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82-year-old man rescued from drowning

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Larry Starks, 82, of Ypsilanti was swimming in the Belleville High School pool during Senior Aquatic Swim on Feb. 16, when he blacked out.

Pool manager John Cast said Starks was observed motionless and face down in Lane 4, a position called "passive drowning."

Cast states this rescue was a team effort, with Deb Juchartz, Mary Ann Pinter, and Ellie Grudzien all assisting him.

"As I went to his assistance, I yelled to Deb Juchartz, who was near Larry, to roll him over onto his back," Cast said. "Upon reaching Larry, we discovered he was not breathing, and started to remove him from pool."

"As we were unable to remove him from pool quickly, I proceeded to administer rescue breaths until he was safely resting on pool deck. Once on deck and on his side, his normal breathing returned," Cast said.

It was at this point in time, that a rescue squad and paramedics arrived and assumed control of situation.

Starks was conscious and talking when he was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

"Again, this was a Team Effort," Cast said. "Mary Ann Pinter called 911, Deb Juchartz and Ellie Grudzien helped me remove Larry from the pool. I only did what I am trained to do."

Starks' friend Ruth Ann Raynor of Ypsilanti said they are so grateful to Cast and those who moved quickly to rescue Starks from drowning. She said there is so much bad publicity about the schools and this is some good news.

She said Starks was being evaluated in the hospital on what made him pass out.



The BHS men's swim team won the Western Wayne Athletic Conference league title on Friday. These swimmers had an undefeated season in the league going 8-0 and then winning the league meet with 541 points. The next-closest team was Dearborn High with 434 points. There were 9 swimmers that earned all-conference: Dylan DuBois in the 100 Breaststroke, Brendan Rice in the 200 Individual Medley, Cole Rupnow in the 50 Freestyle, Dillan Phan in the 200 Free Relay, Locke Malifatano in the 500 Freestyle, Andre Pham in the 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay, Timo Budiono and Nate Michna both in Diving, and Zack Hermosillo-DeBoer in the 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke. "It was a great accomplishment for everyone, said coach Aaron Lange. "These guys put in countless hours before school, after school, and on the weekends training as much as possible to drop their times."

City OKs settlement with state Dept. of Civil Rights

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a mother was denied information in 2014 from Police Chief Hal Berriman on her special-needs, minor daughter's sexual assault in the parking lot at Belleville High School, she filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

In January, the Department of Civil Rights sent a settlement agreement to the Belleville Police Department and Yuanettis Stevens to settle the situation.

Stevens signed the agreement on Jan. 14 and the Civil Rights Department was waiting for Belleville to sign.

At its Feb. 16 meeting, the Belleville City

Council officially accepted the agreement.

The settlement requires Belleville Police:

- Within 30 days of the execution of this agreement, agree to implement a written non-discrimination policy and to provide a copy to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights;
- Within 30 days, to implement a written disability accommodation request policy for the public and to send a copy to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights;
- Within 30 days, to implement a written disability accommodation policy for the public and send a copy to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights;
- Within 30 days, implement a written Freedom of Information policy and procedures on how the public can request a copy of Belleville's police reports and associated documents or files. In addition, they will provide a copy to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights;

- Within 30 days obtain a Michigan Department of Civil Rights poster and place it within the department where it is visible for all to view;

- Within four months, agrees for all of their [police] employees to undergo training on civil rights laws. Upon completion of the training, send proof to the Michigan

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Correction: VBT runs out of money for Visteon bonds in 2019, not 2017

On the front page of the Feb. 25 *Independent*, it was stated that the Visteon bonds due in 2017 will be beyond the township's ability to pay.

Actually, that date should be 2019.

We regret the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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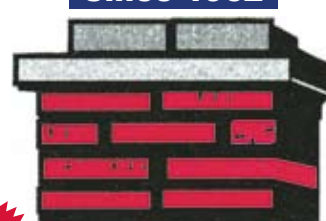
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter Twp. Board appoints Eric Luke as new police chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township's Police Captain Eric Luke has been promoted to police chief.

At the regular Feb. 23 meeting of the board of trustees, Capt. Luke was unanimously named chief to fill the position left vacant when Chief James Pierce, Jr. resigned Feb. 9.

Township attorney Rob Young said Chief Luke's official contract will be presented at the next meeting. He said Chief Luke will get a slight increase in pay. He will be leaving his captain's post and will be given a two-year slide-back arrangement and can go back to captain, if desired, during that time.

Also, the Michigan Employment Retirement System (MERS) has approved him remaining in its pension program.

"I've been looking forward to this for 21 years," said Supervisor John Morgan of Luke's promotion to chief.

Then, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green swore in Luke to his new position and Luke's wife Trully pinned on his new badge.

Judge Green said Luke was hired in 1994 and she was elected judge in 1995, so their tenures have been pretty much together. Chief Luke said, with a smile, that he has seniority.

Wearing his new badge, Chief Luke addressed the board and audience. He said it is an honor and privilege to be police chief of Sumpter Township.

He thanked Chief Clinton Brown who hired him as a 23-year-old in the summer of 1994. And, he thanked former Chief Pierce.

And, of course, he thanked his wife. "It's not easy being a police officer's spouse."

He also thanked the Sumpter Police Department who "make it a pleasure coming into work in the morning."

It seemed all of his department was present for the occasion, crowding into the board meeting room, along with his parents, grandfather, and his sons. After the meeting those assembled ate cupcakes to celebrate the event.

In other business at the Feb. 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved purchase of ten, 30-year SSCBA bottles from West Shore Fire for \$13,900 to replace the 15-year bottles going out of service. Trustee Don LaPorte, who is also a fire fighter, said these are the bottles fire fighters wear on their backs into a fire so they can breathe. The new bottles can last an hour; the old ones would last a half hour, he said;
- Approved the letter of retirement from Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst effective March 1 and appointed Janet Hoffmann to that



Chief Eric Luke

position with the same compensation and benefits, effective March 1;

- Approved switching phones and systems, including the fire department, to Telnet Worldwide at a savings of \$500 per month, contingent on Young's review of the contract;

- Approved the Parks and Recreation Commission holding Sumpter Country Fest 2016 over Memorial Day week end with funds from its budget;

- Was informed Parks and Recreation is holding its annual Easter Party for children at Graham Park at noon on Saturday, March 19. Also, the Parks and Recreation budget for the next fiscal year will be turned into Financial Officer James Glahn that evening;

- Approved paying warrants totaling \$3,031,834.22;

- Learned an updated Animal Control Ordinance, concerning vicious dogs, has been prepared by Matt Ban and Sherry Olds and will be discussed by the township board at its 6 p.m., April 12 work/study session;

- Heard attorney Young say the fire department millage and the police department millages are all up for renewal and will be put on the August primary election. If the police 2-mill tax of many years is combined with the 1 mill added a few years back, the 3 mills would have to be labeled a new tax. Young suggested the 2 mill and 1 mill be presented separately as renewals. The fire tax of 1 mill is also a renewal. Young will have the wording ready for the township board's next meeting. It has to be turned into the county by late April or early May, he said;

- Heard Young say the township is done negotiating contracts for COAM (Command Officers Association of Michigan) and MAFF (Michigan Association of Fire Fighters) and now the POAM (Police Officers Association of Michigan) is

finalized, but needs some of the paperwork turned in; and

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy ask the board to direct the planning commission to officially put medical marijuana in Industrial zoning as it is in the ordinance. Trustee Oddy explained the current ordinance allows care givers to grow

marijuana in their house for their five patients as written in the Medical Marijuana Act, but for those growing in a commercial area it can only be in Industrial zoning. Oddy said the township has a moratorium on dispensaries, but he said attorney Young said that is not necessary since dispensaries are not allowed by the State, anyway.

Sumpter Chief Eric Luke has deep roots in Belleville community

Eric Luke, who was named Sumpter Township Police Chief on Feb. 23, has deep roots in the Belleville-area community.

Luke, 45, grew up in Van Buren Township and graduated from Belleville High School in 1988, as did his younger brother and only sibling, Darrin, in 1993.

His parents, James Luke, Jr. and Carol (Johnson) Luke also graduated from BHS in 1967.

All of his grandparents, excluding his late grandmother Mary Luke, still reside in Belleville or Van Buren Township, including his grandfather James Luke, Sr.

Grandparents on his mother's side are Jack and Mary Faye Johnson.

"It's no secret that most shifts for the past 18 years or so, I've taken my lunch/dinner break with my Grandma Johnson, best Southern cook around," Chief Luke said.

He said he met his wife Trully when she worked as a 911 dispatcher for Central Dispatch Network in Belleville in 1997-98. They were married in August 1999.

Their twin boys are Alexander and Benjamin, who are 5 ½ years old. The family lives in the city of Belleville.

"I was very proud to be the first Sumpter Township police officer to attend the School of Police Staff & Command, doing so through the Center for Regional and National Security (CeRNS) at Eastern Michigan University," he said. That was Session 26 in 2010.

"Sumpter Township PD is the only department I've worked for, hired in July 1994," he said. "I graduated from the Washtenaw Police Academy in December 1993."



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

After 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, right, officially swore Eric Luke into his position as chief of police, Luke's wife Trully pinned on his new badge. Observing in back are, from left, Sumpter Trustees Don Swinson and Peggy Morgan and new Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffmann. After the meeting was over, guests enjoyed a celebration with the township board featuring cupcakes.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Problems at VB Public schools far from over

You'll be happy to hear that Interim School Supt. Shonta Langford-Green has reached out to the *Independent* in an effort to work together and be friends. She also invited us to resume delivery of the *Independent* to the administration building, which we have done.

You may recall that Pam Johnson, secretary to former School Supt. Van Tassel, had banned *Independents* from the administration building because, she said, there were too many letters to the editor complaining about Van Tassel. She said it was her decision, but we all know who had the final say around there.

While Van Tassel may have left the building with his freshly signed separation agreement and his bag of money, he is far from really gone from the district.

The school board is moving forward to select a new superintendent within the next four months, but the community no longer trusts this board. Look who the board chose last time.

The board believed (and yet believes) some reports from Van Tassel that will be shown to be flat-out false in the coming months.

And, dozens of anonymous letters and packets of false information have descended upon the new employers of those who stood up to Van Tassel and upon newspaper reporters their new areas. Those letters must be dealt with, as well. Criminal charges in the future?

It's not over, folks.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I received a call from Mary Ban questioning whether Eric Luke really is Sumpter's first white police chief, as I wrote. She pointed to Paul Davis, who then went on to be police chief in the City of Belleville.

I recall that Davis was commander, second in command in Sumpter, and didn't get to be chief there. He sued because he didn't get to be chief. Then he went on to serve the city of Belleville and retired in 2005. That's when Gene Taylor became chief in Belleville. Now, Hal Berriman, who was chief in Belleville and retired, is back as interim chief.

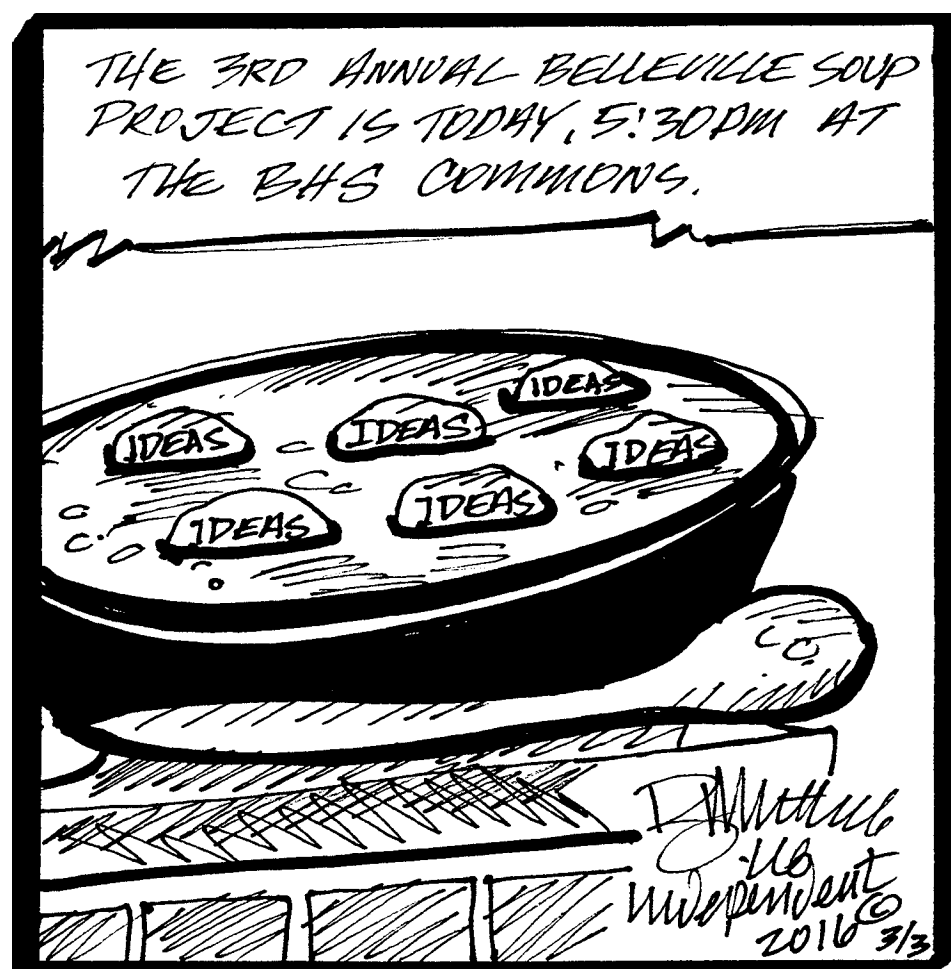
Chief Luke said there may have been someone before Chief Clinton Brown that was a white chief. And, there was, sort of.

Chief Brown told me that Terry Williams had been chief and then Jerry Cox, Sr. served as interim chief of police for three years.

Walter McGregor, who had retired as Wayne police chief, was made police chief of Canton and came over to Sumpter to get some command officers to help bolster his department. Jerry Cox, Sr., interim chief who was a lieutenant in Sumpter was the only one who took him up on the offer. Lt. Cox went to Canton as a sergeant.

Shortly after that Chief McGregor had a stroke and took medical leave. He came back to work and was sick again and retired. That's when Jerry Cox, Sr. became chief in Canton.

Chief Brown said that he (Brown) was appointed Sumpter Chief of Police in 1976, after interim chief Cox left. Cox, the father of current Sumpter police officer Jerry Cox, Jr., is white, so if you count "interim" as chief, Chief Cox was the first white chief



for Sumpter.

For the past 20 years or so I've been covering Sumpter Township, we have always had black police chiefs.

Mary said this black-white thing didn't really matter, but it was interesting to sort out. Chief Brown, who knew all the history, was happy to share his information with us.

Chief Brown is the father of Charles Terry Brown, who worked for the Van Buren Public Schools for 30 years in maintenance. Charles is 60 years old and had a stroke Oct. 18. He is not recovering and is on life support.

Chief Brown said he recalls his grandfather had 15 children and buried 13 of them. He said it must have been a very difficult time for his grandfather, as well.

I told Chief Brown that our children are supposed to bury us and he agreed. I lost my first son Jerry in 1976 from cancer and it's really hard.

Jim Posegay of Sumpter said he was called by those fake IRS people six times in one day until he called back and left a message. He told them he has given that number to local police, state police, county sheriff, and FBI. He said they never called back after that.

Mike Varga, who lives on San Carlos in the senior section of Belle Villa, said one

night last week someone came onto their property and cut up, with scissors, their American flag and Support Our Troops flag that they hang on their house.

He said there have been a lot of break-ins in his neighborhood and, "It's a shame the way they disgraced our flag."

He said he called the Belleville VFW Post who offered to replace tattered American flags with new flags for people in this area. Mike said he is distressed about the way this country no longer supports its military and lacks patriotism.

Three break-in incidents within a week took place in the area of Van Buren Plaza: at Dos Pesos and the hydroponic shop in the plaza and Mike's Kitchen across the street. VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said police are investigating and have surveillance tapes to help.

We've been asked by readers about when Menard is going to start construction on the property just north of Walmart in Van Buren Township. We've learned they plan to start work in late March or early April.

A lot of our readers have been worrying that maybe Menard will pull out from this location, as it did of the site behind the old Farmer Jack. They want to see digging.



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Letters

We are searching for a new superintendent

Dear Community Members:

As some of you may be aware, our school district is currently searching for a new superintendent who can lead our district through the rough waters of school financing and elevated expectations for student performance.

The ideal candidate will foster collective responsibility and ownership for greater student achievement that includes all district stakeholders.

During this search process, the School Board has chosen Ms. Shonta Langford-Greent to serve as our Interim Superintendent. We are committed to providing her with the resources and support to assure she is successful during this critical time.

Within the next couple weeks we will choose, from a pool of search firms, one to facilitate this process. Our intent is to find our new leader before the start of the next school year on July 1. We encourage community members, parents, guardians and others to be a part of this search and selection.

Agendas at our upcoming board meetings in March will address this subject. More information on the search process will be posted on our website www.vanburenschools.net.

Thank you for your continued support of our district,
Brent Mikulski, President
Van Buren Public Schools
Board of Education

This is our community, we deserve answers!

To the Editor:

To All my friends in VBPS, this issue has definitely divided us. I have sat back and watched so much of this unfold over such a long time. I believed in the people I've voted for to do the right things for our children, teachers and our community.

Sorry to say this school board has let me down. To the school board: Don't worry, I'm just as embarrassed of you and your behavior during this time. Long before the last school board meeting I have heard many teachers, bus drivers, custodians, lunch ladies and students complain of the terrible treatment from this administration.

I cannot believe that so many people can speak of being mistreated and no one listens? I have to say the last school board meeting definitely showed me how that happens. When the community comes to the meeting angry, wanting answers and leaves angrier, I think that's a problem.

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We understand some things can't be discussed at this point with an ongoing investigation. But one of the questions asked over and over was why would you treat our teachers and our elementary school children with such disregard?

If this investigation was still on going why would you remove teachers from their classrooms? Aren't they presumed innocent until proven guilty? Obviously, you don't have enough proof or they wouldn't be getting paid.

You knew lots of people were coming for answers. So why weren't statements prepared? I truly believe that would have helped this situation. Even if VT said some things can't be discussed at this time. But then he had to make it worse by not even making eye contact with the people that were speaking to him?

As for the gun at the high school: We were told to go to a separate meeting. So many of us did just that. But to our surprise, no superintendent! No school board! Shocking that everything gets put on the principal. At least he had the guts to stand up there and answer questions.

But again we were told that on situations like the gun and bomb threat he is NOT the final decision-maker. So again we ask where is the all and powerful superintendent? How do you make an angry crowd angrier? Don't show up!

So to try and resolve this we asked Mr. Maydun to come to the next school board meeting. Figuring the best way to get answers was to have everyone together. As everyone knows that didn't happen. But, we did get an editorial in the local paper. As a school board do you really think it was the best way to handle this?

Make the people that questioned you sound bad, insult their convictions for their kids' education, insult their right to be involved as citizens? I believe that it is your children that will be embarrassed / disappointed in your actions: For not upholding the positions you ran for.

This is our community! We want and deserve answers! We have the right to voice our opinions and to stand up for those who can't. It's our job as parents and as a community to build a district that we are proud of and where people want to live and send their children to school.

Pam Johnson: I'm sorry you are boycotting my business. Hopefully, some day you will understand that I will always be a mother before I'm a business owner. My children are my world. Involving them will definitely not be in your best interest. You know where to find me if you have any questions.

Jennifer Winter
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P.S. I would also like to know how we can afford so many police officers at these meetings. Our children sure don't have that much security at school.

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— Yogi Berra

More Letters

Inviting you to join new Belleville Lions Club

To the Editor:

The new Belleville Area Lions Club is seeking new members who would like to work with other members on worthy projects. The club invites new members to its next meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 14, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, across from Burger King, just south of I-94.

You can come and enjoy a home-cooked meal on us and learn more about Lionism and what 20 people can accomplish. It takes only 20 people to start a new club.

The new club will cover Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township. Lions Clubs assist the blind and hearing impaired, along with purchasing eye glasses for those who cannot afford them or low-vision readers for those with partial sight.

We also have been known to buy a bag of groceries or two for those in need. The club also sponsors young people with disabilities with college scholarships. But this can only be accomplished through fund raising throughout our communities.



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Obituaries



David A. Bittenbender, Sr.

DAVID ALLEN BITTENBENDER, SR.
 (February 5, 1957– February 23, 2016)
 David Allen Bittenbender, Sr. of Belleville, Michigan passed away on February 23, 2016. David was born in Warren, Ohio and lived in Romulus, Michigan for many years. He graduated from Romulus Senior High School in 1975 and married his high school sweetheart Barbara Britton on August 14, 1976. David is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years Barbara and his children Jessica (Robert) Kennedy, David Allen (Virginia) Bittenbender, Jr., Jennifer (Melchor) Sanchez and Jason Britton. He is also survived by sisters Debby (Mike) Rennert, Laurie (Mike) VanMarter and Cathy (Mark) Harris. To cherish his memory, he is also survived by grandchildren Desirae (Cody), Robert, Brianna and Dylan Kennedy, Alexander and Alicia Sanchez and David III and Aaron Bittenbender. David was preceded in death by his parents Edmund and Eileen (Schermer) Bittenbender, sister Cheryl Bittenbender and his son Jeremy Bittenbender. David loved spending time with his family, in particular his grandchildren. One of his favorite pastimes was building puzzles while listening to music with his headphones on. David was also a huge Detroit Tiger baseball fan. A memorial service will be held at the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge located at 1600 Fort St. (Lincoln Park, MI 48146) on March 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., a luncheon will follow directly after.

CECELIA FRANCIS DAILY
 (May 9, 1925 – February 17, 2016)
 Cecelia Francis Daily, age 90, of Brimley, Michigan, passed away early Wednesday morning, February 17, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on May 9, 1925 in Belleville, Michigan to the late Martin and Celia (Tabaczynski) Glinski. She graduated from Belleville High School class of 1944. Cecelia is survived by her daughters Patti (Rick) Lenker of Philadelphia, Chris (Russ) Chartrand and Kathy (Michael) Daily-Nolan, both of Brimley; grandchildren Hallie (Jon) Kohlbauer, Shawn Lenker, Emily and Kerri Chartrand and Michael Tadgerson. Also surviving is her brother Raymond (Joan) Glinski of New Boston, Michigan, and sister Joann Mason of Belleville. Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John "Jack" Daily and her sisters Eleanor LeBlanc and Delores Gorczyca. A memorial service was held February 19, 2016 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, with burial at Mission Hill Cemetery at a later date.

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 Borden V. "Bud" Lusk

BORDEN V. 'BUD' LUSK
 (January 12, 1932 – February 23, 2016)
 Borden Vernon "Bud" Lusk, age 84, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn, MI. He was born January 12, 1932 son of Stafford Borden & Ila Fern (VanBrunt) Lusk. Mr. Lusk graduated from Lincoln Park High School. He continued his education, earned his degree, and began work as a tool & die maker for Ford Motor Company. He retired from the River Rouge plant after more than 35 years of loyal service. Bud was a board member of the UAW as well as the President of the Retiree Club of Tool & Die makers for the last 20 years. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He was also a member of the Livonia United Masonic Lodge #152, and the Shriners. Bud was a social person who loved people and had lots of friends. He never met a man he didn't like. He loved family gatherings and bringing large groups together to have a good time. He also liked to tinker. He was often found working in his yard, building bird houses, riding his pontoon boat on Belleville Lake, or just enjoying nature with his wife of 64 years, Therese Ann "Terry" (Gibbons) Lusk. Besides his wife, Bud is also survived by daughter Denice Lusk of Casper, Wyoming; son Bob (Margaret) Lusk of Berkley, MI; three grandchildren Gwen White, Colleen Brosnahan-Lusk, and Max Brosnahan-Lusk; three great-grandchildren Alexis Beaver, Lily White, and Trenton White; sister-in-law Gloria Gibbons of Flat Rock, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers James George Lusk and Harry Arlen Lusk. Visitation was 1-8 PM Saturday, February 27, 2016 with a Shriners service at 5:45 PM and a Masonic service at 6:00 PM. Visitation continued 1-8 PM Sunday, February 28, 2016 and 10-11 AM Monday, February 29, 2016 with an 11 AM Funeral Monday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Terry Henning officiated the service, followed by the Wyandotte VFW Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

STEVE EDWARD TOMCHEFF
 (April 12, 1957 – February 23, 2016)
 Age 58, of Wayne. Survived by wife Katherine; son Steven; mother Patricia Tomcheff; brothers Ronnie, Bobby, Tommy; sisters Kathy and Karen. Service was March 1 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

BILL BUDD
 Bill Budd of Van Buren Township died Wednesday morning. Arrangements are being made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Obituaries



Rocco Michael Ciaverella



ROCCO MICHAEL CIAVERELLA

(October 21, 1945 – February 29, 2016)

Rocco Michael Ciaverella, age 70, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, February 29, 2016 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born October 21, 1945. Mr. Ciaverella moved to Belleville, MI, 35 years ago from Merritt Island, Florida. He was a very active member of the Belleville Church of God. He was the former Proprietor and Chef of the Country Gourmet in Belleville. Cooking was his passion. He was a huge Michigan football fan. Most of all, he loved his family very much.

Survived by his loving wife of 42 years JoAnne Ciaverella; six children Dr. David Ciaverella of Portland, Oregon, Charles (Wendy) Backus of Rockledge, Florida, Julie Couturier of Rockledge, Florida, Teresa Hanshew of Jacksonville, Florida, Janice Blackburn of Belleville, MI, and Mark Backus of Michigan; 11 grandchildren and their spouses; 21 great-grandchildren; three siblings Paul Ciaverella, Margarite Ciaverella and Brian Ciaverella; also many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services will be held at Noon on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, Belleville, MI. Pastor Jonathon Fuson will officiate, to be followed by Military Honors. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

DOREEN CRAVEN

(September 16, 1931 – October 31, 2015)

A Celebration of Life Memoriam for Doreen Craven is planned. Join family and friends for lunch, a few songs, and memories at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2016. Eagles Aerie 3996, 9961 Beck Road, Belleville, MI.



Bridgette June Brewer

BRIDGETTE JUNE BREWER

(April 11, 2013 – February 28, 2016)

Bridgette June Brewer, age 2½, of Chesterfield, MI, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016, surrounded by her family at home. She was born April 11, 2013 in Flint, MI, daughter of Cheyenne Storme Gleeson and Robert Clarence Brewer IV.

Bridgette had Migrating Partial Epilepsy in Infancy. Her mom, Cheyenne, was very active in the MPEI Syndrome Group, making Bridgette known worldwide. She was a happy, bubbly girl with an infectious laugh that loved observing her surroundings. She was able to go to Disney World in December 2015, thanks to Make-A-Wish, and meet her all-time favorite, Tinkerbell. Bridgette touched so many people's lives, in a positive way that she will never be forgotten. Bridgette is survived by her mother Cheyenne, and brother Gabriel Brewer, of Chesterfield, MI; father Robert Brewer of Casco, MI; grandparents Dawn Norris, Gail Gleeson, Cherisse Wright, Jeffery Nowaczewski and Robert Brewer III; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2016 with visitation 10-11 a.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Preacher Chris Pittman will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to Epilepsy research and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

LINDA MARIE WAY

(June 25, 1954 – February 17, 2016)

Age 61 of Belleville. Owner of the Town and Country Party Store. Survived by sons John, Charlie, Mike, Steve; daughter Tabitha; 8 grandchildren, sister Josie. Higgerson and Neal Funeral Home, Belleville.



Ralph John Baum

RALPH JOHN BAUM, SR.

(February 11, 1933 – February 26, 2016)

Ralph John Baum, age 83, of Sterling, MI, passed away Friday, February 26, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital, Standish, MI. He was born February 11, 1933 in Belleville, MI, son of Adrian Youngerman and Ina Bell (Coykendall) Baum. Ralph was a 1952 graduate of Belleville High School. He then joined the U.S. Army and proudly served his country in the Korean conflict. He enjoyed working in transportation, driving his truck. He also enjoyed being outdoors, and gardening. He was the proud owner of the former Coykendall Greenhouse, Belleville, for many years before he retired. He lived in Belleville until 2008, when he moved to Standish, MI.

Mr. Baum is survived by his wife of 45 years Linda Kay (Blaylock) Baum; five children, four sons David Baum of Houghton Lake, MI, Clifford (Marilyn) Baum of Deland, Florida, Robert (Carrie) Baum and Ralph (Tracy) Baum, Jr., both of Belleville, MI, daughter Anna (David) of Belleville, also the father of the late Dean who passed in 1956. He was the proud grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 7. Also survived by two sisters Jean Morris of Belleville and Patricia (James) Douglas of Saline, MI, and many loving family and friends. Visitation was 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, and 10-11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, to be followed by Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Story of the first Air Force One and how it got its name

Frank Sobecki has asked that the local public be made aware of the story of the first Air Force One and where it got its name. There also is an effort to restore the plane. Go to [Facebook.com/FirstAirForceOne](https://www.facebook.com/FirstAirForceOne) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehwvZXVKmPU>

State Rep. Bill LaVoy named Legislator of the Year by Keep MI Warm

State Representative Bill LaVoy, who represents Sumpter Township, was named Legislator of the Year on Feb. 24 by the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm at an event on the lawn of the State Capitol.

Rep. LaVoy, D-Monroe, serves as the minority vice chairman of the House Committee on Energy Policy. He was recognized by the coalition for his work on ensuring affordable energy for low-income families.

"I want to thank the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm for this honor," said LaVoy. "We need to help families who don't have the economic resources that others have and may be struggling to meet the basic needs of their families."

"We need to make sure that any energy plan for Michigan addresses the needs of low-income families, while also continuing to support the work of the coalition and their efforts helping and advocating for Michigan families."

It's estimated that more than 600,000 Michigan households received some type of state, private or federal funds for home heating assistance in 2015. Nearly twice that many are eligible for some type of agency or program assistance.

LaVoy encouraged residents to take the following steps this winter:

1. If you are in need of energy assistance, contact your utility immediately and seek out agency assistance in your area.
2. If you are using alternative sources of energy, such as space heaters or generators, please do so cautiously, and only upon following the directions for such energy sources.
3. If you are in a position to give to support energy assistance, consider donating to a local human services agency in your area that provides direct energy assistance.

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More Letters

GoFundMe page set up for Carol Daniels

To the Editor:

I'm reaching out to the community on behalf of Carol Daniels, a local Belleville elderly handicapped woman. She has had polio and suffers from post-polio. Her handicap minivan was recently stolen which was her only means of transportation to and from her doctor appointments.

She lives alone on a fixed income. Her van was stolen out of her driveway with the

doors locked. She didn't have full coverage on her van.

My mother and I have set up a GoFundMe page to help raise money for another handicap van with little success. She lives in a subdivision in Belleville but no longer feels safe in her own home.

I would also like to raise money for some surveillance equipment. I pray people can help this amazing woman. Go to GoFundMe.com/CarolDaniels.

Thank you and God bless you.
Ashley Francis

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Closing Main Street for car show not good idea

To the Editor:

I hope the entity that administrates the car shows can reconcile the closing of Main Street every Monday night. There is ample space for the participants in the direct area for the businesses to draw revenue from the shows.

I support the promotion of the area unequivocally and I'm certain participation of the weekly car show can and will grow without closing Main.

Between the other warm-weather events it is too much especially with so much parking available. The show is growing. People are showing up earlier, which is great but the regular street closure during busier hours is not fair to local residents.

Truck traffic is present. I'm not sure if the gas stations south of town schedule deliveries around the car shows which is another concern whether they come in Haggerty or Rawsonville.

This opinion should be viewed as an opportunity to improve the car events and help the residents enjoy their area as well during the nice weather.

Thank you,
Tom Elliott
Sumpter Township

Michigan PC Tech did a great job for me

To the Editor:

I like to see local businesses praised when deserved. Michigan PC Tech went above and beyond to fix my lap top and get it done quickly. They not only did a great job fixing the problem, but after I got it home, I inadvertently messed up some settings. When I called they took it right back in, fixed what I had done without charging me. I highly recommend Michigan PC Tech.

Cheryl Toms
Sumpter Township

"Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising."
Mark Twain

Thanks for help with Scout Eagle project

To the Editor:

I completed my Eagle Project in October 2015. It was a weather shelter for the Sumpter Recycling Center for the volunteers who help there to sit inside to get out of the weather elements.

I could not have done this without the support of my family, community, friends, Sumpter Fire Department and the board members of Sumpter Township.

I am extremely grateful to Sumpter Township for their support in allowing me to do this project. I also wish to thank every one who has helped out with donations and volunteering their time for my Eagle project.

Thank you all again!

Ryan York
Troop 231

Thanks to Jeff Vernon for clearing my snow

To the Editor:

I want to thank Jeff Vernon at Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe on South Street for repeatedly clearing the snow from my sidewalk at my house and at the Quilt Shop.

He has been so kind to clear the snow. He is trying to tend to his business in the Candy Shoppe but takes time to be kind to others. Not a lot of people are so generous with their time to help others today. Thanks, Jeff.

Kay Atkins
Threads 'N Treasures Quilt Shop
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What are the children drinking nowadays?

To the Editor:

Regarding the letter on page 5 of the Feb. 18 *Independent* about the Liquor Wagon on Willis Road contributing to the Sumpter Children's Christmas Party: Just what are the children drinking nowadays?

D. A. Williams
Dearborn Heights

Editor's Note: We called Jim Posegay, who wrote the letter, and he said it was two cases of 2-liter bottles of Faygo pop, assorted flavors, eight to a case. Jim said the store also donated cases of pop for the car show prizes last fall.

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Jenny, 12, a published author, poses with her mother Gina Struble.

McBride student to hold book signing at autism fund raiser

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jenny Struble was delighted when her book was published on her 12th birthday on Jan. 22.

She will have a book signing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, during the annual autism fund raiser at Belleville High School gymnasium. Books will be \$6 and Jenny will sign only her name.

This is the first book she has ever written and it was done on a computer since her handwriting is illegible.

Jenny's mother Gina said, "It's amazing she can do this" given her autism, seizures and nonstop movement.

Jenny is a student at McBride Middle School in the special education classroom of teacher June Youngoldis and paraprofessional Linda Massant.

Jenny's mother said Youngoldis should get an award or a raise in pay for her work with her daughter since other teachers in the past have given up on Jenny. Youngoldis didn't give up.

And, Massant's work is praiseworthy, too, she said. The two educators say they are very proud of her work and she is a gifted writer.

Jenny's book is "Lost in the Woods: The Adventures of Midnight." She is taking a break before beginning on her next book,

"Midnight and the Falcon."

Midnight is a horse and Jenny has always liked horses. She hopes to have her own horse someday.

Before writing the book Jenny studied and learned about her subject.

Gina said Jenny wrote the story on her computer and her teacher helped get it into shape.

Youngoldis explained that McBride Media Specialist Chris Morton offered an opportunity to the whole student body during National Novel Writing Month. Twenty-five students came to the first meeting, including Jenny. The students were asked to set a goal and write a novel of 1,000 words.

Jenny had already written a story of 480 words and so Youngoldis asked her if she

could do 1,000 words, and Jenny signed on. Within a month's time, Jenny had reached her goal, actually writing more than 2,000 words including the words about the author. One other student met her goal, but her book is yet to be printed.

Part of the program was if you set your goal, register, and meet your goal, your book is self-published for free by Fast Pencil.

"She writes well and has a great voice and continuity," Youngoldis said. "I'm

very proud of her efforts. I just got out of her way when writing and she did it all."

Youngoldis said she did help a little with the polishing, but she didn't touch the computer. The teacher told her about quotation marks and other details and Jenny made the changes herself.

"She's got a talent and it's great to see it moving ahead," Youngoldis said.

Jenny's father is Greg Struble and her sister is Erica, 15. The family lives in Van Buren Township with their dogs and a cat.

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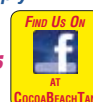
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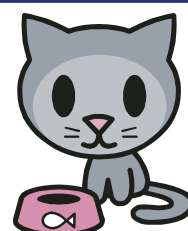
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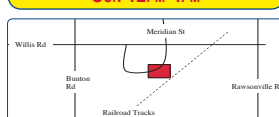


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Civil Rights

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Department of Civil Rights.

• Agrees to continue the practice of asking a minor's parent/guardian permission to interview their child without the parent/guardian present. Belleville agrees they will obtain a signed form from the parent/guardian acknowledging that they have agreed to allow the minor to be interviewed without the parent/guardian.

If Belleville PD follows through as directed, Stevens agrees not to sue.

Belleville city attorney John Hitchcock said the policies the state wants the city already have and they will be provided to the council at a subsequent meeting. Hitchcock also said the city already does "number seven," getting permission before questioning a minor. When he was informed the complainant states the city didn't do that, Hitchcock said that was only an allegation.

Stevens was not at the council meeting. She has kept detailed records of the whole incident and has them filed in folders that she showed to the *Independent*.

Stevens has cover sheets of her complaint — one for the police chief and one for the mayor — delivered to city hall at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 31, 2014 and signed for by City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. Stevens said the Civil Rights Department told her the city said it never got the complaints.

Stevens complained to the Civil Rights Department that police failed to provide

her daughter with a Kid Talk Forensic Investigator to accommodate her disability during the police investigation.

Stevens is not happy with the way her daughter was treated by the school officials, who let the boy involved stay in school and sent home her daughter, the victim.

This happened about 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2014 as students waited for a band event.

In her complaint on the school district, Stevens wrote: "I believe my disabled daughter was suspended in retaliation for reporting the sexual assault that occurred under the respondent [school district] representatives' watch."

She said after the boy led her 15-year-old, special-needs daughter to a vehicle in the student parking lot and got her into the vehicle, he put his penis in her mouth with three friends watching. She said she told him no.

After the girl went back into the school and broke down in tears, hysterically crying on the floor of the bathroom, she was found by the Band Boosters' president and then school staff responded.

Stevens said Belleville Police Officer Greg Beach told her to get an oral rape kit done at the hospital, which she did. She said it must be sitting on a shelf somewhere because Belleville PD never sent it to be processed.

She said employees in the school office gave the girl water to drink which may have compromised the rape kit.

In her complaint to the Civil Rights Department about BHS, she said those responsible for the actions she complained of were BHS Principal Abdul Madyun, BHS Assistant Principal Melissa Lloyd, and School Resource Officer Kris Faull of the Belleville Police Department.

She said Principal Madyun said she couldn't see some of the surveillance tapes that would show her daughter in the parking lot because they weren't working or he couldn't get the cameras to download.

Stevens said Officer Faull told her to tell her daughter if she is lying they will press charges against her and she will get 20 years in prison.

Stevens said Officer Faull also said she should think about what it would do to the boy. Stevens was thinking what it had done to her daughter, who cries about the assault even now.

Principal Madyun had recommended the girl be expelled from BHS for criminal sexual misconduct, but after a hearing, Supt. Van Tassel suspended her for 11 days for violating the Student Code of Conduct and required her to agree to a behavior contract before returning.

Stevens credits the student lawyers at the University of Michigan with getting her daughter back in school.

After investigation by the state, the charges against the school were dismissed, but Stevens is filing an appeal in circuit court and taking along new evidence.

The complaints are based on the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act No. 453 as amended and Michigan Person with Disabilities Act N. 220, as amended.

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Belleville DDA sends canoe/kayak rental project to city council

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority sent to city council a proposal for a canoe/kayak rental business in Horizon Park, which would include a shed for the boats and equipment right next to the Veterans' Memorial.

The vote was 4-1, at the Feb. 17 DDA meeting with Mayor Kerreen Conley voting no, saying she felt a lot of details had to be flushed out first.

One of the proposals was to put vinyl banners on the bridge to let the public know "we're on the lake," said John Blevins of Motor City Canoe Rental who gave the presentation about what they wanted to do.

"We have not allowed banners on the bridge," said Mayor Conley, and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said, "That's Wayne County's bridge."

Mayor Conley said special events have been the only thing advertised briefly on the bridge. She said this would open a door to others.

"If you put it up, Wayne County could take it down," Kollmeyer said.

"I would not be in favor of it," Mayor Conley said.

In explaining the project, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said Blevins met with her, DPW Director Keith Tackett and Building Official Rick Rutherford to discuss the details.

"The lake is very busy on weekends," she said. "How paddling and power boats would work together ... This is a try-it-out approach."

"Is Belleville ready to try it out?" she asked.

Blevins said last summer he did the Soup Project where canoes were rented for a day on the lake. He said they talked about doing rentals in Belleville.

He said the plan is to bring 12 rentals: 6 canoes, 4 kayaks and 2 paddleboards – to Horizon Park in 2016. Rentals would be on an hourly basis, at \$10 per hour with a minimum of two hours.

Motor City would hire staff to man the rental kiosk and maintain operations. They would open for business in May for weekends only, until school ends, then open 7 days. Hours of operation would be noon to 6 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

It would be a seasonal business, about May to September.

Blevins suggested they would need a shed with racks to store the rental boats and equipment in Horizon Park. Boats would be chain locked to the rack overnight.

The rentals would be a public/private partnership between the city of Belleville and Motor City Canoe Rental. The city would get 10% of gross sales if the city provided the temporary rack and shed. If Motor City provides the rack and shed, the city would get 5%.

Thompson said there's a ballpark figure of \$3,500 to \$4,000 for the shed using really good material to make it look good.

"We will focus on maintaining the aesthetics of the park," Blevins said.

The building could be permanent or moved in the fall, Blevins said, noting it would be made mostly of lumber.

"I would think the council would go along with this," said Councilman Tom Fielder from the audience. "Could people be rescued?" he asked.

Blevins said they have rescue equipment and could bring it from Flat Rock, which is a hop, skip, and a jump away.

Kollmeyer pointed out that the mayor has a furrowed brow, which means she had questions.

Mayor Conley said, "I think we need more details."

The item is expected to be on an upcoming city council agenda.

In other business at the 33-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Reelected for 2016 Rosemary Loria as chairperson, Jim Higginson as secretary

and Sabrina Richardson-Williams as treasurer; and elected Denise Baker as vice chairperson;

- Set meeting time for the year as 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month;

- Heard Randy Brown of the Chamber of Commerce give a report on last December's Winter Fest, which drew 10,000 to 15,000 people, he said, adding sponsors were the DDA, US Ecology, BYC, and the city;

- Approved revisions to the 2015-16 budget, with revenue going from \$914,225 to \$954,694 because of an increase in captured property taxes;

- Approved accounts payable of \$10,919.54 for December, January, and part of February; and

- Learned this year's Belleville High School Soup Project will be at 5:30 p.m. March 3 at the BHS Commons to select one or more projects to be done downtown this summer.

Five DDA members were present at the meeting, with Brian Copsey and Alicia McGovern absent and excused and two vacant seats.

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More Letters

Voters should focus on our children's future

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank the many citizens of the Belleville Van Buren school district who stood strong against an issue that was long overdue.

The issue being, the superintendent of our schools, Mr. Van Tassel. At the same time, I would like to voice my concern and warning of an absolute truth. Your work is not finished!

I hope you know for a fact just WHO is responsible for the hiring and firing of a superintendent. The elected members of the school board have the duty and total responsibility of hiring the superintendent.

Because we citizens and taxpayers were stuck with a superintendent who was/is absolutely devoid of "people skills," unable and unwilling to accommodate the people's concerns, the board members MUST be held accountable!

Perhaps now, the citizens of this school district will hopefully realize the importance of each vote! To those who chose NOT to vote in the school elections, please know, it is your IN-action and UN-concern that promotes such an injustice as we have been subjected to during Superintendent Van Tassel's tenure.

Did anyone ever question the urgency on the part of the board and the speed in which the board's decision to hire Mr. Van Tassel was made? Did anyone ever question the outside pressure of a local "fund raiser" who not only was very influential in placing this man in the superintendent's office but was also VERY instrumental in

convincing the majority of our citizens of an urgent and dire need of a State of the Art high school?

I was one of the many who were guided on a specifically pinpointed tour route of the old high school. Yes, I saw leaky roofs and many areas where maintenance was obviously held UN-accountable, even looking the "other way" for many years. Is it possible that our school district does NOT have a "rainy day" fund, setting aside funds for a leaky roof, or any other emergency? When we, as homeowners, have such a problem, we know it is something that requires our immediate attention. For the reader's information, perhaps some will recall, the same "fund raiser" (mentioned above) also engineered the notorious and costly recall election in Van Buren Township -- he failed!

Also, this same "fund raiser" was instrumental in founding a local, rival newspaper, unashamedly and solely bent on putting the *Belleville Area Independent* out of business. Again, he failed! Then too, I attended and vividly recall the many school board meetings where this same "fund raiser" organized and rallied a loud, rude and threatening crowd who constantly interrupted and intentionally embarrassed newly-elected board members Mrs. Vesta Losen and Mr. Tom Bowles.

At that time, the school board president was Mr. Carl Gorham who made no attempt to halt the corrupted, outlandish, unprofessional outbursts. Later on, the same "fund raiser" also presumed the role of "community organizer." We have at least one remaining board member sitting on our school board today. But NOW, the Board has assumed the very opposite posture. Our school board has made it clear, they are attempting to silence the voice of the community! But thanks to the loyal citizens of our community who stood strong and persevered (one might say they represent our modern-day Nehemiah's Biblical perseverance) we, the voters and citizens CAN and WILL make changes in our selection of our elected officials.

Today, we have our beautiful new high school, and we were told our high school students would perform accordingly, with new surroundings, furnishings, and new technology, we would be so proud of their achievements, etc. etc. NOT! Thanks to our

school board members, who I am sure have read the newspapers and media reports -- our Van Buren schools are NOT performing well! Does anyone ever question WHY our board members continually proclaim a favorable and flowing evaluation of the superintendent, PLUS extended contracts of employment?

Note: I sincerely hope the citizens and voters of our tri-community school district realize how vitally important the school board elections are. Let us, every legal and capable voter, remember how important our votes are. We need to totally FOCUS on our children -- their education, their futures. It's up to us -- parents, grandparents, families, friends and neighbors -- we ALL have a vital stake in their futures! Our children -- our students REALLY MATTER!

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Wrestling Club thanks volunteers, businesses

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Feb. 6, the Belleville Wrestling Club held its first Euchre Tournament fundraiser at the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3996 of Van Buren Township. Fun was had by all that attended!

The fundraiser was successful thanks to the hard work of the friends and parents of the wrestling club and the local businesses that donated gift cards and baskets to be raffled off at the event.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity: Fraternal Order of Eagles #3996 of Van Buren Township, Garden Fantasy on Main Street, Leo's Coney Island, Great Clips, Twisted Rooster, Mammoth Video, Egan's Pub, Bayou Grill, Edible Arrangements, and Gulf Auto Lube.

We would also like to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to Gloria Rochon for running the tournament for us. Her expertise in Euchre helped us amateurs run the event smoothly!

Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in this event. We could not have done it without you!

Jim Majewski, President
Belleville Wrestling Club



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- **Saturday, March 5** – Big Country Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., at Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Drive. Donations accepted.
- **Saturday, March 5** – There’s a Wild Game Dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. Adult tickets are \$30 each with those 6-12 paying \$15 and children under five eating free. Doors open at 5 p.m., meal served at 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 5** – Sumpter Township Dog Clinic, 1-4 p.m. Rabies \$15; Parvo-Distemper Combo, \$22.
- **Wednesday, March 9** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925

Willow Road, New Boston, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, March 10** – “Homegrown Knowledge” program at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Program is Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern Handmade Boutique. Free.

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

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

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

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

Spring cleaning will begin March 7, 2016 and run through March 20, 2016

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

New items may be displayed beginning March 24, 2016

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For additional information contact The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

March 8th, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 14th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 16th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 17th, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 18, 2016
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Thursday, March 3, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

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BY LISA LONG, CITY CLERK

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 15, 2016 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance. Letters must be received by March 15, 2016

Lisa Long,
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: February 25, 2016
March 3, 2016

Court Watching:

Maine bound over on charge of receiving and concealing stolen items

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Feb. 17, after a long preliminary exam with five witnesses, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott ordered Dennis Maine, 39, bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Feb. 24.

At circuit court, Judge David Groner reset the arraignment to March 15.

Maine is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property in excess of \$20,000 from a Sumpter Township breaking and entering on April 10, 2015. Being found guilty could bring him 10 years in prison.

Maine was brought to court by two Michigan

Department of Correction guards from a cell in the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia. He was sentenced on Jan. 14 in Monroe to seven to 22 years in prison for home invasion, second degree.

Maine, a habitual offender, has 11 charges for breaking and entering and related charges since 1994.

First witness in Judge Parrott's court was Janice Ann Logue who testified she was looking after her friend's house in the 13000 block of Rawsonville Road while her friend was in Alabama. One day when she drove up she noticed a box half in and half out of the garage door. She called her friend to ask if she was back and she wasn't. After a brief walk through the house that showed it had been ransacked, the property owner called police.

Second witness was Sumpter Officer Danielle Buccellato who was the first police officer at the scene. She testified to the glass

door being broken on the second level and a ladder against the house. Also, the security gates on the front door were kicked out, not in. She said police evidence technicians, including herself, took pictures of the house interior and got descriptions of the items, including jewelry, 48 guns, vehicles, trailers, four bonds worth \$10,000 each, and personal documents including birth certificates. Some of the items were put on Leads on Line which led to identification of Maine.

Third witness was Andrea Meacham, a claims adjuster for Farmers Insurance, who insured the home. She testified the total loss, according to the woman who owned the house and the man who lived with her, was about \$120,000 before the insurance limits were applied. The insurance company valued the total loss as \$54,190.76 and paid out \$25,814.70 on Jan. 4, 2016.

Nothing was given back to the insureds but their documents, Meacham said.

Fourth witness was Sumpter Police Cpl. John Ashby, who testified about being present when multiple agencies served the

search warrant at Maine's home at 1117 Lexington Parkway in Ypsilanti on May 12.

Cpl. Ashby said they went to the house and Maine was on the porch.

"He immediately dove to the ground, yelling I want a lawyer," Ashby recalled.

The bonds with the owner's name on them were found in the kitchen along with a social security card. A big box of paper towels with the Rawsonville Road address on the outside was found in a child's room.

Ashby said the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was doing surveillance on Maine for quite a while and was waiting for something specific before the search warrant was executed.

Fifth witness was Sumpter Police Detective John Toth, the officer in charge, who testified that although there were 48 guns stolen at the Sumpter address none have ever been recovered.

He said ATF had been tracking Maine through his cell phone. He said the day of the search warrant, police and ATF first staged in Livonia but Maine had left and not returned. Then they moved to the spot in Ypsilanti and finally found him.

Judge Parrott bound the defendant over, finding there was sufficient probable cause that a crime had been committed and that Maine may have done the crime.

In another matter, Judge Parrott pointed out three outstanding 2015 charges from the city of Belleville for registration or plate violation, driving while license suspended, and no proof of insurance. Maine pled guilty to all charges and Judge Parrott sentenced him to 90 days, which had been satisfied by time served.

**Carlton Ozell Bankhead
Rahman Niallabey
Derrick Lamont Vincent**

The preliminary exams for co-defendants Carlton Ozell Bankhead, Rahman Rashad-Dangel Niallabey, and Derrick Lamont Vincent were set for Feb. 17, but they all chose to waive the exams and head on to circuit court. Their date at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice is March 2.

Bankhead, 25 Niallabey, 29, and Vincent, 27, are all charged with operating under false pretenses of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 in Sumpter Township on Jan. 29.

Each one had bond set at \$20,000 or 10% and each one posted bond. Each one has a different court-appointed attorney.

Sumpter Township Detective John Toth is the officer in charge of the cases and he said the charges have to do with use of credit cards.

Rosalyn Marie Winbush

Rosalyn Marie Winbush, 31, was facing her preliminary exam on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in Van Buren Township on Jan. 30. She had been lodged on a bond of \$30,000/10% and it had been posted.

But when it came time for the exam there was no complaining witness and so the charge against her was dismissed. It could be refiled at a future time. VBT Det. Ken Toney is the officer in charge.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 10 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve agenda with the additions of **Item D:** Consider approval the resignation of Chris Walter-Hamm from Planning Commission effective immediately.

Item E: Consider approval the resignation of Chris Walter-Hamm from the Fire Department effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling \$433,541.13. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, LaPorte, Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report-Pierce: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to receive and file Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-J. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve Building/Ordinance report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to receive and file Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report- Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Letter of Retirement from Chief of Police James Pierce Jr. effective February 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Captain Eric Luke as the Interim Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney's Report:

A. "Letter of Understanding" Deputy Chief Rick Brown will be Interim Fire Chief during Chief Joe Januszyk's leave of absence.

B. Addition of a Closed Session AFSCME Union Contract.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response:

15. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson

to approve the 2016 CDBG Funding estimated at 81,160.53. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to appoint Katrina Guisgand to the Board of Review for term of February 2016 to January 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to reinstate Donald LaPorte Jr. to the Fire Department from his leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve with regret the resignation of Chris Walter-Hamm from Planning Commission effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported C. Hoffman to approve with regret the resignation of Chris Walter-Hamm from the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements:

A. Black History Celebration on February 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Community Center.

17. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

1. Complimented Sumpter Township on street lights throughout the Township

2. Condition of Bemis Road

3. WIC pay rent to use building? Clerk C. Hoffman answered the question Yes, WIC does pay to rent building.

18. Closed Session: AFSCME Contract and Pending Litigation

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to go into Closed Session at 6:47 pm to discuss AFSCME Contract and Pending Litigation. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan, Swinson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to go into Open Session at 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of 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 of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: March 3, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing February 9, 2016 6:00 pm

Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor J. Morgan at 6:00 pm. Showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 8 residents.

Joan Hennessey, Hennessey Engineering, reviewed the allocations for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Sherry Olds, resident, asked was the grant completely used last year? Ms. Hennessey stated that the funds are still being used, not all funds are used as of yet.

Trustee Oddy asked if funds could be used for the ramps already built at the Police Department. Ms. Hennessey stated only if that was the only access.

Clerk C. Hoffman asked about the Old Township Hall and if the funds are able to be used to replace the ramp there. Ms. Hennessey stated that the funds are used for buildings that are in use.

Clerk C. Hoffman also asked about the funds used for a generator for the Community Center. Ms. Hennessey advised to have three quotes on three different types of generators, a basic, medium and best. Then bring quotes back to the board for approval.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to close CDBG Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

The following is the estimate allocation for 2016 funds:

Senior Services	\$12,300.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$20,000.00
Demolitions	\$40,744.48
Administration	\$ 8,116.05
Total Estimated 2016 CDBG Allocation	\$81,160.53

Respectfully submitted,

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VBT DDA OKs proposal to get appraisal services along Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

As part of the project to install sidewalks all the way from Tyler Road to Ecorse Road along Belleville Road, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved a proposal from RS Thomas and Associates.

At its Feb. 23 meeting the DDA approved the proposal for not to exceed \$17,600 for appraisal reports for rights of way along the route. DDA member Ron Blank was recused from the vote since he owns the mobile home park along the route.

The appraisals are for seven parcels, which includes a portion of six parcels and one parcel in its entirety. These seven parcels are necessary to the project.

The representative from RS Thomas said the seventh parcel is a total take right now because the line goes through the house. In another area the line is getting awfully close to trailers and some may need to be moved. Also, trees and fencing will have to be relocated.

If additional services are needed, such as meetings, depositions, testimony, etc., the additional fees would be \$195 per hour.

Commonwealth Land Associates was approved by the DDA in October to assist the DDA in acquiring about 29 rights-of-way along the route. Then it was determined in January that some appraisals would be necessary.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said everything will come back to the DDA for approval. The representative said the option period starts on the DDA's approval.

In other business at the Feb. 23 meeting, the DDA:

- Went into closed-door session to consider purchase of real property and came back into regular session to approve making another offer on the two parcels to the north of the land the DDA bought on Belleville Road last year;

- Learned the first tree casualty happened Feb. 17 or so when a car went through the median on Ecorse Road, east of Belleville Road. The DPW will pick up the trees and replacement will be done in the spring. DDA Director Susan Ireland said there are tire marks around the east and west end of the hammerhead and she will call Wayne County to see what they can suggest;

- Learned Wade Trim engineers are in the process of conducting the needs assessment portion of the proposal for a pedestrian overpass on Belleville Road at I-94. They do not expect to have anything to report until the March meeting. Wade Trim has requested that if anyone sees pedestrians on Belleville Road crossing I-94 to take a picture or note the date and time. This information will be helpful for their report on whether the pedestrian overpass is needed. DDA Chairman Craig Atchinson reported that at 3 p.m. Wednesday he saw two women and a baby stroller crossing

over the freeway and it was frightening;

- Heard Ireland report she is working on a second revision of a RFP for 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road;

- Heard Ireland report she received a phone call on Feb. 11 verbally informing her that Standard and Poor's was going to affirm the A- rating with a stable outlook for the DDA and they would follow up with a letter of confirmation;

- Learned the DDA has reached out and made contact with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) out of Ann Arbor. SCORE is a 501c nonprofit organization that provides free business mentoring services to entrepreneurs in the United States. The DDA anticipates bringing information on this in the near future to local small businesses;

- Approved sponsoring the Michigan Downtown Association with a \$1,000 donation;

- Approved a \$100 donation to the Van Buren Civic Fund for its Play Ball – Tigers Alumni Charity Event set for May 21 on the softball field behind township hall. DDA Chairman Atchinson was excused from the vote; and

- Heard Deputy DDA Director Lothringer report on taking part in the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business 2 Business Expo on Jan. 29, with VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers. She also reported on ads in guides and E-Blasts to promote VBT businesses. She also is working to find out what kind of workshops to put on at Grace Lake for local businesses in partnership with the Belleville DDA and the Chamber of Commerce.

Absent and excused from the meeting were DDA members Bechtel, Laginess, and Supervisor Combs. Absent without excuse was Miller.

SNIP & CLIP TRAINING CLASS

Do you feed outside (Feral) cats? Want to learn more on how to help them through TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return)?

Please join us on Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m. You will learn how to make a shelter, how to live trap and get them spayed and neutered.

We will have FAQ session about TNR. The class is free and will be held at the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR), 51299 Arkona Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

Bring a 16"x23" or larger tote (the bigger the better) and a box-cutter. We will supply the straw. RSVP at (734) 635-9141 by Thursday, March 17.

"A body of men holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody."

— Thomas Paine

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that on 3/10/16 at 9:00 a.m. or after the contents of the following storage units will be sold by competitive bidding (Public Auction) at:

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6130 Rawsonville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 482-1502

SPACE #C-9, Mike Gentz; SPACE #C-27, Ellie Stanley; SPACE #C-20, Darren Walton; SPACE #C-38, Stephanie Harbin; SPACE #I-30, Larry Irby; SPACE #I-14, Malaika & Claudie Williams; SPACE #E-25, Jon Messmer; SPACE #E-25, Kenneth Chancellor

Some featured items included in these units: Household furnishings, microwave oven, dining table, water cooler, folding chairs, rugs, artwork, books, electric heater, grills, shelving units, golf clubs, lawn mowers, seed spreader, leaf blower, computer printers, cedar chest, wheel chair, bedroom furniture sets, large work bench, weight bench and lots of bar bells, bongo drums, wall cabinets & base cabinets, kitchen sink, large computer desk, keyboard, saxophone, drum set, stacks of multiple boxes of brand-new women's shoes, tool sets, oven roasters, gas cans, dollies, a very old farm tractor, large storage cabinets, stereo equipment, mower deck.

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JNG Auctions PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, March 5th
Preview 6:30pm, Auction 7pm
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Online auction starting
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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 8 – Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., VBT Hall.

- Thursday, March 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, March 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

- Tuesday, March 15 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

- Monday, March 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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EOE, M/F/Disability/Vet

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Visit
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The 3rd Annual Belleville Soup Project is being held today at 5:30 p.m. at the BHS Commons at the high school. The event features the BHS New Tech students presenting ideas for projects in the downtown area and the public can vote on them. The winning project gets \$500 funding from the Belleville DDA. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students. A delicious soup dinner will be served.

Barnett Roofing & Siding of Canton is taking part in the **Canton Home Improvement Expo March 5-6** at the Canton Summit Center off of Canton Center Road. Barnett has been doing business for over 55 years serving the community with roofing, siding, windows and much more. The local family owned business provides free estimates and has an A-plus rating on Angie's List and with the Better Business Bureau. They serve all of Wayne and Oakland counties, and the Downriver area. Call (734) 397-8122.

Perspective Eyecare on Belleville Road is celebrating the month of March and the arrival of spring with savings of 30% off a complete second pair of eyeglasses or prescription sunglasses. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-1010.

Spring must be getting near because the **Belleville A&W** on West Columbia Avenue is now open for the season. Enjoy their new Pub-Style Fish & Fries, Shrimp specials, or any of their All-American favorites, such as hotdogs, coneys and burgers. Call (734) 699-1800.

JNG Auction Service of Belleville will be holding a public auction this Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the **Q Events Center** at 879 Sumpter Road in the Belle Plaza. The auction is cash only and a preview begins at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to check out their online auction beginning March 18. Visit www.jngauctions.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 cost to be in this column.

Birthdays

March 1 – Jim Higerson, Mark Melidosian
March 3 – Hayley Ehnis, Jim Durbin
March 6 – James Chudzinski
March 7 – Ted Todd
March 8 – David Radecki, Jackie Hollis
March 10 – Robin Wojtowicz
Do you have a birthday in March? Does any one you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 608 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 21:
0016 – ATV/ORV complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
0340 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0953 – malicious destruction of property, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1000 – property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1229 – agency assist, Henry
1318 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1344 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1351 – trespassing, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1530 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1636 – water leak found, Basswood Cir.
1751 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1805 – private property accident, Peachtree
1810 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1852 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. Belleville Rd.
2018 – suspicious person, Estates
2029 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
2048 – property damage accident, Greenwood Ct.
Monday, Feb. 22:
0027 – malicious destruction of property, Tavistock Dr.
0213 – suicide or attempt, Oak Blvd.
0726 – suspicious situation, McBride Ave.
0907 – agency assist, Hannan Rd.
1132 – larceny, Birch Dr.
1336 – vehicle inspection, Brandi
1357 – suicide or attempt, Richards Run
1522 – private property accident, Oak Ln.
1531 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born Rd.
1645 – suspicious situation, Valero
1714 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1730 – larceny, Ayres Av.
1751 – juvenile complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1859 – assault & battery, Rawsonville
1912 – larceny, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2132 – agency assist, Hamilton St.
2150 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2219 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2234 – retail fraud, Belleville
2249 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2303 – agency assist, E. Archwood Dr.
Tuesday, Feb. 23:
0022 – agency assist, Grove/Rawsonville
0512 – larceny, Oak Ln.
0529 – larceny, Oak Ln.
0635 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, W. Archwood Dr.
0717 – mental, Hanover Dr.
0803 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
1113 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
1318 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1344 – private property accident, Parkwood Dr.
1434 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1514 – civil matter, Bayshore Dr.
1616 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Grove
1619 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1800 – weapons violation, Brookside Dr.
1820 – assault & battery, Winding Pond Dr.
1821 – fight, Westlake
1900 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
2038 – fight, Wayne County Community College
2101 – missing person, Hanover Dr.
Wednesday, Feb. 24:
0044 – suspicious vehicle, Briarcliff Dr.
0100 – suspicious situation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0225 – suspicious situation, Reedgrass Ln.
0252 – vehicle repossession, Westlake
0451 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0451 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0452 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0701 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0826 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
0856 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Buren Commerce Cen.
0949 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.

1045 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Hannan Rd.
1131 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
1131 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Curves
1205 – hold-up alarm, Lake Villa Dr.
1204 – property damage accident, Denton Rd., cancelled
1245 – fraud, Greenbriar
1259 – suspicious situation, Lenmoore Ave.
1336 – suspicious person, Linda Vista Ct.
1408 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr./The Creek
1446 – property damage accident, W I-94 / Southport
1846 – E-911 cellular, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2146 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
Thursday, Feb. 25:
0256 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Waters Edge
0655 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.
1109 – civil matter, Winding Pond Dr.
1111 – suspicious person, Westlake
1405 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1501 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
1513 – motorist assist, Belleville/I-94 entrance ramp
1533 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1746 – property damage accident, Murray’s Plaza
1753 – assault & battery, Kahla Dr.
1956 – neighbor trouble, Arthur St.
2030 – suicide or attempt, Pond Bluff Dr.
2101 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
2103 – suspicious person, Haggerty Rd./Coolidge St.
2144 – disturbance, Outer Dr.
2326 – suspicious person, VB Plaza
Friday, Feb. 26:
0650 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0746 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0954 – assist fire dept., Johnny’s Hot Spot
1056 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1252 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1353 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
1422 – larceny, S. Schooner Dr.
1525 – harassment call, Ecorse Rd.
1647 – motorist assist, Hannan/Huron River Dr.
1738 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/Belleville
2235 – agency assist, SB I-275/Ecorse
2344 – agency assist, Belleville School
Saturday, Feb. 27:
0408 – family trouble, Rose
0749 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1013 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
1040 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1209 – fraud, Walmart
1406 – retail fraud, Belleville
1453 – disturbance, Tyler Rd.
1620 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1931 – operating while intoxicated, Village Green Ln.
2203 – shots fired, Denton Rd.
2220 – suspicious person, S. Service Dr./Post Office
2315 – suspicious person, Farmer Jack
2316 – vehicle repossession, Alden Ave.
Also on this week’s log are 162 traffic stops, 20 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 21:
0227 – juvenile complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0404 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1205 – suicide or attempt, Henry
1905 – disorderly conduct, Carmell St.
2334 – suspicious situation, Potter Dr.
Monday, Feb. 22:
1219 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1537 – harassment call, Main St.
1539 – assist fire dept., W. Davis St.
1907 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.

1910 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.
2059 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
Tuesday, Feb. 23:
0732 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Dr.
0906 – private property accident, W. Columbia Ave.
0937 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1132 – assist fire dept., Carmell
1634 – larceny, Main St.
Wednesday, Feb. 24:
0218 – suspicious situation, high school
0720 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0947 – civil matter, High St.
1306 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1322 – malicious destruction of property, S. Edgemont Ave.
1651 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
2031 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
Thursday, Feb. 25:
0736 – E-911 cellular, Third St.
0942 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1127 – narcotics crime, Main St.
1242 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
1528 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1722 – suspicious person, Clarence St.
2007 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
Friday, Feb. 26:
1025 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1258 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1328 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
1447 – civil matter, High St.
1538 – warrant arrest, Zino’s
1709 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.
1850 – property damage accident, Belleville High School
1902 – traffic hazard, Main St.
2104 – suspicious situation, Belleville Hardware
2219 – suspicious vehicle, Chase Bank
Saturday, Feb. 27:
0051 – fraud, Anaheim St.
0321 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
1044 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil
1122 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
1827 – welfare check, West Columbia Ave.
1846 – narcotics crime, Henry St.
2256 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 46 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 21:
0145 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1134 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1228 – fire dept. assist, Brookview
1319 – civil dispute, Utah
1810 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2115 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2217 – warrant arrest pick up, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
Monday, Feb. 22:
0107 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0713 – warrant arrest pick up, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
1556 – alarm, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.
1905 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1942 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2308 – fire dept. assist, First St.
Tuesday, Feb. 23:
0648 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Martinsville
0937 – fire dept. assist, California
1058 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1249 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1409 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1525 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2206 – family trouble, Arizona
Wednesday, Feb. 24:
0521 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0528 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0813 – property damage accident, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1135 – personal injury accident, 50000 bl. Willis
1254 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1521 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1627 – reckless driver, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1653 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Oakville Waltz
2149 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis

Thursday, Feb. 25:
0443 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0740 – dumping complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0933 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville
0939 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0954 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1042 – neighbor complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1204 – alarm, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1243 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1319 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1632 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2032 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
Friday, Feb. 26:
0724 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1139 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1410 – civil dispute, Nevada
1508 – civil dispute, Nevada
1703 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2043 – operating while intoxicated, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2048 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 27:
0009 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1353 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1453 – traffic hazard, Willis/Elwell
1558 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1835 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2212 – property damage accident, Carleton West / Willow
Also on this week’s log are six follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 195 patrol checks, and 73 traffic stops.

Petco Foundation gives \$56,000 grant to FMAR for shelter expansion

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR), based in Sumpter Township, has announced it has been awarded a \$56,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support the shelter expansion project by adding 24 additional dog kennels.

FMAR is a nonprofit, no-kill shelter with a mission to protect animals and residents by promoting a healthy and safe environment for all. Since 2003, FMAR has found homes for more than 5,000 companion animals, all the while staying true to its original reason for existence, to offer a no-kill shelter for cats and dogs.

FMAR aids the animals and individuals in Washtenaw, Wayne, and Monroe counties by reducing the euthanasia rate of companion animals and instead placing them into loving, forever homes.

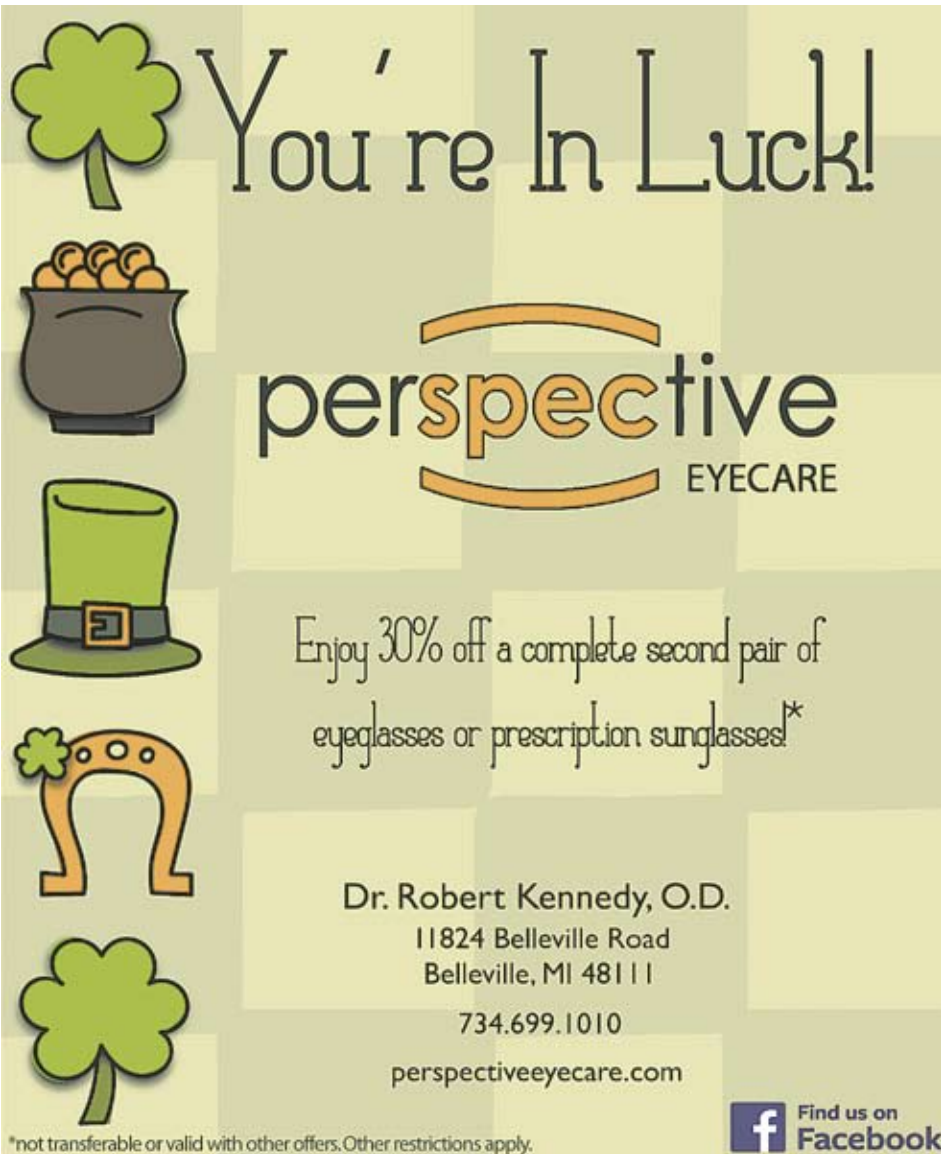
The Petco Foundation investment will help FMAR build 24 safe, sanitary dog kennels to more than double FMAR’s current dog-holding capacity.

“In December we received an email from Petco to say they had granted our request and would be sending us a check to cover half the cost to add 24 more dog kennels in our 8,400-square-foot barn,” said Marcie LaFramboise, vice president of FMAR and its founder.

“As you can guess, we were in shock and then over the top with excitement. Imagine how many more lives this will save! This is the biggest grant FMAR has ever received and we can’t thank Petco enough for having enough trust in us to get this project off the ground running.

“FMAR would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Petco Foundation,” she said.

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Funding future hope for cancer victims

To the Editor:

Cancer research didn't save my dad's life 35 years ago or my mom's life 24 years ago. But since that time, the list of treatments that would be available to both of them has grown exponentially.

Perhaps 10 years from now, no one will have to die from colorectal or breast cancer. Cures take time, but they are getting better every day.

That's why increased and sustained funding for research is so critical to fight against cancer. Right now, a young researcher may be relying on federal funding through her university. She

could be just a few years away from a major breakthrough. If that funding disappears, future patients may never benefit from her work.

Money allocated by Congress for the National Cancer Institute is funneled directly back to local cancer centers and universities of support basic research at its early stages.

We are all #OneDegree from cancer. Everyone knows someone – whether it's a friend, family member or ourselves directly. More than 1.7 million people will be newly diagnosed with the disease this year and all of them will be relying on research to treat it.

I urge Congress to increase funding for cancer research and provide hope to the millions facing a diagnosis now or in the future.

Sue Wade, volunteer
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LYNN MORTON - MISSING

Lynn Morton was last seen on Saturday, January 30th near Chene Park in Detroit. He was originally missing from Belleville. Lynn is 37 years old, 6'2" tall, 240 pounds, has a medium complexion and short hair. He was last seen wearing a brown jacket, blue jogging pants and was carrying a tan bag. Morton suffers from a mental disorder.

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