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Tri-community voters opt for Trump, Hillary

Voters in Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and Belleville like Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton – and they said so with their votes in Tuesday’s Presidential Primary election.

In Van Buren Township Republican voting, Trump got 1,198 votes (43.53%); Cruz, 606 (22.02%); Kasich, 545 (19.8%); Rubio, 250 (9%); uncommitted, 54; Carson, 46; Bush, 17; Paul, 10; Christie, Huckabee, and Santorum, 5 each; Fiorina, 4; Graham and Pataki, 3 each; and 1 write-in.

Democratic voters in Van Buren Township cast 2,689 ballots for Clinton (54.38%); 2,158 for Sanders (43.64%), 79 for uncommitted, 13 for O’Malley, 5 for De La Fuente; and 1 write-in.

There are 21,374 registered voters in VBT and 7,709 cast ballots for Tuesday’s election making a 36.07% turnout.

In Sumpter Township, in Republican voting, Donald Trump got 581 votes (52.11%); Ted Cruz, 239 (21.43%); John Kasich, 197 (17.67%); Marco Rubio, 57 (5.11%); uncommitted, 14; Ben Carson, 12; Jeb Bush, 7; Carly Fiorina, 2; and Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Rick Santorum, and write-in, 1 each.

In the Sumpter Democratic votes, Bernie Sanders got 574 (49.87%); Hillary Clinton, 545 (47.35%); uncommitted, 26; Roque Rocky De La Fuente, 4; and Martin J. O’Malley, 2.

In Sumpter, 2,277 people cast ballots.

In the city of Belleville, in the Republican votes, Donald Trump got 194; Ted Cruz, 81; John Kasich, 80; Marco Rubio, 41; uncommitted, 9; Ben Carson, 5; Rand Paul and Jeb Bush, 3 each; and Mike Huckabee, 2.

In Belleville the Democratic votes were Hillary Clinton 277; Bernie Sanders 276; uncommitted, 13; and Martin J. O’Malley, 1. Belleville has 3,216 registered voters and 991 cast ballots, making a 30.8% turnout.



The Belleville High School Boys Basketball Team finished the regular season with a record of 16-4, the best regular season since 2008-09 (also 16-4). The team also finished 9-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division tying Romulus for the league title. This is the first league title for the Boys Basketball Program since 2005-06. Coach for his third year is BHS social studies teacher Adam Trumpour. The team opened District play at home vs. Taylor Kennedy on March 7 (and won) and will host the tourney on Wednesday and Friday, as well. Shown above is Davion Williams, sophomore.



The 2016 Belleville women’s basketball team is having a great run this season! Currently, their record stands at 19-3. They went 10-0 in Western Wayne Athletic Conference play giving them their first League Championship in 10 years. They celebrate that above. The team also won the program’s first District Championship in 11 years on Friday night giving them a berth in the MHSAA Regional round hosted at Belleville High School on March 8 and 10.

Photos courtesy Belleville High School.

VBT Police report 3 armed robberies, robbery, gunshots

Van Buren Township Police are asking for the public’s help in the investigation of an armed robbery at about 9 p.m. Sunday at the Pick N Pay liquor store at 9800 Haggerty Road, Haggerty Center.

The suspect is described as a black male, mid-30s, 5’9” tall, weighing about 190 pounds. He had a goatee and was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt with white drawstrings, dark-colored pants and a grey baseball cap with “Detroit” written across the front in orange.

In a news release, VBT Director of Public

Safety Gregory Laurain said the suspect walked around the store before selecting a beverage and walking up to the counter. He then produced a handgun, as the clerk opened the register, and demanded cash. He left with about \$2,900. The suspect fled the area in an unknown smaller black vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call police at (734) 699-8915.

Armed robbery – Holiday Inn Express

VBT police are investigating an armed robbery that took place Friday at about 10:40 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 46194 N. I-94 Service Drive.

Employees of the motel described the suspect as a white male wearing a black coat with hood and a red hat. He is said to

have been armed with a knife and fled with cash taken from the motel.

Officers responding to the motel located a suspect matching the clothing description behind another business in the area. An amount of U.S. currency was discovered

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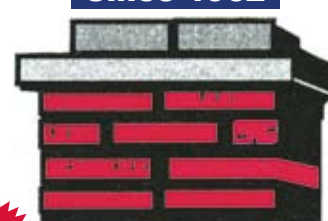
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City approves 2-year MAFF union contract in special session March 2

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After 50 minutes in closed-door session during a special meeting on March 2, the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to approve a two-year union contract with the Belleville local of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters.

It is effective Feb. 2 and was already approved by the union local, which is made up of 15 paid-on-call fire fighters.

The contract will be ready for public review subject to final approval by the city's labor attorney John C. Clark of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton of Troy.

When the *Independent* asked what the attorney was going to do with the contract, Mayor Kerreen Conley said he would be putting it into final format.

"I'll clean it up and put it in shape," Clark said. "Then it can be released."

This is the first contract for Belleville's fire department, which organized under MAFF two years ago. Negotiations have been dragging along since they organized and even went into mediation.

Sumpter Township fire fighters organized under MAFF and it took just two months to get their first contract.

Nine fire fighters filed into the meeting room as the council's closed-door session opened into public session for its vote on the contract. Mayor Conley asked each fire fighter to identify him/herself and they did.

Belleville union president Brian Blackburn said previously that the fire fighters voted to join MAFF because they felt the city was not treating them fairly.

After two years of negotiations, in January, MAFF executive director Fred Timpner said it looked like there would have been an agreement in December, but the employer backed away from the items agreed upon.

He said the union finally filed for binding arbitration because "we're at an impasse." The state was expected to assign an arbitrator by the end of January.

Timpner said the last agreement was taken to the mayor in December and it came back changed and there was no further movement.

The cost of binding arbitration was to have been split between the city and MAFF and would be a total from \$10,000 to \$20,000, split equally, not including the transcript and attorney fees, Timpner said.

The negotiating team for the city was City Manager Diana Kollmeyer and attorney Clark. Negotiating for the fire fighters was union president Brian Blackburn and Timpner of MAFF.

ordeal behind us we can get back to our full attention to safety of the citizens of the city of Belleville and surrounding communities," Blackburn said. "We look forward to our BLS upgrade program to improve our service to the citizens and be an improving asset to the community."

He explained, "Most of our members are EMTs or Paramedics, yet our department license is only at the Medical First Responder level. We are looking to upgrade our license to Basic Life Support (BLS) so that we can use skills our members already have and provide more pre-hospital care to our patients. This includes diabetic care, use of epi-pens and other pre-hospital care that we currently can't do. We have the enthusiastic support of Wayne County to do to this."

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, in reply to a question from the audience on what the contract covered, Mayor Conley said it covered rates of pay, clothing, and life insurance.

She said the contract is not exclusive, which means if the city decides to cover the work done by the fire department in another way, it can.

Belleville hires Bruce Wood as new Director of Public Services

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Bruce Wood, currently the Department of Public Services Director of Huron Township, was confirmed as Belleville's new part-time DPS Director at Monday's regular city council meeting.

Belleville's DPS Director Keith Tackett has announced he is leaving as of April 7 and he selected Wood as a suitable replacement, since he has known him for many years.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer agreed with Tackett and recommended Wood for hire.

Wood, who is retiring from Huron Township at the end of March, has worked at Huron Township for 33 years, the last six as director.

Wood will get the same part-time hours and pay as Tackett. They will work together April 4-7 to get Wood started.

The council also approved a new contract for City Manager Diane Kollmeyer. Her original contract expired some time ago and was dated Sept. 15, 2012.

The new contract became effective March 8 and will run until Dec. 31, 2019.

Each council member did an evaluation



"Water Drive on the Waterfront" was the winning entry in the March 3 SOUP Project competition for New Tech students at Belleville High School. This team won a \$500 check from the Belleville Downtown Development Authority to do its project, which is to collect water at Horizon Park and deliver it to Flint in a U-Haul truck, along with meals for kids. This collection is projected to take place on July 18 while the car show is running on Main Street. From left are New Tech teacher Jennifer Garland; students Kayla Trackwell, Emily Williams, Raven LaPalme, and Rebekah Sacco; Downtown Development Authority Chairwoman Rosemary Loria; and DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson.



All the presenters of the four different projects in the New Tech SOUP competition were, in front from left, Nigel Parker, Max Walls, Raven LaPalme, Rebekah Sacco, Elizabeth Blackburn, and James Clearwood. In back, from left, are Emily Williams, Kayla Trackwell, Dayde Koths, Taylor Clement, and Adam Bracey. The winning project was "Water Drive on the Waterfront." Other projects were "Play at the Park: Learn about Community Sports Programs," "BE3 History of Gaming Exhibit and Tournament," and "Frankfurters for Firefighters." New Tech Director Scott Wilsey said the students do the competition preparation on their own and it is not for credit or a grade. "They spend their own time," Wilsey said.

of her work and she got one comprehensive evaluation. She had no salary adjustments in eight years and has no increase in salary with this new contract. Pay remains at \$68,000.

She does get an increase of the city's retirement contribution to 15% of base pay and an additional week of vacation.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said Kollmeyer came to the job from being a civil service employee and would have gotten health care after retirement.

"She stepped out of civil service and that's addressed," Mayor Conley said. The contract agrees that Kollmeyer is entitled to the same health care options as active employees with the same cost share as active employees until she reaches age 65 at which time she must subscribe to Medicare Parts A and B.

Conley apologized to Kollmeyer for having her work so long without a contract.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Athletes bring wins to BHS when the district needs it

Real Estate agents have complained that all the negative publicity about the Van Buren Public Schools is hurting their business. Young families don't want to move into a troubled district, even if it does have a state-of-the-art high school.

People send us stories, saying they have good news that can counteract all the bad news about the schools.

And, that's what happened when a father of a swimmer who had done very well in competition sent us an email about the swim/dive team and its recent win. He invited us to call the coach for more information and we got a picture, with the coach in his street clothes being dunked by his celebrating swimmers, and a story about their win.

Then, other stories were provided by the interim athletic director about the ongoing wins of the men's and women's basketball teams. More stories and pictures are coming.

This is all good news and the students and parents are celebrating. Some of these students are looking at athletic scholarships and they are happy.

All this celebrating doesn't really cover up the angst over the Fabulous Five teachers removed from Savage Elementary School by a vengeful former superintendent. One of those teachers lost 30 pounds since being removed. Who can swallow under such stress? The school board has to take control of the situation or voters will take control of the board.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley has a new job. She now is Human Resources Director for Canton Township. This was announced at Monday's city council meeting. Her salary is \$101,360.

Barb, one of our readers who lives in the city of Belleville, said she has been having a lot of health problems and finally decided to go out to lunch with her lady friend on Friday. She said this was the first time she tried to go out to eat and she used a cane.

They went to Cracker Barrel. She said her friend tried to use a gift card and there was some confusion when they wouldn't take it. Finally, the manager explained that they didn't owe anything because someone had paid for their meal.

Barb said she was so overwhelmed. She didn't know who did this kind gesture, but she wants them to know it is appreciated. She said, "Thank you and God bless you."

Barb said she hopes the anonymous person who paid for their meals will hear of how grateful she is.

Spring must be coming. On Saturday at 1 p.m. I heard the emergency sirens being tested in Van Buren Township. They weren't tested during the winter.

People have been asking me what I know about Pam Johnson's status. She was the secretary to former School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and she got a reputation lately for being quite snarky to parents. You recall she threw the *Independents* out of the administration building because they were too "negative" to Van Tassel. She also suggested her Facebook friends boycott



Egan's Pub because one of the owners spoke up at a public meeting. Then, she called police on another parent who wanted to talk to Van Tassel.

Then, there was the time she called me to chastise me for something (I can't even remember what she was upset about), with a roomful of administrators in the background telling her to say this or that to me. In that episode, Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green called out, accusing me of not printing a letter to the editor she sent me, which I never received as a letter. I did receive an unsigned complaint about a board member found by a person who gave it to me. It was blowing around a school parking lot. From the content I assumed she wrote it, but she never signed it and gave it to me.

Last week I emailed now Interim Supt. Green to ask her the status of Johnson, but Green replied, "... I am not able to discuss employment status / issues of any employees." So, I asked Green who her secretary is now and she replied, "There have not been any changes in the Executive Assistants in Central Office."

Must be Johnson is still in place.

Sumpter Township police have put out a Nixle alert warning residents about a new IRS scam call that tells people that they owe money to the IRS and if they don't pay it by credit card immediately, the Sumpter police will come and arrest them. Police

aren't coming to arrest you. The alert gives out the address of an official IRS website that tells about scams. The IRS never calls. If they want you they write to you.

One of our readers is 83 years old and alert to computer scams. She has seen a new one and wants to warn the public. She said she had an incident where her screen turned red and there was a warning that her computer may have been hacked and for technical advice to call this number. She called the number and hung up when a man speaking broken English answered with a lot of noise in the background.

She said her daughter, who is 62, had fallen for a scam. She said AT&T had just left her place and when she had an incident, she called the number on the screen and asked them if they were AT&T and they said they were, so she gave the all her personal information. Yikes. They weren't AT&T, after all.

There were two narcotics crime arrests at the high school reported in this week's dispatch log. On Monday, I asked Police Chief Berriman for information and he said he doesn't know because the reports weren't completed by the officers yet.





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Letters

Children have been praying for officer safety

To the Editor:

On March 1, Officer Todd Schrecengost of the Belleville Police Department volunteered his time to spend with the third and sixth grades of St. Anthony's Parish Christian Formation classes.

These children have been praying for the safety of the Belleville and Van Buren Police Departments, along with the Fire Departments and EMS providers.

Officer Todd talked about safety precautions and how our police protect us. Bullying of all ages in everyday life became an important topic as these children listened intently.

Officer Todd expressed his appreciation for the prayers and thanked the Catechist teachers for their promotion of this prayer chain.

Again, we thank our Men in Blue and Red for protecting our communities.

Carol Ann Pesta
St. Anthony Church Parish Rep.

Women's Club seeks scholarship applicants

To the Editor:

Are you a woman returning to college after an absence? Yearly the Belleville Area Women's Club awards scholarships to BHS females. We also award the Georgia Badgett Scholarship to a woman returning to college. If you are, or know of someone, who began college, then took a left turn and had to delay her studies, please contact me at (734) 776-5848 or email: shellybrownmortician@yahoo.com

Applications are due by April 15. If you are selected, the club will honor you at its May 2 dinner meeting.

Shelly Chudzinski-Brown, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Belleville Area Women's Club

Belleville Day in FL: P.O. Box should be 1781

To the Editor:

Ugh, there was a typo in my email to you. It was correct in the flyer but not in the text I also sent. The correct PO Box to send the check is P.O. Box 1781. People are getting their mail returned and it's a pain for them. If you have room to put in a correction, I'd appreciate it so much and so would the folks who are getting their checks returned.

Thank you again of all you do for us.

Lynn Gorman
Belleville Day in Florida
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In memory of Bill Budd

To the Editor:

Bill Budd was eulogized Monday as his body rested in the casket before his family and friends, and numerous community leaders, during the funeral service at Berean Baptist Church in Van Buren Township.

Much was said about Bill's disposition and friendly demeanor towards his neighbors and the many acquaintances who frequented his produce stand on the North Service Drive in front of the Budd homestead. Many tears were shed at the thought of his passing and even more people wept when words of comfort were offered in his memory by the pastor who presided over the ceremony.

This outpouring of grief was truly an indication of the measure of love expressed for a wonderful grandfather and husband, a father and brother, a friend and neighbor -- someone who embodied the spirit of Christianity and humility.

Bill will certainly be missed by those of us who admired his farming skills and the gentle presence he always displayed while tending to his produce stand and passing the hours in familiar discussions with anyone who was inclined to share a simple "hello" or even, "what do you think about that," for a current events dialog. His smile was infectious and his eyes were like those of a puppy looking for a gentle and kind word of encouragement.

With Bill there was never a hint of anything except stubborn determination -- to live life to the fullest as a farmer and to work diligently for the good of his family. All of us have lost a dear friend, but the clouds will rain just a little softer, the sun may shine a little milder, and though the furrows of corn may not be as straight, Bill will always be a part of our community and he will be remembered with love for the rest of our lives.

The Good People of Belleville
Submitted by CeJay Marshall

VB Community Soccer Fair is this Saturday

Hello Soccer Members:

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

Please be sure to attend this Saturday, March 12, for the Van Buren Community

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Soccer Fair from 9-10 a.m. at WCCC. The players' clinic will start promptly at 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Please make sure to have your player wear tennis shoes and please have them bring a ball.

We still have some spots available on a few of our teams. We will be taking on new players if you would like to sign up. We need players for a BU12-BU13 Team.

We also have a few spots open on a couple of our select teams. We will be holding an open try out following Meet the Coach from 10:30-11 a.m. at the same location. Ages available are: BU10, BU11, GU10, GU13.

Please plan to attend if your player would like to play in a more competitive level. All are welcome. (You must not be committed to another WSSL club Select Team.)

If you are coaching for the spring 2016 season, please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to help set up. If you are unable to make it, please email Angie at vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com right away.

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



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Spring season is scheduled to start around April 16, but due to the weather it could potentially be pushed back. If this turns out to be the case, communication will be made by email to inform everyone.

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Obituaries



William "Bill" James Budd

WILLIAM 'BILL' JAMES BUDD

(October 17, 1942 – March 2, 2016)

William "Bill" James Budd went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI.

Bill was born on October 17, 1942 to Jack and Gladys (Schafer) Budd of Belleville, Michigan. He was the second of three kids born along with Nancy Schmidt (Richard) of Plymouth and Tom Budd (Karla Clark) of Belleville. Bill was a Belleville High School graduate of 1960 and graduated from Michigan State University in 1962. He married the love of his life Sharry (Hawkes) of New Boston in 1964. Growing up Bill worked alongside his family raising registered Holstein cows. Their accomplished dairy herd set numerous milking records, including 4 world records for the time. They graced the cover of the prestigious World magazine which highlights the milking industry seven times. Their herd was instrumental in improving not only the Michigan Dairy industry but nationally as well. As the population grew the I-94 expressway was expanded which split the family farm in two. Not wanting to leave the family farm, the family sold off their dairy business in 1972 and formed John R Budd, Inc. a construction company. The company concentrated on site excavation, but also built roads, houses and performed various other construction activities. Even while running the excavation company, the Budd family continued to farm raising various field crops and their signature Budd's white sweet corn.

As their excavation company grew and became successful, the family expanded into another family love of raising harness racing horses. Over the years they reached various degrees of success raising and training the horses on the family farm. A family affair, everyone participated. Bill received his horse trainer's license and was also trained as a blacksmith. Eventually, the family reinvented themselves again and started Budd's Produce. Along with his brother Tom, sons, grandchildren and many friends they built a thriving fruit and vegetable stand that continues to this day, specializing in their Budd sweet corn. Bill who is known by many as the corn man loved his customers and enjoyed every day the stand was open. He was frequently found accompanied by his grandson Luke running the stand.

Bill never knew a stranger and was known for his infectious smile and always positive disposition. He loved his family, friends and his farm. He was well known for his love of John Deere tractors, dairy cattle and horses. Spending time watching his kids and subsequently his grand kids' sports and activities was one of his favorite activities. In addition, he enjoyed watching all Detroit sports teams and enjoyed going to the games with his family, especially his beloved Red Wings. He was also a devoted Spartan fan.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, but is survived by his wife of 53 years, his brother Tom Budd of Belleville and sister Nancy

Schmidt of Plymouth. His boys' Jim Budd (Donna) of Belleville, Jeff Budd (Rhonda) of Coldwater and Jay Budd (Lynn) of Traverse City also survive. Bill and Sharry were blessed with 8 grandchildren Ella, Jenna, Joseph, Gavin, Luke, Andrew, Matthew and Sarah. Many uncles, aunts, cousins and nieces added to the Budd family. He would also want to mention his numerous special friends who have assisted on the farm over the years who were always considered part of the Budd family. Visitation was 2-8 p.m. Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2016 at Berean Baptist Church, 6889 Belleville Road, Belleville, with visitation an hour prior to service. Pastor Douglas Hammond officiated. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to send a memorial contribution to the Belleville High School Legacy of Excellence Scholarship Fund at PO Box 2636, Belleville, Michigan 48112. Please sign his online guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Charles Gordon Dorin

CHARLES GORDON DORIN

(May 31, 1924 – March 3, 2016)

Charles "Chuck" Gordon Dorin, age 91, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2016 at his home surrounded by family. He was born May 31, 1924 in Lyons, MI, son of Frank Wesley and Alta (Fitch) Dorin.

Chuck proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a welder for Ford Motor Company for nearly 20 years, before he retired from the Rawsonville Road Plant on his 60th birthday. He was a member of Bethany Bible Church, Belleville. He enjoyed wood-working. Mr. Dorin is survived by his devoted wife Mary (Luguzan) Dorin of nearly 69 years; two nieces Ruth Ciocan of Dearborn, MI and Jane (Greg) Hooper of Rochester Hills, MI; great-nephew Joshua Hooper and great-niece Sara Hooper, both of Rochester Hills; sister-in-law Sadie Kemp of Dearborn, MI; also many friends and church family. He was preceded in death by his parents, also his children in infancy, Michael Gary and Patricia Ann.

Visitation was 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Funeral Services were 11 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2016 at Bethany with visitation 10-11 a.m. Rev. Losen and Pastor Bonner will co-officiate. A private interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Bible Church and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

PASTOR RAY DeLONG

(December 21, 1941 – March 6, 2016)

Age 74, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Nancy, children Jack and Debra, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, sister Ruth. Belleville Church of God Mountain Assembly, March 11. Brown Funeral Home.

Obituaries



Connie Sue Waddell

CONNIE S. WADDELL

(October 15, 1939 – March 1, 2016)

Connie Sue Waddell, age 76, of Hubbard Lake, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born October 15, 1939 in McCracken, Kentucky, daughter of James Conley and Mildred "Mary" (Blair) Griffin.

Mrs. Waddell was a cook at South Middle School, now Owen Intermediate School, for 31 years before she retired in 1997. She was a member of the Barton City Eagles. She was a member of New Life Lutheran Church of Alcona County. She enjoyed snowmobiling in her younger years. Since moving to Hubbard Lake in 2001, she has enjoyed pontoon boating, playing cards and shopping. Most of all, she loved her family and planning get-togethers and reunions. She was a wonderful cook who loved southern cuisine.

Connie is survived by her loving husband of nearly 59 years David Lee Waddell; four children Linda (Joe) Belford of Clinton, MI, David Wade Waddell of Peoria, Arizona, Darrin Lee Waddell of Clinton, MI and Donna Carol Dunigan of Clinton, MI; 5 grandchildren Shawn Andrew, David Paul, Jenna Lynn (Ryan), Michael David, and Destiny Ann; 6 great-grandchildren Makayla, Hayden, Peyton, Nolan, Rylan, and Kennedy; two brothers Gary (Sharon) Griffin of Pulaski, Tennessee and Philip (Vicki) Griffin of Paduca, Kentucky; also numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Jan Daily, also a brother Jimmy Griffin.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Services were at 12 Noon Monday, March 7, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500 with visitation an hour prior to services. Pastor Christina Maria Bright officiated. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Lutheran Church of Alcona County or to University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for the family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Chester Leroy Thurston

CHESTER L. THURSTON

(November 17, 1917 – March 2, 2016)

U.S. Veteran Chester Leroy Thurston, age 98, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016 peacefully at his home. He was born November 17, 1917 in Wentworth, South Dakota, son of Frank Henry & Beulah (Mitchell) Thurston. Chet married in 1939 to his lovely wife Betty Ann, building their home in Belleville in 1945 in which they resided throughout their lives.

Betty Thurston passed away on February 27, 2005 after 65 wonderful years of marriage. Chet is survived by his sister-in-law Peggy Stabnau (and husband Floyd) and his nephew Roger Thurston, all living in Belleville, plus sister in-laws Dortha Akans, Georgina, Marlene, Darlene and several nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Donald.

After graduation from Belleville High School in 1936, Chet proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a B-24 pilot. Loving flying as he did, he flew his own plane for 26 years, going to breakfast often by plane with his many friends sharing the same interest.

Chet worked for the U.S. Post Office until his retirement. He maintained very close relationships with many people in Belleville, including his "Breakfast Club" that met every morning at a local Belleville restaurant; relationships that lasted decades.

Throughout his life Chester loved to build things, and was quite talented in woodwork, welding, lathes and just about anything mechanical. Chet built his home in Belleville for his wife and him, as well as another home they owned in Georgia for many years, a winter retreat. Living on the lake Chet built his own boat in the '60s, a boathouse to store it, a pedal watercraft shortly thereafter, and many other things. Chet had a thirst for life until the end.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Honor Guard, which would be greatly appreciated.

Funeral Services, including full Military Honors by VFW Post #4434 and PLAV #167, were held at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville on Saturday, March 5. Chester was laid to rest at the Hillside Cemetery in Belleville next to his loving wife Betty. May he rest in peace as his influence and memories live on forever with those fortunate enough to know him.



Bertha E. Calhoun

BERTHA E. CALHOUN

(February 21, 1935 – March 1, 2016)

Bertha E. Calhoun, age 81, of Van Buren Township, MI, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Saline Evangelical Home in Saline, MI. She was born February 21, 1935, in Floyd County, Kentucky, the daughter of Solomon and Annie (Osborne) Tackett. On July 17, 1977, she married Buddy Water Calhoun and he survives. Mrs. Calhoun retired from General Motors where she was employed for many years. She was also a member of Morning Star Old Regular Baptist in Belleville, MI. She will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

Survivors besides her husband Buddy, include her step-daughter, Patricia Ann Sanders; two grandsons: David and Phillip Sanders; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mary Navarre and Margie Burke; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church, 44441 Clay Rd., Belleville, MI with Pastor Bill Blevins officiating. Burial followed in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton, MI. The family received friends at the Church on Friday, March 4, from 2-9 p.m. and at the Church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements were by Janowiak Funeral Home.



Viola Mae Girard

VIOLA MAE GIRARD

(July 17, 1929 – February 23, 2016)

Viola Mae "Maggie" Girard, age 86, of Belleville died Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at her residence with her loving family at her side. She was born July 17, 1929 in Scotland, South Dakota the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Winship) Eberle.

Mrs. Girard was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Survivors include her daughter Debra (Larry) Crowley; 3 Grandchildren Jason (Victoria) Morris, Maria Wadenstorer and Jacob (Billie) Schultz; 8 great-grandchildren Brandon, Matthew, Benjamin, Grace, Iman, Anaara, Melody, and Madalynn; 2 brothers Richard Eberle and David Eberle; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Edwin Girard on July 13, 1971; her son Gary Girard; three sisters Virginia Leaf, Betty Bielat and Noel Sustarich; and one brother, Joseph Eberle. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, 417 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 or www.stjude.org.



Jere E. Dolph

JERE E. DOLPH

(December 10, 1934 – March 3, 2016)

Jere E. Dolph, age 81, of Van Buren Township passed away March 3, 2016.

Jere is the beloved husband of Carol for 54 wonderful years; loving father of Michael (Laura) Dolph of Northville and John (Amy) Dolph of Midland; proud grandfather of Cameron, Sarah, Paige and Christopher. Mr. Dolph is also survived by his siblings, Dale (Marlene) Dolph of Milan and Mary Price of Milan and many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Martha Dolph and his brother-in-law, Rayburn Price.

Born on December 10, 1934 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jere graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1953. Following his service to his country in the US Army, he graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a B.A. in 1965 and an M.B.A. in 1972. Following his retirement from Ford Motor Company after 45 1/2 years of service in a position in Labor Relations, Ford Customer Service Division and Ford Parts and Service Division, Jere's passion was to give back to the community in many ways including as a Little League coach, Cub Scout and Webelos leader. Also he sat on the Board of Education for Van Buren Public Schools and on the DDA board of directors in the Van Buren Charter Township. He also had a passion for collecting diecast model cars. He truly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Visiting hours were Monday from 4 until 8 p.m. and continued Tuesday 2 until 8 p.m. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 9 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home. A visiting hour was held at 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for the family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



GEORGE EDWARD BAILEY

(August 28, 1924 – March 5, 2016)

Age 91, of Sumpter Township. Proudly served in U.S. Navy in World War II. Survived by grandsons Gerald and Michael, 7 great-grandchildren, brother Phillip. Service at noon March 10 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

EDGAR BOWMAN

(December 3, 1932 – March 6, 2016)

Age 83, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Lillian; sons Billy, TimBO, Richard; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; brothers Leo, Orville; sister Mary Fay. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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- Thursday, March 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. (School Board meeting moved to Tuesday.)
- Tuesday, March 15 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium
- Wednesday, March 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study

session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 22 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, April 12 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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More Letters

Return the 'Fabulous 5' teachers to classrooms

To the Editor:

Is our Board of Education doing what's best for our students at Savage Elementary? It is very disturbing and hurtful that our five accused teachers have been out of their classrooms for seven weeks. There doesn't seem to be any tangible proof of our teachers cheating on the M-STEP state test. The absence of our five accused teachers must be soooooo disruptive and confusing for their students. Knowing each of our five accused teachers very well professionally and having worked closely with them for years, I'm trying to rationalize why they are not back in their classrooms with their student. They have been out of their classrooms long enough!

What is the Board of Education trying to prove by not returning our innocent teachers to their innocent students? If there isn't any proof of cheating, why is anybody still being punished and further humiliated? I don't see the point of keeping the teachers apart from their students. It seems like a pointless, unnecessary tragedy to me.

Our Board of Education is in control. Our children and their teachers need to be reunited. Our board needs to wear the parents' shoes. Would any board member like this horrendous chain of events happening when their child was 10 years old? I'm sure any of our Board of education members remember when they were in fourth grade. Would you have been worried about your teachers, who you were normally with five days a week, if you teacher was escorted out of your classroom and you never saw you teacher again for seven weeks – so far?

Where is anyone's common sense? Where is anyone's empathy toward our youngsters in their classes? Where is anyone's sense of compassion and "heart?" Why are our board members mute, with the exception of Sherry Frazier and our Board President Mr. Mikulski? If I had run my classroom being mute, our classroom would have been chaotic and confusing and would have resulted in mayhem. Where's the proof of any cheating, OR was the decision to humiliate our five accused teachers based on a negative, suspicious, judgmental and critical attitude?

Here's a possible scenario: With our five fabulous teachers still being kept away from their students; therefore, their students are not being taught test-taking skills and strategies as their students were taught last year, which is a perfectly legal teaching opportunity, the students won't be as prepared this year, possibly resulting in lower M-STEP scores. It could "look" incriminating, because maybe

this year's students would not have been as thoroughly prepared. Would that be fair to their students this year? Of course, it wouldn't be fair! Would it be a fair comparison to last year's test? Of course, it wouldn't be fair!

Having been involved with VBPS since 1968, I've never seen such cruelty to any teachers before like I've seen happen to our fabulous five teachers. In all of my 48 years being involved with Van Buren, through two strikes, through "teach with a difference," through no "specials" (art, music, library, physical education), through shortened school days, I've never seen cruelty toward teachers like I've seen imposed on our five accused teachers. It's unnecessary! It's unkind! It's pathetically horrid for the kids! All this, for a state test.

I remember my fourth grade teacher who was kind, friendly, caring and taught us so much. From elementary school through college, my goal was to become a teacher, just like so many of my teachers who I admired, loved and respected. They provided home-away-from-home, tender, loving care and security for me to thrive and grow to be all I could be – just as our fabulous five teachers have been providing for all their children – safety, security, fun and positive love of learning with their outstanding instruction, along with their many years of experience, but still youthful and energetic AND very sweet, approachable people! As a 36-year, veteran teacher, I AM APPALLED!

Our teachers have a moral obligation and commitment to their children to work their hearts out for the emotional, social, moral and academic success of their students. Our elected Board of Education holds the power to return our five fabulous teachers to their fabulous students immediately, because it's the right thing to do.

Our Board of Education is tying our teachers' hands by keeping them home and away from their students who need them back in their classrooms. I wonder what our five classrooms of children are thinking and feeling. It can't be good.

Evelyn M. Larabell
VBPS Retired Teacher

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Tickets purchased before the event are \$35 each, or \$40 at the door on the day of the event. Each ticket includes 10 sampling tickets to try any of several different beer and wines from local crafters, entertainment by The Village Strings, and appetizers provided by Twisted Rooster.

The first 144 tickets sold will receive a free commemorative tasting glass. All money raised will be used to support the Belleville Community Chorus.

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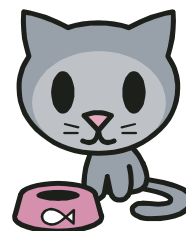
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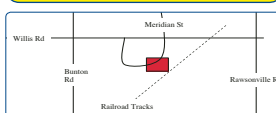


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VBT Police

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on the suspect, matching the description of what was taken in the robbery. Taken into custody was a 29-year-old Van Buren Township resident who later gave a full confession to detectives as to his role in the robbery, police said.

Police are withholding the name of the suspect until his arraignment on robbery charges.

Shots fired at Harbor Club

VBT Police are asking for help in the investigation of shots being fired on Saturday at about 10 p.m. in the area of Harbor Club building #28.

Preliminary investigation reveals that an unknown victim was shot at several times by multiple, unknown assailants while inside a vehicle. Witnesses told police the unknown victim, while attempting to flee, struck a vehicle parked in the parking lot.

The victim then exited and fled on foot prior to police arrival and it is unclear if anyone was injured during the incident. Police say it appears this was not a random incident and the unknown assailants targeted the victim. Anyone with information is asked to call police at (734) 699-8915.

Unarmed robbery - Shell gas station

VBT Police are investigating the robbery of the Shell gas station on Belleville Road at about 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

An unknown white male entered the gas station telling the clerk to give him all the money. The clerk complied with the suspect's request and the suspect left the building. The suspect entered a small, dark-colored vehicle in the Burger King parking lot and was last seen traveling north on Belleville Road.

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Anyone with any information is asked to call police at (734) 699-8915.

Armed robbery - Meadows of VB

VBT Police are investigating an armed robbery/home invasion that took place Tuesday, March 1, at about 9:15 p.m. in the 11000 block of Meadows Circle.

The resident reported to police that three black males entered the residence and one was armed with a handgun. A 19-year-old victim was assaulted and sustained a minor injury from being struck in the head with the handgun.

A small amount of drugs and paraphernalia was stolen from the residence. Police say the incident appeared to be a targeted robbery and not a random incident. The victim is familiar with the assailants and is not cooperating with the investigation at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (734) 699-8915.

Trinity Episcopal Church sets week-long summer day camp

Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren Township will offer a week-long day camp this summer.

The camp will be held June 27 to July 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with extended care from 8-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$50 for the week with a \$10 discount if registered by April 1.

Each morning campers will gather for opening songs and skits. Then groups will rotate between nature activities, arts and crafts, games, Bible study, and special activities, which may include T-shirt decorating, water day, talent show, and large group games.

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City Council

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In other business at Monday's 50-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved closing Main Street from Third to Fifth streets for the 17 Monday car shows put on by the Bayou Grill from 5 to 9 p.m. June 6 to Sept. 26. He also will be using the side streets. Brian Copsey also asked for permission to bring in minibikes to display on the Fourth Street Square during the shows with mats underneath them so nothing drips on the square. The council tentatively approved the bikes, turning over the details for the city manager to approve;
- Approved the Belleville Fire Fighters' "Fill the Boot for Autism" event at Main and High streets from 2 to 7 p.m. on April 2. Fire Fighter Brian Blackburn said the fire fighters raised \$2,000 for autism at last year's collection;
- Approved the annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive by the Knights of Columbus at Five Points all day March 18, 19, and 20. Linda Leblanc said the Knights of Columbus group covers St. Stephen, St. Anthony, and St. Aloysius churches;
- Approved closing High Street from 5-10 p.m. between the war memorial and the church for nine concerts by Music Lakeside, on Thursdays, June 23-Aug. 25, at Horizon Park. Ken Voigt asked for permission to hang banners on the light poles during the concerts to dress up the park a bit, but permission for that was referred to Thursday's planning commission meeting where the sign ordinance was to be discussed;
- Approved the disposition of surplus property – police cars – by ebay and other electronic postings, as well as advertising the call for bids in the newspaper of record, the Belleville-Area Independent, in an attempt to get higher bids. Police Chief Hal Berriman said all the cars for sale had liens on them and it was hard getting the liens released because banks kept buying banks and it took a lot of time to trace everything down; and
- Approved accounts payable of \$481,469.65 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Council of Western Wayne, \$3,406 for 2015/16 dues, from the general fund; to EJ USA, Inc., \$1,692.97 for hydrant replacement from the water fund; to J&T Towing, \$800 for Auto Auction Funding from the police fund; to Liquiforce Services, \$18,418.60 for SRF Sewer from the sewer fund; and to Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association, \$600 for annual dues from the fire department. Councilwoman Kim Tindall questioned the \$360 paid to Fire Fighter Blackburn for software installation and Fire Chief Brian Loranger said it was much less than he would have had to pay elsewhere. Blackburn got \$15 an hour for 24 hours of work and probably didn't charge for all the time he put in, Loranger said.

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– Ronald Reagan

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Christine Saksewski and Sherrie Saksewski of Belleville are two of the five senior citizens in this production.

"Old Ringers" is a PG-13 adult comedy written by Joe Simonelli about four senior women and one man affected by their negative financial changes due to the economy. Strapped for funds, they decide to start a new business venture that includes a phone sex service to increase their incomes. This all comes about from a call accidentally made to one woman from the As You Like It - Shakespeare Phone Sex Service.

The play offers bawdy comic lines while also addressing relationship issues between mother and daughter, as well as subjects regarding religion, age, sex, dating and morals.

"Senior citizen phone sex gone hilariously wrong!" said producer Laura Kitzman. "This play will appeal to anyone who wants to get away from the cold and snow and enjoy a cleverly written comedy."

"There are also some great messages in this play regarding relationships, integrity and ethics."

Joe Arcel is director.

"Old Ringers" will run March 16-20 with Wednesday and Thursday performances at 1 p.m., Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday performance at 2 p.m.

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- **For the Month of March** – The Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., is hosting its 20th-annual Quilt Show, sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guide and Threads ‘n’ Treasures Quilt Shop of Belleville. Tuesday, 3-7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission \$2. Information: (734) 697-1944
- **Thursday, March 10** – “Homegrown Knowledge” program at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Program is Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern Handmade Boutique. Free.
- **Thursday, March 10** – Grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at

Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus each Thursday at 6 p.m. starting March 10. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. A \$15 registration includes a workbook/journal and weekly handouts. For more information, call the church at (734) 941-1511 or see www.griefshare.org.

• **Saturday, March 12** – The Van Buren Community Soccer Fair starts at 9 a.m. at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road.

• **Saturday, March 12** – One Night Revival at Q Banquet Hall, 6 p.m. at 879 Sumpter Rd. Featuring Pastor Daniel Young with praise and worship by Generation Praise. Info: (313) 378-7994

• **Sunday, March 13** – An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast is from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Anthony Catholic Church cafeteria, 409 W. Columbia Ave. to raise funds for Boy Scout Troop 793. Breakfast includes three

sausages, milk/juice or coffee. Donation is \$6 for adults with children six and under eating free.

• **Friday, March 18** – Belleville Area Museum presents Sherry Jones’ T-Shirt Memory Quilt Informational Workshop at 1 p.m.

• **Saturday, March 19** – The Friends

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 1, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Safety Director Laurain, Deputy Director of Public Safety Wright, Fire Marshall McNally, DDA Director Ireland, DPS Director Taylor, Developmental Services Deputy Director Best and an audience of ten (10).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of February 16, 2016; Revised Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016; Special Works Study Session Minutes of February 22, 2016; Closed Session Minutes of February 22, 2016; Prepaid List of February 19, 2016; Prepaid List of February 25, 2016; Voucher List of March 1, 2016; Re-appointment of William Osier to the Construction Code Appeals Board with a term to expire February 28, 2019; Appointment of Medina Atchinson to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on 10-1-2017; and Appointment of Robert McKenna as a full member of the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiring 12-1-2016.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter to Public Safety Director Laurain from a resident praising the professionalism and compassion shown by police and fire personnel responding to a family member suicide. The William G. Gage Award for Excellence was presented to Firefighter John Hayden (2014) and to Captain Ryan McCormick (2015). Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson advised the Board that the 2 year old victim of the Denton Rd. fire has been released from the hospital.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wright moved, Hart seconded to award the contract to Cross Renovation, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$380,000.00 for design and construction services to renovate and update the Clerk and Developmental Services Offices. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Hart, McClanahan. Nays: Jahr and Miller. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the amended 2016 Building & Grounds Capital Fund from the present amount of \$400,000.00 to an amount of \$575,000.00. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (1) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV-Offenses Against Property, Division 2-Trespass, by adding Sec. 58-109-Prowling. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Hart, Miller and McClanahan. Nays: Jahr. Motion

of the Library are having a “between the sales” book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. There are lots of new arrivals with more coming in every day, so this is a great time to stock up at bargain prices.

Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (2) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III-Offenses Against the Person, Sec. 58-69 Malicious Use of the Telephone. Sec. 58-69 to be re-titled Malicious use of Service Provided by Telecommunications Service Provider. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (3) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV-Offenses Against Property, Division 4-Theft, by adding Sec. 58-151 Burglar’s Tools. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (4) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VI-Offenses Against Public Morals, Division 5 Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals, Sec. 58-293 Same Use. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (5) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VI-Offenses Against Public Morals, Division 5 Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals, Sec. 58-292-Controlled Substances-Possession; Penalties for Violation of Section. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (6) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 82 to be entitled-Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and adding Sec. 82-1-Operating While Intoxicated-High Blood Alcohol Content. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve of the second reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (7) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 90-Waterways, Article II-Boat and Water Safety, Division 3-Operating Requirements, Sec. 90-79 Operating of a Vessel while under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors and/or Controlled Substances. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the March 8, 2016 Primary Election and that the Clerk’s Office will be open Saturday March 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for voters interested in receiving an absentee ballot. Trustee Miller announced that on January 21, 2016 she graduated from the Township Governance Academy and on March 3, 2016 for the Michigan Political Leadership Academy. Trustee Hart announced that William Budd, Treasurer Budd’s husband, had suffered a major stroke and asked everyone to keep the Budd family in their prayers.

NON AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: McClanahan moved, Jahr seconded to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda Combs, Supervisor
Publish: March 10, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:15 p.m. For the purposed of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding a proposed generator at the Senior Center. The generator will require the following changes to previously approved activities and funding for the following program years:

2013 -2014 Funds will need to be transferred from Demolition and Senior Services to Senior Center Improvements to fund the purchase of the generator.

2014-2015 Senior Center Improvements will need to be established as an activity, and funds will need to be transferred from Housing Rehab, Demolition and possibly Senior Services to Senior Center Improvements to fund the installation of the generator.

Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in using public facilities, services or program along with further information is available by contacting the Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext 2229.

Publish: March 10, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2000 Ford Crown Victoria
2001 Ford Crown Victoria
2008 Dodge Charger

The vehicles are being stored at the City of Belleville's parking lot on 6 Main Street. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and “Bid for Vehicle.” Bids are due in the City Clerk’s Office by Friday, April 1, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the April 4, 2016 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed in the parking lot of the City of Belleville.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

DATE: March 2, 2016

**PUBLISH: March 10, 2016
March 17, 2016
March 24, 2016**

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 7, 2016 and run through March 20, 2016

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by March 24, 2016

New items may be displayed beginning March 24, 2016

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

Published: 3/3/16 and 3/10/16
Posted: 2/25/2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance 2-16-16 (1)

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-109 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 58-109: Prowling.

No person shall:

- (a) Prowl about the premises of another, in the nighttime, without authority or permission of the owner of such premises or without authority or permission of the lawful occupants of the premises or an agent of the lawful occupants;
- (b) Engage in any unwarranted loitering in any parking lot or parking garage, whether publicly or privately owned at any time of day; or
- (c) Systematically check doors, windows or other means of access to buildings, houses or vehicles at any time of day.

As used in this Section, the following definitions apply:

- (a) Prowl is defined as to lurk in an area with an intent to commit a crime, or to rove or go about stealthily.
- (b) Nighttime includes the time period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 1st day of March, 2016.

YEAS: (in favor of amendment): Combs, Wright, Hart, Miller and McClanahan

NAYS: (opposed to amendment): Jahr

ABSENT: Budd

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Linda Combs
Linda Combs, Supervisor

Leon Wright
Leon Wright, Clerk

Adopted: March 1, 2016
Published: March 10, 2016
Effective: March 10, 2016

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with Bob Mytych



The **Romulus Athletic Center** will be celebrating its eighth birthday on Sunday, March 20, from noon to 6 p.m. and giving away its best membership deal of the year. Simply purchase or renew a one-year membership on this day and receive your choice of eight months added onto the end of your membership or eight percent off your membership price. You'll also get eight free group fitness classes, eight free aquatic classes and other incentives. The celebration will also feature a bounce house for children, DJ, free fitness classes, contests, pool games and more. See its ad in today's paper and call **(734) 942-2223**. To learn more visit www.romulusathleticcenter.com.

The public is invited to try the new **Qdoba Mexican Eats** on Belleville Road even before it opens to the general public on March 16. The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**, based in Sumpter, is holding a fund raiser there on Monday, March 14, from 5 to 9 p.m. The new restaurant is located on the opposite end of the plaza where the new Starbucks is. Guests are invited to try the entire menu for free, but are encouraged to "Pay What You Want" for their meals with all of the proceeds going to FMAR. What a great way to celebrate a grand opening.

On Wednesday, March 16, the public is welcome back for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony with the **Belleville Chamber of Commerce**, beginning at 4 p.m. Activities include face-painting, a DJ, and one free Knockout Taco for everyone in attendance.

Fox Auto U-Pull on Rawsonville Road at Bemis Road is a bring-your-own-tools-and-pull-your-own-auto-parts facility with more than 1,200 cars, trucks, and SUVs on hand. They're open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more about how the business works and to check on a make and model for possible parts, call **(734) 389-7104**. Right now bring its ad from today's paper and get 10% off. Visit www.foxupull.com.

A&J Lawn Service offers free estimates on lawn cutting and dethatching, spring clean-up, aeration, shrub maintenance, landscaping, brick paving and much more. Call **(734) 796-7408**.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation will be offering its annual **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 19, from noon to 3 p.m. at Graham Park. The event is free.

MarKen Roofing Inc. and owner **Ken Mills** is licensed and insured and they have been serving the Belleville Community since 1996 with roofing, repairs and insulation. Call **(734) 753-4905**.



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Our Ride of a Lifetime: We read the *Belleville-Area Independent* on our family bike ride to the Four Corners, where Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico all touch. From left in back are Jim, Steve, Robin, Joy, and Bruce Burnett. In front, from left, are Laura Hibbard, Peggy and Dave Lipe, and Bill Burnett. Kevin Hibbard took the picture.

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.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 555 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 28:
0055 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0121 – disorderly conduct, Alden Ave.
0227 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0251 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
0531 – hospice, Belleville Rd.
0630 – agency assist, Owen
0644 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1012 – noise complaint, Parkwood Manor
1129 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1456 – abandoned auto, Country Walk Blvd. / Freeport Ct.
1654 – motorist assist, EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1655 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
1722 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
1848 – property damage accident, Lake Point Pass
2124 – intrusion alarm, Belleville High School
2230 – traffic hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2331 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
Monday, Feb. 29:
0010 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0227 – breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.
0621 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0631 – suspicious vehicle, Mission Pointe Sub Park
0818 – crossing guard, Tyler Rd.
1137 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1300 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1409 – fraud, Riggs Rd.
1429 – intimidation threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1526 – crossing guard, Tyler Rdd.
1534 – assault & battery, Jeremy Rd.
1610 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1619 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1832 – agency assist, Westlake
2126 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2218 – retail fraud, Belleville
2221 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Tuesday, March 1:
0805 – vehicle repossession, Ayres Ave., cancelled
0851 – fraud, Denton Rd.
0916 – assault & battery, Walden Blvd.
1147 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1223 – harassment call, Van Born
1320 – private property accident, Southport Apts.
1337 – fraud, Stratford Dr.
1356 – suspicious situation, Belleville/Ecorse
1433 – shots fired, Republic Dr.
1438 – suspicious person, Harmony Ln.
1443 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
1652 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service / Southport
1725 – mental, Belleville Rd.
1808 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
2045 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
2052 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, March 2:
0026 – traffic hazard, Hayes St.
0116 – breaking & entering, Michigan/Beck
0204 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0319 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0415 – agency assist, Ecorse/I-275
0527 – mental, Ayres Ave.
0604 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0640 – robbery alarm, Belleville Rd.
0648 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0704 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0707 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville BP
0722 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
0732 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0733 – private property accident, Ricardo Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0758 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
0807 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse

0837 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0841 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0905 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Dewitt Rd.
0906 – property damage accident, Haggerty School
0921 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0937 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1201 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Hannan Rd.
1442 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1522 – intimidation threat, S. Bellridge Dr.
1525 – fraud, Nautica Dr.
1545 – crossing guard, Tyler Rd.
1616 – intimidation threat, Marlowe Ave.
1623 – assault & battery, Meadows
1701 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1835 – property damage accident, Westlake
1943 – hospice, Denton Rd.
1958 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/I-94
2023 – personal injury accident, Belleville/I-94
2029 – assault & battery, Bellridge
2104 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
Thursday, March 3:
1152 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Hannan Rd.
1403 – private property accident, Willow Creek Market
1607 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
1655 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1810 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.
1945 – harassment call, Locust Dr.
2031 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Textile
2042 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2045 – suicide or attempt, Ecorse Rd.
2332 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
Friday, March 4:
0041 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0043 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0153 – vehicle repossession, Savage Rd.
0718 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0743 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0956 – larceny, Hamlin St.
1113 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Bemis
1247 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi
1250 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1316 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1340 – mental, Alba Ct.
1508 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1857 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Belleville Rd.
2050 – agency assist, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2100 – fraud, Belleville
2240 – robbery alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2315 – civil matter, Landmark
2349 – breaking & entering, Hamlin St.
2351 – noise complaint, Westlake
Saturday, March 5:
0029 – malicious destruction of property, Landmark
0051 – disorderly conduct, Meadows Cir.
0203 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake
0838 – suspicious situation, Maude Ct.
0905 – larceny from auto, Florence Ln.
0910 – larceny from auto, Sadie Ln.
1018 – larceny from auto, Maude Ct.
1120 – larceny from auto, Barkley St.
1341 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1647 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1716 – felony assault, Denton Rd.
1842 – agency assist, Lighthouse Dr.
1917 – property damage accident, Revere/Madison
1923 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1928 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2154 – shots fired, Denton Rd.
2322 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 183 traffic stops, 27 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 28:
0622 – breaking & entering, Owen St.
1429 – vehicle lockout, S. Edgemont Ave.
1458 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1940 – vehicle lockout, High St.
2048 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2149 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa
Monday, Feb. 29:
0822 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1038 – found property, Main St.
1122 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1223 – civil matter, Henry St., cancelled
1228 – harassment call, Main St.
1506 – suspicious vehicle, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1603 – assist fire dept., Third St., cancelled
1701 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
2247 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
Tuesday, March 1:
0648 – malicious destruction of property, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0841 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
1021 – private property accident, Chase
1330 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1959 – hospice, E. Huron River Dr.
2149 – agency assist, Westlake
Wednesday, March 2:
0448 – hospice, Potter Dr.
0735 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Liberty St.
0845 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Belleville Rd.
1009 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1959 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
Thursday, March 3:
1045 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1932 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2202 – property damage accident, Church/High
Friday, March 4:
0830 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1251 – civil matter, Main St.
1640 – fight, Main St.
1654 – vehicle lockout, Fourth St.
1657 – background investigation, Main St.
2040 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2241 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2243 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2317 – agency assist, Landmark
Saturday, March 5:
0031 – agency assist, Landmark
1041 – trespassing, South St.
1129 – assist citizen, W. Columbia/High
1141 – harassment call, Owen Middle
1403 – suspicious vehicle, N. Edgemont Ave.
1439 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1731 – assist fire dept., Andrew’s Pharmacy, cancelled
1958 – civil matter, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2146 – all other traffic, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
Also on this week’s log are 48 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 28:
0056 – fire dept. assist, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0836 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
0956 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1040 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
1402 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1450 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1523 – ORV complaint, Haggerty/Willow
1547 – down wires, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2204 – traffic hazard, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
Monday, Feb. 29:
0856 – alarm, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1054 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1437 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1541 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
1641 – fire dept. assist, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1726 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
Tuesday, March 1:
0941 – mental health commitment, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1635 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1957 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
Wednesday, March 2:
1209 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1258 – civil dispute, Wayside Dr.
1519 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1537 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1833 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Carleton West
2127 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2151 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Thursday, March 3:
1113 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1218 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1450 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
2304 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Wescott Dr.
Friday, March 4:
0208 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0854 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1551 – reckless driver, Willis/Martinsville
1553 – alarm, 48000 Willow Rd.
1950 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2017 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2101 – warrant arrest pick up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2138 – warrant arrest pick up, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
Saturday, March 5:
0015 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1101 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1435 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
1450 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1543 – alarm, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1611 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1647 – property damage accident, Wear/Clark
2205 – animal complaint, Willow/Elwell
Also on this week’s log are eight follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 397 patrol checks, and 52 traffic stops.

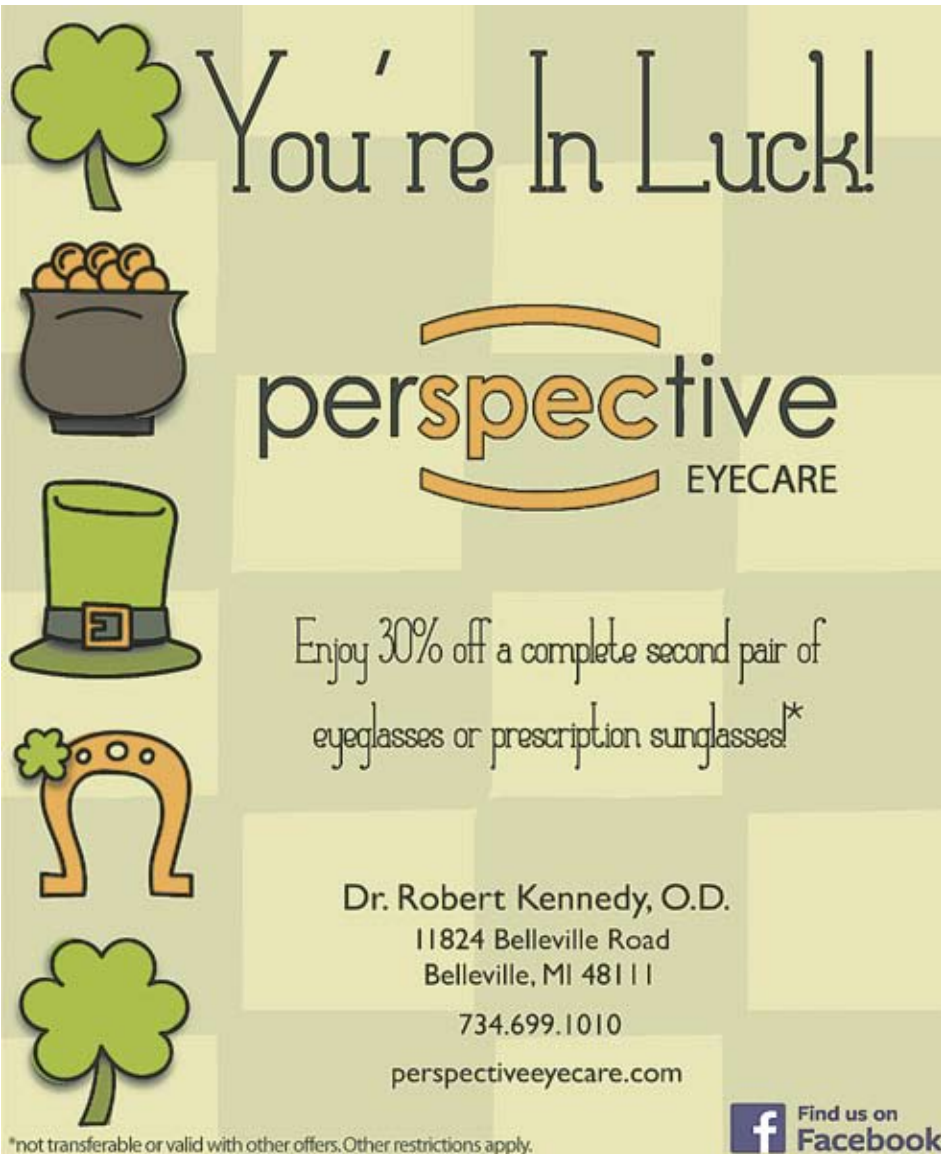
Filing deadline for township offices is 4 p.m., April 19

Although the deadline is 4 p.m., April 19, to file a petition to be a candidate for township board in the Aug. 2 state primary election, Van Buren Township already has three petitions turned in.
Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery said petitions have been turned in by Phil Hart for supervisor, Leon Wright for clerk, and Reggie Miller for trustee.
Sumpter Township Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffman said there have been no petitions turned in for Sumpter Township offices as of Monday afternoon.

The deadline to file petitions to run for district library board seats in the Nov. 8 general election is 4 p.m., July 21. Positions to be filled are now held by John Juriga, Joy Cichewicz, and Mike Boelter.
The deadline to file petitions for school board is 4 p.m., July 26. School board candidates are elected in the Nov. 8 general election. Seats up for election now are filled by Brent Mikulski, Kelly Owen, Kathy Kovach, and Martha Toth.

School Board meeting moved from Monday to Tuesday next week

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meeting, originally scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, in the Belleville High School Commons, has been rescheduled and the location moved.
The meeting is now scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, at the BHS mini-auditorium.



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VBT PD issues warning about break-in to parked vehicles

Van Buren Township has experienced an increase of items stolen from unlocked vehicles parked in apartment complexes and neighborhoods, according to a recent Nixle alert.

These incidents happen in early morning hours between 2 and 6 a.m. Individuals will walk through a parking lot or subdivision checking for unlocked vehicles.

All different types of items are then taken from the vehicles, from spare change to lap-top computers, cell phones, purses, wallets, back packs, tools, credit cards, check books, and personal paperwork.

Police warn the public to be vigilant in locking their vehicles and setting

their alarms, and to contact the police department if they see unusual foot traffic in their area.

Library Storytimes set

Spring Storytimes are starting up at the Belleville Area District Library.

Family Storytime is for children ages 4 to 10 years old: Mondays at 6:30 p.m., March 14-April 25.

Toddler Storytime is for children ages 2-4: Tuesdays at 11 a.m., March 15-April 26.

Toddler Storytime is for children ages 2-4: Thursdays at 11 a.m., March 17-April 28.

Register for all programs at the Library's Circulation Desk.



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