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Michigan Supreme Court rules in favor of Visteon over bonds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday, the Michigan Supreme Court announced it was denying Van Buren Township's request to appeal the May 16, 2017 judgment by the Court of Appeals in favor of Visteon.

On Oct. 9, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the application for leave to appeal and VBT officials have been waiting ever since for a decision.

The Supreme Court order dated March 8 said arguments were considered and denied, "there being no majority in favor of granting leave to appeal or taking other action." The vote was 3-3 to approve, so without a majority, it failed.

Chief Justice Pro Tem David Viviano wrote a 12-page statement of dissent on the order, joined by Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, with Justice Richard Bernstein saying he would reverse the judgment of the Court of Appeals.

Voting to deny were Justices Stephen Markman, Brian Zahra, and Elizabeth Clement.

Justice Megan Cavanagh did not participate in the disposition of this case because the Court heard the oral arguments and considered it before she assumed office.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Justice Kurtis Wilder, who was not reelected in November, recused himself from the case before being voted out. McNamara said Wilder was looking at a job with Butzel Long law firm if not reelected and Butzel Long is VBT's law firm. He said it would be illegal, however, for Wilder to discuss the case with the Butzel Long lawyers on the VBT case.

Supervisor McNamara said it is the township board's decision whether to refile the case, but he will recommend to the board not to refile.

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"Destination: Deep Space" is the title of this year's FIRST Robotics Competition. The competition brought 40 teams to Belleville High School (including a BHS team) on Friday and Saturday to compete for scores. Boeing is the sponsor of the competition and Title Sponsor in Belleville is BYC, with 18 other local sponsors. After the opening ceremony on Friday morning with speeches from BHS Principal Stacey Buhro, School Supt. Pete Kudlak, and Mayor Kerreen Conley and presenting of colors by the VFW Post and singing of the National Anthem by the BHS chorus, the competition got under way. Awards were presented on Saturday night. The competition did not go so well for the home team. The BHS team, the Belle Voxel-Bots, finished in 35th place and were not selected to participate in the elimination round.

Robotics FIRST competition completes second year at BHS

A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered in the main gym of Belleville High School on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, to cheer on 40 teams from the State of Michigan competing in the FIRST Robotics Belleville District event.

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Photo by E'lyce Johnson

The Belleville Robotics Team, the Belle Voxel-Bots, #6615, poses for a picture with mentors and event organizers during last week end's competition at Belleville High School.



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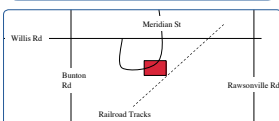
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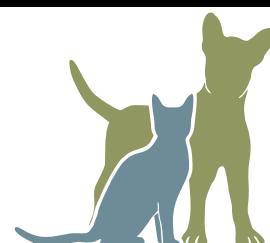
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville High School Athletics Hall of Fame inducts 11 into first class

The first 11 inductees into the new Belleville High School Athletics Hall of Fame were honored Jan. 18 at halftime of the boys' basketball game. Their photos have been displayed on a wall at BHS.

Those honored were:

- **Peg Curtis**, who was the softball coach at BHS for 39 years, and in that time won 14 League Championships, 17 District Championships, three Regional Championships, and the only two State Championships in BHS history in 1983 and 1984. These teams were the first softball teams to win back-to-back State Championships in Michigan. She is also a member of the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Hall of Fame and BHS' softball field was named after her in 2016.

- **Mike Garland**, who was both an outstanding student athlete and coach at BHS, played basketball from 1969-72, was a two-year football varsity starter at quarterback and also ran the 400-meter his senior year in track. His skills in basketball lead to a full athletic scholarship at NMU. He returned to BHS in 1977 to begin his basketball coaching career. He was selected as the 1993-94 Associated Press Michigan High School Coach of the Year, the Michigan Mega Red Conference Coach of the Year, and the All-Suburban Coach of the Year. He won six Mega Red Conference Championships, four District Championships and one Regional Championship. Garland left BHS in 1996 to become the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Michigan State University where he still coaches.

- **Anne Maureen Gray** was a 1993 graduate of BHS, lettering in cross country and track 1989-93. As a freshman, at the age of 13, Anne won gold at the Wolverine "A" Conference Cross Country Championships, the first freshman to win the tournament. She earned a four-year athletic scholarship in cross country/track at DePaul University and earned several awards, including 1993-94 Newcomer of the Year for the Midwest Conference, Most Valuable Runner at DePaul for 1993-94 and 1996-97, and All-Conference First Team, Conference USA.

- **Harry Hidenfelter** became BHS assistant varsity football coach in 1951 and earned his way to head coach in 1955. He held that position for 1955-63 while also coaching the varsity track team. As head coach of football in 1958, his team went undefeated (8-0) and won the Suburban Six League Championship. This team was also named "State Champs" by news outlets, as this was pre-playoffs. During his coaching years at BHS, he also assisted with the varsity basketball and varsity baseball teams. In 1963 Hidenfelter was named Athletic Director at BHS and he served in this capacity until 1976.



Photo courtesy of Debbie McWilliams

Members of the 1983 and 1984 Belleville High School softball teams are, from left, Carol Wisniewski Klann, Jill Pence Ferris, Kim Thick, Coach Peggy Curtis, Debbie Sumner McWilliams, Tina Cicotte Carnahan, and Michelle LaMance Rodriguez.

- **Bob LaPointe** coached football for a total of 28 seasons at a variety of schools (Wayne, Aquinas, Divine Child, Notre Dame, and Belleville). His overall record was 164 wins and 84 losses. He was the City of Dearborn Coach of the Year in 1974 and 1975 and the Detroit Catholic League Coach of the Year in 1975. He was selected as the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Class B Coach of the Year in 1975 and Class B Regional Coach of the Year in 1974, 1975, and 1976. He was Class A Regional Coach of the Year at BHS in 1993-95, 1997, and 2000. In 1975 he won the MHSAA Class B State Championship. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002.

- **Frank Nunley** was a three-sport athlete while attending BHS from 1959-63, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to play football at the U of M from 1964-66 where he was selected by the Associated Press as a First-Team Linebacker on its 1966 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team. He was inducted into the U of M Athletic Hall of Honor in 1989. He was selected in the third round of the 1967 NFL draft by the San Francisco 49ers and remained with them for ten seasons, 1967-76. He helped lead the 49ers to consecutive appearances in the NFL championship games, losing both times to the Dallas Cowboys.

- **Keith Simons** earned four-year varsity letters in football and wrestling at BHS, as well as two-year varsity letters in track. He played defensive tackle at the University of Minnesota and was the first-ever player to start all 44 consecutive games his freshman to senior year. He was All-Big 10 Second Team as a junior and All-Big 10 First Team as a senior and was captain all four years.

He was a third-round draft pick in the NFL and played for the Kansas City Chiefs and the St. Louis Cardinals. He earned his bachelor of science from the University of Minnesota and worked for many years as a sales manager before becoming Director of Empowerment at Twin Cities RISE!, mentoring people with unique barriers to employment and as a motivational speaker.

- **Barry Susterka** graduated from BHS in 1972. He was a diver all four years of high school: All Area all four years, League Champion 1971 and 1972, Western Wayne Champion all four years; qualified for State Championships all four years, placed third at State in 1972 and was All American in 1972. He was team captain in 1971 and 1972 and held team records for six dives, 11 dives, and old pool record for six dives. He earned a bachelor of science degree at Eastern Michigan University and coached at the University of Wyoming 1978-85 and University of Kansas 1985.

- **Sam Vicchy** came to Belleville in 1970 after teaching and coaching swimming and water polo for nine years in Pennsylvania and Ohio. At BHS he coached both the men's and women's swimming teams for 17 years total (17 with the boys, 10 with the girls) and finished with a win/loss record for the men's team of 108-32 and the women's team 120-6. Along with coaching swimming and diving, Vicchy also coached women's cross country, women's track, and women's soccer at BHS. Besides his other honors, Vicchy was named Men's Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coach of the Year, Women's Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coach of the Year and was inducted into the MMHSCA Hall of Fame in 2016.

- **1983 and 1984 Softball Teams**, who

won Class A State Championships back to back. The 1983 team roster: Coach Peg Curtis, Mia Bridges, Michelle LaMance, Judy Wisniewski, Kim Thick, Debbie Stull, Dawn Zajac, Nancy Wisniewski, Nancy Orr; Carrie Kobish, Sandy Mattson, Laurie Shreckengost, Tina Cicotte, Debbie Sumner, Jill Pence, Carol Wisniewski, Jane Kause. 1984 team roster: Coach Peg Curtis, Michelle LaMance, Jill Pence, Judy Wisniewski, Laurie Shreckengost, Tina Cicotte, Debbie Sumner, Nancy Wisniewski, Nancy Orr; Mia Bridges, Melissa Stafford, Gena Forest, Tamara Richard, Carol Wisniewski, Karen McMillian, Reiko Snider, Jill Parent.

The 1984 softball team was a little different than the 1983 team. Although they were made up of mostly the same players, they were now seniors and felt the heavy pressure of the expectations that they set for themselves with their state title the year before. At one point during the season, the team had a record of 9-9 and things did not look good. However, instead of giving up, Coach Curtis and the team rallied behind one another and went on a winning streak and won their next 16 consecutive games. They finished that season with another State Championship title and a final record of 25-9.

At the induction ceremony each inductee was presented with a plaque and program by BHS Athletic Director Joe Brodie.

The BHS Athletic Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor student-athletes, teams, and coaches for their achievements and/or contributions to BHS. If you are interested in nominating someone, contact the BHS Athletic Department at (734) 697-0016.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Republic Waste promises to do better in Sumpter Twp.

After about 20 minutes of discussion at Tuesday's Sumpter Township meeting, Scott Cabauatan from Republic Waste said, "This is not the service we want to deliver." He said he started off in 2004 in Sumpter and, "It pains me to be up here today. I hope it's the last time for this reason."

Cabauatan, Republic's Municipal Manager for Southern Michigan and Northern Ohio, talked about the service concerns with trash pickup in Sumpter.

"We did a great job until December and January," he said, noting that they had issues with the weather and with drivers.

Cabauatan said the shortage of CDL-licensed employees, sick time, and scheduled vacations put them behind. He said in the next three weeks they will have 14-16 new, road-ready employees.

"Hopefully we can right the ship without you having to call the township," he said to the large crowd present.

It was pointed out trash truck drivers were held to MDOT standards and have to have down time after certain shifts and can only work so many hours.

Several people in the audience said they had to talk to people who never heard of Sumpter when they called in to complain about missed pickups. Cabauatan said Republic didn't have a local complaint line, but had call services in Phoenix, Indianapolis, and South Carolina.

Sumpter residents agreed to give them a chance to work things out.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At a recent board meeting in Sumpter Township, township attorney Rob Young said he had looked into curbside recycling for the township and recycling is no longer profitable for trash companies.

He pointed to the way China has cut way back on the plastics it will accept which leaves recyclers with nowhere to send the items. Other reports say China was rejecting most of the plastic because the streams from the U.S. were contaminated.

On March 4, *Hometown Life* published a story online about Westland having to send its curbside recycled items to the Van Buren Township landfill because recycling there was too expensive.

The recycling center the city uses is ReCommunity in New Boston and that center on Feb. 1 increased the price of accepting recyclables from \$18 a ton to \$80 a ton, which would cost the city \$310,000 a year. That caused the city to search for an alternative.

The Westland City Council considered sending its recycled material to an incinerator in Detroit, but voted it down last month after Westland residents and several residents in that part of Detroit complained. They are sending their recycling to the landfill at a cost of \$28 a ton, but are urging residents to continue their recycling habits until they figure out something else to do.

Reportedly, a task force at the Conference of Western Wayne is looking into the issue, which is affecting all the municipalities.

We called Jennifer Price at Van Buren Township and she said she is aware of the situation in Westland, as well as everywhere across the country, but they

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have had no information on the subject from Waste Management, which picks up VBT's trash and recycling.

"We have no information from Waste Management which makes me very nervous," Price said on Monday. "It's a very serious problem." She is urging residents to pay special attention to what they put in recycling bins to make sure it is recyclable.

On Tuesday, Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer confirmed that Republic Waste, which services the city, has not alerted them to any problems with recycling.

Melissa Kalnasy, who was interning at Van Buren Township, has completed her master's degree and has been hired full-time by Carlisle Wortman planning consultants.

Apparently Alwena McCracken, director of Van Buren Township's cable department, was fired March 1. I tried to confirm it, since she was obviously gone, so I asked Supervisor McNamara if she quit and he said no.

This is after all the new camera and sound equipment was installed in the township board room. The first meeting in the board room after the equipment update was the lake information workshop, the day before Allie disappeared.

Beulah Deming, a longtime Belleville resident who moved to Mancelona, called to say she knows that Mary Talaga was a crossing guard in Belleville for 57 years, but she remembers Millie McAllister, who was the very first crossing guard at that corner. That was before Mary, she said.

Beulah said that at one point she lived in the mobile home park on the north side of East Huron River Drive and Millie used to help her child across the street.

Beulah is one of the subscribers to our paper.

I was reading a Dec. 12 issue of The Advertiser, a newspaper from the Thumb area of Michigan, and found a familiar face. There was a large story with pictures about Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic and the shows he put on in Caro.

One picture is of him holding Seven the Sloth. Another shows him and Popcorn, his 70-pound binturong (bearcat). A third picture is of him and Nico the Macaw.

The people really enjoyed the show, which was part of Caro's Gingerbread Village Festival. Mark is well-known in this area because he performs in the tri-community regularly and is based in Sumpter Township.



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Letters

We are all party to the lies on recycling trash

To the editor:

We are all party of the house of lies. Every day we put out our trash. Millions of tons of trash goes to our dumps, landfills and incinerators to lie dormant for thousands of years. That's okay, we'll buy and make more, plenty of that to go around.

But the kicker is those blue bins we put out, filled with what we think are recyclables. They use special trucks to pick up our shamed guilt. Seems like we try real hard to do what we think is right, but truth be told its all a lie.

Up to a few years ago, China was our recyclable dump. Millions of tons went there; hell, they even paid for it. Great deal for all of us. A few years back, they stopped. Period. They claimed not only was the bulk of our waste products contaminated, they didn't need our recyclables as they have plenty of their own.

We as a nation, had it too good; so much so, we never bothered to find ways to control it ourselves. Sure there are a few plants here and there, but the cost of shipping there doesn't make sense, so every location in America, is left hanging.

Yup, that means us. In some places, they stacked waste up to and over 25' bales. Costs money to sit on tons of paper and plastic. Glass? Don't even ask.

What I am getting to is simple; our recyclables are going straight to the land fill. Worse is, we pay more for it, to fill and dump those blue bins.

Now, let's get to the problem at hand. Number one, plastics. All of our food-grade plastic is by law, virgin plastic. These plastics are the only ones that COULD be recycled, again if we could find a place to dump it. China felt we did a terrible job of cleaning these plastics, which was true.

All other grades of plastics, well, were the same, dirty. Some of us would put other plastics in the bins, like lawn chairs, toys, and such. Big no-no. Household plastics have a chemical blended in them called fire retardant. Nothing can be done with these. Let's try paper and cardboard, shall we? Much of our papers contain colored ink; those inks won't bleach out, preventing further usage. Cardboard the same, and the famous pizza box excuse, food and chemicals won't separate from the paper stock.

Now glass; there is nobody doing glass anymore. Contaminants and chemicals ruin the glass purification. Plus, the problem glass can't be reused per FDA rules, so the days of milk bottles being reused is long gone in history.

What we boil down to that CAN be recycled, is basically just metals. The super-high temps that is used in recycling metals devours any chemical traces left in the waste. Now this isn't to say, take your lawn mower and put that in the bin. Leave that for the scrappers.

So, where does this leave us, all of us? Since nobody is bothering with the recyclables, lets just get it out in the open and quit paying for the separate waste bills. With most of the waste going to the landfill, why should we pay any difference? Please, don't think I am against recycling; every week I put out clean, separated bins, thinking they were going to that special place upstate, where recyclables are put to pasture. Okay, I jest. Even now, I find the recyclable driver taking some of my recyclables, and putting them in my rubbish cart.

Wait, what? The truth is that we have no place to put it; it is by far cheaper to dump it or burn it. Oh great, more carbon footprint. Can't have it both ways, folks. Making new bottles, plastics and paper is by far cheaper than trying to recycle it. And, don't bother going to your government officials about it; they are helpless like us. We cannot make private industry take our end waste. Local governments should take the steps to remove any additional costs of "recycling" and put the trash where it is going to end up anyway.

Now, the billion dollar question; what, if anything can I do? For now, not much. You can try to make your purchases smarter, making sure to use paper or bio-degradable plastics. Buy your foods and drinks in cans. Try peaceful lobbying to ask for better packaging and even products from your suppliers. We simply need to invest in finding ways to create affordable recycling. This is what all of us must do. In the end, we, whether business or homes, will pay the price for the futures of our wastes, which, by the way, is what we needed to do all along.

Bob Balderston
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Obituaries



Roberta Louise "Bobbie" Saffron

ROBERTA LOUISE SAFFRON

(May 4, 1946 - March 5, 2019)

Roberta Louise "Bobbie" Saffron, age 72, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. She was born May 4, 1946 in Franklin, PA, daughter of the late William Nelson & Virginia Mae (Cooper) Mackey.

Bobbie was a former member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934. She was a long-time member of the Van Buren Eagles and their Eagle Riders. She enjoyed gardening, entertaining and cooking.

Bobbie is survived by three children: Charles (Melissa) LaMotte of Tennessee, Jennifer (Max) Kuhl of Jackson, MI and David (Kathy) Saffron of Ohio; 9 grandchildren: Samantha LaMotte, Christopher LaMotte, Josh Smith, Chelsey Jackson, Laith Elayyan, Jordynn-Chanel Elayyan, Emma Kuhl, Tristan Saffron-Cattrell and Ethan Saffron-Cattrell; one great-grandson Jayce Cooper; brother Lawrence Mackey of North Carolina; sister Christine (the late Ray) Mazur of Virginia; best friend Sharon Bailey; also, numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband William C. LaMotte in 1985, and second husband Bruce H. Saffron in 2017, also a sister Martha Robishaw in 2014.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Friday and 10-11 AM Saturday, March 9, 2019 with an 11 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor John Vaprezsan officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Metro Baptist Church or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Obituaries

Joseph Michael Priebe

JOSEPH MICHAEL PRIEBE
 (September 10, 1949 - March 4, 2019)
 Joseph Michael Priebe, formerly of Belleville, MI passed away peacefully, at his home in Chesaning, MI, on March 4, 2019 at the age of 69. He had a long battle with cancer. Joseph was born on September 10, 1949 in Detroit, MI. to Richard Edward Priebe Jr. and Anna Elizabeth Drobot Priebe.

Joseph served two years in the United States Army from April 14, 1970 to April 10, 1972. Joseph was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he earned several medals, and badges including the Purple Heart for being wounded in battle. Joe was honorably discharged with commendations for his service and bravery. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest. He was a member of several organizations including the Chesaning American Legion Post 212 and the Belleville Moose Post 934. He loved all his service brothers and sisters dearly and appreciated each and every one of their friendships.

Joseph medically retired from Pentastar Aviation at Oakland County International Airport after 25 years as a Material Control Manager. He loved camping, gardening, yard work, listening to his Rock-N-Roll music just a little bit too loud, having larger than normal bonfires, and mostly spending time with his family, friends, and grand children.

Joe was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, son, and friend to all. He was an amazing man that was always readily available to help others in need, never letting his disability stop him from living life to the fullest. He was an inspiration and incredibly admired for his strength and perseverance. His smile, his laughter, and unique sense of humor will be missed by all he knew.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 18½ years, Ruth Priebe, of Chesaning, MI; his 3 brothers Richard (Diane) Priebe III of Belleville, MI, Patrick (Susie) Priebe of Greenbush, MI, Anthony (Martha) Priebe Oscoda, MI, and 1 sister Patricia (Brian) Lightcap of Washington, MI; 3 children Joseph (Rahma) Priebe Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, John (Melissa) Priebe of Reno, NV, Jeannie (Brett) Franklin of Reno, NV, along with 4 children he inherited and loved like his own, Deana (Michael) Buckley of Saginaw, MI, George R. Brack Jr of Chesaning, MI, Michelle Brack of Saginaw, MI, and Erskin Brack (deceased); 14 grandchildren Alexandria, Dillon, Alilia, Vincent, Demi, Zephyr, Liam, Karter, Sophiea, Nataleigh, Kash, Waylon, Aubrey, Jeorgina; 2 great-grandchildren McKinley and Paisley; and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Anna Priebe Jr., 2 sisters Shirely Priebe Cichon and Mary Priebe Wojohowski, and son, Erskin Brack.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will not be held per Joseph's wishes. A luncheon will be held on Saturday, March

16, 2019 at the Chesaning American Legion Post 212 from 1-4 p.m. A Military Ceremony 21-Gun Salute will be done at 1:30 that day at 15053 McKeighan Rd., Chesaning, MI. 48616. Joseph's family wishes to thank Great Lakes Caring for their excellent care, compassion, and thoughtfulness during his final days. Also, a special thanks to Chesaning American Legion for all their love and support through this entire journey.



Raymond E "Ray" Clippert

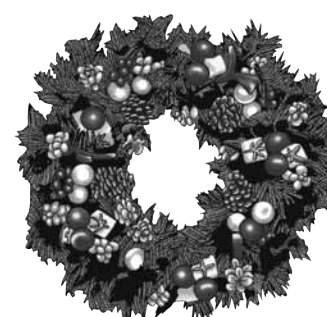
RAYMOND E. CLIPPERT
 (April 16, 1933 - March 6, 2019)
 Raymond E Clippert "Ray", age 85 passed away peacefully Wednesday March 6, 2019 at Beaumont Dearborn Hospital. Raymond was born April 16, 1933. Raymond worked for Ford Motor Company for 41 years before retiring in 1991. Ray was a strong fan of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Ray also loved to bowl, golf and most of all camp and travel to Florida (Zephyrhills) with his wife Lillian. Ray was a very quiet man but when someone needed something he made sure he got it done.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife Lillian Clippert and his parents Harold and Lilly Clippert. Survivors include Daughter Judy (Scott) Oakley of Dearborn Heights, Son Wayne (Monica) Sandilands of Glenview, New York, Son Monte Clippert of Taylor, Michigan and Brother Joe Clippert of Woodhaven, Michigan; his grandchildren Steven Sandilands of Muskegon, Michigan, Michael (Stephanie) Sandilands of Whitehall, Michigan, Alyssa LaFountain of Schenectady, New York; great-grandson Chase Sandilands also of Whitehall, Michigan and great-granddaughter Olivia Maccue also of Schenectady, New York.

Funeral services were held on Saturday March 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Higginson and Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, (734) 697-9400. Pastor Robert White officiated. Visitation with the family was held on Friday, March 8, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Ray's family greeted guests 1 hour prior to the service. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan. The family would like to express their thanks to the Beaumont 6th floor staff and Beaumont Hospice staff for the great care for Ray. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Dearborn Hospital 6th Floor or Beaumont Dearborn Hospice, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-5802.

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Obituaries



Mary C. "Tommie"
Hensley

MARY C. 'TOMMIE' HENSLEY

(December 16, 1929 - March 10, 2019)

Age 89, of Belleville and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Beaumont Trenton Hospital. She was born December 16, 1929 in Harlan County, KY, the daughter of John M. and Viola Saylor. On August 23, 1946, she married Bob Hensley Sr. in Wallins, KY and he preceded her in death June 7, 2003.

Mary loved cooking, sewing, crocheting, John Wayne movies and especially her family. She will be missed. Survivors include: her children, Robert (Anne) Jr., Jean Hensley and Nancy (Tom) Decker; grandchildren, Tonya, Rachel (Tony) Currier, Emaleigh (Jason) Meador and Boozy "Tom" Decker; great grandchildren, Jacob, Tyler, Trevor, Makenzee, Alexus, Amaria, Bubba, Hunter and Calleigh "Cat;" siblings Marsha (John) Rose and Kathleen Sterns; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Lorraine Elliott, Alice Gillentine, Serdia Saylor, Grace Saylor and Donnie Saylor. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Walker Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Union-Udell Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans). Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 5-9 p.m. Wednesday. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.



Virginia Caroline Melcher

VIRGINIA C. MELCHER

(May 4, 1930 - March 10, 2019)

Virginia Caroline Melcher, age 88, long-time Belleville resident, formerly of Allen Park, MI, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Glen Abbey Assisted Living Care Center, Canton, MI. She was born May 4, 1930 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Charles Frederick & Helen Maybell (Griffin) Engers.

Virginia was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society for many years. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and cooking. She loved to travel. Her passion was senior citizens. She helped set up the Monroe, MI, senior center, and then founded the Van Buren September Days Senior Citizens, where she was Director.

Mrs. Melcher is survived by three children: Cynthia (John) Williams of Belleville, MI, Pamela Melcher of North Carolina, and Bryan Melcher of Belleville, MI; four grandchildren: Jonathan (Katie) Williams, Jason Williams, Cody Melcher and Shannon Melcher; also numerous extended family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband of 63 years, Donald Edwin Melcher, on October 1, 2014.

Visitation was 1-3 PM Tuesday, March 12, 2019 with a 3 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Rev. John W. Schwartz officiated. Entombment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Van Buren September Days Senior Center, and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Emily Cora Kilgore

EMILY CORA KILGORE

November 10, 1955 - March 10, 2019

Emily Cora Kilgore, 63, of Belleville passed away March 10, 2019 at her home after a year-long battle with cancer, with her son, daughter-in-law and her friend Rhonda Dutton at her side. She is survived by her son John (Terrah) Stewart of Belleville and a grandson on the way; a daughter Krystin (Phil) Harvey of Paradise, CA; four grandchildren, Araya, Arianne, Pride, and Trevor; her sisters Marilyn and Cheryl; brother Dean; several nieces and nephews; her cats Bob and Betty and her grand-dog Jasmine. She was preceded in death by her husband John Kilgore, her brother Gordon, and her mother and father Edith and Elbie.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held in the summer.

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To the editor:

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Chassidy Jamnick, Belleville
Paranormal Seekers Society of Michigan

Woman's Club accepting scholarship applications

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Woman's Club is accepting applications until the end of March for scholarships from graduating seniors and for women who are returning to college after a period of time.

Graduating seniors from BHS should contact Rebecca Chinn in the Counseling Office for an application and any woman who is interested in applying for the Georgia Badget Scholarship, please contact me at jfayemillard@att.net or call after 3:30 p.m. (734) 558-5368.

Janet Millard, Chair, Scholarships
Belleville Area Woman's Club

I've compiled 48111 resource guide for you

To the editor:

I wanted to share my 2019 Community Resource Guide I created for the 48111 area. This guide provides information and resources for those who reside in and around the 48111 area.

Could you please share this with the community as the *Independent* is well-known and utilized. Van Buren Township published the guide on its website at <https://vanburen-mi.org/2019-community-resource-guide>.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all you do,
Ashley Shukait
Van Buren Township

VBT DDA agrees to take on fifth outdoor sculpture for this year

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In the last three years, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority placed four outdoor sculptures along Belleville Road, but this year it will be adding a fifth sculpture.

At its regular meeting Feb. 26, the DDA voted unanimously to take on another sculpture to place in the DDA district, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,500.

In her report to the DDA, Assistant DDA Director Lisa Lothringer said, "The City of Belleville has respectfully asked us to take on the fifth sculpture to allow the program to continue.

"At this time, they are unable to continue to fund the placement of six sculptures in their boundaries," she said. A total of at least 10 sculptures cuts the total price.

The cost for the DDA portion of the display will cover five sculptures, rental of foundation pads, and installation.

"We anticipate this 50/50 collaboration not to exceed \$10,500," she said. "Insurance coverage for the sculptures is provided by MMRMA [the township's insurance company]."

In other business at the 27-minute, Feb. 26 meeting the DDA:

- Approved co-sponsorship of Public Safety Day in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the stipulation that DDA funding would not subsidize wages or fringes, but rather contribute to marketing, promotional items, and other necessities. The 2019 event, in cooperation with the Public Safety Department, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Menards south parking lot. Lothringer said the event allows the DDA to showcase "Downtown Van Buren";

- Heard DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland announced that the final completion of the overpass and walkway along Belleville Road and over I-94 will be in the spring when 50 trees and 25 shrubs are to be installed. The gateway sign, that was damaged, has been completed again and will be delivered. Also, DTE began

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Visteon bonds

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At issue was whether the claim was not “ripe” because the township had yet to lose any money from the shortfall in tax funds from Visteon to pay the bonds. That shortfall will begin in October.

Both the Circuit Court and Appeals Court agreed that VBT can refile the complaint when a shortfall actually occurs.

In 2002, Visteon Corporation entered into discussions with VBT about the possibility of locating its national headquarters in the township. It was to be built in VBT’s new Local Development Finance Authority District (LDFA).

In 2003, VBT issued over \$28 million in bonds to assist in the construction of Visteon’s headquarters, known as “Visteon Village.” VBT projects that property-tax revenue from the LDFA District would cover the costs of bond issuance.

By 2006, tax revenues from the LDFA District were lower than projected, so VBT issued new bonds in order to advance refund a portion of the original bonds. This allowed Visteon more time to pay the principal on the original bonds. As a result, VBT was able to temporarily avoid a shortfall, which was not having sufficient funds to make the bond payments.

Then in 2009, Visteon filed for bankruptcy. VBT filed an unsecured claim to recover unpaid amounts from earlier tax abatement agreements. In 2010, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, which provided that VBT would significantly lower Visteon Village’s assessed taxable value. In exchange, Visteon agreed to pay Visteon’s unsecured claim (which VBT subsequently sold for about \$5.7 million).

The settlement agreement also contained the following provision, the meaning of which was now in dispute:

“Section 3. Bond Payments

“Visteon acknowledges that the Township assisted Visteon in the construction of the Village through the issuance by the Township of certain bonds supported by the full faith and credit of the Township, the proceeds of which were used to help construct the Village. To the extent that the property tax payments made by Visteon to the Township, including payments made by Visteon to the Township pursuant to

Section 2.2, are inadequate to permit the Township to meet its payment obligations in respect to that portion of the bonds that were used to help fund the Village, Visteon hereby agrees to negotiate with the Township in good faith to determine the amount of the shortfall with respect to those bonds and make a non-tax payment, payment in-lieu-of-tax, (PILOT) to the Township to assist the Township in making timely payments on the bonds.”

Visteon emerged from bankruptcy later that year.

In 2013, VBT retained Public Financial Management (PFM) to conduct a cash-flow analysis to determine VBT’s ability to pay on the bonds. In its report, PFM predicted that a shortfall ranging from \$23.7 million to \$36.4 million would occur sometime between 2017 and 2018. (Because VBT used the payments made by Visteon pursuant to the settlement agreement, as well as the funds obtained by the sale of the unsecured claim, to pay a portion of the interest on the bond, the shortfall is now projected to occur in 2019.)

Based on the report, VBT demanded that Visteon enter into negotiations to determine Visteon’s payment obligations under the agreement with respect to the projected shortfall. Visteon met with VBT but argued that it had no obligation to negotiate until VBT experienced an actual shortfall and, even in the event of a shortfall, Visteon argued that it may not owe VBT any amount under the contract.

VBT filed suit, seeking both a declaratory judgment and damages for breach of contract. As to the declaratory judgment claim, VBT asked that the court “adjudicate the Parties’ rights and obligations under the Settlement Agreement” and “enter a declaration that Visteon is responsible for payment of any shortfall...”

As to the breach of contract claim, VBT asserted that Visteon breached the agreement by “(i) refusing to negotiate the amount of the bond debt service shortfall in good faith and (ii) failing to provide – or commit to provide – the Township with funds to pay for any shortfall with the bond debt service payments.”

VBT also claimed “anticipatory repudiation,” pointing to certain statements made by Visteon indicating that Visteon did not believe it owed plaintiff anything

under the agreement.

Visteon filed a motion for summary disposition, arguing that VBT’s claims were not ripe. Visteon argued that VBT’s claims rested upon a hypothetical future shortfall, so no actual controversy presently existed. The trial court agreed and granted summary disposition in Visteon’s favor.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the circuit court’s decision and added: “... In fact, defendant is not obligated to perform until after two conditions have been met: (1) a shortfall has occurred, and (2) property taxes paid by defendant are inadequate for plaintiff to pay that portion of the bonds that was used to fund the Village. This second condition cannot be met until *after* the shortfall has occurred and the parties

have determined the amount due.”

Visteon sold its headquarters in 2012 to the New York real estate firm Sovereign Partners LLC for \$81.1 million. Visteon had expected to have 4,000 employees on its 263-acre Visteon Village campus. It now is a tenant there with fewer than 1,000 employees.

In 2018, Visteon reported net income of \$162 million on revenue of \$3 billion.

Kaveh Kashef, the township’s lead attorney on the lawsuit who moved from the Clark Hill law firm to Butzel Long last year, got a raise effective Aug. 1 from \$300 to \$375 an hour.

VBT has announced it has put money aside to meet the Visteon bond payments.



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VBT DDA

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trench work for pedestrian path lighting and anticipated to complete the work during the beginning of March;

- Heard Ireland report contractors have been working on the Belleville Road Placemaking project throughout the winter months as weather permits. Most of the retention/detention of storm water has been installed and the next step will be to

connect to the township's sanitary sewer on Belleville Road. Materials are being delivered regularly in anticipation of a break in the weather to begin construction in earnest, she said;

- Heard Ireland report on the Michigan Downtown Association, where she sits on the board of directors. She said it had a productive retreat in January and will be hosting a Capital Day in Lansing on March 13, providing an opportunity to meet state legislators and share MDA's current

legislative concerns; and

- Heard Lothringer report that the Van Buren Civic Fund has committed \$200,000 to the Splash Pad Project. Plans are being made to present the project to the planning commission and township board. She also said her advertising works in progress include a 1-page piece for the spring edition of the Lake Ledger, 4-page piece for the Van Buren Township Today magazine, along with the April Monthly Spotlight featuring Belleville Manor. She also reported on her email outreach, social media posts, and other projects.

Absent and excused from the meeting were secretary Chris Brown and directors Victor Delibera, and Helen Foster.



- March 4 – Ida Thompson
- March 6 – Sue Estermyer
- March 11 – Caroline Frantjeskos
- March 15 – Raymond Deming
- March 17 – Jewell Butler, Barbara Furman
- March 18 – Lettie Sanders, Beulah Deming, Walter Rochowiak, Jim Ackron, Ron Vesche
- March 20 – Viola Tomkowitz
- March 21 – Tina LaForge, Brandie Glover, Jerry Zywicki
- March 23 – Hope Zentz
- March 24 – Annie Burks, Dollie English
- March 25 – Maxine Martin, Erica Fulton
- March 29 – Brian McClinton

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The Robotics event organizing committee was, from left, Gordon Clearwood, Steve Jones, Mark Laginess, Victor DeLibera, Jonathan Williams, Don Johnson, and Wade Fields.

Robotics FIRST

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This was the second year for Belleville to host an event, and it was one of five district events going on simultaneously around the state. Teams came from as far away as Midland and Kentwood and as close as Carleton and Canton to participate.

The theme of this year's competition is "Deep Space," inspired by the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969. The object of this year's game is to leave the starting habitat platform, place hatches on both a rocket ship and a cargo ship, load cargo into the both rocket and cargo ships, and return to the habitat before the two-and-a-half-minute game clock expired.

The game requires teams to consider building a robot which might weigh up to 150 pounds that could both descend from and climb onto the elevated habitat platforms. Additionally, the robots might handle plastic disks which form the ship hatches as well as 13" playground balls which become the ships' cargo when loaded in place.

Matches are played between two three-team alliances. During the qualification round, these alliances change every match, and teams could play on the same alliance in one match and on opposite alliances in the next.

Eighty qualification matches are played, and each team participates in 12 matches. After all qualification matches are complete, the top-ranking teams become

the captains of eight playoff alliances and select two other teams to play with them in a best-of-three format playoff round.

The Belle Voxel-Bots (Team 6615 from Belleville) finished qualification play in 35th place and were not selected to participate in the playoffs. When all of the playoff matches were completed, the alliance of Code Red Robotics (Team 5567 from Milan High School), Dreadbots (Team 3656 from Dexter High School), and MC Hammers (Team 7656 from Michigan Center High School) prevailed to secure the district championship.

The Belle Voxel Bots will participate in their second district competition at Lincoln High School on March 22-23. An opening ceremony precedes matches on both days, usually starting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Matches typically start around 11 a.m. and conclude around 7 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, matches begin at 9:30 a.m. and finish around 12:30 p.m. with playoff selection and playoff rounds concluding around 5 p.m. Admission to all FIRST district events is free, and all events are open to the public.

For more information on FIRST, go to www.firstinspires.org and select FIRST Robotics Competition under the "Programs" pull-down menu. For all of the information on FIRST events in Michigan, visit www.firstinmichigan.org.

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School Supt. Kudlak gets raise to \$142,000, another year on contract

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After unanimously praising School Supt. Pete Kudlak's work at Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted to raise his pay to \$142,000 and to extend his contract for an additional year – to June 30, 2022.

He will be beginning his third year at Van Buren this summer.

His salary for the 2017-18 school year was \$132,600 and for the 2018-19 school year, \$140,000.

Under the contract, unless the school board makes a decision on the term of the contract by June 1, another year will be automatically added.

"I think you've done a lot since you've been here," said School Board President Keith Johnston, pointing out he is involved in the community and some growth is being shown in test scores.

"I really do appreciate your dedication to the district," Johnston said.

Board member Amy Pearce said one of the things that impressed her was that nothing was a surprise to him. When she brings up issues, she said, he tells her that he is aware of the issue and he is working on it.

"He really has his finger on the pulse of each of our buildings, and I don't know how that happens," she said.

Johnston said he no longer needs to go to Meijer's to have people tell him about problems at the school. He just goes to Kudlak and he becomes informed.

Board Secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick said it is noticed by the community that he goes to everything. She also said people feel comfortable coming up to him to talk, if only to say hello.

Board Treasurer Simone Pinter said everything she has heard in the community or from the staff about this superintendent is positive, for a change.

"I've never heard a negative thing about

you," she said to Kudlak.

Treasurer Susan Featheringill said people in the community have told her the board made a good choice in choosing this superintendent.

Johnston said the pay proposed is about in the middle of the pack for superintendents. "But, he's above the middle of the pack..."

Featheringill made the motion, supported by Pinter, and the motion passed unanimously. Board member Calvin Hawkins was absent from the meeting.

"I love being here," Supt. Kudlak said. "It's a great community. The building administrators are fantastic."

Featheringill said the staff is looking out for him.

Board member Pearce joked that she would like him try to have not so many snow days next year and the rest of the board laughed.

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

- Approved the new Tiger logo and Paw logo as proposed by a committee that has been meeting since October. Debbie McWilliams collected tiger logos from around the country, including those for high schools, colleges, and businesses. The committee decided how real and how ferocious they wanted the district's tiger to look. They considered different orange colors and different fonts for the lettering. This will be to make all the logos for the district standardized and all the letterheads will become standardized, as well. "This is to make sure we have one common structure," Supt. Kudlak said;

- Received a report by Special Projects Coordinator Jane Stalmack and Rawsonville Media Teacher Mary Ellen Vago on the second-annual STEAM Showcase held recently to showcase technology used in the district. Next year's STEAM Showcase is set for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020;

- Honored individual athletes who qualified for state competition: wrestlers Jaden Rice and Blake Williams, swimmer

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Kudlak

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School Board

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Jack Haase, and bowler Katherine Dybicki. Also honored were their coaches and athletic director;

- Approved hiring Samantha Tanana for the Edgemont Elementary Resource Room as of March 11;

- Heard parent Angela Mears ask if students are going to have to go to school on Good Friday to make up for a snow day. Supt. Kudlak said the district had 11 snow days and were allowed six. Three were forgiven and he still doesn't know if the district will have to make up the rest. There are moves in the legislature to forgive days lost under the Governor's emergency proclamation and/or to allow hours to be counted instead of days. He said he talked to State Rep. Kristi Pagans and she said something will be happening soon in the Legislature, but time is running short and districts need to know;

- Learned BHS has been chosen by the Wayne County Immunizations Drill to be a site for the Health Emergency Preparation Team to do mass inoculations in case of an emergency. On March 22, they will

borrow 400 students and run a drill at the school to further familiarize the staff with the site. There will be no shots given, just logistics worked out. Steve Jones said such inoculations would be necessary in a case of bird flu, "or something";

- Heard Pearce announce the Owen Intermediate School clothes closet and food closet will be open to the public during the conferences this week. A person does not need to have students at Owen to take advantage of the free clothes and food;

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore say the fourth graders are taking part in a competency-based program that could bring a grant from \$500,000 to \$1 million. He said they are in phase one of the three-round process, with the goal of increasing the technical talent pool in the state. "We're hoping to have good news at the end of the school year," he said; and

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say he has been going through interviews for a replacement for former Financial Director Shareen Barker and he hopes to have a decision on Wednesday, with the new director starting as soon as possible since it is time to work on budgets.

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VBT changes fireworks ordinance to agree with new state law

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright explained to the VBT Board of Trustees that the state law on fireworks changed in the lame duck legislature last December, so the township has to change its ordinance to reflect the new state law.

The number of days consumer fireworks are allowed are cut from about 30 days to about 13.

Disobeying the Fireworks Safety Act is now a municipal civil infraction with a fine up to \$1,000 and the VBT Public Safety Department gets \$500 of each fine collected for each violation since it is responsible for enforcing this law, with the state getting the other \$500.

The new township law, which had its

second and final reading at the Dec. 5 board meeting, becomes effective with today's publication in the newspaper of record.

The new law states, under Consumer Fireworks: "No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the township except on the following days after 11 a.m. and in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended."

The dates fireworks are allowed are:

- Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. on Jan. 1;
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday,

until 11:45 p.m.; and

- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Police Lt. Charles Bazy told the board at its Feb. 19 work/study session that the state law is still pretty liberal.

In other business at the one-hour-and-19-minute regular board meeting on March 5, the board:

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2012 National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Code and Life Safety Code to the 2018 codes to bring them up to national standards. There are many changes, including a prohibition of the use of sky lanterns. The second reading, and approval, is expected at the March 19 meeting;
- Approved the second reading and final approval of an ordinance to establish the Construction Board of Appeals. The township already has a Construction Board of Appeals, but this includes the local rules of number of members (3) and indicates staggered terms of three years;
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend the township zoning ordinance regarding security fencing and fencing in the front yard of non-residential zoning districts. Building and Planning Director Ron Akers said the U.S. Signal project at the corner of Tyler and Haggerty roads triggered this. They need an 8' tall

fence for security. "We've become data central for Michigan, Southeast Michigan, and they need security," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. The second and final reading is expected at the March 19 meeting;

- Approved a budget amendment to the Supervisor/Assessing offices and a job description for a full-time Confidential Administrative Assistant at \$43,000 a year plus benefits. Current Assessing Clerk Kathy Cline will retire in April, so they are combining that part-time position with the supervisor's part-time confidential secretary position with an increase of \$11,518 to the general fund budget. The position is being posted; and
- Approved an amendment to the budget and posting for the new position of Executive Assistant to the Public Services Director at a salary of \$52,000 (\$84,947.76 with benefits). This employee is designated to fill the work gaps in the departments of public services, water and sewer, and building and planning. At the work/study meeting on March 4, the position was discussed as being for intern Grace Stamper, but after much discussion by the time it got to the regular board meeting the next day it was announced the position would be posted. The position is said to save the township \$28,055 due to less use of McKenna Management and Office Time and other savings.



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1999	Dodge Durango	1B4HS28Y6XF577011
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RUBBER LINER/COATING SPECIALIST

Duratech Systems in Redford is in need of any experienced Rubber Liner/Coating Specialist. If you have experience rubber lining or applying coatings of any kind for chemical resistance, please contact our office. Starting pay is negotiable with experience. Must have a drivers license, be willing to travel and pass a drug test. You may contact Norma by email or phone 313-937-3300 norma@duratechsys.com

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"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."

— Isaac Asimov

HELP WANTED

Belleville DDA hears reports on its marketing grants to local groups

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority invited groups they gave grants to in 2018 to send representatives to tell the DDA how they spent the grants, which totaled \$7,500.

The \$1,500 grant each was supposed to be spent on marketing and promoting Belleville's downtown. The reports are in advance of decisions on 2019 funding.

Paul Henning, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce said they had less than a perfect Winter Fest in December. The all-day rain washed out the fireworks and the children's bounce house.

The DDA's money was for Winter Fest.

The Animal Magic show was planned under a tent, but the heater for the tent didn't perform as hoped, Henning said. He said the Animal Magic show was held in the Chamber of Commerce offices.

He said 3,000 people came out and stood in the rain for the light parade.

"Your money bought a full-page ad in

the *Independent* and directional signs were made up," he said, adding it also paid for a Winter Fest sign at Five points. He said the signs are reusable. The money also helped with the coloring book for children.

He said the adult carriage rides were \$5 each in 2017, but in 2018 the price went up to \$7.50 each, with children free. He said because of the rain they didn't have many rides in December.

"The Christmas tree thing last year didn't go well," Henning said. "We won't do it this year."

DDA secretary Denise Baker asked about the ice sculptures. She said she's had ice sculptures for five years and for only two years did they survive more than a day or two.

"It's kind of disappointing," Baker said.

"We talked about discontinuing them, but people like them," Henning said.

"One year they lasted into January," Baker said.

City Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that there is a void in

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES 2019

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for lawn care and related services. This service will be for the 2019 season with a yearly renewal option until 2022. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "LAWN CARE BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Bids will be accepted by 2:59 p.m. EDT Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Bids will be opened publically at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting, tour and question and answer session on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

Specifications may be obtained online at www.vanburen-mi.org or from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will only be accepted on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

Questions: Contact the Department of Public Services at 734-699-8913 or Jeff Fondaw, Building and Grounds Superintendent, by email at jfondaw@vanburen-mi.org

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'Diabetes Undone' classes begin March 21 at 7th-day Adventist Ch.

"Diabetes Undone" will be presented for eight weeks from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Thursday beginning March 21 and running through May 16 at the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St., Belleville. Food samples will be available at each class.

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon is the event coordinator. For more information and to register call him at (918) 902-9977.

This interactive workshop can also help

to lower blood pressure and cholesterol and to help reverse heart disease, as well, Pastor Oregon said.

Most doctors, dietitians, and diabetes specialists maintain that type 2 diabetes is a chronic and progressive disease. The American Diabetes Association itself pretty much says this on its website, and just like that, your diagnosis becomes life sentence, information on the class says.

"But, here's a plot twist – type 2 diabetes CAN be undone," the promotional information said.

"Doctors haven't been giving us the whole story about type 2 diabetes. They are taught to prescribe drugs for a disease

that can be reversed by making simple changes to your diet and lifestyle. In fact, it has been scientifically proven that you can experience dramatic health improvement, be free of medications, and even reverse the disease itself with a healthy lifestyle.

"Understanding the power in your lifestyle is the crucial first step in reversing your type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. You can begin to reverse diabetes, right now, immediately. All without outrageous cost, without drugs and without surgery," the course information states.

The \$49 participant kit includes wellness talks, expert advice, group support, cooking

demos and samples, workbook, cookbook, DVD, and access to the video course.

For more information, email pastornathanieloregon@gmail.com.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Executive Assistant to Public Services Director

Department: Public Services

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$52,000 based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network

Vision Employer Paid

Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid

Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution

Life Insurance \$50,000

PTO

Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Executive Assistant to Public Services Director.

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Public Services Director or their designee, the employee will be responsible for performing a broad range of duties as assigned by executive team of Public Services Directors, including providing general administrative support, creating reports, organizing travel and accommodation and other organizational and outreach tasks. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience. Job duties include but are not limited to are as follows:

- Develop and implement capital improvement plans.
- Create and maintain a social media presence for the Public Services Department and implement a customer database from media and customer responses.
- Develop, implement and maintain a public participation (community outreach) plan.
- Researching and conducting data analysis for preparation of documents for review and presentation by the Board, committees and commissions as needed.
- Assists the Director of Public Services administratively including procurement, project tracking, customer contact, scheduling, returning calls and timekeeping.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Confidential Administrative Assistant

Department: Supervisor/Assessing

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$43,000 based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network

Vision Employer Paid

Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid

Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution

Life Insurance \$50,000

PTO

Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for a Confidential Administrative Assistant

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Township Supervisor or their designee, the employee will perform a broad range of duties as assigned by the Assessing Coordinator, Executive Assistant and Human Resource Director. The employee will be responsible for maintaining confidentiality, uncompromising integrity and discretion in all matters with a strong emphasis on Customer service. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience in a general office setting; Knowledge of Township structure and organization a plus. Some duties include but not limited to are as follows:

- Handle routine customer concerns as they arise in a professional positive manner.
- Coordinate residential service request.
- Answer phones, direct residents to the proper departments within the Township as well as other governmental or non-governmental agencies.
- Obtain the Michigan Assessing Technician Certification and Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Certification within the timeframe set forth by Assessing Coordinator.
- Maintain filings for Property Affidavits, Principle Residence Exemptions and Sales Disclosures; Compose and process any related correspondence.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

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Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



Crafted Modern Handmade on Main Street in downtown Belleville is gearing up for its third-annual Prom Dress Give-away coming up on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of gently used dresses can be dropped off at the business, located at 381 Main, through

tomorrow, March 15. A fitting appointment registration for graduating seniors can be made by calling (734) 363-3531 or by email at www.evenbrite.com/myevent?eid=54672356490.

Those at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road invite everyone to their Corned Beef Dinner this Saturday, March 16. The cost is \$12 per dinner for adults and \$8 for kids 8 and under. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds. Call (734) 697-7002.

An interactive workshop titled Diabetes Undone is coming up March 21 through May 16, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Belleville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 89 South Edgemont St. in Belleville. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes wellness talks, advice, group support, cooking demos and samples, workbooks and cook books, a health DVD, and access to a video series course. See their ad in today's paper and call Pastor Nathaniel Oregon at (918) 902-9977 to pre-register or email pastornathanieloregon@gmail.com.

Chicks are arriving at the Willis Feed Mill off Willis Road behind Bone Heads BBQ in the village of Willis. Owner Bob Durham features Michigan-made dog and cat food, bird seed, organic products, poultry food, horse and livestock feed and much more. See their Facebook page for details and call (734) 461-1111.

Barnett Roofing and Siding, Inc. of nearby Canton has been serving the Belleville and surrounding community for more than 50 years with roofing, siding, flat roofs, tear-offs, re-roofs, gutters, and gutter-protection systems. The company is licensed and insured and offers free estimates, along with an A-plus rating with the Better Business Bureau. Now through April 30, receive a CertainTeed Roof 3-Star Warranty for free. See their ad in today's paper and call Jeff Barnett at (734) 397-8122 or visit www.barnettroofing.com.

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 charge to be in this column.

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals for:
Tyler & Savage Elementary Schools Fascia and Soffit Replacement

Until **2:00 p.m. EST on March 21, 2019**, for the Fascia and Soffit Replacement Project at Tyler and Savage Elementary Schools. 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.

The bidding documents consists of the RFP prepared by Plante Moran Cresa and the plans and specifications as prepared by Kingscott and may be obtained through the e-Builder site by selecting the link below.

Bids must be delivered no later than **2:00 p.m. EST, March 21, 2019** to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. 48111, Attn: James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms included in the RFP and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and the name of the project. Van Buren Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. No bids will be received at any other location; all bids must be received by Van Buren Public Schools at the address identified above.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Savage Elementary School Main Entrance, 42975 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. EST**.

A Bid security executed by a U.S. Treasury listed Surety Company acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Van Buren Public Schools must accompany the proposal. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

All bids must be accompanied by 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. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized Non-Collusive Affidavit.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=430e0912cad84217831191c6ef204eb9>

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 28, 2019**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Cresa at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

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 27, 2019**, for the Boiler Replacement Project at Tyler 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 Tyler Elementary School Main Entrance, 42200 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least 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 along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment 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=018084f8073d42e588550e4a54fc61cb>

Documents will be available for viewing on **March 13, 2019**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MARCH 5, 2019

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 Beaudry, Public Services Director Best, Developmental Services Director Akers, Executive Assistant Selman, Fire Marshal McInally, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Human Resources Director Sumpter, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Deputy Director of Public Safety (Police) Wright and an audience of two (2).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019, Voucher List of February 21, 2019, Voucher List of March 5, 2019, Prepaid List of February 28, 2019]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Announcements included the following: Belleville High School is hosting a robotics competition from March 8th through March 9th with 40 teams competing.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #02-19-19(2) which is an amendment of Article III (Fireworks Safety Act) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-71. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Budd, Wright, McNamara. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #03-05-19(2) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-31. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #02-19-19(1) which is an Ordinance to establish the Construction Board of Appeals. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Budd, Wright, McNamara. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #03-05-19(1) to amend the Township's Zoning Ordinance regarding security fencing in the front yard of non-residential zoning districts. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the 2019 Annual Budget amendment and job description of the Supervisor/Assessing Offices Full-Time Confidential Administrative Assistant. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the new position of Executive Assistant to the Public Services Director with the stipulation that the job is posted externally and the budget amendments are approved as specified. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A Board Member commented that Ashley Capital is not bigger than Amazon as previously stated by another member earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, March 18 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, March. 20 – Belleville

Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, March 25 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, March 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING Ordinance No.: 02-19-19(2)

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of March 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Miller, Frazier, Martin and White

ABSENT: Trustee: None

It was moved by Trustee Frazier and supported by Trustee Miller the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 46-71 of Division 2 (Prohibitions) of Article III (Fireworks Safety Act) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 46-71. - Consumer fireworks.

No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the township, except on the following days after 11 AM and in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended:

- December 31 until 1 AM on January 1
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 PM on each of those days
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 PM on each of those days
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 PM
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 PM on each of those days.

Any person who violates this section shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction and assessed a civil fine of \$1,000.00 for each violation. For each violation, \$500.00 of the fine collected under this section shall be remitted to the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety as the agency responsible for enforcing this section.

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 5th day of MARCH, 2019.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): McNamara, Wright, Budd, Miller, Frazier, Martin and White

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None

ABSENT: None

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: March 5, 2019

Published: March 14, 2019

Effective: March 14, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 5th day of March 2019:

1. Ordinance #02-19-19(1): AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS. An ordinance to amend sections 18.4 to 18.30 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to establish the construction board of appeals and specifically address membership of the board, the terms of the members, appeals to the board, hearings before the board, and variances from the requirements of the building code. These provisions are in accordance with the Stille-Derosset-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (Public Act 230 of 1972).

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect upon publication.

Posting Date: March 06, 2019

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, March 14** – The Belleville Area District Library has a live performance from a brass band for its Homegrown Knowledge Series at 7 p.m. It's the Toot Suite Brass. Local musician Bill Wilson will be there with his brass band to perform a concert of early 20th Century songs written by African American composers. Refreshments.

• **Friday, March 15** – You're invited to come play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Saturday, March 16** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Sunday, March 17** – St. Patrick's Day Dinner today at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836. Cost is \$15 per dinner with all the fixings. Served 5-8 p.m. or until gone.

• **Sunday, March 17** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's 18 Strings. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, March 18** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, invites residents of Monroe and Wayne counties to join him for his monthly coffee hours today. Rep. Bellino will meet with residents from 2-3 p.m. at Blue Heron Trading Company, 26217 Huron River Drive, Flat Rock; and 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Tim Horton's, 404 S. Monroe St., Monroe. Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township in Lansing.

• **Thursday, March 21** – A reversing diabetes workshop called "Diabetes Undone" begins today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and runs every Thursday for eight weeks. Location is the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St. Food samples each night. For information or to register call Pastor Nathaniel Oregon at (918) 902-9977 or email him at pastornathanieloregon@gmail.com.

• **Friday, March 22** – Bowling fundraiser at 6 p.m. at Lodge Lanes in Van Buren Township for the Jitterbugs Elite Dance competitive team.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 28, 2019 regarding the request for the following dimensional variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUESTS

The township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance from Section 6.4(c)(2) of the zoning ordinance. The request is to place the accessory structure to house Class II animals not less than twenty-five (25) feet from the west side yard property line; minimum required setback from any adjacent lot line for accessory structures housing Class II animals is seventy-five (75) feet. The site for the requested variance is located at 5490 Oakville Waltz Rd., New Boston, MI 48164.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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NATURE OF THE REQUESTS

The township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance from Section 5.3(a)(5) of the zoning ordinance. The request is to place the accessory structure seven feet six inches (7'6") from the west side yard property line; minimum required side yard setback is fifteen (15) feet. The site for the requested variance is located at 45289 Willis Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

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Prosecutor approves eight felony counts against accused shooter

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office has approved eight felony charges against the man who allegedly shot another man in the chest just before 10 p.m. Feb. 5 in the parking lot of the Van Buren Township Walmart store.

On Monday, Van Buren Township Police Lieutenant Charles Bazy reported the charges are:

- assault with intent to murder;
- assault with attempt to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- armed robbery;
- felony assault; and
- four counts of felony firearm.

The 19-year-old Ypsilanti resident has been in custody in the Washtenaw County Jail on an unrelated charge and was slated for a court hearing Monday afternoon.

Lt. Bazy said if he is released, they will hold him for Wayne County charges. Lt. Bazy expected a video arraignment on the charges from the Washtenaw County Jail to the 34th District Court.

The suspect’s name will not be released until after he is officially arraigned.

Lt. Bazy said the charges were made possible due to the work of Det. John Bettendorf who talked to the victim and got him to cooperate.

At the time of the shooting, Lt. Bazy said the two men were sitting in the suspect’s car during an illegal transaction when the shooting occurred. The victim got out of the car, called 911 and ran into the Walmart grocery store entrance for help.

Walmart employees and VBT responders rendered aid before the ambulance arrived. The victim was taken to a hospital and Lt. Bazy said he is “fine for all intents and purposes.” At the time the victim refused to cooperate with police.

Dingell to host meeting for students interested in military academies

U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-12, invites 9-12th grade students, families, high school counselors, veterans and service members to attend Military Service Academy information sessions on Wednesday, March 20.

The sessions will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Campus, in the Ted Scott Community Room, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

Besides Congresswoman Dingell and her staff, representatives will be there from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

For more information, call Dingell’s Dearborn office at (313) 278-2936.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 411 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 3:

- 0007 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
- 0116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Old Denton Rd.
- 0609 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
- 0612 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
- 1327 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
- 1607 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Denton Rd. / Denton Rd.
- 1857 – domestic, Oak Ln.
- 1949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ruthan Dr.
- 2247 – hospice death, Riggs Rd.

Monday, March 4:

- 0131 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 0409 – suspicious person/vehicle, Purple Sage Ct.
- 0434 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 1028 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1345 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1352 – ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr.
- 1353 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
- 1354 – ordinance violation, Jeanette Ave.
- 1500 – malicious destruction of property, Harmony Ln.
- 1633 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
- 1647 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
- 2106 – runaway, Quirk Rd.

Tuesday, March 5:

- 0337 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
- 1030 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1233 – ordinance violation, Basswood Cir.
- 1304 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1520 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1638 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
- 2111 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
- 2154 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.

Wednesday, March 6:

- 0217 – domestic, Outer Dr.
- 0732 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
- 0810 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 0812 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
- 0813 – assist other dept., Dewitt Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0818 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
- 1143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1327 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
- 1353 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Pointe Pass/ W. Huron River Dr.
- 1453 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1515 – domestic, Arthur St.
- 1543 – assault & battery, Oak Blvd.
- 1709 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
- 1708 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

- 1838 – lost property/child, Togowtee Pass
- 2227 – family trouble, Sondra Dr.
- 2354 – domestic, Outer Dr.

Thursday, March 7:

- 0519 – domestic, W. Michigan Ave.
- 0837 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
- 0912 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1018 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1148 – assist other dept., E. Schooner Dr.
- 1207 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
- 1248 – assist fire dept., Chaney Ave.
- 1439 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 1552 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
- 1600 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1607 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
- 1917 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
- 1954 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
- 2030 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2030 – animal complaint, Marina Dr.
- 2112 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
- 2123 – runaway, Dellor St.

Friday, March 8:

- 0110 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dorchester Dr.
- 0700 – threat, Ormond Dr.
- 0917 – ordinance violation, Winding Pond Dr.

- 0957 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 - 1154 – ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd.
 - 1155 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
 - 1226 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
 - 1330 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
 - 1358 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
 - 1633 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
 - 1846 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
 - 1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- Saturday, March 9:**
- 0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
 - 0351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 - 0402 – parking complaint, Maple Dr.
 - 0409 – parking complaint, Pine Dr.
 - 0424 – parking complaint, Oak Blvd.
 - 0428 – parking complaint, Oak Blvd.
 - 0433 – parking complaint, Maple Dr.
 - 0501 – parking complaint, Maple Dr.
 - 1029 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

- 1105 – suspicious person/vehicle, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
- 1254 – property damage accident, Auto Zone
- 1352 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
- 1630 – juvenile complaint, Quirk
- 1703 – shooting, Ecorse Rd.
- 1823 – family trouble, Locust Dr.
- 1912 – parking complaint, Cambridge Ct. / Stamford Rd.
- 2036 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
- 2134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Florence Ln.
- 2245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ormond Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 202 traffic stops, 65 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 3:

- 0303 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River De.
- 0334 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
- 0704 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
- 1727 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
- 1757 – domestic, Loza Ln.
- 2237 – abandoned auto, Roys St./High St.

Monday, March 4:

- 0806 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
- 1039 – intrusion alarm, San Carlos St.
- 1143 – disorderly, Main St.
- 1216 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1347 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1347 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1347 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1348 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1729 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
- 1948 – warrant arrest, Taylor PD
- 2016 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, March 5:

- 0106 – property damage accident, High/Roys
- 1418 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1501 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
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- 1529 – fraud, W. Wabash Ave.
- 1811 – motorist assist, Belleville/Denton
- 2031 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
- 2151 – assist other dept., Sumpter
- 2254 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, March 6:

- 0010 – animal complaint, W. Waterbury Ct.
- 0835 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
- 1257 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1332 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1919 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./First

Thursday, March 7:

- 0020 – warrant arrest, Main St.
- 0832 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1006 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1215 – larceny, Carmell St.

- 1448 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1603 – motorist assist, Belleville/bridge
- 1704 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.

- 1742 – animal complaint, High St./Edison Ave.
 - 1817 – threat, Menlo Park Dr.
- Friday, March 8:**
- 1552 – intrusion alarm, Owen

- 1843 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
- 2037 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
- 2039 – vehicle lockout, Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, March 9:

- 1559 – leaving the scene of property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 46 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 3:

- 0936 – reckless driver, Bemis/Sumpter
- 1301 – citizen assist, Arkona/Carleton West
- 1459 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1524 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2024 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Traskos
- 2141 – animal complaint, Judd/Rawsonville
- 2228 – noise complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, March 4:

- 0746 – family trouble, Second St.
- 0822 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1020 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1110 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1236 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1335 – missing person, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1349 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1639 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1722 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 1753 – larceny, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 2020 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, March 5:

- 1035 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1245 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 2055 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, March 6:

- 0550 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0658 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
- 0714 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1407 – reckless driver, Willow/Elwell
- 1516 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
- 1534 – suicide, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1902 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 7:

- 0526 – personal injury accident, Willow/Haggerty
- 1006 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1027 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1422 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1859 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 1916 – assist other agency, Paris/Sumpter
- 2006 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, March 8:

- 1101 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1153 – animal complaint, Willow/Rawsonville
- 1345 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1431 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

- 1441 – property damage accident, Willis / Martinsville

- 1550 – reckless driver, Willow/Waltz
- 1555 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1929 – suspicious vehicle, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
- 2139 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sherwood
- 2346 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Carriage Ln.

Saturday, March 9:

- 0620 – suspicious person, Redwood
- 0849 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
- 1217 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1850 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2014 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 2035 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2052 – shots fired, Bemis/Sully
- 2147 – 911 hang up, Sumpter/Judd
- 2334 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd / Sherwood

Also on this week’s log are eight follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 46 patrol checks, and 54 traffic stops.

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Belleville DDA

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activities between Christmas and Easter and that would be a more logical time for ice sculptures.

Bill Wolters, president of the Belleville Central Business Community, got up to report on the \$1,500 the CBC got as a grant. It was to be used for Harvest Fest, Booville, Santa photos in 2018, and Flop E Bunny in 2019.

Wolters said he just follows whatever CBC Event Coordinator Janet Millard says to do and said Millard wrote up a report. He handed the report to City Manager Diane Kollmeyer to read. Part of the report listed the advertisements purchased with the grant to market the downtown.

He said the only thing the CBC couldn't do was the Mutt Walk because of rain.

He said the Flop E Bunny now will have all ages let in to hunt for the candy all at once, in waves, except for the very little ones who will be off to the side.

He said they couldn't have the Music Lakeside and Taste of Belleville together in 2018 as planned because of the weather and they will try it again this year with the food from 6 to 8 p.m. and the music after that.

Councilman Fielder said there were 400 photos with Santa, with kids and pets. This year they added special-needs people and there were eight to ten of them.

Joan Bodnar reported on the grant to the National Strawberry Festival. She said the

money was used to offset giving businesses on Main Street free space in front of their businesses instead of charging them \$550 per space. She said 13 got free spaces two years ago and five got free spaces last year.

She said the CBC had the most crafters they ever had and "the best" crafters last year. She anticipates another "best festival," she said.

Bodnar said one business wanted a clear walkway in front of its business so it could continue to serve its customers, so the festival left an open space in front of that business.

DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria said the money was supposed to be spent for "marketing the downtown." She said the DDA asked for a report on how the festival used the money for marketing.

Bodnar said they marketed the festival with a program book, website, and two radio stations.

"It was supposed to be for marketing of the downtown. Not to help the businesses on Main Street," Loria said.

No one was present to report on the grant given to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts for Music Lakeside 2018 or the grant to the Belleville Area Museum / Historical Society for Harvest Fest, Booville, and the holiday season in 2018. It was announced Museum Director Katie Dallos was out on sick leave and is expected back the following week. She and someone from BACA are expected to give reports at the March 20 DDA meeting.

Van Buren Public Schools



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