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FIRST Robotics competition this weekend at BHS

Thousands of visitors are expected in Belleville this week end as the FIRST Robotics competition is held at Belleville High School.

There are 40 teams and with their support crews and families they are expected to register on Thursday. Competition is Friday and Saturday in the main gymnasium, with the teams using the auxiliary gym for their pit areas.

Sandy Ennis, DTE's vice president of Diversity and Inclusion, will speak at the event at 9 a.m. Saturday. DTE is one of the sponsors of the event.

The public is invited to view the competition without charge. Doors open at 8 a.m. for viewing the robots. The event opens at 10 a.m. Friday.

FIRST, a national organization, stands for: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. Its founder Dean Kamen said, "FIRST is more than robots. The robots are a vehicle for students to learn important life skills. Kids often come in not knowing what to expect — of the program nor of themselves. They leave, even after the first season, with a vision, with confidence, and with a sense that they can create their own future." Kamen also is inventor of the Segway human transport.

There are 24 awards listed. School will be in session at BHS on Thursday and Friday, so logistics are important and the mentors are taking care of the details.

On March 10, the BHS robotics team traveled to St. Joseph, MI, to participate in a FIRST competition and brought home a gold medal.

Last year there were nine members on the team and it won two rookie awards. This year about 20 are on the team.



McBride Middle School presents this year's play, "Meet the Creeps," on Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 5:15 and 1:15 p.m. respectively, and the PTO will be offering concessions. The play is directed by Tracy Delfuoco and Pamela O'Neill. The Creeps are a loony, lovable household in a dilapidated mansion on Pilgrim Road. There's Sinbad, head of the bunch, his beloved wife, Tarantula, and Sally, their teenage niece. Lullaby Jones is their maid, and their butler resembles a billy goat! Unfortunately for the Creeps, Flora Limetree, a local society dragon, hates them. Each year Flora enters Pilgrim Road in the All-American Street Contest, and every year the lane loses. She blames the Creeps. Scheming with her nephew, she redraws the town limits, and the Creeps find themselves outsiders. To complicate matters, Prince Un Ravel arrives from Egypt as a house guest. A weird boarder falls in love with Sinbad's grandmother who is raising crocodiles in the dungeon. There's a talking clock, a ghostly portrait, an ancient telephone operator and Scooter, a neighbor kid who turns the plot inside out and back again.

Sumpter OKs Luke as Public Safety Director on 5-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"I don't know what the hurry was," Sumpter Township Treasurer Peggy Morgan said after the 5-1 vote that promoted Police Chief Eric Luke to public safety director at the board's March 13 regular meeting.

Treasurer Morgan voted no and Trustee Sheena Barnes was absent.

The three-year contract calls for Luke to continue with his police chief duties, but to oversee the fire department, as well, and supervise the fire chief.

She said the first she heard of promoting Chief Luke to public safety director was the previous Friday when her board packet contained the proposed contract and the agenda item.

Treasurer Morgan said if anyone would

be qualified to be public safety director, it would be Luke, but there was no need for a public safety director. She said the police department, including office workers, has fewer than 20 employees.

At the meeting, she made a motion to delay the promotion until the new budget year, which is a few weeks away, instead of including it in the budget that is just ending and would need further amendment, but she got no second to her motion, so it failed.

She said she wanted to discuss the promotion with Supervisor John Morgan so she could understand why they are doing this.

Treasurer Morgan said later she asked the township Financial Director Scott Holtz if anyone asked him about the expenditure since he is in the middle of closing up the old budget and proposing the new one, which goes into effect April 1.

Treasurer Morgan said he told her he first learned about it on Wednesday morning, the day after action was taken by the board. He said he was told to put \$6,000 of the

expenditure in the present budget and \$6,000 in next year's budget.

Treasurer Morgan said Holtz told her he would have preferred to have it start with a new budget year.

Treasurer Morgan said Police Chief Luke already did three-quarters of what his duties are in the new contract.

"What was so urgent?" Treasurer Morgan asked. "It's a waste of taxpayers' money."

At the March 13 meeting when the *Independent* asked the board who recommended the promotion, Trustee Don LaPorte said he did. Trustee LaPorte serves as liaison to the police and fire departments. He said it had been discussed on numerous occasions in the past.

He said the fire department had the second-largest budget in the township -- half a million dollars -- second only to the police department, and a part-time fire chief had to monitor it. He said the police department budget was overseen by a full-time chief.

When the *Independent* asked if Luke

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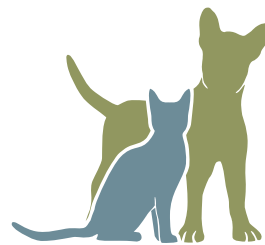
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Sumpter Twp.

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was getting a raise, township attorney Rob Young said he was getting a \$12,000 raise. Since little information was offered to the residents on the promotion, the *Independent* also asked if Luke would still have the stipulation in his contract that if he didn't want to be in charge of the department any longer he could revert to a captain's position, and Young said that remained.

A public safety department had not been discussed publicly at any public township meetings in Sumpter, recently or over the past 24 years the *Independent* has been covering the township.

The contract said Luke also will get raises in pay the same as local members of the Command Officers Association of Michigan union. Also, he gets five weeks fully paid vacation a year and has use of a township vehicle.

Luke became police chief on March 24, 2016. He told the *Independent* with the \$12,000 raise, his base pay now is \$99,500.

In other business at the March 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved the hiring of Michael Lezotte, a Rockwood Police officer, as a full-time Sumpter police officer, pending physical and psychological exams and drug screening. He fills the vacancy created two weeks earlier when Officer Danielle Buccellato was fired. Lezotte grew up in Huron Township, graduated from Huron High School, went to Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Regional academy, and has been a police officer for Rockwood since last July;

- Heard attorney Young recommend that the board deny the Step 3 Grievance requested from the board by former police officer Buccellato and "let the process continue." His request was done orally and was not on the agenda, but the board voted unanimously to follow his recommendation;

- Approved an updated purchasing and bid policy to replace the one approved 15 years ago, as recommended by Financial Director Scott Holtz;

- Approved low bidder Modern Updates Construction of Sumpter for repairs to the Parks and Recreation building at Graham Park with a bid of \$9,800, paid with Wayne County grant funds. Trustee Don Swinson said they are redoing the outside of the building and \$11,000 more in county millage money is coming. Supervisor Morgan told Swinson to be sure to thank County Commissioner Al Haidous because, "We don't want to take him for granted";

- Approved the reappointment of Maria Beaudrie and Sheila Pederson to the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms to

expire March 11, 2021;

- Heard Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis explain that the untimely loss of employee Sybil Buchanan necessitated a team effort to get the water bills out and "we failed." She said the phone is ringing and names are being taken and she said five sheets of names have to be called back. She said people are lined up out the door every day with their complaints on their water bills. "We weren't through with cross-training," she said. Resident Mary Ban said Buchanan was an important employee and, "The proof is in the pudding";

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst say the township is switching from Comcast to Verizon phone service and people should leave messages when they can't get through. Treasurer Morgan said the major problems with the phones began on Monday and by Friday they should all be solved;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan say he appreciates the fire department so much and so does his wife. The fire department and an ambulance was called to his home the previous Sunday because of a low blood sugar problem for Mrs. Morgan. She was not transported;

- Heard more information from resident Ban on the problems she is having with the 48111 change by Van Buren Township. Now, her *Wall Street Journal* deliveries by mail are being delayed and when she called about it she was told it's because of her new address in Van Buren Township. She said, "The mail being interfered with is unwarranted, unneeded." She said she has talked to many officials and has been unable to get any help with the problems caused by Google not knowing she lives in Sumpter Township. She insists that if Van Buren wants to be a premiere community it should get its own zip code and leave 48111 alone. She said election material will soon be sent out by candidates for fall elections and, "This has to be taken seriously"; and

- Went into closed door session to discuss attorney opinion letters on the Republic trash pickup contract and the district library lease of the hexagon building across the street from township hall.

Correction

We've been informed that Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright is not going to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' conference in Newport Beach, VA, as we reported on page three of our March 8 paper. The conference actually is in Norfolk. Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery said she is not attending that conference as reported and it was never a consideration.

Also, a trustee was quoted as saying Wright's trip to Montreal in 2017 cost the township well over \$2,500. Wright said it actually was \$1,271.58, including airfare and hotel stay.

We regret printing the misinformation.

Rosemary Otzman, editor



From left, Taylor Williams, Micah O'Flynn, Kaitlyn Plummer, and Chloe Frye-Anthony worked hard to organize the March 14 walkout from classes at Belleville High School in conjunction with school walkouts across the country. The event protested gun violence and honored the 17 killed in a Florida school shooting a month earlier. Besides the students gathering in the cafeteria, some students also went out to the tennis courts. Reportedly, most of the students at BHS participated in the 17-minute event, which was peaceful with no known altercations or disciplinary actions. Many of the students said they are looking forward to the Saturday, March 24 "March for Our Lives" protest, which will have sister marches in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Belleville meets with Van Buren Township officials on fire department

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville officials met with Van Buren Township officials on Monday morning to discuss the possible take over of fire suppression and emergency medical service to the city by the township.

At the city council's regular meeting Monday evening, Mayor Kerreen Conley said there would be more meetings in the future to discuss options.

"Our end goal is to provide the best service for the community," she said. "We had a good dialogue for a kickoff meeting."

Monday's meeting included Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, Belleville fire fighter Chris Zweng, and the fire union negotiator for both the city and the township, as well as Mayor Conley, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow, VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd, Darwin Loyer, and attorneys.

A previous recent meeting on the subject did not include Belleville fire department representatives, much to their consternation. Chief Loranger said another meeting is set for Friday.

After a lot of fire department supporters

attended a large meeting in Belleville on Dec. 4, the council decided not to pass a proposed intergovernmental agreement that was to put the city's fire and emergency medical service in the hands of the township by Jan. 1.

The township then took that item and a related item off its Dec. 5 agenda when it was learned the city didn't pass its proposal.

At the time, Mayor Conley said there would be meetings between the city and the township to work out a solution with consultants who knew fire protection.

Meanwhile, the Belleville Fire Association/Auxiliary sued the city and that lawsuit is in the discovery phase. Among other facts, it has been learned that the city started talking with the township about fire protection in March/April 2017 instead of August, as the mayor had stated.

In other business at Monday's 30-minute meeting, the city council:

- Held a one-minute public hearing during which no public spoke on an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 10-05, Medical Marihuana Applications, Permits, and Fees and then repealed Ordinance 10-05. Since the other marijuana ordinance was repealed, "This one was no longer relevant," said

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OPINIONS

Editorial

It's finally time to pave McBride Ave.

A very happy Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier made the motion at Tuesday's VBT meeting to accept the low bid of Florence Cement to put asphalt on McBride Avenue as soon as possible this spring.

There are an estimated 52 working days for the project so the roadway should be done by the time fall classes start at McBride Middle School.

You may recall that Frazier had been elected to both the school board and the VBT board of trustees. About a year ago, the school superintendent was convinced by school attorneys that Frazier couldn't vote on the school district's agreement with the township on the road paving without creating a huge legal problem for the school.

Frazier resigned from the school board last May to assure McBride could be paved. VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara came to the school board meeting when Frazier resigned and walked her out of the meeting room on his arm. It was a classy moment.

There were many bumps in the road, but the project now is ready to go as soon as paperwork is done, the weather clears up and the asphalt plant opens.

The low bid cut the special assessment district costs for McBride property owners from \$600 a year for five years, to \$210 a year for five years, if all goes well.

That means there's money left over in the county grant, so three or four subdivisions can get their small projects done, as well. Moving forward in VBT!

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The sudden death of Craig Moody on Sunday night was a real shock to many people, including residents of Sumpter Township. Craig once was township deputy supervisor and was very active in the Parks and Recreation Commission for many years.

At 34th District Court on March 14, Judge Parrott's courtroom was intent on pushing justice along as efficiently as possible. It seems Judge Green, who usually attends the drawing student seats at Keystone Charter Academy in Sumpter Township, had to attend a conference. She asked Judge Parrott to fill in for her.

Apparently, the Keystone event was at 1 p.m. and Judge Parrott wasn't sure he could get through his docket soon enough to get him there on time. But everyone moved quicker than usual to get case files moved where they needed to go.

Well, it was about noon when he completed the docket and everything was fine. For a while there were some nervous court officers.

It turns out the man who tried to buy a firearm at Dunham's recently was turned down because he offered a passport as identification. You can't buy a gun with a passport, I've learned.

VBT Clerk Leon Wright gave me a copy of the receipt he got after reimbursing the township for his wife's meals that he had put on the township credit card last May in Montreal.

Trustees Paul White and Sherry Frazier have been asking to see it for months after

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



they saw a hefty payment for meals during that conference. Wright hasn't provided it to them, he said, because they were showing they didn't trust him by even asking. He told me they are picking on him.

Last Friday, Wright gave me a copy of the receipt before he left for another clerks' meeting. It was for \$97 for eight charges. Wright said it was a four-day meeting.

VBT receipt #095860 was dated Feb. 16, 2018. It was paid with a check from Committee to Elect Leon Wright with Wright's home address. The receipt was attached to a sheet of paper that totaled up eight amounts totaling \$97, with the notation "101.215.361 reimbursement IIMC conference meals 11.15-11.17."

That it was paid from his campaign fund was different, so I asked Wright about it and he said, "It's my money and I can spend it."

An attorney I asked about it said buying your wife's meals isn't appropriate for campaign expenditures unless she was working on the campaign at the time. One attorney's opinion, but it sounds reasonable to me.

According to other receipts Wright showed me, he paid the \$137 reimbursement to the township on March 16, 2017 for his passport for the Montreal trip, also with a check from his campaign account.

Wright had a handful of receipts to show from 2016 and 2017 because someone had requested them under the Freedom of Information Act and he had the copies

handy.

Wright told me he feels he's personally being attacked by people concentrating on his travels and spending. He said other township officials spend money, too.

He attends conferences and institutes in order to be the best clerk possible for the township, he said, and the certificates he earns by attending educational sessions are important.

He is a officer in the international clerks' group and that's why he is going to Norfolk soon for that conference. He also sits on the board of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) and other groups.

It must be noted that Wright paid for his passport after board members questioned the township expenditure last year. Also, the reimbursement receipt he gave me was dated just over a month ago and he said it was for the Montreal trip last May. Trustee White has been calling for that receipt for many months. Is Wright being picked on?

An update on activities in the tri community will be given Wednesday, March 28, at noon at WCCC by Belleville Mayor Conley, VBT Supervisor McNamara, and Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Armatiss.



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Letters

September Days 'students' join walkout

To the editor:

I'm really proud that some "students" in the Arthritis Foundation Class at Van Buren Senior Center walked out of our class last Wednesday, March 14, in solidarity with our teacher colleagues, students across the country, and our own grandchildren. The small group standing quietly in the hall of the Senior Center praised the courage of the students across the country, and in Belleville, and we also felt inspired by being a small part of this movement to say #ENOUGH to gun violence in America.

I'm really proud that my grandchildren, and those of others with me, also walked out in support of the 17 Parkland students who were killed and their friends and fellow students across the country who don't want to be gunned down in school. Almost 7,000 since Sandy Hook.

My own grandchildren felt proud to be part of a larger and meaningful event that may, at long last, lead to some sensible gun legislation. One senior said her granddaughter told her that participating in the walkout was the most inspiring lesson she'd had in school.

I take issue with the notions presented by Sean House in last week's letter that "Schools are a place for learning, not protests. ... School hours are meant for the education of our children." Having been a teacher, I can assert that class time can get wasted or be entirely forgettable. But, students who chose to participate, or not, in this national walkout, learned memorable lessons about democracy and their own power to participate; a most effective civics lesson. Many teachers at my school even suggested teaching ideas.

A recent academic study of more than 9,000 students found that socially active adolescents who volunteer, vote, participate in activism, ultimately have more success in school and higher incomes after. ("Impacts of Adolescent and Young Adult Civic Engagement on Health and Socioeconomic Status in Adulthood," *Child Development*, January, 2018)

Learning happens when people are engaged; maybe some progress toward solving the gun epidemic can happen when our children lead the way. Enough is enough.

Marjorie Lynn
Van Buren Township

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— Albert Einstein

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To the Marys,

Let me explain: *Parasite*, an organism that utilizes a host. Social Security and Medicare operate by current workers paying a portion for the needs of today's retirees. Average male retiring at 65 in 2010 paid out \$345,000 but will receive \$417,000. A female will get \$464,000 (they live longer). A married couple gets even more. Future dollars cost more. Talk about punishing your kids.

Fixing roads and other services you seem to believe are the responsibility of other agencies. County taxes are levied on Real Property. The Township has the authority to levy Personal Property tax and Permit fees. The State collects Sales and Income tax. Industry is taxed at a disproportionate rate than households. Much greater even with abatements. Remember those arguments, Marys? By the way, Board, that ran out five years ago, done anything about it? The MMFLA was a way to increase collections on products that currently flow about on a black market. Without safe practices, by sketchy people, and without limitation on need, age, or consumption.

You have lived in the same house for how long? Your Real Property tax is substantially lower than the couple that just moved in next door. Hopefully they built their dream house bringing workers buying food and supplies locally. Paid permit fees to the township. Increased infrastructure income and fees to tap the same ones you use. When you can no longer maintain or downsize, they are the "comp" improving your price. Thank them (cookies or pie) instead of hating for destroying your rural flavor. The other taxes and fees I won't get into since it's easier to claim the Lord will provide. Same attitude of the Board (Po case).

As to your other allegations and grinding of the rumor mill. I don't grow marihuana and was going to lease my farm for \$25K a month. I had two break-ins since my first appearance at the meetings. It was evident they were searching for it. Cost me a crossbow and \$600 in new door knobs/locks. Maybe I should claim you are growing it so you can experience the same violation. Without change these undesirables are still at large. Ken Bednark assembled the report to reflect a view suitable for his run at supervisor. You say how irritated and angry I am. Should have used the word upset. You and the Board didn't get under my skin, you got into my checkbook. As for the bible and quoting verse about Jesus and the Marys. It's a good book, I read it a long time ago. Try the Koran. Scariest and shorter. Scientology has aliens if you're into that.

My original letter was meant to address the younger people and provide hope. You and the Board claim to be an advisor on the road of life for them, but more like a slave driver. All those faces I watched so full of ideas and work to be done, imagining a

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Obituaries



Craig Moody

CRAIG MOODY

(December 21, 1956 - March 18, 2018)

Mr. Craig Moody passed away on March 18, 2018. He was born on December 21, 1956 in California a son of David N. Moody and Adonna Marie Collyer-Demski. On July 11, 1988 he was married to Barbara Lester in Toledo, Ohio.

Craig was the former Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor and former chairman of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Department. Over the years he was involved in numerous community events including the Sumpter Country Festival, Goodfellows, campaigning for his favorite candidates and many other Sumpter activities. Craig and his father David were owners of Moody's Custom Building for many years, doing new construction and renovations for both residential customers and commercial businesses in the local area. He was instrumental in the building of Banotai Park. Craig enjoyed being outdoors and riding his motorcycle. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. Craig was currently employed as the general manager at Washtenaw Farm Council Event Center.

Craig is survived by his daughter Tiffany (Corey) Griffin; step children James Barrett, Teresa LaPorte and April Tucker; 10 grandchildren Haidyn, Chase, Amelia, Brittany, Megan, Kaylie, Austin, Samantha, Aaron and baby Lincoln, due shortly. Brother of Karen Starkey, JoAnne (Rod) Sparks and Lynda (Mike) Schwartz. Craig is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his spouse Barbara, his mother Adonna Marie Collyer- Demski and his father David N. Moody.

Visitation for Craig will take place on Thursday, March 22 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734) 697-9400. The funeral service will be on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:00 at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, with Pastor Robert White officiating. Burial will follow at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

A luncheon will follow at Washtenaw County Farm Council, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Craig's name are suggested to the wishes of the family and would be greatly appreciated. Please keep the Moody family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

RICHARD AGUIRRE

(July 27, 1953 - March 12, 2018)

Survived by mother Marie Aguirre of Belleville; loving companion Stacy Hacker and her son Nathan; 10 siblings; children Richard, Niki, Frank, Joan, and Tyona. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

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profitable business venture and success, all faded away. Those who claim to be wise and impose restriction on others without progressive thinking will eventually fade

away, too. It happens quicker if you get out there and vote. Even faster if you run.

You can call me Kurt, Mr. Nofz implies respect.

Kurt Nofz
Sumpter Township
P.S. Squeaky hinge gets oil, wheel gets grease, old biddie ...

Editor's Note: This is in reply to a letter from Mary Ban published March 8 in response to a March 1 letter from Kurt Nofz.

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Obituaries



Julia J. Katanski

JULIA J. KATANSKI

(June 20, 1924 - March 14, 2018)

Julia J. Katanski, age 94, of Ypsilanti and formerly of Carleton and New Boston, passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. She had lived the last four years at American House, Ypsilanti, MI.

Born on June 20, 1924 in Detroit, MI, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Holowecki) Polesky. On January 20, 1945 she married John Katanski in St. Stephens Catholic Church, New Boston, MI. He passed away on April 8, 1993.

Julia was a 1943 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School, Ypsilanti, MI.

As one of the Original Rosie the Riveters, she worked at Willow Run Airport During WWII and was counted twice in which both times she set world records.

Julia was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston, MI. She belonged to St. Stephens Pinochle club for 45 years was a life member of Post 4093 Ladies Auxiliary - Post President of Auxiliary for 8 years, life member of National Home (VFW), Ash Seniors and Monroe Moose Lodge #714. Julia enjoyed bowling and playing cards.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Wanda Dowgiallo and Dorothy Sokol and brother, Edward Polesky.

Surviving are son Daniel (Bonnie) Katanski and daughter Nadine Uchman; 4 grandsons, David and Christopher Katanski and Marc and Scott Uchman.

Friends visited in the Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home, Carleton Chapel, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Funeral Services were held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 11 a.m. Father John Hedges officiated the service. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Huron Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to the family.

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Bill Rains

BILL RAINS

(February 10, 1938 - March 2, 2018)

Bill Rains died Friday, March 2, 2018, at his residence with his loving family at his side. He was born February 10, 1938, in Jamestown, TN, the son of Cleo and Dessie (Crabtree) Rains.

On November 21, 1959, he married Carolyn Darlene Johnson in Lexington, KY and she survives. Bill retired from W.E. Hennells Co. where he was employed as a Shipping and Receiving Clerk.

Bill will always be remembered for his love of family and tractors.

Survivors, besides his loving wife Carolyn, include five children: Ron Stidham, Brenda Lawson, Lawrence (Carmen) Rains, Doug (Petra) Rains, and Wanda (Eamonn) Dwyer; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother; three sisters; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, with Pastor David Ervin of Cornerstone Christian Church officiating. Burial followed in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cornerstone Christian Church.

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Obituaries



Grace (Graham) Malloy

GRACE MALLOY (nee GRAHAM)

(September 22, 1925 - March 3, 2018)

Grace was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to William and Mary Graham. She passed away at Seven Oaks Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, after a short illness.

Grace grew up in Belleville, MI. She attended Belleville High School (class of 1944), later serving in the Canadian Army, where she met her husband RCMP Rock Malloy. After their marriage in 1946, they lived in Ottawa, Ontario, Hull, Quebec, and settled in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Survived by six children - four sons: David (Winni) of Calgary, Alberta, Mark of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, James (Jennie) and Christopher (Lynda) Malloy, both of Winnipeg; two daughters: Elaine Stetina and Shelley Waterman of Winnipeg; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also, three siblings: Bill (Susan) Graham of West Bloomfield, Jim (Eileen) Graham and Elaine Stabnau of Belleville.

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son Rocky, Jr., and her brother Jack Graham.

Grace's Memorial Service and Interment were held Monday, March 12, at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg. Pastor Bruce Martin officiated.



Michael Bernard Meshinski

MICHAEL BERNARD MESHINSKI

(February 10, 1942 - March 14, 2018)

Age 76, of Van Buren Township, died peacefully with his beloved family at his side on March 14, 2018 at Beaumont Hospital of Trenton. Michael is the beloved husband of the late Carole (d. November 16, 2016); loving father of Michael (Sherrill) Meshinski of Taylor, Robert (Marilyn) Meshinski of Romulus and Holly (Jason) Speirs of Florida; proud grandfather of Jacob; cherished brother of Diane Meshinski of Westland, Thomas (Sylvia) Meshinski of Livonia, Paul (Sheila) Meshinski of Macomb Twp. and Barbara (Pat) Taylor of Mt. Clemens. Mr. Meshinski is also survived by many loving extended family and friends and his dear cat, "Katie".

Born on February 10, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. Michael was married to his beloved wife Carole, for fifty-two wonderful years. Together, they were longtime parishioners of St. Stephen's Church of New Boston. Mr. Meshinski retired from the Ford Motor Company after thirty two years of service. In his spare time, Michael enjoyed following Nascar, Bowling and watching birds.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM, Saturday, March 17, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church (18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston). A procession to St. Stephen's cemetery for interment prayers will follow.

The Meshinski family will greet guests from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral mass at the church.

Visiting hours have been arranged from 2 until 8 PM, Friday, March 16, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of customary tributes, kindly consider St. Stephen's Church in lieu of flowers.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 26 - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.
- Tuesday, March 27 -- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 28 -- Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 2 - Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 3 - Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

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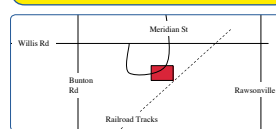
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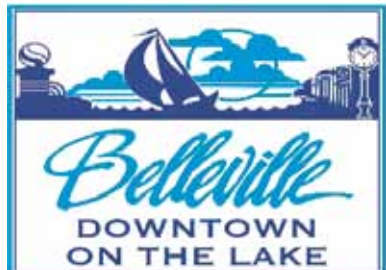
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The First United Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville will be presenting "Is It I?" an Easter program on March 25, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m. each night. The presentation is free and open to the public. Call (734) 697- 9288.

Be sure to check out the Belleville High School FIRST Robotics district competition set for tomorrow, March 23, and running through Saturday at Belleville High School. There will be 40 robotic teams from all over Michigan coming into town to compete. The event is open to the public as the competition starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until 9 p.m. both days. The BHS robotics team is in its second year, following a fine appearance last year by winning the 2016 Highest Rookie Seed and Rookie Inspiration Awards. It's awesome that BHS gets to showcase our tal-

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Sumpter Parks & Recreation's Children's Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 24, from noon to 1 p.m. at Graham Park on Sumpter Road near Dunn Road. Rain date is Sunday, March 25.

Also, this Saturday, Willow Metropark will be offering an Easter Egg Scramble at 10 a.m., noon, and at 2 p.m. held at the concessions building. Vehicle Entry permit is required. Open Arms Church on Belleville Road next to Van Buren Fire Station No. 2, will be holding a community Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Be sure to check out Flop E Bunny's photo schedule and egg hunt times for next Saturday's (March 31) annual event at Victory Park in Belleville, getting underway at noon. Free professional photos by April Warner Photography will be on hand. There will also be hot dogs and drinks for sale and other activities. The event is presented by the Belleville Central Business Community with sponsors Tucker Insurance Agency and the Belleville DDA.

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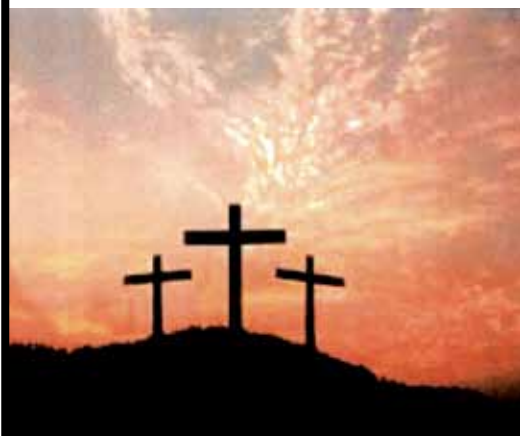
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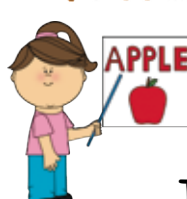
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City Council

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City Manager Kollmeyer;

- Approved the Central Business Community's request to hold a farmers' market at Fourth Street Square from 3 p.m. setup to 8 p.m. every Monday from June 4 through Sept. 24;

- Heard Kollmeyer apologize to CBC president Bill Wolters for stopping him, at a previous council meeting, from getting all the CBC events for the year approved at one time. Janet Millard, CBC event coordinator, said she has to start marketing the market fairly early and she puts it on the website. She also has to market Taste of Belleville and Booville events. Mayor Conley said, "I don't want to waste anyone's time" by having them come in for one-by-one city approval of ongoing events. Kollmeyer said they could have an early meeting every year with Wolters for the year's events.

"We'll try to do a better job of handling that, Bill," Kollmeyer said. She said she could meet with him in January and then apologize again. Millard said Harvest Fest is the only event this year that has to be tweaked because of the library construction on Fourth Street;

- Approved Earth Day celebration activities, sponsored by Our Father's Child daycare, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 18, as presented by Parks and Recreation Commission chairman Jeff Vernon, who said he would not be participating this year. He asked for use of three parks and their restrooms -- Victory, Village, and Horizon -- so they can be cleaned up. Participants include Kona Ice, Comcast Cares, and Belleville Lighthouse Church;

- Approved the 2018 citywide yard sales for Sept. 8 and 9; and

- Approved the Belleville Fire Fighter Association's fifth-annual "Fill the Boot for Autism" event on April 2.



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Court Watching:

Richard McWhirter bound over to circuit court on ATV charge

By Rosemary K. Oztman
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Richard Garland McWhirter, 43, waived his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on March 14 and was bound over to circuit court.

His personal recognizance bond of \$5,000 was continued.

He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on March 28 for an arraignment on the information. His court-appointed attorney is Regina Triplett.

McWhirter is charged with unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle on Belleville Lake on Jan. 7. He was arrested by Van Buren Township police after he crashed the ATV he was driving into the water when he got too close to a bubbler a homeowner had put in place to keep ice away from his dock. McWhirter reportedly crawled out of the water and was sheltered by a resident of North Shore Drive, where police arrested him.

The ATV reportedly was taken from the ice carousel party on the ice at Johnny's restaurant. At first, police thought it was a drunk driving incident, but he was not charged with that offense.

Timothy William Camilli

The charge of unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle against Timothy William Camilli, 37, was dismissed. The incident reportedly had occurred Nov. 10, 2017 in Van Buren Township.

Michael Allen Jardine

The court-appointed attorney for Michael Allen Jardine, 36, moved that the two assault charges against his client be dismissed, since he had a right to confront his accusers and they were not here for his preliminary exam.

Judge Parrott said while he was not unsympathetic with his argument, the Crawford case cited applies to accusers at trial and this is just a preliminary exam. Judge Parrott denied the motion.

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor moved to dismiss count one against Jardine -- felonious assault (assault with a dangerous weapon) -- and change the remaining misdemeanor charge of domestic violence to felony domestic violence, third offense. She said she was removing a felony and adding a felony.

The crime was alleged to have occurred on Feb. 13 in Sumpter Township.

Jardine waived his preliminary exam on the amended charge. He is scheduled to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. March 21.

His attorney, Ashraf Al-Awamleh, said his client was being held at the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond and he could be staying with his mother. He has a job at Salisbury Landscaping and there are no holds on him.

Judge Parrott said he has a history and so he would not reduce the bond but would refer him to pretrial services for a bond review.

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• **Thursday, March 22** -- No meeting of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club tonight. Everyone invited to Friday's Chili Cook-Off (see below).

• **Friday, March 23** -- Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club will hold its annual Chili Cook-Off from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the UAW 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell will be a special guest, along with candidates for many state offices. Most tickets are \$10, with special rates for seniors, veterans, and children. Information: (313) 971-5027 or terree22@gmail.com.

• **Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24** – Robotics competition between 40 teams at Belleville High School main gymnasium. Free admittance to the public.

• **Saturday, March 24** – Children's Easter Egg Hunt from noon to 1 p.m. at Graham Park in Sumpter Township, Sumpter Road at Dunn Road. Easter Bunny on hand. Rain date is Sunday, March 25.

• **Saturday, March 24** – Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to noon at Belleville Free Will Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Saturday, March 24** – Easter Party for children from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road.

• **Saturday, March 24** – Easter Egg Scramble from 10 a.m. to noon at Willow Metro Park Food Bar.

• **Saturday, March 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will hold a coffee hour for constituents at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall council chambers, 6 Main St. Tell her your concerns.

• **Sunday, March 25** – Breakfast Fund Raiser to benefit the Van Buren Eagles Building Fund. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Road. Biscuits & sausage gravy, \$6; scrambled eggs & sausage, \$6; combo platter scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and sausage, \$10. Info: (734) 699-8836.

• **Sunday, March 25** – Community Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m. at Open Arms Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

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

• **Monday, March 26** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, will hold coffee hours from 9-10 a.m. at Biggby, 26614 Telegraph Rd. in Flat Rock; 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the South Rockwood Library, 5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd. in Carleton; and noon to 1 p.m. at Tim Horton's, 404 S. Monroe St.

in Monroe. Talk to him about your local and state concerns. Rep. Bellino's district includes Sumpter Township.

City of Belleville Public Notice

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder Present

Council Member Marcotte Present

Council Member Smith Present

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of February 20th, 2018 with one correction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Central Business Community: Flop-E-Bunny Candy Hunt

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 18-023 approving the Flop-E-Bunny Candy Hunt at Victory Park on March 31st from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Chamber of Commerce: Lakeside Strawberry Run

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 18-024 approving the Lakeside Strawberry Run on June 16th with a start time of 8:45 a.m. at High and Main Streets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Knights of Columbus: Tootsie Roll Drive

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 18-025 approving the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser in the Five Points area March 23rd from 3 to 7 p.m. and March 24th and 25th from 12 to 7 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. VFW 4434/PLAV 167: Memorial Day Service

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 18-026 endorsing the annual Memorial Day Service in front of the Veterans' Memorial at Horizon Park on May 28th from 1 to 3 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. VFW 4434/PLAV 167: Buddy Poppy Sales

Motion by Smith, second by Fielder to adopt Resolution No. 18-027 endorsing the annual Buddy Poppy Fundraiser May 10-12th from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Five Points area and also the intersections of Belleville/Denton/Liberty and High/Main.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Music Lakeside Dates

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 18-028 approving all the dates for the upcoming Music Lakeside series on Thursday evenings from June 21st through August 23rd at Horizon Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-029 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$81,244.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: March 19, 2018

Publish: March 22, 2018



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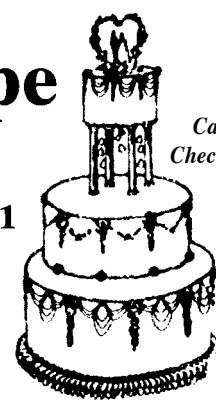


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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2007 MERC BENZ, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 4JGCB75E17A049907

DATE: MARCH 19, 2018 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH: MARCH 22, 2018 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

More Letters

Sumpter Twp. water customers expect more

To the editor:

Sumpter Water Dept. has erroneously billed all of its water customers twice. Residents who paid their original bill (green postcard) were undercharged and billed a second time (white postcard) for another incorrect amount. In our case we would have paid about \$100 too much! Both mailings were dated 02/05/18.

Those of you who paid anything should contact their office and find out the correct amount you owe. When you make that call, expect rude and unapologetic treatment by a public employee who doesn't seem

to understand that their office is not just making billing mistakes, but is also costing you time and trouble to straighten it out, all at the taxpayer expense for additional postage, etc.

The employee I spoke with blamed it all on the computer system and complained that it all had to be redone manually. She was snippy and treated me like a nuisance. I say that a computer is only as accurate as the human that operates it.

If the responsible parties are not terminated for incompetence, perhaps they should be asked to pay for the extra expenses instead of charging taxpayers. Will we be billed a third time for the CORRECT amount?

These are your tax dollars at work. We all expect more.

Cynthia Cooper
35-year Sumpter Township Taxpayer

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On March 28, 2018, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2010	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3CC5FD9AN132565	17-6264
2003	BUICK	4D	1G4HR54K73U172634	17-16856
2001	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM53U21G641846	18-0365
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U53G277956	18-0837
2005	DODGE	2D	4B3AG42G65E027375	18-1311
2011	FORD	2D	1ZVBP8AM7B5131109	18-1313
1997	PONTIAC	2D	2G2FS22K3V2205935	18-0639
2005	SATURN	SW	1G8AF52F15Z149595	18-0720
1970	ALFA ROMEO	2D	1530253	18-2892

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

2007	CHRYSLER	SW	2A8GM68X67R104007	18-0162
1995	FORD	4D	1FALP52U7SG180275	18-0094
2011	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB5EK9B1189534	18-1005
2011	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA3BR334513	18-1179
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP34P72W275711	18-1581
2007	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB58K579256716	18-2213
2005	DODGE	SW	2D4FV48T95H148574	18-2488
2004	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDS13S842128423	18-2485
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WK52J42F222682	18-2487
2004	KIA	4D	KNAFE121345059220	18-4537
2008	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3LA53G88H262716	18-4616

At 12:30am, the auction will move to **Henry J's Towing** and storage, 46363 Ecorse Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2013	FORD	SW	1FMCU0GX0DUD00961	16-22250
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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC, Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: March 22nd, 2018

Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

New Belleville Area District Library: 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

This project is a new 31,401 SF ground up, 2-story library in downtown Belleville. Construction begins spring/summer 2018.

Bid categories at this time include: Earthwork and Utilities, Site Concrete, Fencing and Flagpoles.

Bid Packs, Plans and Specifications are available electronically through Construction Manager O'Neal Construction, Inc., 525 W. William, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Questions call (734) 769-0770 or email: agasser@onealconstruction.com

Refer to instructions to bidders regarding, all bids are due on Tuesday, 3/27/18 @ 2 pm and required to be in a sealed envelope deliver to: Belleville Area District Library 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111. At 2 pm the bids will be opened publicly at the Belleville Area District Library.

A bid walk-through on Tuesday, 3/20/18 @ 9 AM will be held at the existing Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

Publish: March 15, 2018; March 22, 2018



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 18-002

TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 10-005

The City of Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, hereby ordains that:

Ordinance No. 10-005, that authorized the permitting, regulating, applications, permits fees, the denial and appeals from denial of permit applications and inspecting and the revocation of permits for medical marihuana dispensaries and medical marihuana facilities in the City of Belleville, adopted by the City Council on December 16, 2010 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Ordinance No. 18-002 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on March 19, 2018 and will become effective on April 2, 2018. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 18-002 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: March 22, 2018

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 454 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 11:
0007 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0300 -- noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0302 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0338 -- animal complaint, Ventura Dr.
0506 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0806 -- animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1050 -- motorist assist, N. I-94 Service/Haggerty
1138 -- malicious destruction of property, Robson
1212 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1211 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1219 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson/Tyler
1349 -- abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service/Beckley
1525 -- fraud, N. Bellridge Dr.
1604 -- animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
1611 -- dumping complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1715 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1815 -- juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1849 -- noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2056 -- missing person, Denton Rd.
2122 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

Monday, March 12:
0104 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0235 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Speedway
0238 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0248 -- operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1030 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville
1202 -- animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1249 -- private property impound, Van Born
1433 -- larceny, Tavistock Dr.
1530 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1605 -- juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1653 -- property damage accident, N. Cumberland
1724 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1734 -- missing person, Cranberry Dr.
1752 -- missing person, Maple Dr.
1827 -- road hazard, Yost/Belleville
1847 -- animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
2007 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2313 -- animal complaint, Jackson St.
Tuesday, March 13:
0235 -- assist other dept., Belleville/Ecorse
0602 -- animal complaint, Van Buren St.
0826 -- suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0923 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon/Van Born
0927 -- abandoned auto, Haggerty/Savage
0937 -- assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
0936 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville
1003 -- animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1015 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1311 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Pinewood Ln.
1437 -- fraud, Wildbrook Dr.
1531 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1625 -- suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1716 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
1734 -- fraud, Walden Ct.
2006 -- mental subject, SB I-275/Ecorse
2151 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.

Wednesday, March 14:
0033 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0029 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
0112 -- assist other dept., Rawsonville/Grove
0719 -- animal complaint, Republic Dr.
0832 -- suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
0940 -- private property impound, Industrial
1218 -- animal complaint, Washington
1223 -- fraud, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
1354 -- trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1624 -- fraud, Tyler Rd.
1633 -- 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1826 -- animal complaint, Pine Dr./Maple Dr.
2023 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake
2102 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty BP
2259 -- 911 welfare check, Coca-Cola Dr.
2349 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
Thursday, March 15:
0021 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

0726 -- fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1153 -- private property impound, Industrial
1208 -- threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1434 -- malicious destruction, E. Sadie Ln.
1453 -- lost property/child, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1503 -- private property impound, Van Born
1514 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.
1632 -- private property/property damage accident, McKinley St.
1839 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1936 -- abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2033 -- family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2046 -- suspicious person/vehicle Village Green Ln.
2059 -- animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2300 -- shooting, Borgman Ave./Mohawk Ave.

Friday, March 16:
0052 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0056 -- neighbor trouble, Peachtree Ln.
0453 -- disorderly, W. Adams
0550 -- malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.
0902 -- neighbor trouble, N. Timberview Dr.
0923 -- animal complaint, Lake Point Pass
0957 -- parking complaint, Jackson St.
1009 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1141 -- suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1140 -- property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1217 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadow Cir.
1321 -- harassment call, N. Timberview Dr.
1335 -- assist other dept., N. Bellridge Dr.
1445 -- private property impound, Van Born
1519 -- private property impound, Cobblestone Creek Dr.

1530 -- malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1536 -- larceny, Pine Dr.
1537 -- property damage accident, Van Born Rd.
1546 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1549 -- fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1556 -- fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1602 -- neighbor trouble, Filmore St.
1700 -- parking complaint, Jackson St.
2157 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
2242 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.

Saturday, March 17:
0052 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0240 -- 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0335 -- abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0910 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0940 -- vehicle lockout, Lighthouse Dr.
1100 -- noise complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1106 -- neighbor trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1151 -- parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1220 -- malicious destruction of property, Jackson
1242 -- domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1407 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1415 -- property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1637 -- property damage accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1719 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1920 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2046 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2053 -- family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.
2300 -- noise complaint, Wildflower Ct.

Also on this week's log are 173 traffic stops, 33 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 11:
1204 -- assist citizen, Dunham's
1933 -- vehicle lockout, South St.
2301 -- warrant arrest, N. Winter St.
Monday, March 12:
0211 -- assist fire dept., Henry St.
0244 -- property damage accident, S. Liberty St.
1253 -- assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1550 -- assist fire dept., Brain St.
1609 -- welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1754 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
1820 -- intrusion alarm, Anaheim St.

1924 -- threat, Sumpter Rd.
2351 -- juvenile complaint, Main St.
Tuesday, March 13:
1034 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Clarence St.
1607 -- motorist assist, Main St.
2210 -- assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
2310 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
Wednesday, March 14:
0027 -- noise complaint, Carmell
0724 -- vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.
1221 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1542 -- welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1629 -- 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1814 -- welfare check, Potter Dr.
1822 -- assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1909 -- parking complaint, Victorian Ct.
1909 -- civil matter, E. Columbia Ave.
2018 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2105 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
2120 -- civil matter, Main St.

Thursday, March 15:
0742 -- assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
0923 -- 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1015 -- welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1027 -- assist motorist, N. Liberty/Third St.
1201 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1332 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1421 -- disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1557 -- disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
1558 -- vehicle lockout, Main St.
1904 -- assist fire dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.

Friday, March 16:
0101 -- intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0428 -- domestic, Loza Ln.
0503 -- intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
0805 -- domestic, S. Aberdeen Ct.
0853 -- property damage accident, N. Liberty/Main
0943 -- 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1401 -- missing person, Owen St.
1624 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.
1710 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2128 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2209 -- noise complaint, Clarence St.

Saturday, March 17:
0006 -- motorist assist, Belleville/Quirk
0257 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0441 -- assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0630 -- pbt, Main St.
0748 -- intrusion alarm, Light Tower Ct.
0934 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1007 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1106 -- civil matter, Loza Ln.
1162 -- noise complaint, Clarence St.
1603 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park
1847 -- missing person, Victorian Ln.
2106 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
Also on this week's log are 56 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 11:
1047 -- fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1507 -- animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1657 -- juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1920 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Bemis
2002 -- animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
2219 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2336 -- fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Monday, March 12:
0503 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1109 -- animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1352 -- fire dept. assist, Redwood
1408 -- suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1507 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1515 -- identity theft, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1546 -- juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1557 -- suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1753 -- larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2340 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, March 13:
0058 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0209 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0852 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1037 -- fire dept. assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1125 -- alarm, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd
1153 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1226 -- suspicious incident, out of township
1329 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1528 -- assist other agency, 23000 bl. Haggerty

1818 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1908 -- breaking & entering, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1956 -- juvenile complaint, Maine
Wednesday, March 14:
0220 -- assist other agency, out of township
0630 -- alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0829 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0834 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1023 -- citizen assist, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1025 -- assist other agency, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1251 -- larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1322 -- shots fired, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1522 -- fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1532 -- reckless driver, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1806 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1939 -- suspicious incident, Mulberry

Thursday, March 15:
0611 -- suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0727 -- citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
0824 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1019 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1125 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1322 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1603 -- suspicious incident, Edgewood Dr.
1812 -- civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Dr.

Friday, March 16:
0451 -- down wires, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0657 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
0747 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1010 -- citizen assist, New Mexico
1216 -- mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
1348 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Bemis
1542 -- civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1643 -- reckless driver, Deborah Ct./Martinsville
1900 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Harris
1916 -- breaking & entering, New Mexico
2059 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2135 -- disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
2150 -- family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2303 -- fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

Saturday, March 17:
0041 -- citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1051 -- animal complaint, Dakota Ct.
1118 -- alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1129 -- family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1217 -- suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1402 -- assist other agency, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1427 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1626 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1646 -- fire dept. assist, Utah
1740 -- fire dept. assist, E. Arizona
2322 -- malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.
Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 36 miscellaneous details, 119 patrol checks, and 62 traffic stops.

Correction: Director Eric Luke's new base salary now is \$99,500

In last week's editorial, we wrote that with the \$12,000 raise for being promoted to public safety director, the former police chief Eric Luke now has a base salary of \$120,000, with perks on top of that.

Director Luke said a correction is needed. He said, "With the raise for the new position my base pay is now \$99,500, not \$120,000. Last year's figure, which is what you used as your starting figure to come up with the \$120,000 assumption, included payouts and one-time retro I was due based on the settlement of longtime expired contracts of those below me."

The *Independent* depended on the figure given to it by the township under a Freedom of Information Act Request as Luke's 2017 base pay: \$108,095.98, with additional cost to the township of \$46,181.42 for benefits which include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance and pension.

We thought since it was submitted to us as his base pay, it was his base pay.



**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 20 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:31 p.m. No Comments were received. Ended 6:31 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Barnes, supported by Swinson to approve the CDBG Minutes of February 13, 2018. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2018. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve

the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$3,064,457.36. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Barnes, J. Morgan, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swenson: A. Menards is expected to open mid-March of this year.

B. 5k run for the Strawberry Festival.

C. Easter Egg hunt at Graham park on March 24th (rain date March 25).

D. Modern Updates won the bid on the Parks & Recreation building.

E. Another \$11,000.00 grant was award to Parks & Recreation commission.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. The Master Plan in final draft stage needs update on maps, demographics and statistics.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. Over 70 people attended the Black History Month Event held on Friday, February 23rd. Thank you to ALL the Board Member for their support.

B. Smoke detects are available through the Fire Department, call Senior Center to check for qualifications.

C. 480 meals delivered to the homebound, over 300 meals ate onsite.

D. Thank you to Maryann and T-Bone who did an amazing job for the Black History Event.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.

10. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Blight enforcement—Township's goal is for residents' to be compliant.

B. Library lease

C. One (1) year extension for Chief Luke's employment contract.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Attorney report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte advised the residents' Garden City will be doing a Podcast for Fallen Heroes on March 1st.

B. Fire department had its first brush fire of the season. Reminded residents' Wayne County and Sumpter Township has a NO open burn.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Toshiba contract for 48 months on a new eSTUDIO 5008A copy machine. Service to start March 5, 2018 at a cost of \$139.85 per month. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve Public Hearing on March 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm for the 2018-2019 budget. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the sale of parcel #81-135-99-0019-000 located on Oakville Waltz for \$6,000.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the switch from Comcast Business to Verizon Wireless Service at a cost of \$785.00 per month, saving the Township \$1,000.00 per month. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve resolution 2018-07 to opt out of MMFLA. Nay: P. Morgan and Barnes. Motion carried.

13. Announcements:

A. Dog Clinic will be held on March 3rd from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the DPW Pole Barn.

14. Open Floor:

15. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst

Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on February 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

published: March 22, 2018

Birthdays

March 18 -- Sally Bukis

March 22 -- Jerry Meadows

March 23 -- Matthew Reynolds

March 24 -- Mary Fitzpatrick, Donna Sienko

March 25 -- David Sanders

March 26 -- Sarah Taylor

March 28 -- Dawn Fleeson, Jennifer McDermont-Taylor

March 29 -- Mary Ellen Morris

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