky is survived by her loving mother, Denise (Kevin) Hendrickson-McFay, her sisters Kimberly and Christina Hendrickson, her brothers Zachary and Kevin McFay, as well as her nieces Quianna Patton, Shayla and Aaliyah Hendrickson, Jon'taevia Brown and her nephew Jon'tae Brown. Her grandmother, Eleanor Hendrickson, uncle Vincent (Kathy) Wegienka IV, aunts Cynthia Wegienka, Lynn (Steve) Flaig and Roxann (William) Jackson, as well as numerous cousins and friends. She was looking forward to the birth of her great-niece Kamila in May. Preceded in death by her father Joe Frank Hendrickson Jr, her grandparents Vincent and Theresa Wegienka, Joe Frank Hendrickson Sr., a niece and a brother.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held March 10, 2018 at Mt Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville.

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SYBIL BUCHANAN

(May 19, 1960 - February 22, 2018)

Age 57. 23-year employee of Sumpter Township. Loving mother of Sarah (Kelly) and David (Amanda). Dearest grandmother of Brennan and Aubrey. Best friends of Kim, Lisa and Tonya. Beloved daughter of the late Lyle and Ruth and step-daughter of Marie Buchanan. Step-sister of Ann and Larry. A memorial service will be held at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., on Saturday, March 10, 2018, 5 p.m., with visitation noon to 6 p.m.

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Iron Belle

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"Option 1 is the most scenic," Trustee Frazier said, noting she was at the recent meeting on the route and the main concern was safety because there is speeding on East Huron River Drive.

She said a 10-foot wide path is needed to get grant money. She said it was a Gov. Rick Snyder project and there is just one year before his term limit expires, but she has been told once he's out, his approved budget is in effect for one more year.

Trustee Paul White said four residents may have an issue with this route. He suggested they invite them in and talk to them to see if they can come up with something to solve their problems.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if any neighboring community has opted out of the Iron Belle Trail and Director Wright said she hadn't heard of any.

Director Wright said the bridge needs to be repaired before it can be used for the trail. It carries a gas line and a water line.

Supervisor McNamara said with the help of Consumers Power and the Great Lakes Water Authority, the township's share

should be very little.

Trustee White said the bridge overlooks the dam.

When asked how much grant they are seeking, Director Wright said \$700,000 to over \$1 million. She said the township would be in charge of maintaining the trail.

"Once the trail goes in, we have to decide if we want our staff to remove snow or post it will not be maintained [in the winter]," Trustee Frazier said.

"As an avid biker, I prefer #1," said Clerk Leon Wright. "It's the shortest route from the park to downtown Belleville." He said the township has been working at making the community walkable and rideable.

"Bikers want to get off the road and have an area we can ride safely," Clerk Wright said. "Motorists don't like to share the road with bikes."

"The whole point is to have a scenic route," said Trustee Reggie Miller. She said she is concerned whether it will be 100% funded by the state.

Supervisor McNamara said option #3 is intriguing, mentioning the route heading from Bemis, ITC corridor, and to Savage Road and then over to Martinsville. He said the houses along Savage are closer to the road than those on E. Huron River Dr.

"We need to have a public hearing," Trustee Frazier said.

Supervisor McNamara said they would invite the public in in two weeks to discuss the trail and before that, "I will knock on four doors and the neighbors." He said it was too bad the railroad won't let the trail cross its track.

He said if the board can't come to a decision on the route on March 6, they can have a special meeting March 13.

Public Services Director Matthew Best said the township could get less than \$1 million from the grant. He said \$300,000 is what they are going for and that would include a 25% match. Then they would go after other grants.

McNamara said he had stated they were going for \$1 million, but "I had that wrong." He said the township got a \$1.7 million TAP grant for the pedestrian overpass.

The Iron Belle Trail was not on the agenda for the board's Feb. 20 meeting, but it was added at the meeting. That's after the only new business item on the agenda was removed.

McNamara removed that item: To consider approval of Johnson Controls, Inc./Tyco Integrated Security to provide a new security card access system for township buildings in the amount of \$32,006. He said they were looking at a "better contract."

In other business at the one hour and 19 minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill, and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire Feb. 1, 2019;

- Heard Mary Ban complain about the deteriorating conditions of Sumpter Road between Hull and Bemis. She asked if there was a chance it would be fixed this year? McNamara said he has found that Haggerty between Tyler and Ecorse is the only roadwork scheduled for VBT in 2018. She also spoke at length about how the address change VBT has made by having Van Buren Township appear with the 48111 zip code is now impacting what should be Sumpter Township addresses. She said she lives in Sumpter and doesn't want VBT on her mail and packages, which is happening now. Trustee Frazier said the change was made by Clerk Leon Wright and then he told the board. It supposedly was part of a strategic plan discussed in 2014 that some of the board members have never heard of or seen, she said.

Nicholas Eller named to President's List at UMBC

Nicholas Eller, son of Bryan and Charlene Eller of Sumpter Township, has been named to the President's List during his first semester at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

UMBC is an Honors College in Baltimore, Maryland, where Nicholas is in his first year as a Physics major.

Mikayla Farris on Fall 2017 Dean's List

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This message was sent out by the Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township Police Departments

Clerk Wright was correct in 48111 move

To the editor:

This email was sent to members of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and was addressed to Clerk Wright:

You were absolutely correct in successfully seeking to change the official Post Office address for Van Buren Township. I tried for the longest time to convince my son-in-law to have Belle Tire build a store in our community; especially considering the name similarity with Belleville. He kindly advised me that the demographics for the Belleville area simply didn't meet the criteria for building a store

there. After many years of discussions, and after having explained that though Belleville and Sumpter Township are more commonly understood as being the most recognizable communities in the region, he was able to further review the possibilities for Van Buren Township and did indeed discover that our community fulfilled the demographics required to build a store in the Belleville vicinity!

Apparently Trustee Frazier forgets that she was elected to *represent the residents of Van Buren Township* and not Sumpter or Belleville. When she was a member of the Belleville Public School District Board of Education she was responsible for the entire district, however, she isn't part of that academia any longer. I really believe that the Sumpter Township citizen who was

upset with our Board of Trustees' decision should have addressed her concerns with her Sumpter Township Clerk and that way the necessary corrections could be addressed. You needn't take any further criticism from Ms. Frazier or anyone else if they don't understand why this change was necessary. I've been spending years trying to explain to others how we had a Belleville mailing address when the post office was clearly in Van Buren Township. "Thank you" that I won't have to be bothered dancing around that issue any more.

Finally, please recommend to Trustee Frazier that she should spend more time researching the township records and her

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--Vera Howell



More Letters

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work study materials before she makes accusations like "nobody informed me" or "why did this occur without anyone consulting me?" Remind her that yourself, Supervisor McNamara and Trustee Budd are the official managers of the municipality. She isn't involved with the everyday operations of our local government and she should be more considerate of you three individuals who are charged with running the township! Your patience with her is commendable, but it's become a real headache for the rest

of the board, except of course her partner in duplicity -- Trustee White.
CeJay Marshall
Van Buren Township

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To the editor:

St. Jude Novena (never known to fail): "O Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracle, near kinsman to Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg your great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and most urgent petition (make your request). In return I promise

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Kristina, Belleville resident

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

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Thanks, R.R., Canton

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to thank St. Jude for answering my prayer.

S&J, Belleville



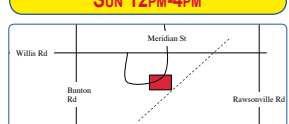
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She's currently involved in three studies: long-term outcome and the effects of rehabilitation on vocational status / quality of life post-discharge, sleep disorders following TBI, and an imaging study focused on stroke patients and outcome differences between genders.

"I love seeing patients in the clinic," she said. "I see the multiplicity of function of the brain, and how its plasticity can change outcome, with a patient's hard work and dedication."

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District Library works at cuts for Belleville, Sumpter facilities

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board at its regular meeting Feb. 13 discussed cuts in the budgets for both the proposed new library building in downtown Belleville and the satellite facility in Sumpter.

The board's building committee has been meeting with the architect and O'Neal Construction and have worked out changes to bring the library construction and renovation budgets back into line.

Architect Dan Whisler said, as far as the new construction plan, there have been exterior changes, rotation of the elevator inside, shifting of the local history room, windows on the first floor and second floor have been changed and they eliminated a projecting bay window. Staff space was rearranged and one air conditioning unit was eliminated, saving \$10,000.

A sunshade was eliminated and will be put back, if the money allows. A vegetative roof is considered an alternative and will be put back if possible. There are ten alternates.

He said the circular entry tower has been shortened considerably. The exterior has

been changed significantly, but they are still using the same bricks and limestone materials. He explained other changes.

Then, Whisler said the Sumpter Township facility has a cost of \$550,000 and just \$450,000 is budgeted. He said changes have been made to bring the costs back into line. The library will be renovating the hexagon building across from township hall for the satellite.

He said under the building code, there should be two rest rooms and two drinking fountains. He said the library was planning 22 seats, but could provide an affidavit that only 15 occupants could be allowed in the building, which would allow for a single toilet.

They could save \$7,000 on a drinking fountain, by possibly being able to use the one drinking fountain already in the building. A second fountain for wheelchair

use could also be a part of the affidavit and they would not have to install it if they could offer bottled water to those who have physical difficulties that don't allow them to use the regular fountain.

He said they could reuse the existing cabinets in the kitchen and get rid of the stove. They would recover the counter tops. As to the kitchen sink, code requires it to be 34" high for handicap use, and for years the standard was 36" like the one in the kitchen. Since it's existing, maybe that could be considered a grandfather issue, he said. It wouldn't meet ADA standards.

Building committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz said they had a meeting planned with Sumpter on Friday, Feb. 16. Also, they will be getting a legal description of the property.

Whisler said plans are to start Sumpter
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District Library

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construction site work in May and bid out the other work in June.

"Then we will know the cost for sure," Cichewicz said.

In a related discussion, board member John Juriga said in the future he expects library staff to say of the new building, "What were you thinking? There's not enough storage."

Whisler said there never is enough storage and they can increase the storage, but then, "What do we give up?"

"It will force us not to store," Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said.

In other business at the one-hour-and-35-minute meeting, the board:

- Discussed the proposed ground breaking for the new library on the Saturday of Library Week, April 14. The board's marketing committee will plan the event. Mary Jane Dawson, a member of the committee, suggested t-shirts that read, "I'm digging my new library";

- Heard Cichewicz say everyone is nagging DTE to get the power lines moved. "They have to do their business before we

can start";

- Approved changes to two bylaws: eliminating term limits for treasurer and changing the order of business for the agenda items;

- Heard Director Suchy announce that George Kelley has been hired as technology manager and will be on board within a month. Suchy said, "A new technology manager cannot come a moment too soon, as we begin to look in more depth at security and A-V systems for the new library and branch, as well as RFID and self-checkout; and

- Heard Cichewicz say that in spite of the cuts the building is something to be proud of. Juriga said, "Exterior beauty is important and we've cut so much." Chairwoman Sharon Peters said, "Cutting has been very painful, but we're doing what we have to do...We're getting close now and it feels great."

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PRIVATE OWNERS: 2000 VW BUG CLASSIC. Bright yellow finish, black leather interior, 5-speed. Low miles. \$3,150 OBO; 1998 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Full power & air. Very clean. Low miles. \$3,650; 1998 Ford Ranger Pick-up. Auto, 4-cylinder, power steering & brakes. No rust. \$3,150 OBO; 2002 Saturn 2-door coupe. 5-speed, power & air. Very Clean. \$2,650. (734) 695-0819

03/01

1998 ESCORT. Runs good & drives good. Lots of new parts. \$650. (734) 483-1507

03/08

2001 HONDA CIVIC. Auto, sunroof, loaded, 4-door. Good tires & exhaust. Runs & drives super. 38 miles/gal. 180K. First \$1,250 firm. (734) 904-4402

03/15

2015 FORD FOCUS SE. 48K, clean inside & out. \$10,500 OBO. (734) 262-1937

03/15

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call. (734) 697-1800 TFN

HOME HEALTH AIDES. Openings in Belleville & surrounding area. Call Golden Home & apply 9am-1pm. (734) 697-0888 04/12

ARE YOU A RETIRED TRUCK DRIVER looking for part-time employment? Please call Golden Services (734) 697-9911 03/29

SAM'S BAR is hiring experienced cook & bartender. Apply at 40675 Bemis at Savage Rds. 03/01

FARM HAND NEEDED to care for six horses. 3 hours a day. Call Gary (734) 740-8922 03/08

SEASONAL HELP at Robson Greenhouse. (734) 397-2252 03/01

Gabrielle Hammond named BJU Legacy Student

The Bob Jones University Alumni Association, in Greenville, S.C., recently recognized Gabrielle Hammond, a freshman studio art major from Belleville, as a legacy student.

Each year the BJU Alumni Association recognizes second, third, and fourth generation legacy students. In order to be eligible, students must have at least one parent who graduated from BJU.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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



Public Notice

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS OF DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE:

The Settlor, Robert J. McLeod. (date of birth October 29, 1929), who lived at 23067 Emmett Street, Taylor MI 48180, died July 6, 2017. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Robert J. McLeod and Luana Lee McLeod Revocable Trust, will be forever barred unless presented to Leslie Michalik, Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: 2/23/2018
Nicholas S. Kovach (P76387)
Attorney
31700 Middlebelt, Suite 126
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 406-0620

Leslie Michalik
Successor Trustee
30250 Kimberly Ct.
Farmington Hills, MI
(214) 236-1317

Publish: 03-01-18

Most-wanted fugitive robbed neighbor in Van Buren Township

U.S. Marshals are seeking a dangerous fugitive who recently struck in Van Buren Township, according to Channel 7 News that called Charles Naranjo "Detroit's Most Wanted."

Naranjo started his criminal ways in 1988. He is a Colorado native where he had nine felony convictions including assault on a police officer. It is an attack on a man who owed him money in September 2016 that sent him fleeing to Van Buren Township to stay with a relative.

In VBT Naranjo reportedly broke into a neighbor's house at night and at least one gun was pulled. Naranjo allegedly grabbed the gun and there was a tussle. Before VBT police could arrive, Naranjo was gone.

U.S. Marshals say Naranjo is 47 years old, 5'10", 180 pounds, and considered armed and dangerous.

He's wanted for kidnapping, burglary, aggravated assault, and robbery out of Adams County, CO. In VBT, he's wanted for assault, home invasion, breaking and entering, and being a habitual offender.

People are urged to call 911 if they see him. There's a cash reward for any information leading to the arrest of Charles Naranjo. Call the U.S. Marshals any time at (313) 234-5656.

VBT carjacking between four murders in Detroit, suicide in Ohio

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township police said a man being pursued for four murders in Detroit on Monday morning, carjacked a vehicle in the area of Belleville Road, north of Tyler Road, before heading south.

They said he may have been driving a black 2014 Ford Fusion.

Soon after the report from Van Buren Township police, the man reportedly fired shots at police officers at a truck stop along I-280 near the Ohio Turnpike before turning the gun on himself.

George Anthony Davis, Jr., was being sought for shooting and killing three people at a gas station in Detroit and one more -- his cousin -- in a home nearby on Detroit's west side.

Van Buren Township LDFA reelects Michael Dotson as chairman

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Jan. 9, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority reelected officers for 2018.

Michael Dotson is chairperson, Doug Peters vice-chairperson, and John Delaney, corresponding secretary.

Also on the LDFA are Leonard Armstrong, Chuck Covington, James Williams, Shareen Barker, Danylo Dobriansky, and VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara. There are two vacancies.

The meetings for the year were set for: Jan. 9, March 14, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11 and Nov. 14. All the meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of every other month, except for March and November, which are on Wednesdays.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, announced that the new, large electronic sign on I-275 at Grace Lake is up and running. The township will be working with Grace Lake to put a community message on the sign.

Akers said the new building at Grace Lake is in the final stages of engineering approval.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, March 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, March 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Ron and Cindy Lewis of Sumpter Township went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They read their *Independent* in Mexico.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us \$30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$35 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, Executive Assistant Selman, Engineering Consultant Sloan and an audience of nineteen (19).

Supervisor McNamara requested the agenda be amended removing New Business item #1 [To consider approval of Johnson Controls, Inc. / Controls/Tyco Integrated Security to provide a new security card access system for Township buildings in the amount of \$32,006.00] and replace it with Discussion on the Iron Belle Trail Project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, White seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session minutes of February 5, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of February 6, 2018, Prepaid List of February 8, 2018, Prepaid List of February 15, 2018, Voucher List of February 20, 2018, Approval of the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2019]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Update on the Iron Belle Trail project. When completed the Iron Belle Trail will be the longest state trail in the nation connecting Belle Isle in Detroit to Iron Wood in the Upper Peninsula. It will consist of 1,221 miles of hiking trail (72% completed) and 798 miles of non-motorized trail (62% completed). The project incorporates a safe connection from Downtown Belleville to Lower Huron Metro Park and requires a 25% contribution of funding by the Township. Grants have been identified and will be applied for to cover the required 25% funding. A public informational meeting was held at Belleville High School on January 31, 2018 at which attendees identified route options and expressed pros and cons of each. Recreation Director Wright presented a PowerPoint presentation identifying the five route options to the Board. Three of the options were discarded by the Board because they would require right of way access from the railroad which has informally been denied. The two remaining options will be further reviewed and presented to the Board at the first meeting in March for final consideration. A public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed trail route will be held in conjunction with the March 6, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Audience comments included: A request for assistance in addressing the poor road condition of Sumpter Rd. between Bemis and Hull, concern over the recent Van Buren Township street address correction, concern over a Sumpter Township property being incorrectly identified as being in Van Buren Township and best wishes to the Board

on behalf of Michigan State Representative Kosowski. Clerk Wright outlined the process involving the correction of all Van Buren Township addresses since the initiative was assigned to him during the strategic planning session held in 2014. The process has been completed and any resident who has concerns or has identified any further corrections required is encourage to contact him at 734-699-8909. Trustee Frazier expressed displeasure with the process involved in the address correction citing her desire to have the zip code changed, Board discussion, community input and tri-community input prior to the correction because she was not part of the strategic plan, was never given a copy of the strategic plan and did not know one existed.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion Carried. Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: March 1, 2018

Spring Storytimes to begin at District Library

Registration for Spring Storytimes begins Thursday, March 1 at the circulation desk of the Belleville Area District Library.

- Tuesday "Toddler Times" Storytimes will begin at 11 a.m. March 20 and run Tuesdays to April 24.

- Thursday "Toddler Times" will begin at 11 a.m., March 22 and run Thursdays to April 26.

Tara K. McCann
Youth/Teen Services Librarian
Belleville Area District Library
167 Fourth Street, Belleville



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7014 or ext. 7015 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 13, 2018.

Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: February 15, 2018
February 22, 2018
March 1, 2018

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan regarding the following items:

1. Proposed amendments to the Charter Township of Van Buren's Zoning Ordinance modifying the required setbacks for detached accessory buildings greater than 768 square feet and for detached accessory buildings in commercial or industrial zoning districts; modifying the approval process for non-residential detached accessory buildings in non-residential districts; modifying the requirement for detached accessory buildings to have concrete floors and ratwalls in the agricultural district; and modifying the lot coverage requirements by creating an exception for detached sheds 120 square feet in area or less in residential and agricultural districts.
2. Proposed amendments to the Township's Future Land Use Map in the Township's Master Plan to change the future land use designation of the following properties known as the Harold Smith Farm (50015 Michigan Avenue, Van Buren Township, MI 48111) from Low Density Single Family Residential B (15,000 square feet) to Light Industrial:

83-021-99-0001-000	83-022-01-0004-003	83-022-01-0007-001	83-021-99-0002-000
83-022-01-0005-005	83-022-01-0008-003	83-022-01-0003-004	83-022-01-0006-001
83-023-99-0005-000			

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date. All materials related to these public hearing requests are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact Van Buren Township hall at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you need assistance.

Posted: February 22, 2018
Published: March 1, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 to consider an ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2010-005 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PERMITTING, REGULATING, APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, FEES, THE DENIAL AND APPEALS FROM DENIAL OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND INSPECTING AND THE REVOCATION OF PERMITS FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSARIES AND MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE.

All residents are invited to attend. Comments may be given in person at the hearing or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office for inspection during regular business hours.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish 3/1/18

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP 2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.

THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:30 PM Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

Publish: February 22, March 1st & 8th

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

James Chapman found guilty of felony by Wayne County jury

On Feb. 22, a Wayne County Circuit Court Jury found James Forrest Chapman, 58, guilty of the felony charge of jumping in Belleville Lake to evade police.

The trial was before Judge Margaret Van Houten. Chapman took the stand in his own defense.

He has been referred to probation for a pre-sentence report. Judge Van Houten will sentence him on March 22. A probation violation hearing will also be held that same day.

The charge against Chapman was assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer in Van Buren Township on June 13, 2016. The maximum sentence is not more than two years or a fine of not more than \$2,000 or both.

The attendant misdemeanor charge of refusing to provide a DNA sample when arrested on a felony was dismissed.

Upon conviction of the felony, however, Chapman provided a DNA sample.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 6th, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 12th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 14th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15th, Thursday
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 14, 2018.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 13, 2018.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Thursday, March 8, 2018

Voting members of library's art acquisition committee named

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The voting members of the art acquisitions committee for the new Belleville Area District Library were announced by library board chairwoman Sharon Peters at the Jan. 9 regular meeting of the board.

The voting member selection by the Friends of the Library already had been announced as Donna Lavin. The Belleville Area Council for the Arts had announced its selection of Barbara Rogalle Miller.

Peters announced her selections of library board members Mary Jane Dawson and Alma Hughes-Grubbs. She noted that board member John Juriga had also indicated a wish to be on the committee, but she could only pick two. She said Juriga will continue to attend the meetings and will be involved, but won't be a voting member.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy also is a voting member.

Peters also announced the two artists

selected as voting members are John Doug Peters and Michele Montour.

The committee's first meeting had been set for Jan. 17.

In other business in the 56-minute meeting on Jan. 9, the board:

- Reelected officers to serve for the coming year: Sharon Peters as chairperson, Mary Jane Dawson as vice chairperson, and LaChelle Reed Caver as secretary. Tanya Stoudemire was elected acting treasurer until a clarification of the bylaws could be made. Ron Traskos, the board's finance consultant, said from the audience that because of the segregation of duties in this small organization, even if there was a bylaw saying the treasurer must change, it wouldn't hold up;

- Heard Ron Traskos present the 2016-17 audit by Alan C. Young & Associates. It was a clean audit of the \$1,032,165 revenue, which was higher than expected because of the growing real estate market increasing the property tax income, and a cut in total expenses. That added \$88,817 to the fund balance of \$917,428 as of June 30, 2017. This is very different than audits of the past since this is the first time the bond proceeds of \$13,729,846 and the

short-term investments and bonds and commercial paper are listed on a separate page;

- Heard building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz report that after more detailed designs of the new library building, it has been determined the project

is \$437,000 over budget. Suggestions for cutting have been given; and

- Heard Dawson announce that this day was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. She said this announcement was being made by the mother of the chief of police of Ann Arbor (Jim Baird).

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to receive public comment on:

The Iron Belle Trail Project.

Documents pertaining to the project are available for review at the Township Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Written comments may also be forwarded to the Clerk's Office.

Leon Wright, Clerk

Charter Township of Van Buren

Posted: 2-23-2018

Published: 3-1-18

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin

March 26, 2018 and run through March 29, 2018

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by March 25, 2018

New items may be displayed beginning March 30, 2018

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Posted 2-22-2018

Published 3-1-2018

3-15-2018

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018**, for the Site Improvements Project at Edgemont Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Administration Building, 4555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111.

Proposal for Edgemont Elementary Site Improvements Project. Attention: Mr. James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Material and Labor Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=40a697dca1eb4a878b81d978f0d64b5d>

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 22, 2018**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Publish: March 1, 2018; March 8, 2018

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, March 3** – Country Breakfast at the Belleville Free Will Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, 8-11 a.m., donations appreciated. Biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, ham, bologna, fried potatoes, eggs, fried apples.

• **Saturday, March 3** – Spaghetti Dinner featuring entertainment by the Belleville High School Jazz Band from 5-8 p.m. at BHS Commons, \$8 per ticket. Also, a 50/50 drawing and a variety of themed baskets will be raffled off from each of the bands. For information see: bellevillebandboosters@gmail.com.

• **Saturday, March 3** – The Mayors' Ball to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Belleville and Romulus will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club. Tickets:

\$100. Information: Mayor Kerreen Conley (313) 969-5183 or email mayorsball@yahoo.com.

• **Sunday, March 4** – Jay Frandsen & Saxophone will entertain 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free afternoon of music. For more information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, March 4** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville. Honor those who have served and are serving. A brief ceremony includes Pledge to the Flag and "Taps."

• **Saturday, March 10** – Van Buren Community Soccer Fair from 10 a.m. to noon at Van Buren Township Hall board meeting room, 46425 Tyler Road.

• **Sunday, March 11** – 18 Strings will entertain 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free afternoon of music. For more

information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Wednesday, March 14** – Chicken Supper, 5 p.m. until sold out, at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person, children 12 and under, \$5. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage.

• **Sunday, March 18** – Kentucky Travelers will entertain 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free afternoon of music. For more information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, March 25** – Southern Echo will entertain 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free afternoon of music. For more information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, April 9** – State Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour 1-2 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St. Her district includes part of Van Buren Township.

• **Wednesday, April 11** – Belleville Area Women's Club annual Spring Fashion Show

at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Rd. Tickets \$40. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., fashion show at 8 p.m., with fashions provided by Dress Barn. Proceeds benefit the Community and Education Fund. Tickets available from club members and at Garden Fantasy on Main.

• **Saturday, April 14** – Belleville Area District Library groundbreaking, 11 a.m.

• **Saturday, April 14** – Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony Men's Club are sponsoring a Vocations Dinner and silent raffle in support of the seminarians at Sacred Heart, Detroit, the future priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit. It's at St. Anthony, Belleville, parish family center. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 and a program to follow. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets available through any one of the Knights or Men's Club members or call (734) 347-0426 or email alatiw@mikofc.org.

• **Monday, April 16** – State Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour 6-7 p.m. at the Public Service Credit Union Conference Room 7665 Merriman Road, Romulus. Her district includes part of Van Buren Township.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
ANIMAL SHOT CLINIC
MARCH 3RD AND 10TH 2018
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
POLE BARN ACROSS FROM
TOWNSHIP HALL**



RABIES: \$16.00

**DISTEMPER/PARVO COMBO:
\$28.00**



**DOG LICENSES ALSO AVAILABLE
\$5.00.....MALE/FEMALE
NEUTER/SPAY
\$7.00....FEMALE UN-SPAYED**

Publish: March 1st & 8th 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, February 5, 2018

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the agenda with one revision -- add Item H: Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of January 16th, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Chamber of Commerce – Strawberry Run
Keith Johnson was present to discuss a concept for a run/walk event to be sponsored by the Belleville Chamber during the 2018 Strawberry Festival and to seek "pre-approval" from the City Council for an event date of June 16, 2018. After some discussion, Mr. Johnson said he would plan on another date and return with an official request and details at a future meeting.

B. Brownie Troop Cookie Sale - Use of Fourth Street Square

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 18-012 approving the use of Fourth Street Square for a Brownie Troop (#76274) Cookie Sale on either February 18 or March 10, 2018 from 1 to 5 pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. WCA – Poverty Exemption

WCA's Jennifer Neiman was present to discuss compliance with state and federal laws regarding properties exempt from taxation due to poverty exemptions for qualified homeowners. Poverty exemptions would be determined by Belleville's Assessor in conjunction with the Board of Review.

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 18-013 approving the City's 2018 poverty exemption guidelines as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. 2018 Music Lakeside Dates

Since a representative was not present to discuss, the 2018 Music Lakeside program was deferred and will be placed on a future agenda.

E. Waiver of Penalties for Failure to File Property Transfer Affidavits

Jennifer Neiman stated that state law requires municipalities to have a written document stating whether they will levy penalties/fees for late notification of property transfers. She presented a draft resolution for consideration by the City Council.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 18-014 approving waiver of penalties for failure to file property transfer affidavits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. 2018 Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy

G. 2018 Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy
City Manager Kollmeyer stated that she had reviewed both policies and recommends that they be approved as presented by the Festival Board. Motion by Smith, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 18-015 adopting both the responsibility and administrative policies for the 2018 Strawberry Festival to Administration as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Master Plan – Parks & Recreation Commission

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 18-016 authorizing Administration to advertise for a public hearing on February 20th at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-017 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$596,319.84.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: February 20, 2018
Published: March 1, 2018

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 482 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 18:

0239 -- noise complaint, Aspen
0249 -- motorist assist, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1040 -- larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1221 -- domestic, Maple Dr.
1238 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1334 -- civil matter, Oak Ln.
1524 -- assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.
1601 -- civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.
1629 -- larceny, Robson Rd.
1816 -- threat, Rawsonville Rd.
2011 -- neighbor trouble, Ash Dr.
2046 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2105 -- 911 welfare check, Spruce Ln.
2124 -- assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2203 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
2303 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, Feb. 19:

0622 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
1031 -- breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.
1038 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1055 -- motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1115 -- mental subject, Pond Ridge Dr.
1146 -- assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1219 -- private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1259 -- threat, Parkwood Dr.
1336 -- civil matter, Ashbury Dr.
1652 -- juvenile complaint, Clayton Rd.
1725 -- leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1731 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.
2041 -- operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2050 -- assault & battery, Locust Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 20:

0148 -- disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0200 -- assist other dept., Marlowe Ave.
0232 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.
0252 -- personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0711 -- abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
0712 -- motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / I-94 S. Service Dr.
0959 -- traffic offense, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
0903 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1044 -- harassment call, Denton Rd.
1050 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Schooner Dr.
1244 -- property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
1329 -- threat, Independence Ln.
1444 -- property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.
1605 -- larceny, Park Estates
1611 -- juvenile complaint, Country Ln.
1611 -- property damage accident, E. Michigan Ave. / Ecorse Rd.

1752 -- motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / Bridge

1758 -- fraud, Oak Ln.

1810 -- fraud, Coolidge St.

1823 -- suicidal person, Ormond Dr.

2118 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Wednesday, Feb. 21:

0050 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0209 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0302 -- 911 welfare check, Huron River Dr.
0708 -- abandoned auto, Sadie Ln./Ecorse Rd.
0724 -- fraud, Estates
1059 -- assist citizen, rest area
1115 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Reedgrass Ln.
1144 -- harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1213 -- sexual assault, Village Green
1353 -- hold-up alarm, Hannan Rd.
1418 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1440 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.
1546 -- follow up by officer, Reedgrass Ln.
1601 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1622 -- abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd
1646 -- private property impound, J&T Towing
1721 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr. / Whitewood Cir.
1755 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1813 -- found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1847 -- follow up by officer, W. Huron River Dr.

2042 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

2146 -- traffic offense, Haggerty/I-94

2159 -- fraud, Jackson St.

2221 -- hospice death, N. Ponderosa Trl.

2224 -- civil matter, Pond Ridge Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 22:

0056 -- noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0536 -- assist other dept., Denton Rd./Marina Cv.
0649 -- malicious destruction of property, Victoria
0650 -- malicious destruction of property, Victoria
0800 -- neighbor trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1028 -- malicious destruction of property, Belle Pointe Dr.
1041 -- traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Van Buren St.
1108 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1120 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1120 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1137 -- missing person, Sheldon Rd.
1338 -- civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1414 -- noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

1825 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd. / Hoeft
1843 -- neighbor trouble, Florence Ln.
1850 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.. / E. Huron River Dr.

1933 -- motorist assist, Haggerty Rd.

1936 -- noise complaint, Oak Ln.

2014 -- sexual assault, Belle Pointe Dr.

2140 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.

2151 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.

Friday, Feb. 23:

0741 -- domestic, Denton Rd.
0812 -- abandoned auto, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.
0838 -- hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0938 -- domestic, Walden Ct.
1058 -- motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1144 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1235 -- disorderly, Mida
1251 -- threat, McBride
1305 -- malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1310 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Deanna Dr.

1445 -- motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1618 -- personal injury accident, Village Center Dr.

1636 -- road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1707 -- property damage accident, Industrial

1720 -- mental subject, Park Estates Dr.

1751 -- road hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty

1758 -- disorderly, Hamlin St.

1904 -- private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1906 -- dumping complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1933 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1935 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1953 -- suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2143 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 24:

0146 -- fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0203 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0403 -- 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0640 -- assist other dept., S. Aberdeen
0916 -- civil matter, Locust Dr.
1115 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1131 -- abandoned auto, Coolidge St.
1208 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Ironwood
1336 -- assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1511 -- shooting, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1526 -- shooting, Brookside Dr./Wildbrook Dr.
1708 -- fraud, N. Woodbury Dr.
1723 -- missing person, Edison Lake Rd.
1831 -- property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1853 -- disorderly, W. Adams
1936 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1950 -- road hazard, EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
2009 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
2212 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
2332 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are 150 traffic stops, nine of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 18:

1149 -- intrusion alarm, Water Works
1442 -- civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1704 -- juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1843 -- assist other dept., Carmell St.

1902 -- intrusion alarm, South St.

Monday, Feb. 19:

0713 -- private property impound, N. Liberty St.
0750 -- 911 welfare check, Main St.
0922 -- 911 welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1057 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1422 -- welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1542 -- civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2036 -- civil matter, Carmell St.
2235 -- civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2242 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 20:

1126 -- vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave.
1210 -- disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1447 -- fraud, Wexford Ave.
1458 -- private property/private property accident, Main St.
2028 -- intrusion alarm, South St.
2159 -- warrant arrest, Eureka

Wednesday, Feb. 21:

0429 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
0919 -- assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1030 -- larceny, Victorian Ln.
1535 -- larceny, Owen St.
1617 -- follow up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.
1804 -- welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1906 -- follow up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.
1919 -- motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
2312 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont

Thursday, Feb. 22:

0806 -- assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave./Main St
Friday, Feb. 23:
1324 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
1331 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Ct.

2028 -- traffic offense, Marathon

2142 -- motorist assist, Belleville/Quirk

Saturday, Feb. 24:

0216 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0826 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1144 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1157 -- disorderly, Church St.
1238 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2111 -- intrusion alarm, South St.
2330 -- warrant arrest, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 61 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 18:

0218 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0419 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
0932 -- suspicious incident, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1055 -- shots fired, 41000 bl. Bemis
1433 -- citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1437 -- fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1538 -- mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Wear
1609 -- suspicious person, Judd/Martinsville
1751 -- suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1805 -- reckless driver, Rawsonville/Wear
1859 -- civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, Feb. 19:

0101 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1710 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1725 -- threats complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1741 -- assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1850 -- subpoena service, Carriage Ln.
1859 -- civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 20:

0337 -- fire dept. assist, Rawsonville/Willis
0351 -- suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0722 -- alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0931 -- larceny, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0937 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
1020 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1108 -- animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1229 -- larceny, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
1618 -- well-being check, Rawsonville/Arkona
1633 -- suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1822 -- noise complaint, Third St.
1912 -- mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
2121 -- threats complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville
2214 -- suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2216 -- suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Martinsville
2334 -- warrant arrest pick up, 8800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 21:

0248 -- assist other agency, out of township
0410 -- abandoned vehicle, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

0448 -- fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.

0703 -- civil dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0904 -- alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

0906 -- civil dispute, Rustic Ln.

0957 -- found property, Rustic Ln.

1356 -- animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville

1445 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Dunn

1451 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1609 -- well-being check, Rawsonville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

1627 -- traffic hazard, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1641 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Willow

1900 -- parking complaint, 450000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 22:

0138 -- suspicious person, Bemis/Rawsonville
0217 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0930 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0953 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1150 -- assist other agency, out of township
1347 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1423 -- larceny, Rustic Ln.
1720 -- civil dispute, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1732 -- assist other agency, 8800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

2117 -- disorderly person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Friday, Feb. 23:

1144 -- suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1147 -- dumping complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1321 -- citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
1505 -- parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1619 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1645 -- civil dispute, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1744 -- threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
2020 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2034 -- 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 24:

0552 -- assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0825 -- suspicious vehicle, Clark/Oakville Waltz
0840 -- 911 hangup, Oregon
0853 -- animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0921 -- animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1144 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1242 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1245 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1625 -- suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willis
1827 -- suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

2024 -- suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2345 -- suspicious incident, Oregon

Also on this week's log are three follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 109 patrol checks, and 39 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township board approves firing of Officer Buccelatto

On Feb. 16, after its second closed-door session on the issue, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Eric Luke to fire Officer Danielle Buccellatto.

No details on the decision were available.

In 2017, Chief Luke honored Officer Buccellatto with a Chief's Recognition for her part in the successful investigation and subsequent convictions of those involved in a fraud case against Fox Auto Parts on Jan. 29, 2016.

She has been with the department since at least 2010.

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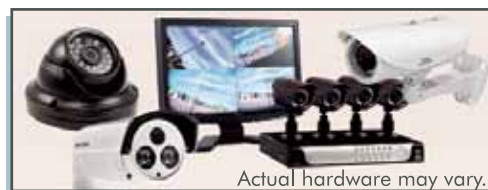
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Open Arms Lutheran Church on Belleville Road is getting ready for its annual Youth Bowling Fundraiser on Friday, March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. The cost is \$20 per ticket, which includes two games of cosmic bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will also be an auction and a 50-50 raffle. For tickets or more info, call (734) 699-5000.

Jack Demmer Ford Automotive Group on Michigan Avenue in Wayne welcomes Rob VanAssche to their award-winning sales staff. Call (734) 721-2600 and visit www.jdemmerford.com.

A Wild Game Dinner and Movie will take place on Saturday, March 10, 5 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road. Tickets are \$30 each with the proceeds going to the Youth Ministry's 2019 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Doors open at 4 p.m. For tickets, call (734) 699-3361 or (734) 262-1975.

Congratulations to Belleville Wrestlers Blake Williams and Jaden Rice for qualifying for the Division 1 Individual State Wrestling Finals coming up tomorrow and Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. Williams, a freshman at 140-lbs, takes his 46-11 high school record to the event while Jaden Rice, a junior in the 285-lb weight class, brings his record-setting 43 pins and a 45-11 record to the season ending tournament. Good luck Tigers!

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

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w/Declaw \$269 (Fronts only)

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w/Declaw \$219 (Fronts only)

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NEUTER .. \$179

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DENTAL ... \$229

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CAT PACKAGES

#3 \$129

#4 \$79

#5 \$59

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- Bordetella
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- Feline Aids / Leukemia Combo Test

- Exam
- Distemper
- Feline Aids / Leukemia Combo Test
- Fecal
- Deworming

- Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.
- Fecal

With coupon. Coupons cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 4-30-18

DOG/CAT PACKAGES

#1 \$27

#2 \$39

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Rabies 1Yr.

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1Yr.

With coupon. Coupons cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 4-30-18

DOG PACKAGES

#3 \$79

#4 \$24

#5 \$69

#6 \$59

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Lepto • Fecal
- Heartworm Test
- Rabies 1 Yr.

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- (Kennel Cough)

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Heartworm Test
- Rabies 1Yr.

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- Lepto
- Rabies 1Yr.

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15487 HAGGERTY, VAN BUREN

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BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE



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