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Three file for VBT supervisor

The deadline was 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, to file as a candidate on the Aug. 2 primary election ballot for positions on the boards of trustees for both Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

Candidates filing in both townships were Democrats, except for one in Sumpter, where former trustee Tim Rush filed as a Republican for a trustee seat.

On Tuesday a crowd of candidates turned in their petitions in Sumpter, so at the end of the day there were 16 running for 7 seats – all incumbents challenged.

Van Buren Township

Van Buren Township will have races for every position, but clerk, where incumbent Leon Wright is running unopposed.

Filing for supervisor were: incumbent Trustee Phil Hart, incumbent Trustee Brenda McClanahan, and former Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara.

Filing for treasurer were: incumbent Sharry Budd and Harry Roesch, III.

Filing for four trustee positions were: incumbents Jeff Jahr and Reggie Miller; along with Paul White, Kevin Martin, Al Ostrowski, and Sherry Frazier.

Sumpter Township

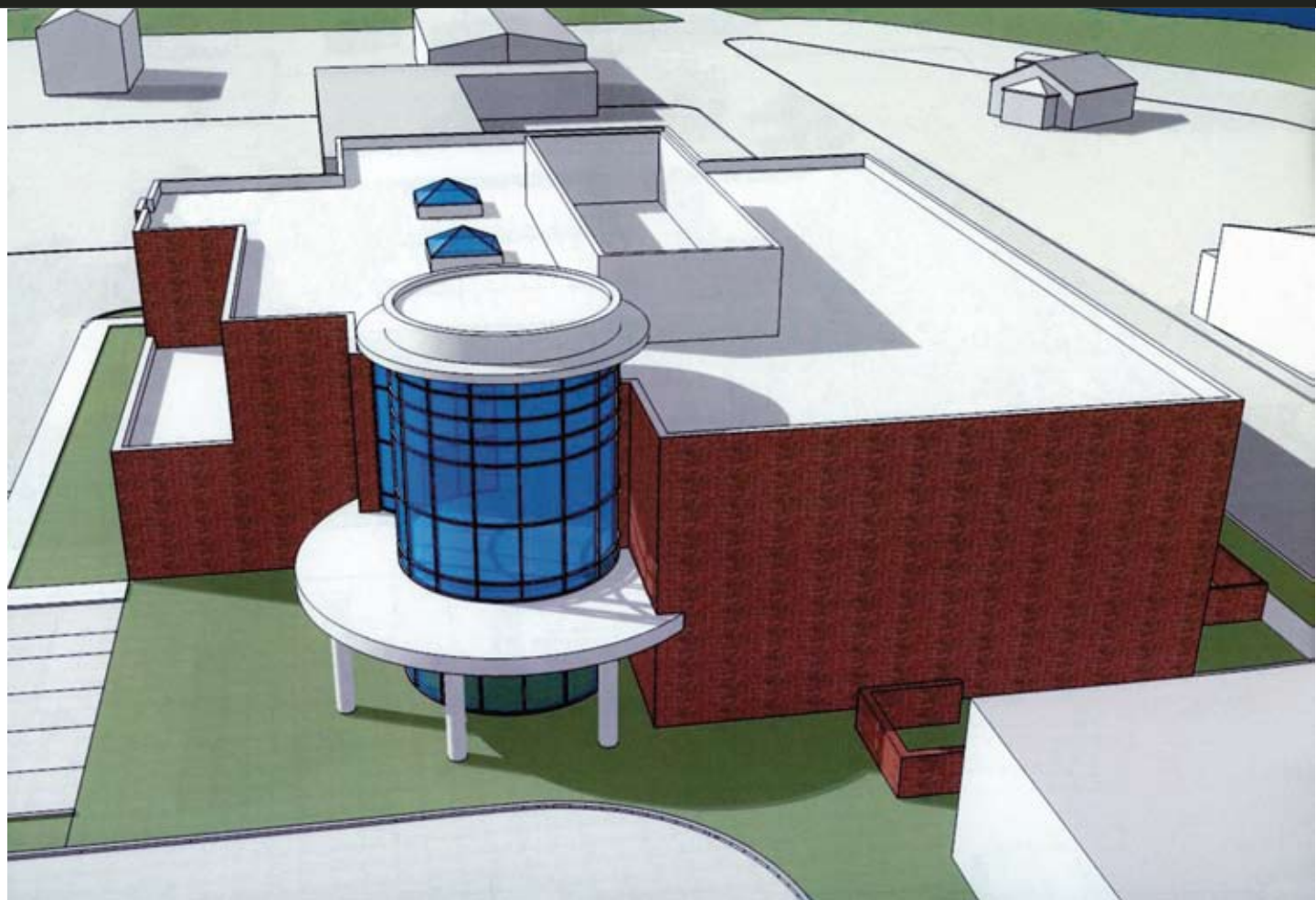
In Sumpter Township all the incumbents filed for re-election and they all are opposed.

Running for supervisor are incumbent John Morgan and newcomer Jay Bardell II. For clerk is incumbent Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Esther Hurst, and Deb Callison. For treasurer are incumbent Alan D. Bates and Lydia May Graber.

Incumbent trustees Peggy Morgan, Matthew Oddy, Don LaPorte, and Don Swinson are being challenged by Tim Rush (Republican), Jane Stallmack, Jennifer Price, Ronald Barrington Robinson, and Jerry Anderson, Jr.

Esther Hurst had filed for trustee, at first, and then withdrew her name for that position to, instead, file for clerk.

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Architect Dan Whisler of Daniels and Zermack Architects of Ann Arbor displayed this conceptual, three-dimensional drawing of the proposed Belleville Area District Library at the April 12 meeting of the library board. Fourth Street is in front; the old fire station, right front, and the Methodist Church behind, across Charles Street.

District Library Board approves \$14 million bond proposal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a long discussion at its regular meeting April 12, the Belleville Area District Library Board voted unanimously to sell \$14 million in bonds to build a new library building in downtown Belleville.

The proposal will go before voters in the Nov. 8 election.

It is yet to be determined for how long the mills would be levied. For 20 years it would be .74 average millage and cost \$8,704.167 in estimated interest of 5%. For 25 years, it would be .65 average millage, with 5.5% estimated interest totaling \$11,748,625.

The interest rates used on the tables presented to the library board represent conservative rates, reported Public Financial Management of Ann Arbor which prepared the charts.

If the bonds were sold in the current market, the interest rate would be about 1% less than those shown on the chart.

"However, due to the fact the bond sale is at least six months away, we recommend using a conservative interest rate when computing the millage impact. Otherwise, if the interest rates rise, the District could be forced to levy a millage over the millage given in the pre-election information," Public Financial Management wrote.

The board also voted unanimously to hire bond counsel to work on the \$14 million bond proposal.

A great deal of time was spent discussing the probable construction costs for a 31,900-square-foot library,

which amounted to \$13,529,000 for the main downtown library, \$250,000 for the satellite branch in Sumpter Township, plus \$125,000 miscellaneous costs, for a total of \$13,904,000.

Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire pointed out the \$14 million is 5 mills less than what the board asked for to build the lakeside library on the DNR property in Van Buren Township.

Architect Dan Whisler said there will be a minimum of 18 months of construction because of the phasing, building the new library first and then tearing down the old library for a parking lot. That would cost \$28,000 to \$30,000 per month for the construction manager.

The library board has about six months to put it before voters and if it is approved in November the bonds will be sold and by the end of 2017 it would go out for bids. It

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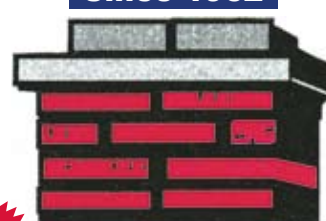
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board puts Cristen Belloni back to work at Savage

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, one of the five Savage Elementary School teachers that had been on paid leave for 87 days was put back to work. Four more teacher remain on leave.

It is being stated around the community that the four remaining teachers are waiting for an apology from the school district and are hesitant to sign the non-disclosure/no law suit agreement.

Cristen Belloni was allowed to go back to work after the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education reached an agreement with her through her Michigan Education Association union representatives.

The substitute teacher that had been in her classroom was to be in class on Monday also, so there would be a smooth transition, according to a letter to parents from the school district.

A special meeting of the board of education was held at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at the administration building to approve the agreement with Belloni. Although the meeting announcement was not announced prominently on the school district home page, about 25 people were present in the

audience, informing each other by word of mouth of the meeting.

School Board President Brent Mikulski said there was a seven-day revocation period in the agreement so they had to approve it at a time when Belloni could get back to work by April 18. Otherwise, either side could back out of the agreement, he said.

He apologized to the *Independent* for the district not informing the local paper of the special meeting and secretary Pam Johnson, who is charged with announcing meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, said she "forgot" to inform the *Independent*.

In a story published on the Michigan Education Association website on April 15, the situation with Belloni was explained. The story, submitted by mgarcia, is titled "Van Buren Teacher vindicated in M-STEP investigation with MEA assistance."

With the help of MEA, a third- and fourth-grade teacher from Van Buren Public Schools is poised to return to her classroom facing no discipline after being cleared of wrong-doing in an investigation into M-STEP procedures during last spring's

test administration.

"I'm glad to be going back," said Savage Elementary School teacher Cristen Belloni, a Belleville native who once attended the school where she's taught now for nearly 14 years. "I think the students are going to be happy to see me. I've gotten a few messages of 'We miss you.'"

She's missed them too.

Belloni, who holds two Master's degrees, values doing the unheralded work behind the scenes to develop connections with students. "I chose to come to work in this district, because I wanted to give back," she said. "I had a good experience going here as a student, and I wanted to be a part of that."

Since 2002, Belloni has volunteered for all sorts of extra assignments, including coaching, sponsoring an after-school math club and yearbook. She has coordinated the district's summer school program and participated in numerous school improvement teams and initiatives.

Former VBPS Superintendent Michael Van Tassel initiated the investigation into M-STEP scores he deemed "anomalies" at Savage Elementary. Van Tassel was

removed from his position in February following an ongoing and sizeable public outcry over the issue.

"Our community really rallied behind us," she said. "I'm going back with my head held high to say 'I was vindicated.'"

School Board prepares search profile for new superintendent

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education met Monday in a work/study session with Dr. Rodney Green of the Michigan Association of School Boards to put the final touches on the documents going out to invite professionals to apply for the job of school superintendent.

The former superintendent, Michael Van Tassel was fired in February after the community united behind the five, highly regarded teachers at Savage Elementary School that he had taken off the job in December as their students watched.

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Kevin McNamara announces candidacy for VBT supervisor

Kevin M. McNamara, the former Wayne County Commissioner of District 11, has declared his candidacy for Van Buren Township supervisor. He officially filed his petitions on April 15.

McNamara said he is running on a strong, results-oriented platform that will add businesses and jobs to Van Buren Township and make it a "go to" place to live, work, and play.

"The possibilities here are greater than our challenges," he said. "I'm not just asking for Van Buren Township residents' vote, I'm asking for participation in a social movement that will change this township for the better."

McNamara's platform has five points:

- **Business Attraction.** Develop robust and sustainable attraction and retention programs that support businesses and get them to start and stay in Van Buren Township. Those efforts will fill vacant properties and build a strong tax based made up of quality business developments within established business corridors, which respect our residential neighborhoods.

- **Asset Management.** Quickly develop an aggressive strategy that ensures Van Buren Township captures its share of the venture capital funds needed to support the American Center Mobility (driverless car) project at Willow Run Airport.

- **Destination.** Make the Van Buren

community a "go to" not a "drive by" destination by implementing a strategy to brand and grow local tourism that will augment the township's revenue base.

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Balance the budget, create an environment of innovation and transformation, and ensure transparency within a civil environment that encourages community participation and collaboration.

- **A United Community. A United Approach.** Work closely with all Van Buren Township residents, business, civic and community associations to create and implement a shared vision regarding education, economic and community development initiatives.

"I'm a results-oriented leader, who understands the complexities of issues and opportunities in Van Buren Township," McNamara said. "Given our natural assets, our residents should not be saddled with debt. We must work our way through our township's financial challenges and seize the development opportunities associated with our runways, waterways, highways, pathways, and acres of agriculture.

"There are endless possibilities ahead



of us," he said. "I have the knowledge, experience and relationships to turn those possibilities into realities."

A bold leader, McNamara has earned the trust of Van Buren Township and Wayne County residents. He has been re-elected as Wayne County Commissioner for District 11 four times since 2006 and is the only county official who balanced a budget in the past 12 years.

McNamara Biography

During his time as Wayne County Commissioner, McNamara chaired the Youth Services Committee, which was created to oversee Head Start, juvenile justice, indigent childcare and the juvenile courts. He also served as chairman of the Committee on Public Services, where he was responsible for oversight on the county's roads, bridges, and parks and recreation operations. He also was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Public Safety Committee, Technology Task Force, and the Transparency in Wayne County Task Force.

McNamara served as chair on the Executive Finance Committee at SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan's regional planning agency, overseeing consecutive years of balanced budgets and a strong rainy day fund. He is also active on committees that oversee transportation and infrastructure projects.

As current chairman of the Wayne County Head Start Board, he has been instrumental

in ensuring five consecutive years of a balanced budget for thousands of pre-school, at-risk children.

He also chaired the Wayne County Airport Authority audit committee and spearheaded free Wi-Fi for travelers at no cost to the authority.

Prior to his election as Wayne County commissioner, McNamara was a member of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees where he was secretary and on the audit committee. In addition to his public service, McNamara served on the board of directors of the McNamara Scholarship Fund, which provides more than \$1 million in tuition assistance for Wayne County residents.

He also contributes to organizations including the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Historical Society, Homes for Our Troops, Lions Club, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, and Wayne Rotary.

McNamara is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program for "Senior Executives in State and Local Government" and will receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn on May 1. He currently holds an associate's degree in math and science from that university.

McNamara lives in Van Buren Township with his wife Aida and has two children, Cullan and Jamie.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

And, the situation gets stranger at Van Buren Public Schls

On Tuesday afternoon, Shonta Langford-Green, the Human Resources Director and Interim Superintendent for the Van Buren Public Schools, quit.

Well, actually, she turned in her resignation effective May 11. She has a contract through June 30.

Her son is graduating from Belleville High School this year and now she won't be able to sign his diploma or hand it to him at commencement as a school official.

Why so suddenly? If she's going to work for another school district, possibly Ann Arbor again, we're sure it would use July 1, the beginning of the new school year, as the starting date.

Does what happened on Tuesday have anything to do with what happened on Monday? That's the day one of the Savage 5 teacher was put back in the classroom. The teacher didn't get an apology and she had to sign a non-disclosure and no-law suit agreements. But she's back with her beloved students before the end of the school year.

And, Green was one of those on hand that day in December when the Savage teachers were marched out of the classrooms in front of their students.

At Monday's work/study session of the school board, Green didn't say a word about her plan to leave the district in the lurch as it worked to hire a new superintendent by July 1. The message seems to be: "I'm outta here!"

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last week, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans held a news conference and announced the various road work for this summer. West Huron River Drive from Elwell to Sumpter, in Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville, was on the list for road resurfacing. You can see all the little flagged stakes along that stretch of very broken-up roadway.

Many people will be happy to hear a smooth roadway will be put in front of Columbia Court, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and Belleville High School.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they will not start until Strawberry Festival is over.

At the press conference at the Romulus maintenance yard, Executive Evans announced the county increased its commitment to fix roads by hiring 50 seasonal employees and purchasing 62 pieces of new roads maintenance equipment. He said in 2016 the county will invest \$30 million to complete capital improvement projects that will benefit 21 Wayne County communities.

A reader at Columbia Court said she has been getting calls from the IRS saying this is her final notice before being arrested. The man calling had no accent, she said. Others have reported scam callers with accents.

She knows that the IRS never calls people on the phone, so this is a scam. She's warning others about him.

On Friday we got a call about a similar call to Cyril Byrd in Romulus. He was advised to call the police to let them know.

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numbers, that's not enough to seek the scammers out and prosecute, I'm told. Just hang up – and don't send anybody any money.

On page five in the April 7 Associated Newspapers, there was a story about how Canton Township had a lottery for street repairs last year and selected 20 neighborhoods for work this summer. The funds for the repairs come 80% from the county and 20% from the homeowner associations in the neighborhoods.

The county allocated \$1.5 million to Canton last year and another \$1.5 million this year, so they'll be spending more than \$3 million in county funds.

In Van Buren Township the \$750,000 allocated by the county in 2015 was used for the Dewitt, Jeanette, Venetian road resurfacing project, with a special assessment district from property owners paying the 20% matching funds. Some work was also done in Walden Woods with the homeowners' association paying the 20% match.

This year, another \$750,000 from the county for VBT is being allocated to resurface McBride Road between Quirk and Beck roads, with the Van Buren Public Schools paying the matching 20% (\$185,000) out of its Sinking Fund because its middle school is on McBride. No lotteries here, although there had been questions about who decided on McBride

rather than other roadways.

At the Belleville Planning Commission meeting on April 14, Commissioner John Juriga announced that 300 people attended the Mayors' Ball in Romulus and it made \$30,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Romulus and Belleville. This was the second-annual Mayors' Ball put on by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley.

Eric Osaer of Sumpter Township went to Washington, D.C. with his class from North Middle School last week and while he was there with his newly adopted dad, Junior Osaer, the Independent Insurance Agents sent a cab to their hotel to pick them up and bring them to a meeting.

Eric had been invited to address the insurance agents at their Make A Wish event because Eric had been given a tree house by the Make A Wish Foundation and he was an enthusiastic supporter of the group. Eric has many medical problems and he had just had surgery before the 10-hour bus trip to Washington. His dad pushed him around in a wheelchair because he was in so much pain. But, he was happy to be there.





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Letters

Relay for Life is set for May 14 in Belleville

To the Editor:

Have you or a loved one ever been diagnosed with cancer? Do you know someone whose life has been affected by cancer? Do you want to make an impact on the fight against cancer?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then we're looking for you! The American Cancer Society is seeking teams, survivors, caregivers, and other volunteers for the upcoming Relay for Life of Belleville, which is taking place on Saturday, May 14, from 12 PM – midnight in Downtown Belleville.

The life-saving dollars that YOU raise as a participant in Relay for Life will help the American Cancer Society achieve its mission of preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Teams and those interested in learning more about Relay For Life are welcome at any of our team captain meetings and events! Our team captain meetings will take place on: April 4, May 2, and May 9 from 7-8 p.m. at Belleville High School. Come join us to learn more about how you can get involved!

Are you a survivor or caregiver? We would love to honor you! At Relay there will be a survivor luncheon, in which each survivor can invite one caregiver. All survivors will receive a free t-shirt and a gift bag. There will be plenty of activities for survivors and caregivers to enjoy all day long – more details to come!

If you are interested in being honored as a survivor or caregiver, please contact Katherine Fitzpatrick at Katherine.Fitzpatrick@cancer.org or (586) 817-0478.

During Relay for Life, teams of friends, families, churches, clubs, and businesses camp out in Downtown Belleville from 12 p.m. to midnight. Participants take turns walking around the "track" in order to celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers, remember those who have lost their lives to this disease, and fight back against cancer!

Come join us to support our cause and enjoy a fun-filled day of activities and entertainment for all ages! We can't wait to see you there!

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To the Editor:

We are excited to announce that Comcast is partnering with the Belleville High School Bands to bring the 15th-annual Comcast Cares Day to Belleville and Van Buren Township!

For four hours on Saturday, April 23, members of our bands, their families, and other members of our community will come together to complete community-service projects to better our schools, town, and other non-profit organizations in our area.

The event will kick off with a light breakfast and rally in the BHS East Athletic Parking Lot and will end back at BHS with a hot dog lunch for all volunteers. During the event, groups of volunteers will visit pre-determined sites within our community to complete service projects.

More details about the selected projects will be shared as we get closer to the event, but some examples may be sorting books at the Belleville Public Library, organizing uniforms in the Band Room, creating cards to deliver to our local senior centers, working at a local animal shelter, or participating in a community park clean-up.

Comcast Cares Day is the largest single-day corporate volunteer effort in the United States and we hope you can be a part of it. Have fun with your friends and family while helping your community shine! All volunteers will receive breakfast, snacks, lunch, and a t-shirt. Please go to the link below to sign up to help us make this event a huge success! Once you have signed up, watch your inbox for more details!

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As a note, all school service group members (NHS, NJHS, Seniors, and Interact Club) will receive four hours of credit for participating in this event! If you still need to fulfill your service requirement for this school year or for graduation, sign up now! We look forward to seeing you on April 23 to help us GIVE BACK to the community that has done so much to help support our band program!

Thanks for caring!

Amy Pearce

President, Belleville Band Boosters

Does 33-page sign ordinance make sense?

To the Editor:

Seriously, a 33-page sign ordinance in Belleville for business locations? What is required on the application, and how long will it take to comply and be approved or rejected, or more likely a delay which can cost money and make other cities more competitive?

It is suggested that the council members try filling out an application.

Name withheld by request

More Letters

National Day of Prayer is at noon on May 5

To the Editor:

This year's National Day of Prayer gathering of our Tri-community residents will be held on May 5 at 12 Noon, in the Victory Station building at 5 Points in Belleville, across the street from the Belleville police station and City Hall.

This year's call to prayer is "Wake Up, America." Needless to say, as never before, we Americans need to be in prayer for our country and its leaders in all areas of leadership; that they will humble themselves and seek His guidance so that everything we do will shine the light of His glory in today's darkened world.

Invite others and join with your neighbors in prayer and singing hymns and songs of patriotism.

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Obituaries



Betty Jane Mida

BETTY JANE MIDA

(February 12, 1926 – April 14, 2016)

Age 90, died peacefully on April 14, 2016 at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, surrounded by her family.

She was the daughter of David and Viola (Hausrath) Cooper and was born on Feb. 12, 1926 in Lincoln Park, MI. Betty married her loving husband, Herbert, in 1946, and he preceded her in death following 61 years of marriage.

She is survived by her sister Dorothy Esken, and her brother, David (Shirley) Cooper. Also surviving are her four loving children, Robert (Nancy) Mida, Sandra (Roger) Fry, William (Karen) Mida, and Lynn Mida. She adored her eight grandchildren, Rodney (Theresa) Fry, Todd Fry, Jason (Kimberly) Mida, Robert Mida Jr., Julia (Nate) Hinderer, Tamara (Joseph) Kennedy, Amber Mida, and Erik Mida. She was blessed with three great-grandchildren, Kaylin, Ella, and Samuel, and a fourth great-grandchild is expected.

Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Belleville, and was active in the Astral #250 Rebekah Lodge of Belleville. She also did volunteer work at U of M Hospital while raising her children.

She was a member of the Greatest Generation and helped the World War II effort by working at Stinson Aircraft prior to marrying Herbert. Betty and Herbert raised their children in Belleville, then moved to Chelsea for 25 years before her return to Belleville in 2010. She loved spending time caring for her children and attending every possible event her children and grandchildren participated in. She also quilted and enjoyed cooking and baking for the hunters in the family every fall.

Betty and Herbert also traveled widely throughout the USA and the Amazon Basin, Peru, Germany and Greece.

Betty was loved by many friends, nieces and nephews, and enjoyed receiving more than 200 cards for her 90th birthday.

Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500, at 11 a.m., Monday, April 18, with the Mida family greeting guests at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Visiting hours were Sunday from 2 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Dystonia Medical Research Foundation or the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Leave a message for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

BETTY SUE NIPPER

(September 16, 1932 – April 13, 2016)

Age 83, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Belleville. Survived by 4 children Sherry, Cindy, DeDe and Craig; brothers Kenneth, Glen, Wayne, and Jack Sellers; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Larry Frank Parraghi

LARRY FRANK PARRAGHI

(July 11, 1949 – March 18, 2016)

Larry Frank Parraghi, 66, of Belleville passed away March 18, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

He was born July 11, 1949 in Detroit, the son of Elmer and Jeanette Parraghi.

He worked at Metro Airport from 2008-2011 and then in maintenance for XPO Logistics in Brownstown from 2013 until his death.

He is survived by his twin sons Larry and John; his mother; grandchildren A.J., Addison, Mary Jane, Neo, and Layla; brothers Clay, Mark (Marilyn) and William (Sue); sister Deb (Gary) Parr; and his loving girlfriend Wendy Howell.

A memorial service was held April 2 at the Belleville Moose Lodge.



Carol Ann Thick

CAROL ANN THICK

(December 30, 1946 – April 14, 2016)

Carol Ann Thick, age 69, of Carlton, MI, passed away April 14, 2016.

Carol is the loving wife of Lewis for 52 wonderful years; loving mother of Kimberly (Heather) Thick of Fenton, Dennis Thick of Belleville and Cherlynn (Thomas) Thick of Belleville; dear sister of Donald Van Dalen, David Van Dalen, Kathy Franklin and Patricia McGee. Mrs. Thick is also survived by 16 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, sister-in-law Dolores Daugherty, and daughter-in-law, Leisa Petraska.

Sadly, Carol is preceded in death by her son Lewis Thick Jr. (d.1996).

Born on December 30, 1946 in Ypsilanti, Carol lived her whole life in the Ypsilanti/Belleville area. She enjoyed reading, sewing, and solving puzzles. Christmas time was also a special time in the Lewis family. Betty would go all out with decorating for the family celebrations.

Funeral services were 2 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Visiting hours were Saturday from 2 until 8 p.m. also at the funeral home.

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Library Board

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will be built in 2018 and open in 2019.
“We should use local workers when possible,” said building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz.
“It is appreciated by the community,” agreed architect Whisler.

Board members talked about cutting this or changing that and board attorney John Day said, “You’re really just guessing.”
“You need a hard number for a bond, a number you think we can pass,” Day said.
“From a bond standpoint, you don’t have to build when it’s passed. Whatever you ask for you can get a building in place for.”

Whisler said, “We can build a lovely building in downtown Belleville for the amount of money you decide.”

“With a millage amount under .7, I’m happy,” said board member Mike Boelter.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy asked when it is feasible to stay at one story.

Architect Whisler said a 25,000-square-foot library ought to be on one floor. If they cut the size back that small, it should be on one floor.

“This is a growing community, so I wouldn’t go below 30,000 square feet,” Stoudemire said.

Day said they can’t go across Charles Street and can’t go towards Main, so the only way to expand this site is to buy Main Street Computers and its asking price is \$800,000.

Whisler said the question is the bond and millage.

Day said they asked about 2 total mills last time and will be asking 1.4 mills this time, both which includes the .7 mill for operation. The voters already have approved .7 mill for operation which expires in 2022.

Whisler said the building committee has been meeting with the city to make sure library plans coincide with the city’s zoning ordinance. He showed updated floor plans and three-dimensional drawings of the preliminary library design.

Court Watching:

Leo Labean set for jury trial May 18 before Judge James Callahan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Leo Labean, 39, of Sumpter Township will have a jury trial May 18 before Circuit Court Judge James A. Callahan.

He faces five felony charges stemming from an incident at the home of his ex-wife in the 25000 block of Martinsville Road on Oct. 7.

Labean is charged with home invasion – 1st degree, discharging a weapon in or at a building, assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm, and domestic violence.

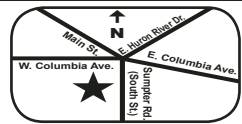
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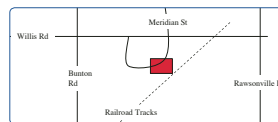
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He claimed they had done something wrong in giving the new M-STEP state test last May. Their scores were too good, he thought, and he reported this to the state. A flurry of charges of cheating went out in television and newspaper stories throughout Southeastern Michigan and the Midwest.

Dr. Green said there are 12 applicants for the superintendent's position so far and he has talked to several others who might be interested. Deadline for applications is May 10.

At Monday's meeting, Dr. Green reported that 286 people took the online survey on what they would like to see in a new superintendent. He provided a packet of information on what people wanted on that survey and responses from people during his April 11 Stakeholder Input sessions.

"You are not different from other districts," Dr. Green said, referring to having a problem. "But, everyone would like to see it resolved."

A long list of qualities people would like to see in the new superintendent were discussed, including being a part of the community.

"That's why we got the problem. He didn't respond to the community," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, referring to Van Tassel. "We need to have the community as partners."

The school board also went through Van

Tassel's old contract.

"The evaluation portion has to be updated so that the superintendent will be evaluated in a more data-driven way, as suggested by the MASB," Dr. Green said.

He also suggested the removal of the early notice of termination bonus and suggested a 90-day notice. Dr. Green also suggested some changes in the termination language. He said the employment dispute language is more convoluted than he usually sees, but if

the board wants it, he will keep it.

About two dozen people were in the audience at the Belleville High School Commons for the work/study session.

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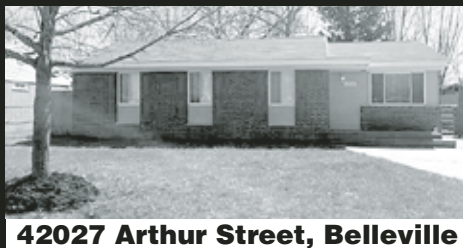
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Judge Green explains how Judge Saad got 'plea by mail' for offense

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Detroit Free Press has accused 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green of holding a closed-door proceeding to protect Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Henry William Saad from the media gathered in her courtroom on March 8.

In an April 10 editorial, the newspaper said its executive editor would be filing a formal grievance asking the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission to investigate the conduct of both judges and take any disciplinary action it may deem appropriate.

According to paperwork at the court, Judge Saad was cited Feb. 21 for possessing a weapon in a sterile area of Metro Airport.

According to the Free Press, he was pulled out of line by screeners who told him he'd neglected to remove his handgun from the carry-on bag he was planning to take aboard his flight to Ft. Myers, FL. His arraignment date was set for March 8.

Judge Green said on March 8 Judge Saad asked to talk to her and came into her office with his attorney John D. Dakmak. Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert J. Donaldson joined them.

"I was blindsided," Judge Green said, noting she didn't know Judge Saad and had never met him before.

She said Judge Saad told her the prosecutor's office called and told him if he wasn't at court by 8:30 a.m. that day he would be arrested when he tried to get on the plane to visit his grandchildren.

Judge Green said he wanted her to close the courtroom to the public for his arraignment because of other things involved.

She didn't want to close her courtroom, so she offered a compromise: a "by mail" plea. She said the court does a lot that way and last year handled 160 by-mail pleas for charges of weapon in a sterile area.

Judge Green said Prosecutor Donaldson didn't object. She reports he said, "I prefer it in open court," but did not object.

Now, according to the Free Press article, Prosecutor Donaldson objected, she noted.

Judge Green sent Judge Saad down the hall to the clerks' windows where the plea by mail was generated. She later signed the paperwork.

"I didn't seal the record or prevent them [Free Press] from seeing it. In fact, they had a copy before they left that morning,"

she said.

"I was never trying to hide anything," Judge Green said.

"They're seeking something against me, so I have to be careful what I say ... I may have to get an attorney," she said.

Judge Saad waived his arraignment, pled guilty, and paid his total fine of \$750 by check. He was given a delayed sentence for three months under statute 771.1 and if he has no further offenses during that time the misdemeanor is wiped from his record.

This is the same sentence given at the 34th District Court to others who have carried weapons, in one way or another, into the sterile zone of the airport.

It is unclear how the Free Press and journalists from numerous other news organizations, including television camera crews, were tipped off to Judge Saad's arraignment in time to fill Judge Green's courtroom.

"I interrupted their walk of shame," she said of the media in trying to figure out why the newspaper was so upset. "I took that away from them."

Judge Green said Judge Saad has reached the age where he can no longer run for reelection, so the newspaper's claim that he will be up for reelection to the Appeals Court in 2021 is incorrect.

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Rev. Schwartz and his wife Susan (Glinski) have been married nearly 37 years, and have been blessed with three children; Chad (Melissa), Chris (Stacey), and Audrey (Micah), and eight grandchildren. Susan is a native of New Boston and lived near St. Paul's until she was married. The two are excited to begin God's ministry at St. Paul's and serve the community of Huron Township.

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School Board Trustee Frazier says nasty emails have to stop

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Trustee Sherry Frazier addressed the nasty emails she is getting from an anonymous mailbox.

She said she knows who is sending them and she asked the board member responsible to stop. She directed her comments to a board member sitting at the far end of the table across from her, but did not identify the person.

Frazier said if the letters don't stop, she will be working with police authorities on the problem.

Frazier told the *Independent* she has been getting these letters for several years, but they are getting nastier.

Other teachers and administrators who have crossed swords with former School Supt.

Michael Van Tassel over the years also have received anonymous letters. It is estimated 70 such letters have been received since last summer by current and past employees and their new employers.

Election

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Candidates may withdraw their names by 4 p.m., Friday, April 22.

Those who missed the April 19 deadline may run without party affiliation, as independents, and have until 4 p.m., July 21, to file for the Nov. 8 election.

Nov. 8, General Election

Among national, state, and county candidates, along with likely millage proposals for Van Buren Township Public Safety and the Belleville Area District Library, the Nov. 8 general election ballot will carry local candidates for district library and school boards.

To run for a seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board, deadline is 4 p.m., July 21. Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education candidates have a deadline of 4 p.m. July 26 and will file at the Van Buren Township clerk's office.

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Court Watching:

Former student bound over on charge of having sex with minor at BHS

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Tylan Jamel Johnson, 17, a former student at Belleville High School, was bound over to circuit court for trial after waiving his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on April 13.

Belleville Police Cpl. Kris Faull said Johnson was a student on Nov 8 when he and a 14-year-old female student were discovered by a school staff member in a compromising position at the school.

He was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd degree, which involves a person aged 13 through 15. His public defender was David Langford. He is out on \$50,000 personal recognizance bond.

Cpl. Faull advised Judge Green that Johnson needed to come into the Belleville Police Department to be fingerprinted and Judge Green told Johnson to make arrangements to do that.

Johnson, who lived in the Belleville area, was expelled from BHS and the female, who lived in Ypsilanti, left school on her own, Cpl. Faull said.

When asked why it took so long for Johnson to be charged, Cpl. Faull said it was because the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office took so long to act on the warrant request.

Johnson was ordered to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on April 27 for an arraignment on the information.

Michael Paul Sosa

Michael Paul Sosa, 24, of Van Buren Township remains lodged in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 cash bond after being charged with a March 4 armed robbery at the Holiday Inn Express in Van Buren Township.

His probable cause conference had been adjourned until April 6 before 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley.

Then, his preliminary exam was set for April 13 before Judge Green. Retained attorney Byron Pitts is representing Sosa and he requested the exam be adjourned to April 20, so now it is set before Judge David Parrott. VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge.

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The public is invited to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new **T-Mobile** store on Belleville Road on Friday, April 22. The **Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce** will help cut the ribbon at 2 p.m. and there will be refreshments and giveaways. The business is located between Starbucks and the new Qdoba Mexican Restaurant.

The **American Red Cross** will be holding two blood drives next month: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19 at the **Special Tree Rehab** in Romulus, and at the **Van Buren Eagles** on Beck Road, May 21, also from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment at either place, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

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on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call (734) 697-7002. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds.

A dine-to-donate event to benefit the **BHS Senior Party** will take place on Monday, April 25, from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Dos Pesos Restaurant** on Belleville Road. Simply present their flyer and the restaurant will donate 15% of your bill. Flyers are available at the high school office during regular business hours and on the school's website at www.vanburenschools.net.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, April 21, Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23** – It's the Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday is Bag Day @ \$4 per bag. Information: (734) 753-9048.

• **Thursday, April 21** – Belleville Area Museum presents the Third-Thursday Lecture Series featuring a "Gone with the Wind" presentation by Kathleen Marcaccio. Doors open at 5 p.m., pizza served at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m. Free to members, \$5 non-members.

• **Thursday, April 21** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts sponsors a guest speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers' Bureau at the Belleville Area District Library. The topic of his talk is "Let Me Tell You a Story," and will (continued on page 17)

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 30 residents.

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

4. Public comments on agenda items only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve CDBG Public Hearing Minutes of March 8, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$87,159.04. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

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

9. Building/Ordinance Report - J. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report - Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Parks & Recreation/ Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Planning/Zoning Report - Oddy: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Treasurer's Report - Bates: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Supervisor's Report - J. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to receive and file Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Attorney's Report - Young:

A. Final Draft of the Police Chief's Contract for Employment regarding Eric Luke

B. Draft of the Nature Conservancy's proposed renewal of the License and Waiver of Liability Agreement and Management Agreement for Sumpter Township.

C. Resolution 2016-2 Authorization Ballot Questions: Fire Protection Millage Renewal Language.

D. Resolution 2016-3 Authorizing Ballot Questions: Police Protection Millage Renewal Language.

E. Resolution 2016-4 Authorizing Ballot Questions: Police Protection Millage Renewal Language.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Attorney's Report with all the agreements that were discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Board Response

17. New Business:

A. Presentation to Police Chief James Pierce

B. Presentation to Chris Walter-Hamm

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to amend the 2015-2016 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to transfer 2013-2014 funds from Demolition and Senior Services to Senior Center Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to Transfer 2014-2015 funds from Housing Rehab, Demolition to Senior Center Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to accept the 2015-2016 Wayne County Parks Grant for \$10,595.00 approved by Wayne County on February 29, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Resolution 2016-1 to Establish who may use the Community Center for Deceased Residents. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Letter of Resignation of Police Officer Patrick Russell from Sumpter Township's Police Department effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit Package A-16044. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Wayne County Annual Payment Restoration Permit Package A-16099. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Wayne County Annual permit for Special Events package A-16133. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Burnham & Flower Insurance Group Coverage for 2016-2017. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Fireworks by Great Lakes Fireworks for this year's Sumpter Country Fest on May 29, 2016 (Rain Date: May 30, 2016). Motion carried unanimously.

O. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Fire SOP – Driving Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Announcements:

A. Fire Chief Joe Januszyk introduced Rhonda Overman the Fire Chaplain for Sumpter Township.

19. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

1. Inquired what the Special Board Meeting was about held on March 11, 2016.

2. Inquired of Mr. Bates and Mr. Oddy of any updates on Bemis Road.

3. Inquired if there is a Parade Packet available yet for the Sumpter Fest.

4. Inquired of the Township Board who is running for re-election.

Sumpter Township

20. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to adjourn at 7:00 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 March 22, 2016 at 6:32 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 Meetings 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: April 21, 2016

Washtenaw Intermediate School District Public Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF SUMPTER AND VAN BUREN IN THE WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON ONE
(1) WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL
(SEE BELOW FOR SUMMARY).

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 South Wagner Road, P.O. Box 1406, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1406, telephone: (734) 994-8100.

If you have any questions regarding your voter registration or the upcoming election, please visit www.michigan.gov/vote or contact the County Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730.

PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

1. Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
2. Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Road
5. Bessie Hoffman School, 50700 Willow Road

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

10. Owen Intermediate School (formerly South Middle School), 45201 Owen Street

All polling locations are accessible to voters with disabilities. The AutoMARK voter assist terminal, Braille and audio instruction are also available in all polling locations.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL
1.5 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent/Excused
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present

Mayor Conley Present
Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to excuse member Smith from the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.
3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.
4. AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 21, 2016 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Belleville Huron VFW 4434 PLAV 167 – Poppy Sales
Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-036** to approve a request from Belleville Huron VFW 4434 PLAV 167 to sell Buddy Poppies at the intersections on Main Street on May 5, 6 & 7 2016 between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.
B. Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce – Fourth Street Square Usage
Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-037** to approve a request from Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to use Fourth Street Square to erect a tent and to have Egan’s Pub serve food and beverages on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 12-7 P.M. and on Sunday, June 19, 2016 from

12-4 P.M.
AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria
NAYS: Tindall
MOTION CARRIED.
C. Motor City Canoe Rental
Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-038** to approve the concept of Motor City Canoe Rental on Belleville Lake. Final approval is pending a program development and drawings to be brought back to the next regular City Council meeting of April 18, 2016.
MOTION CARRIED.
D. Kona Running Company Use of Fourth Street Square
Kona Running Company to be placed on the April 18th City Council agenda to request the use of Fourth Street Square on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 4-10 P.M.

E. Belleville Police Department – Sealed Vehicle Bids.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-039** to open sealed bids for police vehicles and accept the high bid on all three vehicles.
2000 Crown Victoria Karen Kubit \$1,000.00
2001 Crown Victoria Karen Kubit \$1,200.00
2008 Charger
Karen Kubit \$3,100.00
Name Unknown \$1,655.00
Tim Kirklin \$1,300.00
Jim Schmenk \$1,806.00
Lorenza Williams \$1,161.00
MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 16-040**, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Motor City Canoe Rental final approval.
Kona Strawberry Run - Fourth Street Square usage.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: April 18, 2016
Published: April 21, 2016



To The Electors Of The
Township Of Sumpter
Wayne County, Michigan

Notice is hereby given, that a May Consolidated School Election will be held in this county Tuesday May 3, 2016, at which time the following will be voted upon:

Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in **Monroe County Intermediate School District**, be renewed by .9866 mill (\$0.9866 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2017 to 2021, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district technology purposes and related expenses: the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$5,402,779 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2016 levy)? Yes or No

Special Education Millage Proposal.

Shall the 3.8761 mills limitation (\$3.8761 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the **electors of Washtenaw Intermediate School District**, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2016 to 2025, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$22,163,000 from local property taxes authorized herein? Yes or No

I, Richard P. Hathaway, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of February 22, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 3, 2009, 1 mill, 2019; Wayne County Jail, August 7, 2012, 1 mill, 2021; Wayne County Parks, November 2, 2010, 0.25 mills, 2015; Wayne County Community College, November 6, 2008, 1.25 mills, 2020, November 6, 2012, 1 mill, 2022; Airport Community Schools, May 2013, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only); Huron School District, November 2011, 18 mills, 2017 (non-homestead only); Lincoln Consolidated Schools, November 2012, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only); November 2012, .1 mill, 2018; Van Buren Township School District, November 2011, 18 mills, 2016 (non-homestead only).

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8 am to 2 pm. The deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day if he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which had made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the City or Township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1, 3	Sumpter Community Center 23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
Precinct 2	Moose Lodge 45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School 50700 Willow Road

The Polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Posted: April 18, 2016
Publish: April 21, 2016

Things to do in the
Belleville area...

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center on the many ways visual artists use stories as the source of inspiration for their work. Refreshments provided by the Arts Council. Free.

• **Friday, April 22** – State Rep. Bill LaVoy, D-Monroe, will be meeting with constituents from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road.

• **Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23** – Belleville High School Productions present “Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory” at 7 p.m. each night. Also, on Saturday there is a 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets available at the door of the BHS Auditorium at \$10 for adults, \$8 for 6th-12th grades, and \$6 for 5th grade and under.

• **Saturday, April 23** – Belleville Tigers Lacrosse games at Belleville High School Athletic Field. FREE. Tigers vs. Traverse City Central at 2 p.m., JV vs. Detroit Catholic Central at 3:30 p.m. Youth lax club will show off their skills during game half times. Free face painting and test your throwing speed with Shot Speed.

“You have to be odd to be number one.”
— Dr. Seuss

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 554 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 10:
0000 – assault & battery, Bak Rd.
0212 – fight, Rawsonville
0755 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0958 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1008 – private property accident, Denton Rd.
1427 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1533 – mental, Oak Blvd.
1848 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1902 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2111 – shots fired, Greenwood Dr.
2247 – hospice, Robbe Rd.
2248 – noise complaint, W. Archwood
2317 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, April 11:
0803 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1240 – hospice, Wildbrook Dr.
1747 – assault & battery, Bemis/Rawsonville
1757 – private property accident, Lake Villa Dr.

Tuesday, April 12:
0812 – agency assist, Belleville/S. I-94 Service Dr.
0921 – suspicious situation, Van Buren St.
1202 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1341 – assault & battery, Beckley
1413 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1711 – abandoned auto, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born Rd.
1819 – trespassing, S. Woodbury Dr.
1849 – missing person, Ash Dr.
1926 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, April 13:
0800 – code enforcement, Hannan Rd.
0832 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
0952 – code enforcement, Dartmore
0954 – code enforcement, Dartmore
1242 – ordinance violation, Hamlin St.
1251 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.
1427 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1528 – property damage accident, Belleville / Walmart
1527 – child abuse, Lohr
1633 – fraud, N I-94 Service Dr.
1650 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1751 – noise complaint, Belle Villa
1930 – fraud, Samantha Ave., cancel
2059 – harassment call, Cobblestone, cancel
2146 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, April 14:
0011 – suspicious situation, Harbor Club
0020 – assault & battery, Westlake
0031 – intimidation threat, Haggerty Rd.
0131 – missing person, Winding Pond Dr.
0713 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0723 – juvenile complaint, Lindsey Dr.
0724 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
0727 – fire chief call, Tyler Rd., cancel
0727 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0732 – vehicle repossession, Water’s Edge Ln.
1116 – traffic hazard, NB I-275/Ecorse
1156 – suspicious person, Amanda Dr.
1305 – code enforcement, Hardwood Dr.
1404 – property damage accident, W. Archwood Dr.
1449 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.
1542 – hospice, E. Huron River Dr.
1546 – suspicious person, Elwell Rd.
1609 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1711 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
1843 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1845 – juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.
2030 – narcotics crime, Buchanan St.
2037 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2147 – retail fraud, Belleville
2344 – property damage accident, Michigan/Dellor

Friday, April 15:
0042 – agency assist, W I-94/Rawsonville
0046 – larceny from auto, Haggerty School

0851 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/railroad
0853 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
0913 – trespassing, Davenport Plaza
0925 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1130 – fraud, Fay Dr., cancel
1208 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1757 – holdup alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1837 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2012 – agency assist, Columbia/Davis
2016 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
2212 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
2240 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
2305 – agency assist, Denton Rd.
2321 – suspicious person, Old Denton Cemetery

Saturday, April 16:
0155 – agency assist, Rawsonville/I-94
0627 – property damage accident, Lohr/Van Buren Estates
0854 – assault & battery, Madison Dr.
0908 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Textile
0941 – private property incident, E. Huron River Dr.
1406 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.
1416 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1536 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1603 – assault & battery, Southport Apt.
1613 – narcotics crime, Beckley
1656 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1738 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1813 – holdup alarm, Michigan Ave.
1833 – shots fired, Bak Rd.
1904 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1910 – sexual assault, Denton Rd.
1923 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1929 – suicide or attempt, Oak Ln.
2017 – intimidation threat, Jackson St.

Also on this week’s log are 174 traffic stops, 30 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and seven within the city of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 10:
0045 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0901 – E-911 hang up/investigate, Santa Clara St.
1249 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
1255 – parking complaint, Main St./Third St.
1705 – private property damage accident, Jet’s
1939 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
2057 – agency assist, Edison
2222 – vehicle repossession, N. Liberty St.

Monday, April 11:
0401 – breaking & entering, Menlo Park Dr.
0419 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0901 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
0948 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1024 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd., cancel
1327 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1840 – E-911 cellular, Santa Clara St.
1936 – mental, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.
2104 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
2146 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, April 12:
0623 – background investigation, Potter Dr., cancel
1900 – suspicious person, Carmell St.
2028 – harassment call, Carmell St.

Wednesday, April 13:
0221 – suspicious vehicle, Davis/RR tracks
1613 – larceny, Owen St.
1659 – disturbance, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1753 – noise complaint, Belleville
2225 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.

Thursday, April 14:
0013 – breaking & entering, Menlo Park Dr.
0659 – property damage accident, High/Main
1142 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell
1333 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2353 – in station report, Main St.

Friday, April 15:
0051 – suicide or attempt, Loza Ln.
0818 – warrant arrest, Oakland Co. So.
1120 – noise complaint, W. Davis St.
1331 – found property, Savage/Madelon
1337 – code enforcement, Brain St.
1602 – suspicious situation, Church St.

2010 – domestic assault, Columbia/Davis

Saturday, April 16:
0246 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1035 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1045 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
1134 – animal complaint, Davis/Burhop’s, cancel
1332 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1944 – animal complaint, Jeremy/Bradley, cancel
2042 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
2221 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview parking lot

Also on this week’s log are 49 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 10:
1218 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1309 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1328 – suspicious person, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1340 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2220 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Martinsville

Monday, April 11:
0754 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willow
0804 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0823 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0955 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1130 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
1213 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1448 – suspicious incident, First St.
1653 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1854 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2212 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, April 12:
0007 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
0717 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster
0905 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0924 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1015 – civil dispute, Judd/Sumpter
1118 – warrant arrest pickup, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1145 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1156 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1226 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1724 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2105 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2210 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2353 – property damage accident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, April 13:
0629 – traffic hazard, Willis/Sumpter
0659 – well-being check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0723 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1303 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1424 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1515 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1907 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, April 14:
0217 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0333 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0508 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0807 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Clark Rd.
0808 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1402 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1458 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
1558 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1709 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, April 15:
0016 – noise complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
0341 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0855 – malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1152 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Arizona
1242 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1411 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1800 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1904 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1923 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
2056 – harassment complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2317 – property damage accident, Colorado

Saturday, April 16:
0252 – assist other agency, out of township
0748 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1129 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Willis

Rd.
1515 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1549 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1646 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1721 – reckless driver, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1731 – identity theft report, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1903 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2010 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
2052 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2341 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 25 follow-up investigations, 42 miscellaneous details, 104 patrol checks, and 26 traffic stops.

Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren callers now can text for 911 help

“Call if you can, text if you can’t.”

That’s the slogan for the new system that allows people within the borders of the 18 Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) communities to text for help if they can’t call 911.

The City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township are among the Western Wayne communities in CWW that can use the texting for help.

CWW stresses that the best way to contact 911 will continue to be by voice communication whenever possible, but during times that it is not, text-to-911 is now an option.

This service benefits those involved in incidents where verbal communication is limited, or sometimes not an option at all. For example, text-to-911 will be very useful for the approximate 34 million Americans who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech impaired.

Text-to-911 could also help in situations of domestic violence, kidnapping and other situations where victims need a way to call for help without tipping off a criminal during the commission of a crime.

Anyone who is within the borders of the 18 CWW communities can use the service, as long as they have a texting plan with one of the four major carriers: AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, or Verizon. The service is activated by sending an SMS text on a mobile phone to the number “911.” That text message will be routed to the nearest CWW911 dispatch center for action.

At the current time, the rest of Wayne County outside of the CWW area does not have the text-to-911 service, although some neighboring counties such as Oakland and Macomb have fully implemented the text-to-911 system.

If the texter is in an area that does not support text-to-911, the texter will receive a “bounce-back” message informing them 911 is not available via text.

The 18 community members of CWW that can use text-to-911 are: City of Belleville, Canton Township, City of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron Township, City of Inkster, City of Livonia, City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, City of Wayne, and City of Westland.

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More Letters

100 N. Liberty Street in dire need of repair

To the Editor:

The little "city-owned" building at 100 N. Liberty Street is in dire need of repair. It has become a real eyesore! It is also very dangerous, or will be. As I recall, there are large vats on the floor.

When our parents, William and Mary Graham, lived next door at 110 N. Liberty Street, they kept the building and grounds up.

Dad was retired and they were both avid gardeners, so, it was their pleasure! It was very attractive and passers-by would stop to admire it. It was often referred to as the "Doll House."

I have a letter from former City Manager Frank Pascarella (1984) commending our parents for their efforts.

A Concerned Citizen
Elaine Stabnau
Belleville

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But so is thunder and lightning"
— Clint Eastwood

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- Nail polish, glue
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