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City of Romulus accused of stealing court money to cover its payroll

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on March 25, the Romulus City Council considered opting into Public Act 152 for employee healthcare to cut back on its budget costs and seven people got up to protest the action before the votes were taken.

P.A. 152 was passed in 2011. It requires that local units of government place a hard cap on their health care, institute an 80/20 cost sharing arrangement, or opt out with 2/3 vote of the governing body.

After all was said and done, in a confusing vote the council did enact opting into P.A. 152 for active employees, but let retirees alone.

During public comment before the votes, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green said there has been some

conversation on the street that says the city is in trouble because of the building being constructed next door, referring to the new courthouse on the city campus.

Judge Green said in 2013 the court doubled fees for some cases and in 2014 it added fees and this will cover the \$17 million bond the city sold to build the courthouse. She said the court pays its part of health care and pensions for all its employees and, "The finance problems of the city should not be laid at the court's feet.

"We sustain our own employees and pay all of our employees," Green said. "That the city is in this situation because you had to pass the court bond is blatantly not true."

D'Sjonaun Hockenhuil, a 12-year employee of the court, asked the council to

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Arts Council receives \$4,300 Cozadd grant to put on Missoula Theater

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has received a \$4,300 grant from the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation for the Missoula Children's Theater.

The grant will pay for the Missoula Children's Theater Tour and a local pianist and accompanist.

The "Pied Piper" will take place at McBride Middle School, 47097 McBride Ave., Van Buren Township, on Saturday, May 18.

Two actor/directors will be arriving in Belleville on May 12 with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up. The Holiday Inn has donated two rooms for their week-long stay.

The MCT Tour begins with an open group audition on Monday, May 13, at McBride Middle School. Auditions are open to all students K-12. Informational fliers will be distributed to schools in Van Buren, Airport

and Lincoln School Districts, along with Keystone Academy.

There are roles suited for all ages, skill levels and experience levels. Approximately 50-60 students will be cast in the show.

Rehearsals will take place after school May 14-16, with a dress rehearsal on Friday, May 17. There will be two performances on May 18 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Mc Bride.

Missoula Children's Theater's primary goal is the development of life skills in children through their participation in the performing arts. The Belleville Area Council for the Arts said it is excited to bring this opportunity to the Belleville area.

For information on how you can become a patron for "The Pied Piper" performance call (734) 697-4455.



Children, from left, are Katie Russell, Julian Gardner, Sarah Flange, Allison Sears, Haley Janney, and Logan LaRocque.

BHS Productions to present 'Sound of Music' musical April 11-13

The Belleville High School Productions cast and crew will present Rogers and Hammerstein's classic, "The Sound of Music," Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 13, at the BHS Auditorium.

Show times on Thursday and Friday are 7 p.m., and on Saturday 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are reserved seating only and can be purchased on line at Showtix4u.com, or one hour before show time at the auditorium box office.

The story takes place in pre-WWII Austria. It is the true story of Maria Rainer, who takes a job as governess to a large family while she decides whether to become a nun. Maria falls in love with the children and their widowed father, Captain von Trapp. He is ordered to accept a commission in the German navy, but he opposes the Nazis. He then must find safe passage for his new wife, and his children out of Austria.

The BHS Productions students have been in rehearsal since the middle of January.

"The calendar says we've had plenty of time to put this together, but with 12 days off for bad weather and scheduling conflicts, we've had some difficulty gaining any real momentum until just recently," said Musical Director Larry Koch.

"The actors have had to play a lot of catch up, adding hours to the days and days to the weekends. It's like cramming an entire

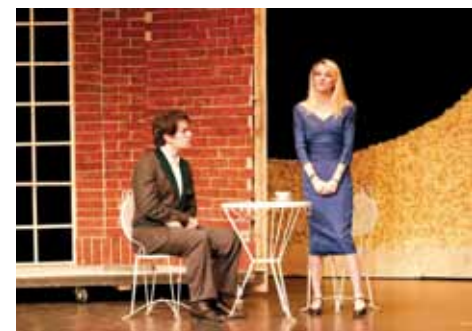
semester of algebra into eight weeks, but they've done it, and I couldn't be more proud," Koch said.

Other students have had their own hills to climb this season, especially those who build the sets and scenery.

Technical Director Yvette Kashmer said, "The techies have worked so hard. These dedicated students come every day and stay long hours after school, and they easily put in 12-hour days each weekend."

Despite the time constraints experienced so far, Kashmer knows they'll be ready. "We have to be!" said Kashmer, "These kids really deserve a large audience."

"The Sound of Music" production is also managed by Assistant Director Anthony Tedaldi, Assistant Director and Choreographer Jessica Carlin, Choral Director Joe Marino, and Orchestra Director Mike Campbell.



Lance Bagley and Frankie Cramer

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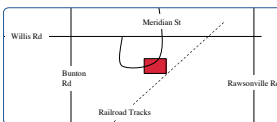
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Volunteer group finds remains of missing man in VBT field

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

It took the Michigan Search and Rescue volunteers and their dogs just an hour and a half to find the body of the missing Marcus Esper, 56, of Superior Township who had left his car in the Church of God parking lot in Belleville early last week.

Police in two counties had been looking for the man for days.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said at 10:46 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, his department found the car of Esper who had been reported missing early March 26 after not coming home March 25. He said there was blood in the vehicle so they treated it like a homicide, although there also were razor blades that indicated he may have cut himself.

Chief Berriman said he and Sgt. Todd Schrecengost had the vehicle towed to a secure location at J&T Towing and got a warrant on March 28 to search the car, which contained the missing man's cell phone. They interviewed many people but were unsuccessful in finding the man. Michigan State Police and Washtenaw County canines had searched behind the church without success.

Chief Berriman said they were running out of options so at noon on Friday he called Michigan Search and Rescue headquarters in Lansing. He said the volunteers from all over Southeastern Michigan have sniffer and cadaver dogs and offer their service without charge.

Chief Berriman said the group agreed to come at once and were at the site at 3 p.m.

Friday when Officer Jeff Wickham was due to come on duty to work with them. Chief Berriman met the volunteers at the church.

They brought 30 volunteers and 15 dogs. A team from Grand Rapids went to the field across Hull Road south of the church and a black lab had a "pop up" response and led them right to the body.

Chief Berriman said the body was in Van Buren Township boundaries so he waited at the scene and turned the case over to VBT Police Sgt. Gueli. Det. Mike Long now is handling the case and talked to the family, said VBT Police Chief Jason Wright.

A missing person alert had been issued the morning after Esper left his home in his white, 2013 Buick LaCrosse and did not come home. He had worked as a truck driver seven years, but did not show up for

work on Monday, March 25. He had called in sick the previous Friday.

Chief Berriman said Esper had sold his condo and had been outbid on three houses he wanted to buy. He told his family he was going to a Ypsilanti storage facility to arrange to store their household belongings and then texted his wife that he "couldn't fix it."

Chief Berriman said he cannot say with certainty, but the evidence points to suicide. Chief Wright also said evidence points that way, as did the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department which initiated the search.

Chief Wright said the remains were taken to the Wayne County Medical Examiner for a final determination of the cause of death.

Sumpter OKs budget of \$8.49 million revenues, \$9.56 million expenses

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on March 26, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved its new budget for 2019-20 that has total revenues of \$8.49 million and total expenses of \$9.56 million. The new fiscal year begins April 1.

The board also approved the township's 2019-20 insurance renewal with Burnham & Flower, effective April 1, at a cost of \$101,261. This includes the new addition of casualty and property terrorism coverage.

In other business at the March 26 meeting, the board:

- Unanimously voted to pay warrants of \$103,484.62, minus the \$3,024.59 check written to complete payment for the new board table that was yet to be installed. Treasurer Ken Bednark said it was not a good idea to pay for something before seeing it. Finance Director Scott Holtz said it was past practice to approve the payment and then release the check later. "I would rather have the board make that decision," Bednark said. (Reportedly, the table was installed the next day and there were some problems.);

- Approved an additional payment of \$23,415 for control panel disconnects for the Willis/Sumpter Road sewer lift station repair after Bednark questioned the extra payment and board discussion on how the cost of this project has grown and how the township conducts its bid process. "It was an open-ended bid and I questioned the hurry," Trustee Don LaPorte said of the original bid. "It was an emergency then. I guess it's still an emergency... I'm ashamed of myself for not voting no in the beginning." Trustee Tim Rush said the township should build a simple lean-to over the equipment, that has been damaged

by corrosive gases, to shield it from direct sunlight. Supervisor John Morgan warned board members against going against the engineering consultant and the head of the water department, who are experts. "I'm not questioning the way the job's laid out," Bednark said. "Why can't they put their finger on what needs to be done?";

- Approved the second reading and adopted the amended section to the township zoning ordinance to add yard waste and ice/snow/slush to what cannot be dumped or disposed of in public or private rights of way or road surfaces;

- Approved the second reading and adopted the amended section to the township zoning ordinance to add environment, drains, and public and private right of ways to places people cannot dump waste;

- Approved directing the clerk to mail a draft of the Master Plan to neighboring communities and major utility companies for review;

- Approved paying \$556.40 to have DTE install a streetlight in the parking lot of the Sumpter Township Police Department;

- Amended the MERS defined-contributions plan to allow for additional employee contribution;

- Granted Collin Lynch and Laura Bratby leaves of absence until July 1, 2019, retroactive to March 1, 2019;

- Approved a recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission to move Krystal Tackett from alternate member to full-time member;

- Approved a recommendation from Parks & Recreation Commission to change the rental fee for pavilions at Graham and Banotai parks from \$50 to \$100, starting immediately, due to rising maintenance costs;

- Approved the Feb. 6 minutes of a

special, hour-long Parks and Recreation Commission board meeting to consider a donation for the Missoula Children's Theater, which was to be in Sumpter in May. Fifteen people were listed as being present. The minutes said: "The commission took a vote and decided not to help. We were approached at the last minute for help with this matter. We voted it down on the ground that all our monies for the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission has already set their budget for the year and had nothing left to offer them." The motion was by Jim Posegay, supported by Sharon Pokerwinski. All votes were no with one abstaining;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children will be at noon on Saturday, April 13, at Graham Park. He said Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to help to clean up Banotai Park on April 27 and Graham Park on May 4. "We have a ton of mulch coming for the playscapes," said Trustee Swinson. He also said they are in the process of getting a swing set to hold a wheelchair for both parks, paid for by Wayne County;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy say the planning commission is requesting pictures of Sumpter Township scenes to add to the Master Plan booklet. He said the pictures need to be in digital format. A request for the pictures will go out over Comcast, channel 12;

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush say he and Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke are working on the Storm Ready program with an application to the National Weather Service. He said part of this is the Sky Warn program that will begin with a 3-4 hour class which is open to the public. The Storm Ready program will enhance

the township's emergency management and lower insurance rating, especially flood insurance, Trustee Rush said;

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte say that the National Incident Management (NIMS) training is coming for board members. He said completing the 6-8 hours of training helps with grant availability from the state and federal governments. Sumpter fire fighter Jaime Goode is the instructor;

- Heard resident Adrian Slaughter ask the definition of "warrants" and Supervisor Morgan replied, "Those are the bills we owe." Then she asked township attorney Rob Young if he was employed by the supervisor's office or the board and Young said it was the board. She asked Young if he had a contract and he said he didn't but by continuing to provide services he works at the pleasure of the board. He has worked for the township about 30 years and he did have a contract at one time, he said. He listed the kinds of services he provides. When Slaughter asked if he represented employees and he said only when related to their jobs. "I don't represent them as private citizens," Young said;

- Heard former Treasurer Peggy Morgan ask if someone has a legal license to carry a gun can they have a medical marijuana card. Chief Luke said that is a grey area. He said Michigan may become a no-permit-needed state. He said those against marijuana are losing the battle and the marijuana is winning. He said police officers are licensed by the state and don't need a concealed carry permit. He said officers don't have medical marijuana cards. Later, he said he wanted to make sure that was not an allegation ... to make sure there was no misunderstanding and Morgan said it was not an allegation.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville's front door changes hands

On Monday, the City of Belleville received six Property Transfer Affidavits for parcels at the city's front door near the Belleville Bridge.

The property owned by Sam Kassab in the 500 block of Main Street, along with a house behind those commercial buildings on North Liberty Street, now belong to Scott Jones of Van Buren Township.

City Manager Diane Kollmeyer confirmed that this was good news for the city. The deteriorated condition of the 500 block has invited escalating complaints over the years, including even more at Monday's city council meeting.

City Clerk Sherri Scharf also said recently a woman came into city hall with her daughter. She said the woman used to live there and brought her daughter to see the Belleville she remembered. The woman said the gateway to the city looked like "Beirut" and she was very disappointed.

Hopefully, Jones, whose family started and used to own L&W Engineering, will come up with a wonderful plan to make the entryway to the city beautiful and productive. Everyone is counting on him.

People have been trying to buy the empty properties with the huge parking area for years, but Kassab was unwilling to sell – until now.

The seawall next door to this site is getting fixed and a deteriorated building on E. Huron River Drive got a new roof and there are plans for the carwash next door which has been sold. Things are looking up for Belleville.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Our 34th District Court in Romulus is the spot for all week-end arraignments in Wayne County, so suspects from all over the county are brought to our court when all the other courts are closed. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutors do not work on weekend arraignments, so sometimes that leads to problems.

The arraignment are made by judges and magistrates from throughout the county who take turns coming to sit on the bench on Saturdays and Sundays.

Last week there was a furor over a defendant arraigned by a visiting magistrate who freed an accused drug mule on \$200 bond. He promptly skipped town and didn't show up for his probable cause hearing at 36th District Court.

The Mexican citizen was facing life in prison for allegedly trying to smuggle more than six kilos of cocaine and heroin into Detroit. Police say he confessed to the crime. They also say he probably went home to Mexico and they are not happy.

Visiting magistrate Vesta Swenson set bond at \$2,000/10%, so all he needed was \$200 get out of jail. Swenson later apologized for making a mistake. She said she didn't realize the amount of drugs involved. She has been taken off the rotation for week-end arraignments.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she will ask for a week-end prosecutor in her office's next budget. Her office also will try to get high-risk defendants arraigned during the week.

The tri-community updates given by leaders of Belleville, Van Buren, Sumpter and the Van Buren Public Schools at the



Chamber of Commerce luncheon on March 27, included these comments.

Karen Armatis, deputy supervisor of Sumpter Township: There are five mobile home parks in Sumpter and one, Rawsonville Woods, has put in 60 new homes and 100 more are coming. She also said the new board table is "real wood" and the current table was pressed wood with formica covering that had been there since the 1950s. Also, since Bridge Cards don't pay for paper products, seven workers in the township office had a project, "Paper for Pies," where rolls of toilet paper were brought in to enter pies for tasting and selling. They collected over a pallet of TP, she said to help the community. Also, they filled laundry baskets with cleaning supplies. They also paid \$2 a day to wear bluejeans to work. At Christmas they were able to help 23 families, Armatis said.

Kevin McNamara, supervisor of Van Buren Township, had to be out of town during the luncheon so he made a "State of the Township" tape that was shown. He told all of the wonderful things the township is building and put a pause into his speech to wait for the audience to applaud the members of the Van Buren Civic Fund who donated \$200,000 to help with the new Splash Pad that should be in place in August. It's free to use – according to current plans.

Kerreen Conley, mayor of the City of Belleville, told of what's going on in the city and noted that the Veterans

Monument in Horizon Park belongs to all three communities, but the city hosts the monument and is taking care of it. She said the monument now needs about \$40,000 worth of repair and they will be looking for partnerships with VBT and Sumpter Township to fix it.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak prepared a written outline of his remarks and passed it out to everyone. He said the district has a \$64 million budget and a fund balance of about 15%. There are about 550 employees, 4,600 students, and a state foundation allowance of \$8,004 per student. One payroll equals \$1.4 million. He told of the bond proposal the district hopes to pass in November. With the refinancing of the 2.98-mill bonds that built the new high school, taxpayers could be getting a break with a lower millage rate of 2.35, but if taxpayers agree to keep paying the 2.98 mills, the district could raise \$25 million to build an early childhood development center. You will hear about this again.

Supt. Kudlak also talked about knowledge and how it is growing. Years ago, knowledge doubled every 100 years, then 25 years, and then faster. He said as of 2013, human knowledge doubles every 13 months. Probably faster now. Wow.



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Letters

Parks & Rec wants to honor Sumpter veterans

To the editor:

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation will be honoring veterans at the annual 2019 Sumpter Country Fest held Memorial Weekend, May 24-27.

Although we will be honoring "all veterans," we will be dedicating our 36th-annual festival to "Sumpter Township Veterans."

If you are a veteran, of any branch of the service, that is living in Sumpter Township or know of one that is, we would like to hear from you.

You will find application forms at the township hall and at many local businesses (including the *Independent*). We are looking for basic information and a photograph of any phase of your service.

This information will be displayed in the pavilion for viewing during the festival.

Your assistance in helping us gather information would be appreciated. If you have any questions or would like a form mailed to you, please contact Parks & Rec members Jim or Joanne Posegay at 45480 Rymut Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-0639. Thank you.

Jim and Joanne Posegay
Parks & Recreation Commission
Sumpter Township

Join in fight to save our innocent babies

To the editor:

A must-see: I went and saw a movie that just came out this past week end called, "Unplanned." It is a must-see. It reveals a little bit of what goes on at Planned Parenthood.

It's based on Abby Johnson's life as the director of Planned Parenthood and the eight years that she worked there. I pray that as many of the people that can will please go see it.

It makes me want to be more active at fighting for our unborn. Please join in the fight to end all this horror and save our future which are these innocent babies.

Thank you and may God bless and guide you in every moment of your lives.

Ready to fight
Teresa Caudill

\$1,000 bond for threat?

To the editor:

So, if you threaten to kill several people with a loaded rifle, you get out of jail on essentially a one thousand dollar bond? Good job, Judge Green.

D. A. Williams, Dearborn Heights
Editor's Note: The \$10,000/10% bond was set by Judge David Parrott at the defendant's arraignment. That was before he appeared in front of Judge Green for his preliminary exam. She continued the bond that had been set.

Savage PTO is having on-line fund raiser

To the editor:

From April 1 through May 3 we are holding an on-line fund raiser for Savage Elementary School PTO at www.avon.com/fundraiser/savage.

Gift sets for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries and more! Send this link to all your friends and family to help us meet our goal of \$4,000.

The grade with the highest sales will win an Ice Cream Sundae Party. Enter the student's grade level in "2nd address line" of the shipping address. 40% of beauty sales and 20% of non-beauty sales will be donated to "Savage Elementary PTO."

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April 13 – Dina Dunt
April 15 – Heather McArthur
April 18 – Ken Bleeker, Anthony Kuchta
April 19 – Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta
April 22 – Elliott Sala

Do you have a birthday in April? Does anyone 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.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Budget Hearing
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer Bednark, Trustees LaPorte, Oddy, Rush and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney R. Young, Finance Director S. Holtz, Deputy Supervisor K. Armatis Fire Chief Januszzyk, Public Safety/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 38 residents.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to open the public hearing for the 2019-2020 Township budget. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Budget presentation by S. Holtz began with two questions: Sustainable Township and how you want to see the Township in 15-20 years.

- 1) Rules were given to residents
- 2) Where we've been Fiscal Year 2017-2018
- 3) Expenses Fiscal Year 2017-2018
- 4) Where we're at today Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 5) General Fund as of 1/31/19 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 6) Fire Fund as of 1/31/19 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 7) Police Fund as of 1/31/19 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 8) Other Gov't Fund as of 1/31/19 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 9) Water Fund as of 1/31/19 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 10) Where we're going Fiscal Year 2019-2020
- 11) What is included in revenues
- 12) Tax Bill explanations
- 13) Township Millages explanation
- 14) General Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2020 with trends
- 15) Fire Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2020 with trends
- 16) Police Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2020 with trends
- 17) Water Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2020 with trends
- 18) Total Sumpter budget proposed Fiscal Year 2020 with trends

40-45% of a budget in government is salaries and that is the normal rate.

In 2011 CVT revenue sharing was cut 50# and has not returned to original amounts

Salaries are down over the last 2 years due to higher seniority people retiring.

2.8-3 million underfunded in pension. Sumpter is above other communities; paying an extra \$25,000 per month towards shortfall.

Fire fund will be replacing engine in Fiscal Year 2021. GLWA and YCUA is largest part of the budget.

Need to start looking at replacing water lines.

Miscellaneous is bond payment.

Contracted services out weigh the salaries.

New DPW/Water truck in budget

Next 5 years may have some retirees.

Township is not over-staffed.

Two questions from the residents.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Karen Armatis, Deputy Supervisor

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

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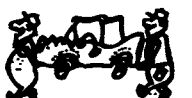
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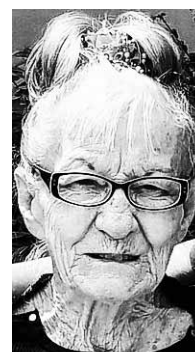
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Obituaries



Ella Marie Vandecar

ELLA MARIE VANDECAR

June 1, 1929 - March 22, 2019

Ella Marie Vandecar, age 89, of Belleville passed away March 22, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Bill Siemasz. Loving mother of Dale (Karen) Helton and Tim (Norma) Siemasz. Dearest grandmother of Tina, Michael, Steven, Jim, Tom, and John. Great-grandmother of Michael, Alyssa, Josh, Christina, Brandon, Jacob, and Tyler. Great-Great-grandmother of Jayden, Audrina, and Cameron. She is also survived by her brother Paul Murray of Tucson, AZ. She is preceded in death by her son Thomas Helton and her grandson Kevin Helton. Her cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.



Jennifer Marie Bush

JENNIFER MARIE BUSH

December 24, 1980 - March 19, 2019

Jennifer Marie Bush, 38, daughter of Jonathan and Betty Jane Bush of Belleville, passed away in Florida on March 19, 2019.

A daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and mother that will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace in God's hands. She will be forever in our hearts.

LINDA MAY BRINDLE

October 5, 1946 - March 31, 2019

Age 72, of Van Buren Township. Died suddenly on Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Linda is the beloved wife of the late Robert (d. 2009); loving mother of Tracy (Loren) Beard of Alpena, Tricia (Glenn) Helzerman of Belleville and Trent (Krista) Young of Gladwin. Mrs. Brindle is also survived by her grandchildren, Kayla Helzerman, Tiffany Helzerman, Katherine Beard and Alyssa (Anthony) Gazda; siblings, Douglass (Jill) Ellis of Florida and Clara (John) Suci of Florida; and her cat, "Lilley".

A longtime Van Buren Township resident, Linda worked at the Belleville WalMart, where she made many friends through the years and in her spare time enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching game shows and the Home Shopping Network.

In keeping with her wishes, a simple cremation will take place, no public services will be held at this time. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Carl Douglas Winekoff, Sr.

CARL DOUGLAS WINEKOFF, SR.

January 12, 1938 - March 27, 2019

Carl Douglas Winekoff, Sr., age 81, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019. He was born January 12, 1938 in Wayne, MI, son of Carl & Marie Marquerite Waneta (Morton) Winekoff.

Carl enjoyed buying, renting, and fixing up homes for many years. He also enjoyed working on cars. He was an "all around Mr. Fixit" sort of guy. He loved spending time with his best buddy, his dog, Axel. He was a great storyteller which brought much joy to any audience. Mr. Winekoff is survived by his wife of 60+ years, Della Faye (Templeman) Winekoff, three children: Shawn (John) Richmond of Belleville, MI, Carl (Nicole) Winekoff, Jr. of Westland, MI, and Tamara (Danny) Bledsoe of Westland, MI; 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, a sister Joyce (Van) Harmon of Lakeland, Florida, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Ricky Todd Winekoff on March 30, 2004, sisters Sharon Gouge and Yvonne Templeman, and his beloved dog, Axel, in Feb., 2019.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Sumpter Twp.

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Morgan also asked about pensions and Young said they don't have the answers to the pension problems yet;

• Heard Zeola Walker note that not one person of color works in township hall, with elected Supervisor Morgan an exception. She said everyone working at the township hall is a European American. "I've been here 44 years and have seen just one person of color here," Walker said. Bednark said he recently had to hire a part-time clerk and he had 12 applications and none was a person of color. "I embrace diversity. I welcome that," he said, adding he cannot answer why no one of color applied. Supervisor Morgan said 30-40 years ago he had total control over hiring and he had the same concerns. He said they developed a written test with math, reading, and overall ability for a clerical-type job. "We had 25 people take the tests and we interviewed the top eight. No person of color was in the top eight. How do you fix that? We did a lot of work to get people of color," Morgan said; and

• Heard Eric Partridge say he found, through a Freedom of Information Act request, that the cost of the new board table has gone up by \$2,800 for the addition of granite. He said the cost of the table now is at \$9,400, close to the \$10,000 limit. He wanted to know how the granite got added to the contract. "Did you vote on this? Talk among yourselves?" he asked the board. Supervisor Morgan replied, "I'm not going to get in a pissing match with you." He said, "The lady in back knows." But when he looked to the back of the room he noted that now she's not here. He referred to Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis who, as Partridge stood up to talk, reportedly stepped into the back break room and closed the door.

Absent from the meeting was Clerk Esther Hurst.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Congratulations to Ron and Jane Vesche of Coldwell Banker Plymouth office who were selected as one of Hour Detroit Magazine's 2019 Real Estate All Stars and their names will be among the list that will appear in the June 2019 issue of the publication. The magazine can also be found online at www.hourdetroit.com. Real estate agents whose sales volume fell within the top 5% in metro Detroit were selected. Congratulations!

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Fellows Creek Golf Club of Canton as Chamber Member of the Month for April. Congratulations.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter, is holding an online fundraiser starting at noon on Tuesday, April 9, titled Fund the Shelters Challenge with a goal of raising \$50,000. The first 100 on-line donations of at least \$25 will receive a matching donation. One of their dreams is to one day have their very own veterinary clinic on site and the fundraiser will get that started, as well as help with continued day-to-day operations of running the no-kill shelter. Visit their Facebook page to learn more at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Be sure to check out their website too at www.fmar1.org. The shelter will also be offering pet adoption events on April 13 at the Pet Emporium in Ann Arbor and April 20 at Petco Pet Store in Westland. Call (734) 461-9458.

Spring fever has hit Dave's Treasure Trove on East Huron River Drive in Belleville as it offers 25% off all fishing rods and reels during the month of April. All fishing lures are purchase three, get one free. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday, from noon until 5 p.m. See its ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-4438.

Today's paper features an insert by Sumpter Ace Hardware telling of its Spring Sale going on now through April 15. Save on bags of the lawn care fertilizer step pro-

gram as well as grills, lawn care machines, patio furniture, tools and more. This Saturday, April 6, the store invites everyone to its Neighborhood Yard Party, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with product demos and tutorials and a chance to enter and win a free \$50 Ace Gift Card. To learn how you can have your advertisement inserted into this newspaper, call me at (734) 699 9020.

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Samantha Anteau earns BA at Alma College

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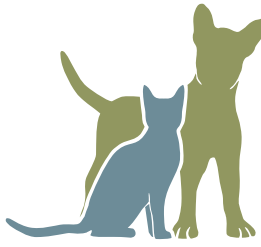
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P&P Dance Centre site of Youth Dance Day on April 20, \$5 each

Registration is open for Youth Dance Day, a spring event hosted by local non-profit dance company Pure Existence.

The one-day-only dance event will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at P&P Dance Centre at 329 Industrial Park Dr., Belleville.

The event is open to youth in the community ages 5-18 at a cost of \$5 each. Classes will include the basics of jazz, ballet, modern, and improvisational movement.

Pure Existence, a local non-profit professional dance company established in 2012 by director Jodie Randolph, strives to bridge the gap between self-connection and connection to others through movement research, community engagement, and performances.

Teaching artists of Pure Existence say they are eager to share their knowledge of dance with youth in the community who have not yet been exposed to the many benefits dance can provide.

"I am incredibly excited to be presenting this event!" said Pure Existence associate director Megan Scheppelman.

"With support from the Weikart Foundation, we are able to bring dance education to the community with very little charge. I am honored to be part of this organization and its mission to spread the power of dance to everyone," Scheppelman said.

The Youth Dance Day mission is to make dance accessible to ALL kids, regardless of experience and/or socioeconomic status. Youth Dance Day teaches participants that dance can be a healthy outlet for self-expression. In a crafted atmosphere of acceptance and safety, Youth Dance Day staff will encourage students to explore the dance space independently and with peers. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

For more information, visit www.pureexistencedance.com/youth-dance-day.html.



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Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman publicly thanks volunteer group

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Police Chief Hal Berriman said he wanted to personally and publicly thank the Michigan Search and Rescue volunteers who came out within hours and within an hour and a half after they got there, "We had closure."

He said on Friday afternoon 30 volunteers and 15 dogs came to the church on Hull Road where a missing man's car had been found.



Ligeia

The group serves without charge and one of the dogs immediately found the remains of the missing man.

Before the council meeting, Chief Berriman showed the picture of Ligeia, the black Labrador retriever who found the body. He called Ligeia the "hero dog."

Chief Berriman said the dog lived in Grand Rapids with his handler who said he named the dog Ligeia after the Greek sirens who called out to sailors on the waters. He said when he first got the dog, the dog called out all the way home to Grand Rapids.

In other business at Monday's 12-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved accounts payable of \$137,345.38 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$4,425 for a water main break; to Cadillac Asphalt, \$621 for road repair; and to Wise Technologies, \$585 for computers/network;

- Heard Councilman Jesse Marcotte say dumpster enclosures in the city have taken a beating this winter, especially pointing out the Kassab property in the 500 block of Main Street. He said the building continues to be an eyesore, with the dumpster enclosure falling in on itself and brush everywhere. (Before the meeting, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer confirmed to the *Independent* that the city had received six Property Transfer Affidavits on the Kassab property. According to those close to the transaction, the property, including the house behind the property on North Liberty Street, has been purchased by Scott Jones.);

- Heard Councilman Marcotte say he would like to organize an effort to clean up the former store next door that the city had purchased. He said if the city makes citizens clean up the city should clean up its own property. City Manager Kollmeyer said she said there is a plan for late spring or early summer to work on demolishing the building and she said it had been cleaned up inside. Marcotte also said there are problems at Lakeview and Kollmeyer said, "Conversations have been held about that very thing." Marcotte also said the new roof on the building on East Huron River Drive is great. Kollmeyer said there are plans for that area, including the car wash next door which has been sold;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley say the rope in Horizon Park looks terrible and they should look at replacing it all, from one end to the other. Kollmeyer said the better roping costs more money. Mayor Conley also noted that Comcast just started work at Harbour Pointe with no announcements that day. "They took over the subdivision. People are everywhere," she said, noting they are putting in fiber optic cable;

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder say before the meeting that the Belleville High School golf team will be using the course at Willow Metropark, since the future of the golf course at Harbour Club Apartments is uncertain because of the sale of the apartments;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say that he will be attending the 7 p.m., April 8 public forum at BHS on the proposed route of the Iron Belle Trail, that will be coming through Belleville; and

- Went into closed-door session with its attorney to discuss the status and strategy of pending negotiations with the Michigan Fire Fighters Association union and came out to ratify the agreement.

Kollmeyer said the contract is from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2019 and carries a 2% annual wage increase and a training wage increase, which is retroactive. Training was \$10 and will be \$11 as of January 2018, \$11.50 as of January 2019 and will be \$12 on Dec. 31. Kollmeyer said the contract is in effect as of Tuesday and the union has ratified it as well.

Absent from the meeting was Councilman Tom Smith.

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More Letters

Savage Lighthouse Team held drive for Girlstown

To the editor:

In December, the Lighthouse Team at Savage Elementary held a drive for household items to benefit Guiding Harbor's Girlstown Residential Program.

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We were then invited to an assembly where

they gave an enlightened presentation to the entire school about Guiding Harbor and foster care. It was so impressive to see this group of children, with the help of their advisors, make such a difference for the residents at Girlstown.

I just wanted to thank the Lighthouse Team for all of their hard work and generosity. Their presentation and donations mean a great deal to us. We are grateful to be part of the same community where these kids are growing up. They will, no doubt, make the world a better place.

Jennifer Trotter, LMSW
Chief Executive Officer, Guiding Harbor
www.guidingharbor.org



Sarah McDonald of Van Buren Township, at right, was at the Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park recently when she met up with Kyle Troup, a leading member of the Professional Bowlers Association and a popular figure on television bowling shows. He was taking part in the World Series of Bowling X (tenth year at Thunderbird). Troup is popular for the routine of fluffing up his hair with picks after a strike and has the nickname of "Afro Fish." McDonald, who was at the lanes to watch her father Keith McDonald, in the Pro Am Bowl with the Pros March 10 and 17, showed off her hometown paper.

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- **Saturday, April 6** – Vintage Jumble Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St.
- **Saturday, April 6** – Smart Phone Photography from 2-4 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. Professional photographer Jeff Smith will teach you how to take better pictures with your smart phone, as well as advice on apps for shooting and editing your photos. Space is limited; registration is required. Visit <http://belleville.evanced.info/signup/> or call the library to register, (734) 699-3291.
- **Saturday, April 6** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.
- **Sunday, April 7** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's the Albert Muniz Band. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Sunday, April 7** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans

Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, April 8** – Meeting at 7 p.m. at Belleville High School to discuss details of the proposed Iron Belle Trail through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville before it is finalized.

• **Tuesday, April 9** – Belleville Area Women's Club's Spring Fashion Show at 6 p.m. at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Rd., Wayne. Tickets are \$40 each. For information, call (734) 625-0919.

• **Wednesday, April 10** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person; children 12 and under, \$5 each. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage. (734) 654-0920

• **Saturday, April 13** – Sumpter Township annual Easter Egg Hunt for children at noon at Graham Park, corner of Sumpter and Wear roads.

• **Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14** – Stamp collectors are gathering for the 50th West Suburban Stamp Club's show at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland. Admission and parking are free. Complimentary evaluations of your stamps. Thirty-nine dealers from 10 states and Canada will be present to sell stamps, postcards, and other related items. Nineteen exhibitors will be judged. Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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VBT DDA OKs more money for pathway on Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved additional construction engineering services in the amount of \$110,000 with the DDA portion of \$84,194 in accordance with the MDOT Agreement for the Belleville Road non-motorized pedestrian pathway.

At the regular DDA meeting March 26, Director Susan Ireland explained the background. In March 2018, the DDA board of directors approved a contract with the Michigan Department of Highways for the construction of a non-motorized pathway on the east side of Belleville Road over I-94 from the South Service Drive to the North Service Drive.

"I am pleased we were able to undertake this project," Ireland said. "It is another way of making a connection to our PlaceMaking effort within the DDA boundary."

The decorative fencing and logo have been installed on the bridge, the pedestrian lighting has been put up. The finishing touches will be completed when the weather becomes consistently warmer.

She said items remaining are the landscaping, staining the blockwork, painting the remainder of the bridge and placement of the Van Buren Township lettering on the bridge below the logo.

She said the DDA sold bonds and the amount placed into the fund for the project was \$1,947,399.90 to pay the DDA's portion of the project.

"As I have learned with any project of this magnitude, there is always something that could happen that could not be foreseen, such as:

- Additional temporary concrete barrier wall on the outside lanes of eastbound I-94;
- Draining repairs to the southeast quadrant of Belleville/South Service Drive

that alleviated flooding in that area; and

- An abundance of rain in the fall of 2018 contributed to delays of building the bridge deck.

"These types of things required additional construction engineering services with Manick Smith than had originally been planned," she said. "MDOT is requesting the DDA approve additional construction engineering for \$110,000, of which the DDA portion ... would be in an amount of \$84,194. This can be satisfied with the bond proceeds."

DDA Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer said at the corner of Belleville Road and the South Service Drive a woman's home had its backyard under water and this was corrected.

"The street lights look great," said DDA member Carol Bird. "It really looks like a path now."

In other business at the 40-minute March 26 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved a change order for the Place Making project for an immediate price increase for asphalt of \$3,453.45. Ireland said Ajax Materials Corporation informed their vendors of the price increase. "Ajax cited that oil prices had reached their highest level since 2014 and the oil industry contacts told them the upward swing is due to geopolitical and market conditions included but not limited to the Iran sanctions, Russian and Saudi Arabian production cuts and Venezuela's reduction in crude production." DDA board members were skeptical of this. "It's ridiculous. It really is," said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson. "We could rebid it, but it could come in higher." DDA member Jim

Chudzinski said, "If the price goes down, would they do it for less? I think not."

• Heard Ireland report that the sub floor of the main structure has been completed at the Place Making site and the framing of the walls has begun. She said they are seeing activity at the site on a daily basis as the weather has warmed up;

• After much discussion, voted to award the contract for the Belleville/Ecorse Road intersection grounds maintenance to Randy Brown Landscape in his bid amount of \$16,765, with the stipulation he provides items by April 9 that were not included with the incomplete bid, which are: references, insurance, and assurance that black mulch will be used. If that doesn't happen, the contract will be awarded to Gonczy's Property Maintenance for his \$15,530 bid. Also, bidding was Pioneer Landscape at \$19,050. Ireland noted that the DDA had had issues with Brown in the past and she wanted to give him another chance. His business is in the DDA district;

• Approved the 2019 contract for Belleville Road Streetscape maintenance to high-bidder Pioneer Landscape for \$8,400. The board decided it was "quality we know." Other bidders were Randy Brown Landscape, with an incomplete bid of \$6,940, and Gonczy's Property Maintenance for \$5,100; and

• Heard Lothringer report that selection of outdoor sculptures took place March 8 and they started with more than 300 pieces to look at and had to bring it down to a total of ten between Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville. She said sculpture swap out generally takes place the last week in May.



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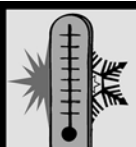
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The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History brought the exhibit to BHS on April 1. It is "Alexander Hamilton: Immigrant, Patriot, Visionary."

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James G. Basker, president of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, said, "So much about him is attractive to us. He was an immigrant from the Caribbean, a disadvantaged orphan who became a war hero, a self-made man who rose to become a framer of the Constitution, and architect of the American financial system."

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Romulus

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forego implementation of Public Act 152. He said there is an incessant perception that court employees are overpaid for their work.

Hockenhull said the city uses income from the court for its bottom line and if the court would move to another venue, the city could possibly go into state receivership.

"The city misused or possibly stole funds raised by the court just to make payroll," he said, adding the city has not accepted responsibility, paid the money back, or identified the individual responsible.

The council chairman cut into his remarks

to ask him if he was making accusations. He said he was making a statement. Another councilmember urged the chair to let him continue.

Hockenhull said this court is the third- or fourth-busiest court in the State of Michigan and has maintained a level of excellence. He said the court pays its bills and the court is being penalized for the city's irresponsibility.

He asked how significant it would be if all the court's fulltime employees withdrew from the city's insurance group.

Kathy Mecure, president of the union at the court, said police officers also will have to pay \$800 a month more for insurance. She said the court covers 144 square

miles and sees 180,000 people a year. She guessed the city employees dealt with 5% of that number. She pointed out some city employees got 20% salary increases last year. The court has turned over about \$2.5 million to the city each year for the last 20 years, she said.

Mecure said on Oct. 1, 2013 fees for bench warrants, late fees, and show cause were increased and in 2014 a \$20 fee for all cases were added to build the court.

Between 2013 and 2017, the court raised \$3.4 million which was given to the city to be put in a separate account for construction of the new courthouse, but it was added to the city's general fund over the years, she said.

She said the \$3.4 million, if not used for the courthouse, under the agreement one third of that amount should be split with

other municipalities who use the court, but Romulus took 100%.

Besides Romulus, the 34th District Court covers Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and Huron Township.

"A third-party audit is necessary," she stated. She asked the city council to opt out of P.A. 152.

Mindy Suchy, vice president of the court union and court employee for 22 years, said the extra \$800 a month is "Wow!" for her current health insurance. She said she is a single mother, as she wiped away tears, and this change will bring a tremendously negative morale effect on city employees, police department, and the court.

She said an optional health savings account would require she pay \$5,000 for

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

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Base pay \$11.00/hr. Pay rate depends on experience. Work 40 hrs. or more per week (weather permitting) from present to December 2019 or until company closes for season's end and receive a **\$500 CASH BONUS** at the end of the season. Email at detailandscape@sbcglobal.net or call **734-697-3600**.

Short-order Cooks, with five or more years of experience, and Servers for afternoon shifts, with two or more years of experience.

**Red Apple Restaurant
32711 Michigan Ave.
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(734) 722-4100**

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call. (734) 697-1800

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WAITSTAFF, KITCHEN, COOKS.
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**9624 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI
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CUSTOMER CARE REPRESENTATIVE needed at BankSupplies. Full-time starts at \$11/hr. Send resumes to brittany@banksupplies.com 04/11

CDL B, VACUUM TRUCK OPERATOR. Will train. \$20/start, benefits. Lots of overtime. Environmental Industrial Services. (734) 699-4949 04/11

ELDERLY WOMAN looking for a caregiver. Female preferred. Hours flexible. Must have references. (734) 391-8242 04/11

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Part-time. No experience necessary. Email resume to: Jennifer@footcareinstitute.com 04/25

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DRIVERS WANTED

Transporting new Ford vehicles from local manufacturing plants. **Full/Part Time! \$10.00/hour.** Day & night shifts available. Must be over the age of 23 with a good driving record.

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They're reading the Independent everywhere

Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter Township reads his *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper in Los Angeles, CA, where he was on vacation with family. He reports that the weather was great.

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Romulus

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health care before insurance paid anything. She asked the council to opt out of P.A. 152.

Others, urged the council to opt out.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said these were “wild accusations by the court,” but he said he would investigate. He said the city funds are audited and the comments about missing money are “very disheartening.”

Mayor Burcroff said the public making statements should be sworn in to tell the truth before speaking.

When it was time to vote on the Mayor’s proposals on health care, his first request was for no action on P.A. 152, which means the city would opt in. A motion made was to deny the no-action request and to opt out of P.A. 152. This only applied to active employees and P.A. 152. The vote was 4 yes, 3 no. This vote required 5 votes to pass, said attorney Steve Hitchcock, so it failed. This means P.A. 152 was accepted.

The second proposal was for hardcap coverage for retirees. No motion was made, so it stayed as is.

A motion not to adopt the third proposal to modify pre-65-retiree healthcare and prescription drug coverage to add hardcap coverage to begin July 1 was made. It was pointed out this motion only takes 4 votes to pass because there is no change in policy. It passed 5-2.

Hitchcock said P.A. 152 comes before municipal bodies every year by law and so it will be back before council next year.

During early discussion, Hitchcock showed a list of municipalities that opted in to P.A. 152 this year, which included Huron Township and the City of Belleville.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals for grass cutting and related services for the enforcement of the Township’s Grass and Weeds Ordinance. Bid forms are available at the Township Clerk’s Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, April 18, 2019, and should be submitted to the Clerk’s office. Bids may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service, and no bids submitted by facsimile or electronically will be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened following the bid deadline. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid. The Township is an equal opportunity contractor, which does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, or physical ability.

If there are any questions regarding this bid package, please contact the Lt. Charles Bazy at (734) 699-8915. Requests for additional information or interpretation of this bid specifications shall be made not less than three (3) days before the final date of submittal for the package.

Published: April 4, 2019 and April 11, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Sumpter Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any matter other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, April 22, 2019**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) as the Sumpter Township Clerk’s office, located at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday May 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Huron School district will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT:

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED BOND
PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$49,075,000.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained in the Sumpter Township Clerk’s office, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, telephone: 734/461-6201. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk’s office.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN REPLACEMENT OF ARENA FENCING

The Township of Sumpter is accepting sealed bids for the
REPLACEMENT OF THE ARENA FENCING
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of 96” PVC/VINYL fencing, gates, removal and hauling away of existing wood fencing at the Sumpter Fairgrounds Arena. Sealed bids will be received by:

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Until Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 3:00 pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 3:30 pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Specifications for the Arena may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Access to the fairgrounds must be by appointment only, please contact Sumpter Township at (734)461-6201 ext. 2243.

Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: March 28, 2019 & April 4, 2019



Sumpter Township Public Notice



**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Supervisor Armatis, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 38 residents.

Scott Cabauatan, Municipal Services Manager with Republic Services was present at meeting and discussed rubbish pick-up issues regarding the shortage of drivers and pick up being delayed by days. The company is working to hire more drivers. Mr. Cabauatan took questions from the residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Tabling items C & E for further clarification. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: no comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the warrant total of \$1,215,717.70 with the addition of Invoice 190295 for Elan Equipment. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Hurst, Bednark, J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water and Sewer Report-J. Morgan

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8. Police Report-Luke

Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building Report-Rush

Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Building Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the

Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-Bednark

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan

A. Assigned Esther Hurst as Senior Liaison
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's Report. Motion carried.

13. Attorney's Report-Young

A. Met with S. Holtz and G. Remer, pension attorney regarding Nationwide. Issues are being worked on.
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the attorney's report.

14. Board Response:

A. LaPorte informed the residents about a propane emergencies class that was held at the fire station with attendees from Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, and Belleville along with Sumpter. State of Michigan put the class on.

B. LaPorte passed around new ID cards that firefighters carry and present when responding to a home.

C. LaPorte informed public that more classes will be coming up; such as NIMS and weather emergency classes.

15. New Business:

A. Consider approval for \$23,415.00 for control panel disconnects for Willis/Sumpter Road sewer lift station repair. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to table for more information. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to set a special workshop for March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss Fiscal Year Budget 2020 and discuss 2019-2020 insurance policy renewal. Motion carried.

C. **TABLED.** To approve the second reading and to adopt the amended section 2.2: Definition of the Township Zoning Ordinance to add Yard Waste.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the second reading and adopt the amended section 5.3: Accessory buildings, structures and uses of the Township Zoning ordinance. Motion carried.

E. **TABLED.** To approve the second reading and to adopt the amended Article 7: Environmental protection and design provisions of the Township

Zoning Ordinance to add section 7.13: environment, drains, and public and private right-a-ways.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to have Ken Kunka, Water Superintendent give a presentation April 9, 2019 during the Water and Sewer Report detailing the water bill collection procedure and shut off procedure including any payment arrangement or payment options offered to the resident. Documented process to be provided to the board for review. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve Resolution 2019-06 setting fees regarding development services and amending ZBA fees to \$675. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve hiring of Rachel Scott as a firefighter, with the understanding that she passed her physical. Motion passed.

16. Announcements:

A. Piston game tickets still available for March 25th, cost is \$55.00 that includes bus ride.

17. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke.

18. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Karen Armatis

Deputy Supervisor

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: April 4, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, April 9 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following requests.

- Case 19-014:** A request by Carl Speaks, to rezone the property located at 1123 Savage Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0011-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.
- Case 17-030:** A request by Ashley Crossroads North, LLC to construct a Distribution Center. This Distribution Center consists of three (3) buildings totaling approximately 1,579,325 square feet of space and is proposed to be located on the north side of Ecorse Road, west of Haggerty Road at Parcel ID# V-125-83-008-99-0002-703; Parcel ID# V-125-83-005-99-0009-701; & Parcel ID# V-125-83-005-99-0010-000 (approximately 158.5 acres).

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: April 01, 2019

Published: April 04, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

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

Spring cleaning will begin

April 15, 2019 and run through April 19, 2019

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by
April 14, 2019

New items may be displayed beginning
April 19, 2019

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact

The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Posted: 3-7-2019

Published: 3-21-2019

4-4-2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 536 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 24:
0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
0011 – fireworks, Ayres Ave./Van Allen Ave.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Capitol Dr. / Congress St.
0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln. / Country Ln.
0425 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
0437 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0800 – abandoned auto, Hannan/Huron River Dr.
0850 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1311 – noise complaint, Parkwood
1340 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1424 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
1444 – animal complaint, Hamilton St.
1648 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1821 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1934 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
1946 – traffic offense, Fret Rd./Martinsville
1948 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2156 – malicious destruction of property, S. Timberview Dr.
2236 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2245 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2345 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hardwood Dr.

Monday, March 25:
0457 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0626 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
0713 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Anna
0856 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
1208 – fraud, Rose
1211 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1252 – abandoned auto, Lindsey Dr.
1328 – private property impound, Van Born
1336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Parkwood
1338 – ordinance violation, Cobblestone Ct.
1419 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1428 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
1438 – harassment call, W. Huron River Dr.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1640 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1807 – abandoned auto, Forestdale/Stonebridge
1809 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd.
1840 – missing person, Hoeft Rd.
1900 – family trouble, Sheldon Rd.
1916 – family trouble, Van Buren Ct.
1941 – family trouble, E. Huron River Dr.
2035 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2043 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Landmark
Tuesday, March 26:
0130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
0157 – missing person, Rogers Ave.
0736 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0907 – abandoned auto, Dorchester Dr.
1110 – harassment call, Thornwood Dr.
1226 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1416 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1422 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1636 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1713 – K9 call out, Waters Edge
1759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1800 – animal complaint, Endicott Ave./Ayres
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
2132 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – follow up by officer, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2304 – abandoned auto, Hannan/Huron River Dr.
2321 – noise complaint, N. Purple Sage Ct.
2320 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, March 27:
0025 – PPO violation, Meadows Cir.
0359 – follow up by officer, Hoeft Rd.
0706 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
0846 – ordinance violation, Locust Dr.
0945 – harassment call, Birch Dr.
1049 – assist other dept., Jewell Ave.
1251 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.

1423 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1426 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
1452 – family trouble, Lake Crest Dr.
1611 – disorderly, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1630 – abandoned auto, Andover
1753 – domestic, Locust Dr.
1827 – suspicious activity report, Parkwood Dr.
1911 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
2114 – missing person, Meadows Cir.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Thursday, March 28:
0513 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0737 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0800 – 911 welfare check, Alva Dr.
0857 – juvenile complaint, Vernon St.
0900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0906 – mental subject, Haggerty Rd.
0909 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
0932 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1007 – assist other department, Belleville
1115 – threat, Jackson St.
1157 – fraud, Fay Dr.
1200 – private property/property damage accident, N. Bellridge Dr.

1226 – parking complaint, Waters Edge Ln.
1233 – noise complaint, Springwood Blvd.
1308 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Belleville
1313 – assist other dept., Clayton Rd.
1346 – larceny, N. Cumberland Dr.
1422 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1430 – road hazard, Rawsonville/W. Huron River
1617 – assault & battery, Anna
1622 – fraud, Farm Rd.
1815 – domestic, Parkwood
1829 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
1851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Van Born
1855 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1946 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Rd.
2306 – family trouble, Arthur St.

Friday, March 29:
0422 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0527 – warrant arrest, Southfield PD
0710 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0817 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
0853 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0943 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1024 – found property/child, Denton Rd.
1157 – sexual assault, Outer Dr.
1209 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1238 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1529 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Beck
1639 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1719 – assist other dept., Van Born/Haggerty
1749 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1858 – animal complaint, Van Born Rd.
1953 – noise complaint, Wheeler St.
1955 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coca-Cola Dr.
2006 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2323 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2339 – sexual assault, Wheeler St.

Saturday, March 30:
0004 – assist other dept., Second St.
0112 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0311 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0338 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0748 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1351 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
1514 – malicious destruction of property, Robson
1616 – juvenile complaint, Wilson Ave.
1927 – private property impound, McBride Rd.
1937 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Coca-Cola Dr.
2125 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler
2303 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 229 traffic stops, 52 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 24:
0237 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0314 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0746 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1419 – domestic, Potter Dr.
1548 – vehicle lockout, Menlo Park Dr.

1650 – suicidal person, Main St.
1821 – abandoned auto, W. Columbia Ave.
2052 – assist other dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
Monday, March 25:
0654 – property damage accident, Main/High
0900 – welfare check, Roys St./Charles St.
1235 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1243 – civil matter, Potter Dr.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Ave.

Tuesday, March 26:
0614 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
0808 – hospice death, Church St.
1049 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1320 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1428 – domestic, W. Columbia Ave.
1625 – miscellaneous complaint, Goofy’s

Wednesday, March 27:
0750 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
0839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
1253 – fraud, Main St.
1419 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1501 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1621 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.

2202 – assist other dept., Main St.
2246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church of God
Thursday, March 28:
0320 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
0809 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
0847 – miscellaneous complaint, Third St.
0919 – property damage accident, South St.
1234 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, March 29:
0111 – warrant arrest, N. Telegraph
1520 – follow up by officer, Hull Rd.
1804 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1851 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Third
2352 – 911 welfare check, Second St.

Saturday, March 30:
0552 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1933 – private property/property damage accident, San Carlos St.
1946 – assist other dept., Astor
2102 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2116 – assist other dept., Anaheim
Also on this week’s log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 24:
0047 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0332 – alarm 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1144 – alarm, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1358 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Ln.
1530 – civil dispute, Knollwood
1714 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1913 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1932 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2300 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

Monday, March 25:
0138 – alarm, 45000 bl. willow Rd.
0608 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis

1215 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1620 – threats complaint, Knollwood
1648 – trespassing complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona
1731 – shots fired, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1743 – well-being check, New Mexico
2132 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
2319 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter

Tuesday, March 26:
0121 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0223 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0347 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0851 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1122 – assault, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1234 – trespassing complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona
1459 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1937 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
2052 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, March 27:
0937 – assault, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1048 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1442 – lost property, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1524 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1606 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1903 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1957 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2029 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
Thursday, March 28:
0810 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1023 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1135 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1432 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1528 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1544 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1620 – suicide, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1646 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Arkona
2053 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, March 29:
0213 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0851 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0940 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1142 – lost property, Rawsonville/Bemis
1312 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1321 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1451 – larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1626 – fire dept. assist, Washington
1853 – ORV complaint, Willis/Sumpter
1917 – harassment complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2337 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Oakville

Waltz
Saturday, March 30:
0255 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
0353 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0755 – down wires, Rawsonville/Willis
0820 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1158 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1353 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1359 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1610 – fire dept. assist, Montana
1722 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1834 – malicious destruction of property, Stonecrest
2048 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2142 – assist other agency, out of township
Also on this week’s log are five follow-up investigations, 13 miscellaneous details, 64 patrol checks, and 45 traffic stops.

BHS Distinguished Graduate induction set for Friday, April 26

The induction ceremony for the 2019 Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, April 26, in the BHS Auditorium.

This year the Distinguished Graduate Committee is hosting a recognition dinner prior to the 7 p.m. ceremonies. The meal will be prepared and served by the district’s own culinary arts students from BHS.

The dinner for all Distinguished Graduates and others wishing to attend will be held in the BHS Commons from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a tour of BHS. Then, the induction ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

Those wishing to attend the dinner should register by Thursday, April 18, so meal plans and name badges can be arranged.

Cost to attend the dinner is \$12 per person. RSVP to BHS Assistant Principal Falisadoll Green, by mail, if paying by check made payable to Belleville High School. You also may pay at PaySchools on the BHS website.

There is no charge for a name badge. RSVP to Randy Brown at (734) 697-1820 or Tom Fielder at (734) 697-0633. They need to know the name to be placed on the name badge.

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