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F R E E

Fire Fighter John Henderson gets Medal of Honor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Fire Fighter John Henderson was presented with a Medal of Honor, the highest award the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department can give, for pulling a small child from her blazing home at 47515 Denton Road last Dec. 13.

Fire Fighter Henderson was honored at the April 5 meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees, along with nine others who participated in the Public Safety response to the fire.

"All played pivotal roles," said Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, pointing out the house was ablaze, electrical lines were down, and there was a natural gas fire at the scene.

When the VBT Fire Department arrived, a police officer directed the fire fighter to a small child in the blaze.

"Fire Fighter Henderson decided to risk his own life on the chance he could save a child," Laurain said.

"These are heroes you see standing before you tonight," he said.

He said a committee of their peers convened twice to determine the awards.

"It was a team effort," he said, adding they must recognize the City of Belleville's Police and Fire Departments and Sumpter Township Fire Department that aided them.

He said Belleville Officer Mark Aldrich was the first officer at the scene and he pinpointed where the child was located. A child was crying that was no longer crying. Police officers were beaten back by the intense heat.

Officer Aldrich could not be there for the awards and he was to be presented a Director's Award.

Fire Chief Dan Besson told the story of what happened the morning of the fire. He said Fire Fighter Bronson Campbell



Photos by Ally McCracken, Van Buren Township

Standing in front of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its April 5 meeting, these Public Safety employees received special recognition for their parts in the Dec. 13 fire on Denton Road where a teenager died and a young girl was rescued. From left, receiving the highest award the department can give, the Medal of Honor, was Fire Fighter John Henderson, who pulled the girl from the flames; Fire Fighter David Brouillette; Fire Fighter David Schuler; Police Officer Eric Dougherty; Police Officer Mark King, Police Officer Adam Byrd, Dispatcher Rob Martin, Dispatcher Julie Jones, and Dispatcher Whitney Smolinski. Not pictured is Bronson Campbell.

was driving the fire truck and Fire Fighter Henderson jumped out and headed to the fire as soon as they arrived with Officer Aldrich pointing out where the child was located. Henderson had forgotten his helmet and made the split-second decision to attempt to save a life without it.

The fire was very hot and he had seconds to make a decision, to go or not to go. He made that decision and now is being given the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism, "the highest award we can give," Chief Besson said.

Chief Besson said Henderson has also been nominated for two national life-saving awards, one at Fire House Magazine and

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Amariyana Wells, left, is held by her mother Latrice Wells at the ceremony.

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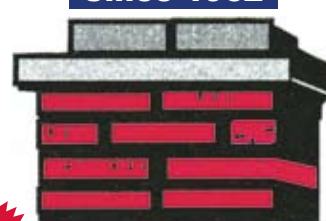
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

34th District Court to move to Merriman Elem. School by Aug. 1

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

By Aug. 1, the 34th District Court in Romulus should be temporarily housed in the former Merriman Elementary School, 15303 Merriman Road, south of Eureka, while the current building is being partially demolished and rebuilt.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green said on Friday that they hadn't expected to vacate the current building while the upgrades were put in place, but over the past month it was apparent they would save money if they just got out of the way.

"As much as I would not like to do that, we will. It's a business decision, but it's going to be an ordeal," she said. "Hopefully the chaos will be organized."

It is expected to take somewhere between 12 and 18 months before they can move back into the new facility. The \$11 million project will add 15,000 square feet to the 25,000-square-foot building.

The court has hired OHM as architect and George Auch as construction manager. Last week, Judge Green, Judge Brian Oakley, and Court Administrator / Magistrate Al Hindman went to 52-3 district court in Rochester Hills to check on Auch's work and get ideas for the new building.

The bond will be paid through a \$20 funding unit fee that has been levied on all tickets for the past year and a half and continues to be levied. While the City of Romulus is pledging its full faith and credit to the bonds, the court will be making all



the bond payments.

"The building will be paying for itself," Judge Green said. "The city is not sticking its neck out."

Judge Green said sometime in May she expects to go before the communities in the 34th District Court area to present the court's new budget and explain what is going on with the building upgrades. She plans to bring a new illustration of the building to show to the communities.

The 34th District Court services the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Van Buren, and Sumpter, as well as Lower Huron Metropark and Metro Airport.

Last week, offenders assigned to the court's work program started working on Merriman School to get it liveable for the court. Judge Green said they didn't want to pay construction crews to do the work when the work program could do it.

The court will have just half of the school building, sharing it with another renter.

The courtrooms will be in classrooms and

the three judges and their clerks will share a single, central classroom.

"We don't have the ability for privacy and it will be very cozy. We'll all be together," Judge Green said, noting they might want to put tape on the floor to separate the offices.

Judge Green said working on the new court is like having a new part-time job. She and Judge Oakley and Hindman have been meeting every Thursday and now are being joined by Judge David Parrott. Hindman is putting in many hours before his regular work day and after his work day is over. They are all working without extra pay, she said.

She said at the end of the project, it will be Hindman who will be getting all the credit for getting the building completed because he is working so hard.

Judge Oakley half-jokingly said he expects Hindman to have turned into a stooped-over old man with white hair after the project is over because he is putting in so many hours.

"It's a labor of love," said Judge Green. "We think the community needs this. We didn't realize how much work it was going to be, but I don't want to turn this over to anyone else."

"Al is the front person, doing all of the leg work," she emphasized.

Judge Green said they will build the project around the dollars, not the dollars around the project, meaning they will not go over the bond amount available. She said they expected to get numbers from the construction manager on April 12.

She said the new building will have technology that will allow the court to go paperless and have more capabilities. She said most of the ticket payers are not criminals, but customers. She wants to make the court visit as "not unpleasant" as possible for its customers since for most people their only experience with the court is to deal with a ticket.

"We will be better able to serve the public," Judge Green said.

Public gives input into what it wants in a new school superintendent

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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After the school board completed about an hour's worth of business at Monday's meeting, Dr. Rodney Green was given the floor.

He asked the 50 people present in the audience for their input on the superintendent search and they were ready with lots of responses.

Dr. Green represented the Michigan Association of School Boards which was chosen to conduct the search for the district in order to get a new superintendent in place by July 1.

Former superintendent Michael Van Tassel was fired in February.

Dr. Green started off the day Monday with an 11 a.m. meeting with school personnel and continued on with meetings that included students. He said he met with six groups throughout the day before asking for input from the public at the 7 p.m. board meeting.

Dr. Green gave the upcoming schedule for the search as:

- April 18 – board work/study meeting to approve candidate profile and get final report on online survey.

- March-May – advertising vacancy and recruiting candidates.

- May 10 – application deadline, notebook of all candidate's resumes prepared for board members.

- May 16 – prepare interviews in a work/study meeting, narrow the field down to six or so, referring to candidates by numbers until they are selected for interviews, then they are named.

- May 24, 25 – initial interviews, choose two or three.

- May 31 – final interviews.

- June 2-6 – site visits, if desired.

- June 13 – superintendent contract approval.

Dr. Green said the superintendent search will be completely open and all decisions made in meetings open to the public. He said all deliberations and interviews will be open to the public.

For the first round of interviews, the public will be invited to fill out feedback

sheets on the candidates. For the second round, the public will be invited to write questions for the candidates that will first be screened by Dr. Green to make sure they are legal and not repetitive.

Dr. Green said there are 60 superintendent searches in Michigan this year and the MASB is doing about 20.

At Monday's meeting he asked the audience the following questions:

What are you most proud of? What are some of the challenges? What background do you want the candidates to have? Describe the individual you want for superintendent.

After the answers had been called out and he took notes, he said, "You are not different from other places. You've got some healing that needs to occur. That will happen..."

"I will come back next week at 7 p.m. and report to you on the survey." He said the online survey closes at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, and he'll get the report by 4 p.m. that day so he can bring it to the April 18 meeting.

Dr. Green said some candidates will be looking for a larger school district to lead and Van Buren Public Schools has about 5,200 students.

"They know there are problems that have to be resolved," Dr. Green said.

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

- Heard a report on Belleville High School focusing on how staff members are handling the new state tests, the achievement gap, and the school's new culture. The presentation was by Principal Abdul Madyun and Assistant Principals Falisadoll Green, Stacey Buhro, and Dan Wright;

- Approved the retirement as of June 30 of Savage teacher Lori Diacomio after 30 years of service; and

- Approved the resignation of Tanya Johnson, after 3 ½ years of service in the Transportation Department as of March 18; and approved the hiring of Lenore Sykes as part-time secretary at Savage Elementary School, starting April 6.

OPINIONS

Editorial

District Library Board opts for \$14 million project

After more than two hours of discussion Tuesday night, the Belleville Area District Library Board voted unanimously to seek bonds totaling \$14 million to build a new library in downtown Belleville. It is expected to be about 31,900 square feet in size. The Sumpter facility is included in the cost.

Needed to pay off this bond would be average millage of .74 for 20 years or .65 mill for 25 years – yet to be determined. This request will be on the November General Election ballot. The building would be constructed for the amount the board felt the public could endorse.

The 2014 request for a new library on the DNR property on the lake was \$19 million for 45,000 square feet, including the Sumpter facility. Voters said no.

After the defeat, the library board has cut about one-third of the cost to see if voters would approve something smaller in the city.

Board Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire said the new request would be \$5 million less than what the board asked for before, which she felt might be acceptable to voters. Attorney John Day said the board asked a total of about 2 mills last time and the new request would total about 1.4 mills. He included the .7 mill for operating costs the library has until 2022.

The board also voted to retain bond counsel to get started. Board members already are reaching out to the community to get support for the ballot proposal.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Visteon Corporation held its 2016 annual shareholders meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lake Lodge on the campus of Visteon's headquarters and innovation center in Van Buren Township.

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Headquartered in Van Buren Township, Visteon has nearly 11,000 employees at 50 facilities in 19 countries.

Van Buren Township's recent law suit against Visteon was dismissed and very soon the township will have to figure out a way to pay for the bonds it took out to help Visteon build.

I received a packet of information from Charles May in Saginaw, Texas. He sent me photocopies of 32 pages of a booklet from Edgemont Elementary School for the 1971-72 school year. What fun. The pages are full of the pictures of people now active in this community, who were then smiling, sweet-faced elementary school students.

As examples, we've got sixth-graders Marianne Szlinis and Tony Gibson; fifth graders John Chapman and Paul Henning; fourth graders Ronald Traskos, John Losen, David Stamper, and Charlene Frisch; third grader Randy Brown; second graders Kevin Losen and Kevin Krug; first grader Andrea Losen; and Kindergarteners Don La Porte and Peter Dodge.

These are the ones I know from going about my newspapering business. There are lots of other local names there, of course. If you'd like to drop by and look through the



pages yourself, you are invited. Our office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Friday, a senior citizen from Belle Villa called to say a man with broken English called him from Las Vegas to announce he had won \$2.5 million and a car in the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes. All he had to do is go to Walmart and send 1% of the prize to the man to pay the taxes. When he told the caller that Publishers Clearing House is based in Pleasantville, NY, the caller said they have lots of offices and he's in the Las Vegas office.

Our reader said it's a shame that people are trying to scam senior citizens. He wanted people to know the latest scam going around. Don't fall for it.

When I was out delivering papers last Thursday, people asked me about the Citgo station at the corner of Fifth and Main that had been closed since April 5 and also about the activity at Doane's Landing.

The city of Belleville's Building Official Rick Rutherford said a concerned citizen called in worries about the canopy at Citgo swaying in the high winds. Rick said the owner closed the store on his own along with the gas station and they are working to stabilize the canopy. On Monday it was still closed.

As to Doane's Landing, Rick said the seawall is starting to fail there and the

concrete is eroding. City engineers were called out and they got someone to take a core sample of the soil. They put up orange fencing. Engineers will write a recommendation to the city.

Last Thursday city officials held a going-away party for Keith Tackett, who had been the city's part-time Public Services Director for two years. Thursday was his last day. The man the city hired to take his place, Bruce Wood, had just retired from Huron Township. But, he quit the Belleville job the day before Keith's going away party. Oh, dear.

34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley hurt his back in December and has been standing in the courtroom since then as he handles court matters and talks to defendants.

He said his back feels better if he stands and so he does. He said he will be asking for a desk in the renovated court building that will be able to be elevated for judges who wish to stand to dispense justice.

Judge Oakley will be running for reelection to the bench this fall.





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Letters

**Combs responds to
Trustee McClanahan**

Trustee McClanahan;

The reading of your "statement" at the April 5th Board Meeting violated **Van Buren Township Meeting Conduct Policy, Resolution 2013-05** as follows:

Page 3 of the policy, paragraph entitled **Agendas & Meeting Materials**, states "The Township Supervisor shall review and approve all items to be placed upon the agenda of the Board of Trustees. Upon written request, any two or more board members may also place items upon the agenda for Board consideration." We have an established procedure for this process: a **Request for Board Action** is prepared by the person(s) seeking the action; it is then submitted to the Supervisor for approval according to an established time line. I did receive your email(s), but no **Request for Board Action**. I discussed your request with the Clerk and Treasurer and we agreed that we did not see the need to discuss the subject at yet another public meeting. Further, I called all four Trustees and two of the four agreed with us, a third was open to a discussion and you did not return my call.

You violated the same policy by offering offensive material as your statement expressed personal attacks on not only the three full-time electeds, but the entire board! Specifically, you attacked us because the majority of us disagreed with your political views regarding the millage.

It is the Supervisor's responsibility to propose ballot language to the Board for approval. It is also the Supervisor's responsibility to propose the amount and the duration of a millage request, as well as a recommendation as to when it will be placed on the ballot.

It is the Board's responsibility to approve or reject the ballot language -- not to make the proposal. Contrary to your statement, I did seek input from the entire Board on whether or not to discuss the millage issue in a public forum prior to the August Primary Election. You did not respond, however the majority agreed that since the subject has already been discussed at length in open forums and has been debated in the local newspaper it would serve no useful purpose to rehash it yet again.

We have given the public the opportunity to comment on at least two occasions, as well. I can't speak for the rest of the Board, but my reason for wanting to wait until after the August Primary was that I didn't want prospective candidates to use this important topic as campaign rhetoric in an attempt to get elected. As the time nears for it to be placed before the Board and ultimately the public, further discussions will occur.

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Finally, your comparison of crime in Van Buren Township to that of Detroit is ludicrous! Also, to suggest that differences of opinion among Board members will ultimately lead to an, "Unabated increase in violent crime" is absolutely ridiculous!

You state that you are in favor of renewing the current 4 mills for Public Safety, not 6.5 mills, yet you contradict yourself by stating that, "We need to work together to ensure that we maintain a high level of public safety services and continued swift police response in our community." Do the math, Trustee McClanahan -- 4 mills does not even come close to funding Public Safety and we are rapidly depleting landfill funds by subsidizing it from fund balance. With other legal obligations looming in the near future, we can't afford **not** to ensure dedicated funding for Public Safety!

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: The letter Supervisor Combs refers to was read by Trustee McClanahan at the April 5 board meeting and printed in the April 7 issue of the *Independent*. Supervisor Combs asked for her response to be printed, as well.

All soccer games start this week end, April 16

Hello, Soccer Members:

Once again, thank you for registering for the upcoming Spring 2016 Soccer Season. We are so excited to get the soccer season going. We would like to thank the coaches, parents, families, and players for all the support within our community and helping us keep our soccer program going.

All games will start this weekend, April 16. All game schedules are posted on our website for you to view.

The Pride Development Program will begin at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the 16th. It will consist of 45 minutes of fundamental drills, dribbling, and running, and then 45 minutes of the players scrimmaging. There are 2 coaches for this program; you will meet them on Saturday the 16th.

If players have not received their jerseys, they can be picked up on Saturday at the concessions stand after 9 a.m. We will have shorts, socks, and jerseys.

The Concession stand will be open for business this Saturday April 16. We will have food, drinks, and you can purchase your spirit wear

All payments must be received by Saturday April 16. Please make sure you are up to date for your player.

If you would like to volunteer please email us at vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. We are here to help and always looking for suggestions. If you see a fellow VBCS player, family, or member around, just say Hello!

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Angie McCluskey, president
Van Buren Community Soccer
All board members

Music Lakeside sets this summer's concerts

This summer's weekly Music Lakeside concerts at Horizon Park in Belleville kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, with River Raisin Ragtime Review.

The rest of the summer schedule:

- June 30 - David Gerald (blues)
- July 7 - Midwest Dueling Pianos
- July 14 - Bugs Bedow & the Good Stuff (rock and soul)
- July 21 - Corktown Popes (Irish rock)
- July 28 - Billy Craig and the Psychedelic Rodeo (country)
- Aug. 4 - Jill Jack (rock/folk)
- Aug. 11 - Big Ray and the Motor City Kings (rock/blue)
- Aug. 18 - No show due to the Taste of Belleville
- Aug. 25 - Dig A Phony (Beatles tribute)

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Obituaries



Cecil Crane

CECIL CRANE
 (June 5, 1929 – April 2, 2016)
 Cecil Crane, age 86 of Dayton, TN, died April 2, 2016 at his home. He was born June 5, 1929 in Bledsoe County to the late Arby and Elma (Hancock) Crane. He is also preceded in death by his wife Katherine Mildred (Colbaugh), Crane; brothers Dale Crane, Eugene Crane, Douglas Crane and Leonard Crane; four sisters Minnie Ruth Fann, Francis Morgan, Virginia Stevens and Nina Irons.
 Cecil spent thirty-three years in Belleville, MI before moving to Dayton in 1987. He served in the Army from 1950-1952 and was wounded during the Korean War. Cecil worked at the United States Post Office for thirty-two years in Detroit, MI. He was a member of the American Legion Post 100 and a longtime member and former elder of the Dayton Church of Christ. He is survived by his three daughters Deborrah (Roger) Bentley of Dayton, Sharon Crane of Ann Arbor, MI, Kathy Crane of Florence, KY; two brothers Virgil (Ruth) Crane of Dayton and Auldin (Barbara) Crane of Dayton.
 Funeral Services were held Tuesday, April 5, at 12:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Minister Steve Brown officiating. He was laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton. Please share your memories of Cecil Crane on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.
 The family is being served by Vanderwall Funeral Home where they received friends Monday afternoon from 4 until 8 p.m. Memorial Contributions in Cecil's honor can be made to the American Legion Post 100, P.O. Box 166, Dayton, TN 37321.

THELMA M. BLANCK
 (January 2, 1925 – March 13, 2016)
 A memorial service will be held, Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11:30 AM at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St, Belleville, with visitation an hour prior. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Chester Roman

CHESTER 'JIM' ADAM ROMAN
 (September 5, 1923 – April 9, 2016)
 Chester "Jim" A. Roman, age 92, of Belleville, passed away April 9, 2016.
 Beloved husband of the late Doris Roman. Loving father of Ronald (Freda) Roman, Gary Roman, Debra (the late Terry) Johnson, Marisa Roman, and Roger (Deborah) Roman. Dearest grandfather of Michele Roman, Rodney Roman, Gary Roman Jr., Terry Johnson Jr., Jessica Johnson, Steven Roman, Kristina Roman, Jerry Roman, Kyle Roman, Nicole Roman, and Jimmy Roman. Dear great-grandfather of Nick Grabiec, Brianna Phelps, Eric Howard, Sierra Roman, Tara Roman, Terry Johnson III, Christopher Johnson and Corbin Serva and great-great-grandfather of Aniyah Kukola. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Victoria Roman, his 3 sisters and 1 brother. Service was Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Tuesday, 1-8 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. www.mimemorial.com



Beverly Jean Roeser-Reel

BEVERLY JEAN (GILL) ROESER-REEL
 Beverly Jean (Gill) Roeser-Reel of Gladwin died peacefully in Clare, MI on April 4, 2016. Beverly will be lovingly remembered by her children Randall (Connee) and Don (Donna) Roeser, and Dee (Ken) Lindeman; her grandchildren, Ryan and Ronnee; Paul, Dustin (Andrea), Crystal (Michael) Challenger, and Nick; and Brian, Tyler, and Katherine Lindeman; as well as seven great-grandchildren. Bev is also survived by her brothers, Alfred (Elaine), Richard, and Bill (Sara) Gill, and her sisters Barbara Lambert and Shirley (Dave) Sharum. She was reunited in death with her parents, Henry O. and Nellie Mae Gill, her sister, Ida Geneva Gill, her husband Harley (Mickey) Reel, brother-in-law Jesse Lambert, sister-in-law Irene Gill, and her beloved dog, Molly. Beverly also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and some very special friends, including Marie Drongowski, Donna Leidel and Laretta "Gayle" Hay.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that your kind donations be sent to Medi-Lodge of Clare, Resident Activities Fund, 600 S.E. 4th Street, Clare, MI 48175.

To sign online guestbook, visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com.

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on page 8**

Obituaries



Liam Robert Edward Oren

LIAM ROBERT EDWARD OREN

(March 17, 2013 – April 8, 2016)

Liam Robert Edward Oren, age 3, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Friday, April 8, 2016 at Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 17, 2013 in Ypsilanti, son of Robert Thomas Oren and Rebecca Anne Walsh. Liam was a feisty little boy who loved Paw Patrol, Play-Doh, eating, and spending time with his best friend and brother, Aedyn. He loved Super Heros, and was one, to pretty much anyone who met him. He was the strongest kid you could ever know. He told everybody he wasn't sick, throughout his battles with chemo and radiation. His smile was infectious. He made so many people better by teaching them the real lessons of life.

Liam is survived by his parents, Robert & Rebecca Oren, brother Aedyn, all of Ypsilanti; grandparents Anthony & Maria Walsh of Belleville, Susan Pascal & Dan Attard of Canton, MI and Richard Michael Oren I of Colorado; great-grandmother Kathleen Walsh of England and Karen Miller of Mount Clemens, MI; aunts & uncles Molly Walsh, Jeffery Gee, Kristy Schuler, William Fulkerson, Richard "Mike" Oren, Mike Oren, Tony Oren, Christian Aguilar-Oren, Devin Peyton and Danny Frantjeskos; also numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and caregivers. Liam was preceded in death by his great-grandparents Rosie & Carver Carman, Anthony Walsh, and Robert & Roberta Karasinski. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 12-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday with a Time for Sharing Service Thursday at 7 p.m. Funeral Service will begin at 12 Noon Friday, April 15, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Deacon Peter Cornell will officiate. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to Noon on Friday.

Memorial contributions in Liam's name may be made to Angels of Hope, 47496 Greenbriar, Macomb, MI 48044, or at www.angelssofhope.org and would be greatly appreciated by his family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a message for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

CLARENCE R. ERICKSON

(August 29, 1929 – April 12, 2016)

Age 86 of Belleville. Survived by wife Marjorie; children Christine, Billie, Robert; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, sister. Burial in Iron River, MI. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Twp.

TIMOTHY R. SINKOWSKI

(March 27, 1955 – April 8, 2016)

Age 61 of Superior Township. Survived by wife; daughter; stepchildren; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sister; brothers. Service 1 p.m., April 23, Calvary Baptist Church, 8318 Carpenter Rd., Ypsilanti. Janowiak Funeral Home.

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I am also writing this to all the residents that it takes a dedicated community to combat crime. Our township is very close to Detroit and crime does move out to the

suburbs. It is obvious lately we have had some disturbing crimes committed in our township. The residents should get upset and look for solutions, sooner rather than later. Nothing will change the demographics of a community more than a high crime rate. People will not move to an unsafe community, but will surely move out if they feel unsafe.

I had a 2016, 24' cargo van stolen from a location near Tyler and Belleville roads. It sat there for several months and finally this week someone stole it. Whoever you are you are a useless hunk of flesh using up much-needed oxygen. You are a low-life parasite and I hope you get caught.

Van Buren Township resident
(Name withheld to protect the writer.)



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• **Friday, April 15** – Moose Lodge at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads is presenting the “Blues Brothers” and the Great Southern Heat Band from 8 p.m. to midnight. Show starts at 10 p.m. Tickets on sale at the lodge at \$10 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved at lodge. Public welcome. (734) 325-7799.

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Erin Bohmont

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Three BWC wrestlers attended the National Tournament also in Battle Creek this past weekend. Second place, Erin Bohmont; 3rd place, Blake Williams; 8th place, Connor Majewski.

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We, the residents of Van Buren Township, have witnessed firsthand what township governance looks like when our township supervisor takes office armed with only the desire to be the supervisor, and without a plan to govern.

We need change in Van Buren Township government. We need to move in a 180-degree direction in righting the ship that is Van Buren Township. We need to move forward with a plan to govern responsibly for the benefit of both our residents and our employees. It can be done, but that task requires someone who is skilled in the principles and concepts of government, management, and communications.

That's why I decided to run for Township Supervisor. Together we can move this township forward. With your help, input and commitment, I will be your next Van Buren Township Supervisor.

My passion for public service spans from a 20-year career in law enforcement, to substitute teaching in the Van Buren Public School District, to serving as the secretary, and then the vice-president of the Van Buren School Board, to currently serving as a Van Buren Township Trustee, and serving on the Van Buren Township Water & Sewer Commission.

I taught public budgeting at Saginaw Valley State University's School of Graduate Studies, and currently am teaching speech communications at Wayne County Community College.

I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. I also received training from

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Vote Aug. 2, for me, Brenda McClanahan, for Van Buren Township Supervisor, a dedicated lifelong Democrat committed to public service through experience and education. An agent for change and stability in our community.

Brenda McClanahan
Van Buren Township

School Board President reports no resolution yet to fate of 5 teachers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a half-hour, closed-door session before Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, School Board President Brent Mikulski made a brief statement.

He told the crowd of about 50 that the school district's attorneys and the representatives of the Michigan Education Association continue to meet. They are reviewing details and, "the parties remain hopeful."

The five Savage Elementary School teachers removed from their classrooms in December by former School Supt. Michael Van Tassel have been off the job on paid leave for more than 80 days, with substitute teachers filling in.

Although Van Tassel has been removed from his position, the teachers are still out of the classrooms. The board president issued a statement in March that said they would be reinstated after details are worked out between the district attorneys and the MEA.

At the beginning of Monday's meeting, as the Checks Payable were approved, Board Trustee Sherry Frazier pointed out the district's attorney bills are approaching \$100,000, which is taking away from the instructional budget.



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More Letters

Give teachers, students the last 9 weeks together

To the Editor:

Since our Board of Education voted to “reinstate” our five fabulous teachers, I keep thinking I should put an end to my “rantings” about the injustice to our five teachers with their beautiful, giving spirits ... until I just heard the story of a 3rd grade

teacher in Wisconsin who has the same beautiful, giving spirit as our banished teachers at Savage Elementary.

She gave a 1st grader named Natasha one of her kidneys! To quote the news article, “Maybe the way Natasha peeks into her classroom and waves pulled at Mrs. Schmidt’s heart. Or, maybe it was how Natasha greets her in the hallway.” Whatever it was, the 3rd grade teacher gave a 1st grade student, who was in renal failure, her kidney! She truly captured the essence of who teachers are. They are kind givers! They love their students with their huge hearts!

Teachers give their evenings and weekends with the kids’ papers on their laps checking themselves to make sure each child is understanding whatever is to be learned. They plan their lessons extensively keeping in mind their goals and objectives. They purchase supplies for their rooms, when they’re needed, out of their own pockets. They even give a student their own kidney!

Our Board of Education NEEDS TO DO THE RIGHT THING. Bring our five intelligent, enthusiastic, steady, honest, consistently caring teachers back to the children in their classrooms. **WHATEVER IT TAKES**, bring them back to their kids. Let the healing begin.

The children did nothing wrong, but have paid an enormous price. The price they’re paying is losing the security of their teacher’s presence, losing their earned grades for the 2nd card marking and losing the continuity of their programs.

Our teachers did nothing wrong, but have also paid an enormous price. They worked hard to teach their students how to use the computer program on which to take the M-STEP state test. The teachers also guided their kids to practice tests from sites provided by the state and taught them test-taking strategies. Another price they’re paying is public humiliation, even though the public has stepped up and shown their full support to our teachers. Our teachers have suffered emotionally to the point they can’t eat. They’ve lost over 100 pounds collectively because of all the mental anguish.

Very soon into the school year, teachers know their students’ needs ... academically, socially, and emotionally. Treatment of the children at Savage who have had their teachers ripped away from them is just abhorrent. The Board of Education approved the removal of our five teachers. My question would be to our Board of Education: Who benefitted and who is still benefitting from our five talented, well-educated, and giving teachers still being kept apart from their students? The answer is that nobody is benefitting! Another question: For whom is this good? This answer is that it is not good for anyone! **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES** to return and reunite our teachers with their students. Their lives have been turned upside down. Their families’ lives have been stressed to the max ... for what?

The Board of Education needs to **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES** to bring our teachers back to their students. Bring them back for the last card-marking period. The Board of Education owes the teachers and their students a huge and humble apology and the kindness of at least spending their last nine weeks together.

The children and their teachers have had their year so negatively disrupted that they are all owed the last nine weeks together to heal and to bring closure. I hope the majority of our elected Board of Education does NOT sit mute for another nine weeks! Take a stand, at least! Explain to the public why our five teachers are not back in their classrooms with their students.

DO WHATEVER IT TAKES to bring our students and our teachers together! They are all innocent! The teachers and the kids worked very hard for their successful

scores. **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!**

Trials keep us strong, but this travesty has been over-the-top cruelty. I’m sooooo glad that our five fabulous teachers have positive and loving support from their families and friends and our community ... **THANK GOODNESS!**

Sincerely,

Evelyn M. Larabell

VBPS Retired Teacher

22 years at Savage Elementary

Would like Aldi store to be south of the bridge

To the Editor:

Last year I wrote a letter to the Aldi Corporation. I asked about them having a store in Belleville, Van Buren, or Sumpter, with Sumpter being of most interest because of the vast amount of property, need of the underserved residents, and the fact that it’s in close proximity to a lot of neighborhoods.

I lived on Savage Road and every time I needed to go to the grocery store, I felt like I had to go over the bridge and through the woods (so to speak). Why add another store in the location of Meijer’s and Walmart’s?

Share this letter with Reggie Miller, if you wish.

Aldi did respond to me last year and said each community would have to make that request.

Please rethink this “over the bridge” location. Richer people live there.

Aldi has wonderful prices; they do great business. I have to go to Canton or Westland to get Aldi prices.

Laurie Johnson

Van Buren Township

When will damaged streetlight be replaced?

To the Editor:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Deputy Public Safety Director (Fire) Besson, Public Safety Director Laurain, Deputy Public Safety Director (Police) Wright, Fire Marshall McNally, Recreation Deputy Director Zaenglein, Developmental Services Director Akers and an audience of seventy-one (71).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of March 14, 2016; Closed Session Minutes of March 14, 2016; Board Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016; Prepaid List of March 18, 2016; Prepaid List of March 24, 2016; Prepaid List of March 31, 2016; Voucher List of April 5, 2016; Appointments of Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire 2-1-2017.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Safety Director Laurain in conjunction with Deputy Director (Fire) Besson and Deputy Director (Police) presented awards to the following employees for their heroic and lifesaving efforts when responding to the fire on Denton Rd. in December 2015: Dispatchers-Whitney Smolinski, Julie Jones and Robin Martin. Police Officers-Adam Byrd, Mark King and Eric Dougherty. Firefighters-David Schuler, David Bruillette, Bronson Campbell and John Henderson. Firefighter Henderson also received the Medal of Honor, the highest award possible. Firefighter Henderson has also been nominated for two National awards submitted through Firehouse Magazine and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the Medal of Valor. Director Laurain thanked Belleville Police and Fire Departments, notably Officer Aldrich, and Sumpter Township Fire Department for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the reallocation of \$41,136.26 from

the General Fund, fund balance, to Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay and to increase the MMRMA Reimbursement line item by (\$41,136.26). Motion Carried. Funds were approved in 2015 however projects did not commence. Funds will be allocated to park improvements and the demolition of the Riggs house.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2016-06 extending the temporary moratorium passed on September 15, 2015 to defer the review of applications pertaining to Medical Marihuana Establishments until May 9, 2016. Motion Carried. The extension allows for the process timeline necessary to implement an ordinance addressing medical marihuana cultivation facilities and dispensaries.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (1) to amend the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations Article I-In General by amending Sec. 18-1-18-3. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Building Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (2) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II- Building Code by amending Sec. 18-31, Agency Designated. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Building Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (3) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IIA-Residential Code by amending Sec. 18-46, Agency Designated. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Residential Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (4) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III-Mechanical Code by amending Sec. 18-56, Agency Designated. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Mechanical Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (5) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV-Plumbing Code by amending Sec. 18-81, Agency Designated. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Plumbing Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the

first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (6) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VI-Electrical Code by amending Sec. 18-151, Agency Designated and by removing Sec. 18-171-18-402 Electrical Examining and Appeals Board, Licensing and Registration, & Permits and Inspection. Motion Carried. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Electrical Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-4-16 (7) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to provide for regulations governing Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facilities. Motion Carried. The Ordinance would provide reasonable conditions for the cultivation of marihuana allowed by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, MCL 333.26421 et seq., as amended (MMMA) and prohibits medical marihuana dispensaries in all zoning districts.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced yard waste season starts April 4, 2016. For information contact Community Services at 734-699-8926

NON AGENDA: Resident requested Board assistance in addressing road conditions on Sumpter Rd., Bemis Rd. and Martinsville and inquired about a possible expansion of Rawsonville Rd. Supervisor Combs will address her concerns with Wayne County Road Commissioner Hadious. Trustee McClanahan read a statement expressing her dissatisfaction that the Public Safety millage was not placed on an agenda, as requested by two trustees, for discussion. She felt this was an indication of a "fractured" Board. She encouraged open communication between Board members specifically as they pertain to maintaining a high

level of public safety services and continued swift police response.

ADJOURNMENT: McClanahan moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda Combs, Supervisor
Publish: April 14, 2016

Belleville High School alumni reunion seeks class representatives

The Belleville High School Alumni Reunion Committee is looking for graduates from the 1960s and '70s to volunteer as class representatives for the annual reunion.

This year's event will be held at the High School Commons on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Class representatives maintain the database for their class, send invitations, and collect reservations. Some representatives also participate in monthly committee meetings. For specific years needed or to answer questions, go to Belleville HS Reunion on Facebook; Email bellevilleallclass@gmail.com or phone (734) 787-4601.

The first committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to noon at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville.

The reunion is a time to renew friendships, support and encourage alumni of Belleville High School to network with other BHS alumni, and to promote school-community interaction and exchange for the benefit of all, said chairwoman Linda Clayton.

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	1	4
	2	4
	3	3
	4	2
Miller Elementary	5	4
	K	5
	1	2
	2	4
	3	1
Renton Junior High	4	2
	5	6
	6	5
	7	5
	8	5
Huron High School	9	5
	10	5
	11	5
	12	5

Applications are available at the Huron School District Administration Building

Applications will be accepted between the dates listed below

May 2, 2016, through May 20, 2016

32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI 48164

For more information please call 734.782.2441 or visit our website at

www.huronschools.org

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies & Men's Clubs present:

2016 SPRING INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Thursday - April 21st and Friday - April 22nd (9 am - 3 pm)

Saturday - April 23rd (9 am - 1 pm)

(Saturday is Bag Day @ \$4 Per Bag)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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734-753-9048

All proceeds benefit both Ladies & Men's Clubs of St. Pauls.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of all structures and debris at **48320 Martz Road (Parcel Number V125-83-125-99-0018-702)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. Interested contractors may contact Ron Akers, Director of Planning & Economic Development at (734) 699-8913 to schedule a Pre-Bid Meeting. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Posted and Published: April 14, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 359 of 1947, (the Charter Township Act), notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees approved the first reading at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting on April 5, 2016, and will be considering the following ordinances for adoption at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2016 at their regular meeting:

1. Ordinance 4-4-16(1): ADOPTION OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend sections 18.1 – 18.3 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to designate enforcing agencies to discharge the responsibility of the Charter Township of Van Buren, under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, as amended.
2. Ordinance 4-4-16(2): ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN BUILDING CODE, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend section 18.31 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the Michigan Building Code, as amended and to designate the Building Official of the Charter Township as the enforcing agency.
3. Ordinance 4-4-16(3): ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend section 18.46 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the Michigan Residential Code, as amended and to designate the Building Official of the Charter Township as the enforcing agency.
4. Ordinance 4-4-16(4): ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN MECHANICAL CODE, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend section 18.56 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the Michigan Mechanical Code, as amended and to designate the Mechanical Inspector of the Charter Township as the enforcing agency.
5. Ordinance 4-4-16(5): ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN PLUMBING CODE, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend section 18.81 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the Michigan Plumbing Code, as amended and to designate the Plumbing Inspector of the Charter Township as the enforcing agency.
6. Ordinance 4-4-16(6): ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTRICAL CODE, AS AMENDED. An ordinance to amend section 18.151 of the Township's General Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the Michigan Electrical Code, as amended and to designate the Electrical Inspector of the Charter Township as the enforcing agency.

The complete text of the proposed ordinances are available at the Township Clerk's Office located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date of Publication: April 14, 2016

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, April 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, April 18 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 19 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 26 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Monday, May 2 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 3 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.



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Public Information Meeting to discuss Master Plan Study Update project at Willow Run Airport

Willow Run Airport is updating its Master Plan which will help guide future development goals of the Airport. Willow Run Airport will host a Public Information meeting to discuss the Master Plan Study Update.

**The Public Information meeting is
scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016
from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn
Express Hotel located at 46194 N.
Interstate 94 Service Dr. in Belleville, MI**

Please visit us on the web at
www.willowrunmasterplan.com



Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the May Consolidated School Election to be held on May 3, 2016 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on April 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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VBT awards

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the other at the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Besson held up Henderson’s fire jacket that showed melted debris still embedded in the coat. The jacket was brand new, less than a week old, the first time he wore it to that fire.

“John is a humble person and says any other fire fighter would make the same decision,” Chief Besson said.

Amariyana Wells, the two-year-old girl rescued from the flames, was present at the ceremony and her uncle Lorenzo Wells read a poem he wrote to thank Henderson for helping the girl. It ended: “... You will ever be engraved in our hearts... Thank you.”

Chief Besson said after crawling into the fire to find the girl and bringing her out, Henderson handed her over to Campbell, a trained paramedic, who began lifesaving procedures. Then, Henderson took off his coat and climbed into the driver’s seat of the Huron Valley Ambulance to drive it to the hospital while the two EMTs worked on the girl in the back.

Henderson continued to visit the girl at the hospital until she was released.

The awards given that night were:

- Unit Commendations to Dispatchers Whitney Smolinski, Julie Jones, and Rob Martin;
- Certificate of Commendation to Police Officers Adam Byrd and Mark King;
- Certificate of Merit to Police Officer Eric Dougherty;
- Unit Commendations to Fire Fighter David Schuler and David Brouillette; and
- Lifesavings Awards to John Henderson and Bronson Campbell.

In other business at the April 5 meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor’s appointments of Daniel Belanger, Todd O’Neill, and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with term to expire Feb. 1, 2017;

- Approved the reallocation of \$41,136.26 from the General Fund to Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay and to increase the MMRMA Reimbursement line item by \$41,136.26. In 2015, \$122,517 was designated for park improvements including demolition of the Riggs house. The work did not take place and the money needs to be reallocated. These funds originally were obtained through MMRMA reimbursements. \$22,157 was through an insurance claim when the Riggs barn burned down and \$100,000 was through a MMRMA insurance refund;

- Approved extending the temporary moratorium passed on Sept. 15 to defer review of applications pertaining to Medical Marihuana Establishments until May 9; and

- Approved the first readings of six ordinances to amend the General Code of Ordinances, with many being housekeeping in nature, according to Ron Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 545 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 3:

- 1251 – property damage accident, Belleville/Belle Square
- 1340 – malicious destruction of property, Park Estates
- 1408 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
- 1453 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
- 1621 – larceny, Park Estates
- 1733 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1810 – felony assault, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
- 1912 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.
- 1938 – operating while intoxicated, S. Bellridge
- 2021 – larceny, Rawsonville
- 2118 – missing person, Cobblestone Ct.
- 2141 – water leak found, Riggs Rd.

Monday, April 4:

- 0101 – agency assist, Holly Ln.
- 0122 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr
- 0214 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
- 0229 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
- 0344 – vehicle repossessed, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 1049 – fraud, Christina Ln.
- 1302 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
- 1446 – agency assist, Heatherfield Blvd.
- 1504 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 1521 – suicide or attempt, Hamilton St.
- 1654 – agency assist, WB I-94/I-275
- 1757 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1825 – operating while intoxicated, Woodbury Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 2112 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
- 2159 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
- 2250 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

Tuesday, April 5:

- 0753 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
- 1126 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./ Haggerty Rd.
- 1604 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald’s
- 1620 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.
- 1648 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1813 – retail fraud, Belleville
- 1925 – assault & battery, Pine Dr.
- 1946 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
- 2337 – assault & battery, Parkwood Manor

Wednesday, April 6:

- 0215 – mental, E. Archwood
 - 1028 – code enforcement, N. Cumberland Dr.
 - 1028 – code enforcement, Country Walk Blvd.
 - 1227 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
 - 1305 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
 - 1540 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
 - 1550 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
 - 1557 – panic alarm, Elwell Rd., cancelled
 - 1612 – local ordinance – soliciting, Laguna Dr.
 - 1628 – intimidation threat, Beckley
 - 1647 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 - 1747 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
 - 1839 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coolidge St.
 - 1909 – family trouble, Richard Run
 - 2216 – property damage accident, I-94 S. Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
 - 2222 – traffic hazard, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
 - 2242 – larceny, Brandi
- Thursday, April 7:**
- 0751 – vehicle repossession, Parkwood Dr
 - 0846 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
 - 0923 – fight, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
 - 0957 – larceny, Rayna Ct.
 - 1000 – mental, Sheldon Rd.
 - 1106 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 - 1108 – malicious destruction of property, Archwood
 - 1258 – mental, Park Estates
 - 1305 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
 - 1311 – harassment call, Brandi
 - 1315 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.

- 1358 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1413 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
- 1415 – code enforcement, Hoeft Rd.
- 1506 – harassment call, Brandi
- 1530 – personal injury accident, Belleville
- 1608 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
- 1834 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2001 – fraud, Denton Rd.
- 2112 – neighbor trouble, Westlake
- 2321 – breaking & entering, Ironwood Dr.

Friday, April 8:

- 0902 – hold up alarm, Tyler Rd., cancelled
 - 0949 – sexual assault, Greenbriar Dr.
 - 1210 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
 - 1257 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 - 1327 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 - 1521 – suspicious person, Park Estates
 - 1856 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
 - 1924 – assault & battery, Freedoms Way
 - 1926 – property damage accident, Maurice Dr. / Rogers Ave.
 - 1955 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
 - 2221 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
- Saturday, April 9:**
- 0851 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
 - 1748 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
 - 1804 – property damage accident, Van Buren Urgent Care
 - 2106 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
 - 2342 – suspicious situation, I-94/Water’s Edge

Also on this week’s log are 188 traffic stops, 26 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 3:

- 0504 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 0851 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.
- 0858 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
- 1014 – property damage accident, 5 Points
- 1715 – follow up, Main St.
- 1902 – assist citizen, Main St.
- 2126 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
- 2201 --- E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Edgemont Ave.
- 2314 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Monday, April 4:

- 0507 – property check, Potter Dr.
- 1501 – fight, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
- 1833 – overdose, Carmell St.
- 2122 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, April 5:

- 0318 – assist citizen, Main/Second
- 1009 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
- 1452 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
- 1455 – assist fire dept., Third/Main
- 1654 – welfare check, Church St.
- 1753 – parking complaint, Waterbury Ct.
- 1958 – larceny, N. Aberdeen Ct.
- 2005 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 6:

- 0838 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 0842 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
- 0944 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
- 1234 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1448 – mental, Main St.
- 1524 – vehicle lockout, Carmell
- 1542 – civil matter, Clarence St.
- 1945 – vehicle lockout, Family Dollar
- 2301 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, April 7:

- 0346 – breaking & entering, Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 0621 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
- 0915 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1721 – follow up, Main St.
- 1729 – abandoned auto, Loza Ln.
- 2051 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
- 2339 – E-911 cellular, Anaheim St.

Friday, April 8:

- 0332 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza
- 0925 – follow up, N. Liberty St.
- 1035 – E-911 cellular, Santa Clara St.
- 1356 – follow up, Van Born
- 2050 – harassment call, Carmell St.
- 2053 – animal complaint, Main St.

- 2111 – suspicious situation, Estrada Dr.
- 2209 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, April 9:

- 0130 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
- 0305 – suspicious situation, Victorian Ln.
- 0722 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
- 1030 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
- 1243 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
- 2051 – assist fire dept., Dos Rios St.
- 2239 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 43 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 3:

- 0355 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0510 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
- 0556 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
- 1221 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1358 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.

Monday, April 4:

- 0418 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1008 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1046 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1047 – well-being check, 433000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1053 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1338 – reckless driver, Willis/Martinsville
- 1603 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1739 – animal bite, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1847 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

Tuesday, April 5:

- 0855 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 0857 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1012 – traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1102 – suspicious incident, Wayside Dr.
- 1156 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
- 1319 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1417 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1456 – fraud complaint, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1644 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
- 1800 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1852 – suspicious incident, Wayside Dr.
- 2006 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 2012 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 2055 – personal injury accident, 43000 bl. Willis
- 2204 – threats complaint, Wayside Dr.

Wednesday, April 6:

- 0940 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1338 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1401 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2144 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, April 7:

- 0608 – property damage accident, Savage/Harris
- 1024 – threats complaint, Wayside Dr.
- 1131 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1742 – property damage accident, Wyoming
- 1831 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Kozma
- 1846 – breaking & entering report, California
- 2022 – odor investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 2156 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, April 8:

- 0100 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Wear
- 0212 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
- 0719 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 0945 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1025 – reckless driver, Willow/Sumpter
- 1040 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
- 1203 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1337 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1905 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1911 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 2153 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- 2300 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2313 – assault, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 2350 – dumping complaint, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.

Saturday, April 9:

- 0231 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
- 1059 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1131 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1814 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1922 – violation public health code, Montana
- 2106 – property damage accident, Elwell/Wear

Also on this week’s log are 15 follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 104 patrol checks and 43 traffic stops.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Doug Dalton Auctioneer will be holding his monthly **Estate Antique Auction** tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Hall** on Ozga Rod. Featured items include antique furniture, clocks, guy stuff, guns and military items, advertising items, and a calendar collection. For details and lots of photos, visit www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com. Previews begin at 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in nearby New Boston is getting ready for its annual **Spring Indoor Flea Market**, April 21-23, at the church at **19109 Craig Street**. Saturday is **\$4 Bag Day**. All proceeds benefit both Ladies' and Men's Clubs of St. Paul's. Call (734) 753-9048.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter, are holding their monthly pet adoption event this Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco Pet Store** in Westland on Warren Road across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

A first-time, home-buyer's seminar will be held on April 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at **Remerica Main Street Realty** at 10145 Belleville Road. For more information and to make reservations, call **Associate Broker Elaine Gutierrez** at (734) 697-2450.

A free seminar on estate planning will

take place on April 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **Van Buren Township Hall** on Tyler Road. The seminar is offered by Belleville attorney **Amy Eversole**. Participants will receive a \$100 discount on a basic estate planning package. To register or for more info, call (734) 718-8574 or visit www.amyversolelaw.com.

R. Lewis Lawn Care of Belleville serves the residential and commercial community with weekly and monthly mowing and other services. Right now owner **Ron Lewis** will negotiate his rates with new clients. Take advantage of their spring clean-up specials. Call (734) 497-3319.

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

April 5 – Lois Seager
April 15 – Thelma Griffin
April 16 – Tanisha "Tanny" Rice
April 17 – Joyce Adams
April 18 – Ken Bleeker, Anthony Kuchta, Sr., Kollin Sobocinski, Vickie Lenhardt
April 19 – Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta, Jennifer Leonard, April McGuire, Dave Sauers, Sr.

Do you have a birthday in April? 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.

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