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F R E E

VBT coal tar workshop draws those who want the township ban lifted

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

“Simply put, the basis supporting the township’s decision to ban RTS is deeply flawed junk science – of which the township was likely unaware when it enacted its ordinance.”

(RTS is short for refined coal tar-based sealcoat, recently banned in Van Buren Township if it contains more than 1% PAHs.)

That statement was the summary of Dr. Anne LeHuray’s written comments she distributed at the March 31 workshop on the coal tar ban in VBT. Dr. LeHuray is the executive director of the Pavement Coatings Technology Council based in Alexandria, VA.

With her was Jeff Lax of Charlotte, NC, president of GemSeal Pavement

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Local LWV unit sets June 16 as date for Van Buren Twp. forum

After a meeting on Saturday to discuss setting the date of the local candidate forums for the August primary elections, the Belleville-area unit of the League of Women Voters announced the Van Buren Township candidate forum has been set for Thursday, June 16.

The Sumpter Township candidate forum has been set for Wednesday, June 22.

No location for either event has been announced yet, but the dates are final, said Barbara Miller, who worked to organize the group in the Belleville area.

The forums will be moderated by Paula Bowman of the Livonia LWV chapter. Assisting her will be LWV members from the Belleville area.

The local unit is made up of members from the city of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships.



Photos courtesy BHS

The Belleville High School musical “Willy Wonka” starts April 15 at the BHS Auditorium and runs for six shows. Rear from left, (Mrs. Gloop) Kaitlyn Plummer, (Mrs. Teavee) Rebecca Washington, (Grandpa Joe) Lance Bagley, (Mrs. Beauregarde) Anajai Devenport, (Violet Beauregarde) Zandalee Henderson, and (Mr. Salt) Jonathan Damon. Kneeling in front, from left, (Agustus Gloop) Kamali Clora, (Charlie Bucket) Sierra Stockwell, (Willy Wonka) Ethan Klobucar, and (Veruca Salt) Alyssa Schubert.

BHS Productions presents ‘Willy Wonka’

Belleville High School Productions will present the musical “Willie Wonka” in six shows starting April 15, 16, 17 and concluding April 22 and 23 at the BHS Auditorium. Two presentations are matinees.

The story by Roald Dahl is based on Gene Wilder’s “Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory” (1971) where a world-famous candy man tries to find an heir.

BHS senior Ethan Klobucar plays the title role of Wonka. Sharing the spotlight with Klobucar are Sierra Stockwell as protagonist Charlie Bucket, Lance Bagley,

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Oompa-Loompas are played by Kenneth Franklin, Ariyel Harris, Julia Marshall, Carley Curtis and Avery Henningburg.

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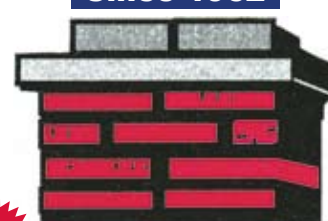
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

John Robertson bound over on charge of stealing car in Sumpter

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

John Curtis Robertson, 24, has been bound over to circuit court for an April 6 arraignment on the information for allegedly driving off in his co-worker's car without permission and then smashing the car.

In a preliminary exam on March 30 before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott, Colin Jenkins testified about what happened on March 3 in Sumpter Township.

He said he and Robertson were co-workers at the Red Rooster restaurant at the corner of Willis and Rawsonville roads. He said management at the restaurant doesn't let workers bring in large backpacks to store while they work, but they do have smaller spaces for personal items.

He said Robertson asked to put his backpack in Jenkins' 2003 Saturn in the parking lot and Jenkins gave him the keys to the car, like he had many times before.

But this time, a few minutes after Robertson went outside, Jenkins noticed his car was gone from the parking lot. He called 911. Van Buren Township Police said the car had just crashed at Rawsonville and Martz Roads in a one-car accident and was in a ditch, Jenkins testified.

Jenkins said his car had a cracked windshield and the whole front bumper was busted. (Later, he told the *Independent* he drove the car to court that day to testify and "it doesn't look good.")

The second witness was VBT Officer Andrew Venier who said he came upon the accident while he was on patrol and found Jenkins' 2003 Saturn in the ditch and Robertson standing outside the vehicle. He said Robertson was trying to get it out of the ditch.

"I just came upon it," Officer Venier said, noting his department does patrols on Rawsonville Road because it is a two-lane road and can be dangerous.

He said the accident appeared fresh. It was snowing, no one else was by the vehicle, and there was only one set of footprints in the snow by the vehicle.

Judge Parrott said probable cause had been shown and so he bound Robertson over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

He was bound over on combined Sumpter-Van Buren Township charges of: unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing the vehicle, assault on a police officer, and obstruction by disguise.

Although testimony was not allowed as to the "obstruction by disguise" count, police

had said Robertson ran off, struggled with police, then gave a false name as identification.

Court-appointed attorney David Langford represented Robertson at the exam and noted that there was a hold on him at the jail, so he would not seek reduced bond. He is being held on \$40,000/10% bond on this case at the Wayne County Jail.

VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

Jaquette Ravae Faulks

Charges against Jaquette Ravae Faulks, 24, were dismissed without prejudice because no complainant came to court to testify against her. Faulks was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property more than \$200 but less than \$1,000, and driving while license suspended on March 9 in VBT. She was out after posting bond of \$3,000/10%. Faulks was advised she has outstanding payments due from a previous sentence.

Sean Lee Wells

Sharitta Marie Givens

Co-defendants Sean Lee Wells, 42, and Sharitta Marie Givens, 34, were scheduled for their preliminary exams on March 30, but the Wayne County Sheriff's Department failed to bring Wells from the county jail where he is incarcerated.

They both are charged with home invasion first degree.

"This is a classic snafu today," said Judge Parrott, adjourning the preliminary exam until 11 a.m. April 20. Prosecutor Doug Dwyer expected to have two to four witnesses. Judge Parrott asked them to bring the witnesses into the courtroom and he told them that they had to come to court on April 20, as well.

Givens posted her \$5,000/10% bond and hired attorney Christopher Quinn. Wells remained lodged on \$10,000/10% bond. He is being represented by Kirsten Irey-Iverson, who asked for a reduction in bond to \$5,000/10% so he could get out of jail. She said she had planned to bring her client in to give himself in on a Monday and he was picked up, instead, over the week end and shouldn't be punished for not being in court because he was in jail. Judge Parrott reinstated the original \$5,000/10% surety bond. Wells was advised not to have contact with the witnesses and complainant.



Photo by Eric Long

Chris Hamm, at right, received a plaque and the fire fighter's badge of her late husband, Trustee William Hamm, at the March 22 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. Presenting the badge is Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk and Trustee Peggy Morgan, board liaison to the fire department. At right is Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan. At left is William Hamm's daughter Kelly Harshman. Trustee Hamm died Oct. 16 at the age of 60 from an apparent heart attack.

Clarification:

Higher MERS bill in Sumpter Twp. was for retirements in 1997

On Page 10 in the March 31 issue of the *Independent*, we quoted Sumpter Township Financial Director Jim Glahn, CPA, on the budgets under discussion.

The General Fund did well, he said, but there was an extra expenditure when two police officers retired. They had been promised full medical and retirement, but that had been unfunded, so the Michigan Employee Retirement Service (MERS) sent the township a bill for \$400,000.

In clarifying the situation, Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke said, "The two officers actually retired in 1997, they being former Chief Clinton Brown and former Lieutenant Wanda Elden. No other current or former police department employees were ever promised, nor will any receive under any previous or current contracts, medical benefits after retirement."

Chief Luke said the payments increased dramatically over the past couple of years but are scheduled to drop back down to normal starting this coming fiscal year.

Glahn explained that for whatever

reason the township board in 1997 gave those two employees medical benefits and pension without either the employees or the employer ever putting anything into the pension fund to pay for it.

He said the township's MERS payment, which normally is \$1,800 per month went up to \$25,860 per month, which was about \$400,000. In June of this year it drops back down to \$1,820.

Glahn said every year an actuary looks at the pension portfolio and the township is in MERS. If the stock market goes down, the payments will go up.

He said in 2008, the stock market loss was so great that they had to write off the loss over 10 years. Two more years of loss has yet to be absorbed, he noted.

Actuaries yearly look at the age of the people in the pension portfolio, if they are married, or if a spouse has died. A lot plays into it, he said.

They had been getting an 8-10% return and it dropped to a 7% return. Anything not covered becomes an unfunded liability.

"It's kind of complicated," he said.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Intense schedule set for school supt. hire

Buckle your seat belts. The ride ahead is mind-boggling, but it will be over by the end of June.

At Tuesday's school board meeting, Dr. Rod Green of the Michigan Association of School Boards laid out his schedule for getting a new superintendent on board by July 1.

He said he would post the position on Wednesday with a salary range of \$130,000-\$145,000. (Supt. Van Tassel made \$139,000.) Dr. Green said he already has had eight applications for the job and expects 25-30 before it's over.

The process starts next Monday when Dr. Green arrives at 11 a.m. at BHS for a series of meetings with teachers, administrators, support staff, and students. At 7 p.m. Monday the board's work/study meeting at BHS will be mostly for community input. He'll do a presentation and get comments from the public on what they want in a superintendent.

Also, they're pushing an online survey on the district's website that takes 15 minutes to complete and will be online for only eight days.

On April 18, the board will hear Green report on what he has heard and they'll do a tentative profile. Also, they work on the contract. Deadline for applications is May 10. By May 13 the board members will have copies of them all. In May they'll screen it down to six who will be interviewed publicly on May 24 and 25, with the public suggesting questions. Second round of interviews is May 31. Then, or soon after, there will be a choice.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Last Thursday afternoon, the Van Buren Township Department of Planning and Economic Development received an email from Anne LeHuray of the Pavement Coatings Technology Council based in Alexandria, VA.

She said: "Unfortunately, there was a problem with my flight to Detroit, and the options for rebooking would not have allowed me to arrive in Van Buren until well after the meeting this evening is scheduled to begin. Thus, I won't be attending this evening. However, I look forward to speaking with you on receiving the invitation to meet with the Township's Environment Commission or other appropriate group."

I'm sure the township officials were very happy to hear that, since Dr. LeHuray had planned to oppose the coal tar ban already in place in VBT and a big hubbub was expected.

Then, just before the meeting began, Dr. LeHuray walked in with two men, announcing she found another way to get to Van Buren Township. Surprise!

We see that Belleville's disbarred and imprisoned attorney Tom White has been moved from the prison in the Upper Peninsula and now is at Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility near Muskegon in the Lower Peninsula.

According to the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS), his earliest release date is April 8, 2020 and his maximum discharge date is April 8, 2035.

James Chapman asks anyone who is interested in stopping the demolition of the Riggs house to call him and maybe they can

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



file something at district court to stop the demolition. Later, he said, residents could force the township to use the insurance money from the barn fire to start restoring the 1867 brick house. Call (734) 262-5188, if you are interested.

At 3 a.m. Friday, April 1, three residents of the condos at 250 N. Liberty Street in the city of Belleville report hearing a giant cracking noise. One described it as a boom. Then nothing. In the morning they looked around to see what it was and saw nothing out of place.

One resident said sometimes the lake water carries noises for a distance and fools you into thinking something far away is close.

I called the Belleville Police and they said they didn't know of anything that happened at 3 a.m.

Did anybody else hear that sound? Does anybody know what it was?

On Friday, Channel 7 TV News ran a story about an Australian Cattle Dog mix who has been in an animal shelter for most of her life, almost eight years, and really needed a home. She was at a shelter that closed and Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township took her in. She's been up for adoption for years and really needed a forever home.

The FMAR volunteers all loved her, but they couldn't adopt her because they all have dogs or cats at home and Mishka has to be

an only pet. Mishka loves people, including children, but she isn't fond of other dogs or cats in her space.

After the story ran on TV, several people called who were interested in adopting Mishka, but a man from Macomb seemed the best fit. He drove out to FMAR on Saturday and took Mishka home for a test visit. Things are looking good. Mishka may have found her forever home.

Although a lot of petitions are out being circulated and being held until the last minute, I guess, we are reporting just one change in the list I gave last week of those officially filed for the Aug. 2 primary election in Van Buren Township.

Newly filed is Paul White for trustee. We already reported Phil Hart has filed for supervisor; Jeff Jahr and Reggie Miller had filed for trustee, Sharry Budd filed for treasurer; and Leon Wright filed for clerk.

In Sumpter Township, as of Tuesday morning, the following have officially filed for the election: John Morgan for supervisor, Clarence Hoffman for clerk, Alan Bates for treasurer, and Don La Porte and Peggy Morgan for trustee.

The deadline to file for the Aug. 2 primary is 4 p.m., April 19.





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Letters

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To the Editor:

On Feb. 18, Trustee Reggie Miller, reached out to me regarding a Letter to the Editor that my husband Carl McClanahan wrote, that was published in the *Belleville-Area Independent*, on Thursday, Feb. 18. The title was "Let's Renew 4-Mill Public Safety Millage."

Trustee Miller asked me if I was of the same opinion as stated in my husband's letter. I indicated to her that I agreed with his position, however he wrote that letter without any input from me. I further indicated to Trustee Miller that my position had not changed from the discussions that I had with my fellow board members last year in 2015 that I am in favor of renewing the 4-mill public safety millage, not increasing the millage to 6.5 mills.

I informed Trustee Miller that I was going to e-mail Supervisor Combs and request that she place this millage issue on the agenda for open public discussion. Trustee Miller stated that she was open to discussions and that she would e-mail the supervisor, and also request the millage issue be placed on the agenda. She and I e-mailed Supervisor Combs on Feb. 18 and requested the millage issue be placed on the agenda. After receiving our e-mails Supervisor Combs, stated that the millage issue would be placed on the agenda for work study discussion on March 15. My e-mail was disseminated to the entire board. On Tuesday, March 8, I learned that the millage issue would not be on the agenda.

Supervisor Combs then informed me that the administrative branch of our board (the three full-time elected officials) made a decision that the millage issue would be placed before the public in November 2016. Since the millage failed in November 2015 I assumed that discussions on the public safety millage would be explored, and that as a board we would have some input as to when the ballot language would appear before the public.

A request to have an issue placed on the agenda, only needs a second board member to support it, which Trustee Miller did.

That topic should have been placed on the agenda, as this has been the board's past practice. It is my opinion that we not wait close to a year from now to discuss the public safety millage. This millage affects our board, our residents, and our valued public safety employees.

According to Kenneth VerBurg, who wrote "Managing the Modern Michigan Township," there are some steps that should

be taken in the legislative process. "The first step, perhaps is to make sure that trustees, and other board members understand the 'legislator's' responsibility to evaluate and criticize. We are all reluctant to seek flaws in other people's good ideas -- to look only for reasons why this, or that will not work -- but unless 'township legislators' see critical examination of proposals as their main task, they may not be doing their job, as legislators, very effectively..."

I retired from a 20-year career as a law enforcement officer. When I retired I was a supervisor with the Detroit Police Department. My position opened my eyes to the best and the worst of crime in the Southeastern Michigan Region. I observed an increase in violent crime, and governments struggling to work together to address dangerous public safety issues that crippled their communities.

By not addressing the needs of two elected trustees to place a public safety issue on the agenda is an indication that this board is fractured and not working together. The criminals in this township seem to be working together, and appear to have had an agenda over the past several weeks. I learned from a recent press release that our community was victimized by 3 armed robberies, 1 unarmed robbery, and a street shooting where the perpetrator fired gunshots into an occupied vehicle.

Finally, I understand that one of the armed robbery perpetrators was taken into custody within minutes of committing the crime because of the swift response by our police department. I want to personally thank the men and women of our Public Safety Department for their valuable service to this community. I don't want to live through an unabated increase in violent crime because we have a fractured board. This Board needs to work together to ensure that we maintain a high level of public safety services, and continued swift police response in our community.

But, until we sit down and have a frank and open discussion about pressing township issues as a Board, we are doing a disservice to our community, this township organization, and our employees. It is my hope that we can have worthwhile dialogue about the public safety millage, and any other pressing matter that impacts our community.

It's not my intent that we always agree, but we should at the very least be open and honest with each other on matters that affect our residents and employees. When we don't have open and honest discussions about pressing concerns, then we no longer are providing a valuable service to the public.

This fractured, closed-minded, lack of open communication has rendered this board, what appears to be, self-serving. So, let's not sharpen our focus on reelection until we do the people's business fairly, openly, and honestly.
Thank you,

Brenda McClanahan
Van Buren Township Trustee

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Obituaries



Laurine Patricia Martin

LAURINE PATRICIA MARTIN
 (November 27, 1942 – March 28, 2016)
 Age 73, of Belleville.

Laurine is the loving wife of the late Harold (d. 2014); dear mother of Andrea (Marty) Cobb, Brent (Cheri) Harvieux and Collette (Troy) Ososkie; proud grandmother of Christopher (Melissa) Harvieux, Ryan (Sara) Buffa, David Harvieux, Amanda Harvieux, Kevin Robb, Cara Treece and Andrew Lunder.

Laurine is also survived by two brothers Stephen (Linda) Price and Curtis (Elizabeth) Price, and sister Christa (Thomas) Tadrzynski, nine great-grandchildren, and David J. Harvieux.

She was preceded in death by her parents Eric and Margaret "Pat" Price and a brother Robin Price.

A resident of Belleville, Mrs. Martin was an active part of the Van Buren Township Senior Center. Also she loved spending time and being with her family very much.

A funeral Mass celebrating Laurine's life will be held at 11:30 a.m., April 8 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2150 Frieze Ave. Ann Arbor.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Thursday, April 7, from 2-8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 East Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Van Buren Senior Center or Special Olympics Wayne/Westland.



Ralph Eugene Tressler

RALPH EUGENE TRESSLER
 (August 31, 1930 – April 1, 2016)
 Age 85, of Canton, a former longtime resident of Belleville.

Ralph is the loving husband of the late Ima (d. 2013), dear father of Cindy (the late Mike) Hudge, and cherished grandfather of Linda and Erica Hudge.

Following his service to our country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict, Mr. Tressler was employed with American Airlines for 33 years, holding a position as an airline mechanic. He enjoyed winemaking, time with his family and will be remembered for having a good heart towards others.

A funeral service concluding with military honors, was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April, 6, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500.

Visiting hours were Tuesday, from 4 until 8 p.m. Memorial tributes may be directed to the charity of choice.



Kelly John Wheatley

KELLY JOHN WHEATLEY
 (June 21, 1918 – March 29, 2016)

Age 97, a lifelong Canton and Van Buren Township resident.

Kelly is the loving husband of the late Regina (d. 1994); dear uncle of Harry (Bev) Dickerson, Ruth Annette Sattler, Thomas (Carol) Neuhart and Carol (Don) Smith. He is also survived by his special friend Bonnie Berg, and many extended family and friends.

Kelly was born June 21, 1918 to Harry and Myrtle Wheatley. He attended Palmer School and Roosevelt High School. He farmed and had dairy cows on Geddes Road until 1958, then began working for Wayne-Westland Schools until his retirement in 1980. He was very active with his church family at Faith United Methodist Church. Kelly enjoyed Western movies and being a handyman. He will truly be missed.

A funeral service honoring Kelly's life was held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 4 at Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township. Pastor Naylo Hopkins officiated. A visiting hour was held from 10 until the 11 a.m. service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Faith United Methodist Church.



Joseph Mitchell

JOSEPH MITCHELL
 (July 21, 1940 – April 2, 2016)

Joseph Mitchell of Van Buren Township passed away Saturday, April 2, 2016 at his home surrounded by family. He was born to Valentine and Helen (Legawicz) Mitchell. Joseph was born and raised in Sumpter Township.

He was well known by many as "Papa Joe." An auto body man by trade, he also served as a fire fighter and fire chief for Sumpter Township Fire Department for many years. His other passions included hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife Diane "Dolly" (Pavlack) Mitchell; children Joann (Carvil) Addington, Joseph Mitchell, Debi (John) Hagerman, and David Mitchell; grandchildren Amber (Steve) Buhl, Nicole Hagerman, and Christina, Jessica and Jay Mitchell; great-grandchildren Kolyn, Joslyn, Lillie, Reid, Jackson and Seth.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his daughter Carole Gambrel in 2012. Joseph will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service in planned for a later time.

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More Letters

'Buzz' Sawyer to celebrate 90th birthday

To the Editor:

"Buzz" (Herbert E.) Sawyer is a former Belleville High School art teacher, counselor, National Honor Society sponsor, swimming coach, play director, set designer and chaperone for senior class trips. His 90th birthday is coming up on April 25. He taught at BHS around the late '50s and '60s and was loved and respected by those who knew him.

I thought it might be nice to invite any former students, teachers, administrators and friends to send him a special birthday greeting with a note saying how "Buzz" impacted their lives, somewhat like a tribute or celebration of his influence on the lives of people who studied and worked with him throughout the decades.

I know it would be extremely heartwarming for him to hear from former acquaintances from Belleville and reminisce about his "glory days" at BHS.

Even at 90, he remains in good health and forever young at heart. He currently lives with his wife Teresa at 505 Buttonwood Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32953.

He continued teaching and subbing in Florida until 2011 when he finally retired at age 85! That in itself is a commendable demonstration of his passion for teaching and zest for life.

He has four children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren residing throughout the United States.

He and Teresa Bies-Sawyer celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on March 30. They were married on the beach in Maui, Hawaii. He has had a long and blessed life.

Sincerely,
Teresa Sawyer

Let's support bills to rid state of Common Core

To the Editor:

While reading your OPINION page (Extra Things I Know) in the March 17 edition, I was terribly disappointed that you provided so little attention to the subject of Common Core Curriculum Standards. Granted, our

Van Buren Schools have some very serious problems, notably the issues relating to former Superintendent Van Tassel and many of the presently seated members of our board of education. Please know, the curriculum chosen for our children's education

is the responsibility of our elected school board members and it is of the utmost importance.

We all know these current issues affecting our very own children seem monumental to us now, but please, let's wake up and beware of the huge "elephant in the room!" Are your readers aware of the severe damage the Common Core Curriculum has already done and will continue to "dummy down" our students? As someone said recently, "How's that working for ya?" Our students are again being used as guinea pigs with yet another government-issued experiment. Is it any wonder our schools are failing? Our children (and watchful parents) are really confused and I don't blame them one bit! Our tax dollars are doing as little good for education as the lead in the Flint water system. Take notice, citizens and taxpayers, our children's minds are at stake and it's time for every citizen to repeal and replace the Common Core curriculum in Michigan. We must recognize Common Core for the evil it is – spewing into our local school district and throughout Michigan. We must put a stop to nationalized education!

Michigan SB 826 and HB 5444 would withdraw the state from Common Core standards, a step toward nullifying nationalized education in our state. This bill must pass the Senate Education Committee whose chairman is Phil Pavlov. Please call him at (517) 373-7708 and plead with him to move this important bill forward to a vote in his committee and to vote YES on SB 826.

Also, please call the House Education Committee Chair Amanda Price and urge her to move this important bill forward to a vote in her committee and to vote YES on HB 5444.

This issue is non-partisan in that the committees are comprised of both Republican and Democrats. It's not the political party that's important, but rather our children's minds.

Let's act NOW while we still have time to make a difference. Interested citizens desiring to have the complete list of committee members and their phone numbers may call me at (734) 697-7805.

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
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Nicholas Eller selected to attend Congress of Future Science Leaders

Nicholas Eller of Sumpter Township, a junior at Arbor Preparatory High School, is a delegate to the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, Massachusetts, June 29-July 1.

Nicholas, 16, who graduated from Keystone Charter Academy in Sumpter, K-8, now is a student at the chartered high school in Ypsilanti Township.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

The purpose of this event is to honor,

inspire, motivate, and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Nicholas is the son of Charlene and Bryan Eller and has a younger brother Nathaniel. Charlene said Nicholas has always loved math and science and hopes to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) after he graduates because he wants to become a scientist.

Nicholas was nominated to represent Arbor Preparatory High School based on his



Nicholas

academic achievement, leadership potential, and passion for science and technology.

During the three-day Congress, Nicholas will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research. The students will be given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities, be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies, and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more nimble-minded and creative scientists and technologists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, executive director, National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists.

"Focused, bright and determined students like Nicholas Eller are our future and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him."

The academy was founded on the belief that science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education plays a critical role in enabling the United States to remain the economic and technological leader of the global marketplace of the 21st century and that prospective talent must be identified at the earliest possible age.

Based in Washington, D.C., with an office in Boston, the academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage, and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to advances in society as scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, April 7** – Belleville Area Museum invites you to Fashion Night featuring Candy's Closet and jewelry by Deb Juriga, 6-8 p.m.

• **Saturday, April 9** – Walk for Autism's Fun Run/Walk scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium to earn money for local schools that teach autistic students. Get sponsors to pledge for your walk and bring to the event. Hosted by Van Buren Eagles. Info: (734) 636-4909.

• **Saturday, April 9** – Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 21st-annual Bomber Buffing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., all at Yankee Air Museum's Willow Run Airport Hangar. Information: 734-483-4030

• **Wednesday, April 13** – Belleville High School Town Hall is set at the high school auditorium, 6 p.m., to discuss topics relevant to BHS.

• **Wednesday, April 13** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, April 14** – "Homegrown Knowledge" program at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Program is Belleville Civil War Historical Society. Free.



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Longtime Van Buren Township residents Mickey Widener, wife Linda, son Lee (a 1986 Belleville High School graduate) and his wife Nikki attended the City of Riverview Hall of Fame and Scholarship Awards Banquet on March 18. The family was honored to receive the Riverview Business of the Year award for Widener Collision that has served the downriver community for more than 50 years. They were presented with a plaque and a plaque with their name will be placed on the Hall of Fame wall in Riverview City Hall. Mickey, left, and son Lee show off their plaque.



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Coal tar ban

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Products, and Lee Lewis, GemSeal general manager.

They all spoke against the coal tar sealant ban and plan to be back for the 7 p.m., April 20, meeting of the VBT Environmental Commission, where they will present information to the commission, lobbying for the ban to be lifted.

Dr. LeHuray said she asked for information on the recently enacted ordinance and VBT promptly made its files available. She said the information gathered by the township's Environmental Commission relied on the U.S. Geological Survey scientists that she

said have been thoroughly discredited.

She explained how a member of the Minnesota legislature added a sentence to a conference committee bill, thus instituting a statewide ban in Minnesota without holding hearings or conducting other forms of due diligence.

Dr. LeHuray said, "To support their position, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency suppressed a report critical of USGS science. Ironically, in a paper published in 2014, an MPCA staffer involved in the irregularities in Minnesota admitted that the basis for Minnesota's ban was not scientifically supportable."

Dr. LeHuray included a list of 23 links of information at the end of her comments.

The hour-long meeting on March 31 was set up so the township could explain the coal tar ban and how the township was seeking education of the contractors and the public the first year.

"We won't be testing trucks or scraping surfaces," said Matthew Best, VBT deputy director of planning and economic development who is charged with environmental matters in the township.

But, in the second year, if it is found coal tar sealants are being used, the township could move into enforcement.

Best presided over the meeting and said the township is working to educate everyone on the ban to make sure everyone is on the same page.

"There are lots of things we know and lots of things we don't know," said Best referring to coal tar science.

He introduced Rebecca Esselman, Watershed Planner for the Huron River Watershed Council, who said the nonprofit works with communities on the Huron River. She said 18 months ago she got a call asking for help on studying the environmental implications of coal tar sealants with PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons).

Esselman said she is a mother with children and an asphalt driveway. She said she joined in the study and discovered the dangers.

"We support the communities in the watershed who are banning coal tar and PAHs," Esselman said. "We believe it is the right thing to do."

She said water detention ponds in the Ann Arbor area are contaminated with PAHs and they are the ponds that drain residential and commercial areas, not industrial.

She said the states of Washington and Minnesota have statewide bans.

She said companies can submit a pledge form to the Huron River Watershed Council, pledging not to apply coal tar, and the HRWC will list the company on its website for consumers looking for safer pavement. She said this procedure was started by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Dr. David Wilson, a retired university professor and member of the VBT Environmental Commission, said, "I'm delighted to see the ban here."

He said it was no hardship for the driveway sealing contractors because they could use the more environmentally friendly compounds.

Best said the Environmental Commission prepared an ordinance and sent it on to the township board. He said the board wants to guarantee the health and welfare of the

residents and so thought it was important to enact the ban.

He said Menard and Walmart will have the largest parking areas in the township. He checked and found that Menard and Walmart do not use 1% or higher PAH sealant banned in the township and countrywide do use the less than 1% PAH allowed.

Best said he sent out 27 letters to local sealcoat owner/operators and just one showed up at the meeting.

Frank Broughton, president of Mr. Sealcoat Inc., said he does Southeastern Michigan, but doesn't do drives in VBT. He said he came to speak on behalf of all the other owner/operators who weren't there. He said everybody seemed to be looking at him when they were speaking because he was the only owner/operator who showed up.

He asked if any municipality ever reversed its decision against coal tar and Esselman said communities have chosen not to enact bans.

"Not to be racist, but Romanians run Van Buren Township and Sumpter with sealcoating and they're going to be the ones you'll be dealing with," Broughton said, adding, "I crack-filled your school."

"I just don't get it," Broughton said. "Research has shown some have reversed their decisions."

He said people panic and they think there is no more driveway sealing going on. He said people read it in the local press and think there is no more sealing in VBT.

"You can't ever do my driveway again?" they'll ask, he predicted.

The coal tar lasts a year and the more expensive alternatives could last just six months, he said.

He said he will follow the ban on coal tar in VBT, but he wants to make sure that while he is out selling other products and changing his model that he won't get a letter in the mail saying VBT is reversing itself.

Broughton said they have to make sure they get both sides of the story and, "Make sure it's 110%."

Lee Lewis, general manager of GemSeal, said, "We're the largest supplier in Michigan. I'm dumbfounded you never contacted us."

Esselman said the HRWC invites folks to contact them to be put on their list for using asphalt emulsions and the like.

"We are the leaders in Michigan," said Jeff Lax, GemSeal president, adding that Dr. LeHuray is there to talk to them.

Dr. LeHuray said, "The township could say, 'It's our prerogative to ban it and we banned it', if you want."

She said they would like to talk to the township about the scientific facts and she feels the township doesn't have them. She said she used to work for the USGS and now her group has a Freedom of Information Act request in place against USGS.

Best said the township has invited her to the Environmental Commission meeting and at this March 31 meeting, "We are trying to move forward with the ordinance

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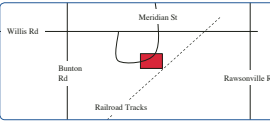
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Belleville City Council sells three old police cars to the same bidder

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The city of Belleville has finally sold three old police cars – and it sold them all to the same bidder: Karen Kubit, who lives on West Wabash Street in the city.

At Monday's meeting of the city council, sealed bids were opened by Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long for three police cars up for sale.

Coal tar ban

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as painlessly as possible.”

Dr. LeHuray said she has her PhD as a geochemist.

Marty Wilson told her that Dr. Wilson has a PhD, as well.

“At least stick to the facts,” Lewis said. “I’ve been in this business for 40 years. We make all of these coatings ... and now we find you have a phone conversation with one of our competitors and that is sad.”

Dr. LeHuray said the ban started in Austin, TX and contractors estimated the sealcoating business decreased 40% since the ban was put in place.

“Sealcoat doesn’t do the job it’s supposed to do ... the alternatives don’t do the same thing,” Dr. LeHuray said.

“I’m very disappointed in what I heard tonight,” said resident John Delaney.

“I’m furious the township is backing a flawed statement,” he said, noting Burger King could drop Broughton for its whole chain if he can’t do the Rawsonville Road and Belleville Road sites because they are in VBT.

“I don’t want to have the township sued,” Delaney said. He said he has put in a 20’ by 200’ driveway.

He said “the travelers” have given sealcoaters a bad name for many years.

He said the statement that the township is helping other communities to enact bans makes him angry.

“It is incorrect information that we are putting out flawed information,” said Esselman. “This township decided they were not really in favor of coal tar in the township.”

Broughton said Esselman invited the leaders of companies to private sit downs with the HRWC.

“I’m not asking you to repeal the ordinance,” said Broughton as he prepared to leave the meeting. Then, he suddenly veered into the audience, gave his business card to Delaney and offered to do Delaney’s drive for free because he spoke up against the ban.

“This meeting tonight is to talk to the sealant owner/operators,” Best said.

Dr. LeHuray held up some medical products containing PAH and asked if they would look at other PAH sources and Best said, “No.”

Dr. LeHuray said she was invited to the Environmental Commission and she also asked to talk to the HRWC. She asked Esselman if that is being considered. Esselman said, “No.”

Kubit bid \$1,000 for the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and she was the only bidder.

She bid \$1,200 for the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria and she was the only bidder.

There were five bids for the 2008 Dodge Charger, ranging from \$1,161 to \$3,100, and Kubit was the high bidder.

The council voted unanimously to sell all the cars to Kubit.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the council:

- Put off action for two weeks so the Motor City Canoe Rental could get an illustration of the Belleville Lake Outpost it wants to put in Horizon Park to house the canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards it wants to rent to the public beginning in May. At issue is the equipment rack and shed to be built next to the Veterans’ Memorial -- who will build and maintain it, and whether the shed will be taken down in the winter or left in place year around. The details are expected to be worked out by the April 18 meeting so the council can vote on it;

- Approved the VFW/PLAV request to sell Buddy Poppies at Five Points on May 5, 6, and 7 to earn money for worthy veterans’ causes in the community. VFW Vice-Commander Cornell Anton said the groups have three new members and they will be out dodging traffic to help sell the poppies, the groups’ biggest fund raiser of the year;

- Approved the request for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Egan’s

Pub to put up a beer tent on the Fourth Street Square for Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, of Strawberry Festival, with Councilwoman Kim Tindall voting no. Tindall explained she was representing the people in the city who don’t want alcohol in the city parks. Jennifer Winter of Egan’s said the tent will be a Strawberry Bar serving strawberry beer, strawberry wine, and special cocktails. She said the sides of the tent will be up and people can bring in food from wherever they buy it at the festival to eat under cover. They hope to make enough money to cover their half of the tent cost;

- Took no action on a request from the Kona Strawberry Run to put up a beer tent on the Fourth Street Square on Friday, June 17, of Strawberry Festival. Nobody was present from Kona to discuss the request;

- Approved accounts payable of \$139,327.34 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon, \$1,260 for water main break, and \$2,940 for sewer repair, both from water fund; to Concentra, \$5,145.50 for medical exams from fire department fund; and to Wayne County Department of Environment, \$1,930.60 for 2016 assessment for Alliance of Downriver Watersheds from water fund; and

- Praised the work of Keith Tackett, who is leaving as DPW Director this week. “He came when we were in transition,” said Mayor Kerreen Conley, referring to the retirement of Keith Boc. “We have

really appreciated everything he has done for us and his truly being a part of the community.” Tackett replied, “It was really my pleasure.”

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Sumpter Township has invited a representative from Republic Waste to come to its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, to talk about recycling with township residents. Republic is on the agenda for a presentation on recycling at 6:30 p.m., but the subject of recycling could come up at the 6 p.m. work/study session, as well. After two recent letters to the editor from Sumpter residents commenting on recycling issues, the township supervisor decided to bring Republic in to answer residents' concerns.

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More Letters

Arts, crafts, vendor market to aid church

To the Editor:

The Lighthouse Church of Belleville has been operating in our community, on Willis Road for three decades before making the big move to their new location at 16650 Sumpter Road in the summer of 2015. You may have seen their sign just past Five Star with their motto: "The Perfect Church for Those Who Aren't" and wondered just what that means. (That building on Willis Road is up for sale and the sign goes with the building.)

The Lighthouse Church is a non-denominational faith-based, spirit-filled church, open to all. They minister with the love of Christ to troubled teens, families, single parents, those struggling with addictions and other difficulties and so much more. If you visit once, you are a guest, after that you are considered family.

Presently, TLC has a fairly small loyal and devoted congregation; they have moved with their church to the new building at 16650 Sumpter Road, hoping to grow and be able to better serve our greater community and the residents within. They have a large sanctuary, classrooms for children, teens, and adult ministry. A large fellowship hall with space for a kitchen and more. The Zachary Lovelace Youth for Christ Gymnasium has a full-size basketball court and showers and a weight room as well as a stage for events, with a space for a commercial kitchen attached and more.

The possibilities are endless for sharing with the communities in our area for members as well as non-members! The facility is able to provide you with a space to be rented for meetings, receptions, special events and more. At this time any events would require catering as both kitchens are in need of renovating, but the space itself is awesome.

Sadly, the new building had some major repair issues that were not realized when the deal for the purchase was started and the repairs have taken a substantial amount of the funds that were to be used for the purchase down payment. Thankfully, donations came in to help make that down payment, but the facility still needs all types of repair. Roofing, outside brickwork, cement, plaster, flooring, carpets, HVAC, missing bathroom fixtures, and missing kitchen everything, to name a few. These repairs need to be funded and physically completed to make this church more capable of providing services for Belleville, New Boston, Ypsilanti, Huron Township, and all of our surrounding communities when they are in need. Donations of labor and/or supplies are welcome as well as monetary donations to help make these repairs happen. Learn more about the church, and how you can contact or donate funding or supplies on the church website @ <http://www.bellevillelighthousechurch.org/>.

In the effort to help make this happen, on behalf

of the Belleville Arts, Crafts & Vendor Market, I would like to share with you our upcoming fund-raiser event: The First Annual Spring Craft & Vendor Fair for the new Lighthouse Church of Belleville. The event will be held on Saturday April 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the back section of the new church building, at 16650 Sumpter Road (between Bemis and Hull roads). We will fill the gymnasium and connected hallway with artists, crafters, and direct-sales vendors with your favorite items for yourself or for gift-giving! There will be food for sale and a baked goods sale table as well as raffles and entertainment, face painting, outside concessions, Elephant Ears truck and more! Weather permitting, we hope to have some outside fun activities, as well.

We are working on a big-prize raffle with local businesses contributing to what we call the "Belleville Experience." Tickets will be available online once we have the package complete. You can find more information on the event itself and learn more about the raffle ticket opportunities, participating vendors, and more at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1702809236631950/>.

We have been planning this event for a few months now, and are hoping for a record turnout! We are still seeking crafters and performing artists to participate in our event. In addition, we welcome local businesses to pitch in and donate for our raffles. Some of you have received emails from me already. Any such interested parties may contact Teri via email at BellevilleMIACVM@Gmail.com. Please indicate "TLC 4/23 event" in the subject line to help me sort the messages out from spam. Please include your name, email address, web site link, phone number, business name or type, and a mailing address in your email to help me better determine where you may fit in or if we already have someone with your product (especially for direct sales vendors).

This is not the first such event organized by the BACVM. We have been organizing craft/vendor shows in the Belleville area since 2013, when we hosted a weekly craft show at the former Belleville Coney Island. The first event we organized for this church, which some of you may have attended on Dec 12, 2015, was a great show. Traffic was quite steady considering it was a last-minute event, pulled together in less than six weeks, and weather had prevented putting out ample signage. We had 42 participants and live music entertainment on stage, face painting, food, baked goods and great raffle items! We brought in a total for the church for that show of \$1,200 after advertising costs were deducted.

We'd love to have you join in on the fun April 23. The shopping, booking parties with the vendors, the raffles, the entertainment, the fun, and helping us to help the Lighthouse Church of Belleville get their building fixed up as it should be so they may better serve this community!

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Teri Cranson

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Photo by Samantha Luke, age 10
The Riggs house, built in 1867 at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road in the Riggs Heritage Park, is being demolished by Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. Budding photographer Samantha Luke took pictures of the corbels on the house and the Belleville Area Museum is asking the township to save the corbels. A few years back the township put a new roof on the house with the plan to restore the building, but left it to deteriorate instead.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR SITE-SPECIFIC LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTION TREATABILITY VARIANCE

Persons requiring assistance with receiving this information in a language other than English should contact Mr. Jim Ferritto at 231-876-4454 or ferrittoj@michigan.gov.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP) has received a request from US Ecology's Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant (MDWTP), 49350 I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, Michigan, for a Land Disposal Restriction Treatability Variance (Variance) for selenium-contaminated waste generated by Guardian Industries Corporation located at 14600 Romine Road, Carleton, Michigan (Guardian). The Variance request has been submitted on behalf of Guardian to petition the DEQ to allow the waste to be stabilized at the MDWTP and subsequently disposed of at US Ecology's Wayne Disposal, Inc., located at the same address in Belleville, Michigan.

The waste is generated by air pollution control equipment placed on Guardian's glass furnace to control air emissions. The waste contains fine particles that are the end result of reactions between the manufacturing process air stream and a sorbent material added to control air emissions. The dust particles are collected by the air pollution control equipment and put into totes that are transported for disposal. The waste contains concentrations of selenium that exceed current toxicity characteristic leaching procedure criteria, thus requiring its disposal as hazardous waste in accordance with Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

This notice provides a brief summary of the proposed action and offers the public the opportunity to review and comment on the Variance request. The DEQ will respond to all significant comments on the Variance request and explain any changes made thereto.

A copy of the Variance request may be reviewed at the DEQ Jackson District Office, 301 East Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, Michigan (contact Mr. Larry Bean at 517-416-4375); and at the DEQ, OWMRP, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, 4th Floor South, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Jim Ferritto at 231-876-4454). A copy of the Variance request can also be found online at www.michigan.gov/DEQ/waste/Announcements.

The public comment period ends on May 7, 2016.

Written comments on the Variance request must be postmarked by May 7, 2016. The DEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before making a final decision on the Variance. Comments should be directed to Mr. Ferritto via email at ferrittoj@michigan.gov or mailed to the address below:

Mr. Jim Ferritto
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection
120 West Chapin Street
Cadillac, Michigan 49601

Publish: April 7, 2016

Breakfast Special

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
With Beverage Purchase

2 Eggs, Sausage or Bacon,
Hashbrowns & Toast.....\$ 1.99
(No Substitutions)

SPRING FLING

APRIL 9
LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
"WRECKAGE"
8 P.M. - MIDNITE

DAILY DINE-IN SPECIALS

Beverage Purchase Required for Each Meal. No Coupon Necessary. 4pm to 9pm.

ANY TWO FOR \$16.00
11am to Close - Beverage Purchase Required for Each Meal - Dine In Only
1/2 Slab of Ribs • Broasted Chicken
Fish Dinner (Cod) • Smelt Dinner
Above Includes Cup of Soup or Salad, Potato or Rice & Nuggets
Fiesta Salad or Fried Chicked Salad • Lasagna

SUNDAY
1/2 Price
Pizza

TUESDAY
Slab of Ribs
Choice of Potato & Salad
\$11.99

WEDNESDAY
4 pc. Broasted
Chicken
\$6.49

THURSDAY
Tacos
\$1.50

FRIDAY
All You
Can Eat
Fish & Chips
\$7.99

SATURDAY
1 lb. Crab Legs
\$9.99
LADIES NIGHT
\$1 Shots
7pm - 11pm

FREE WI-FI

- Pool Room
- Pizza
- Salad
- Pasta
- Burgers
- Subs
- Broasted Chicken

OPEN
TUES. - SAT.
8 a.m. - Midnite
SUNDAY
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Serving 8am **BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER**

734-699-9070

19350 Sumpter Road • Next to Ace Hardware

Huron School District

"Completely Committed to Kids!"
Announces Limited School of Choice Openings
"Great Kids, Great Families, Great Schools"
Huron Offers a Big Time Education in a Small Town Setting
Section 105 (Wayne County Residents Only)

Fall Trimester 2016-2017 School Year
Openings Include:

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

Applications are available at the Huron School District Administration Building
Applications will be accepted between the dates listed below
May 2, 2016, through May 20, 2016
32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI 48164
For more information please call 734.782.2441 or visit our website at www.huronschools.org

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



The **Detroit Aviation & Airlines Collectibles Show** is coming this Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Willow Run Airport, presented by the Yankee Air Museum. The first-annual event at the museum will feature aviation collector cards, vintage airline advertising, books, models, airline china, uniform pins, model airplane kits, photos, posters and discounted museum items. Admission is

\$5 per person with children under 15 free. Special rates on rides in the YAF's C-47 will be available, weather permitting. Call (734) 483-4030.

It's fashion night tonight at the **Belleville Area Museum**, featuring **Candy's Closet** and jewelry by Belleville's **Deb Juriga**, from 6 to 8 p.m. The department store exhibit will include **Candy Clothes**, which was a vendor during the holiday pop-up shop in Downtown Belleville last December.

This Saturday is the **Walk for Autism Fundraiser** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium. There

will also be a 50/50 raffle, basket auctions, face painting and balloon art. The third-annual event is hosted by the **Van Buren Eagles #3996**. Call **Kelley** at (734) 636-4909 or **Rich** at (734) 629-7122.

The folks over at **Honey Pest Control** of Belleville are the pros when it comes to getting rid of ants, spiders, bees, bedbugs, mice, and other pests. Owner **John C Honey** has over 33 years of experience in the business and he is licensed and insured and offers senior discounts too. Call (734) 699-6889.

The **21st-annual Bomber Buffing** event is also this Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport. The event is free and participants will help

shine up the museum's Yankee Lady, a B-17 heavy bomber, and Yankee Warrior, the B-25 medium bomber. Call (734) 483-4030.

R. Dixon & Son Lawn Service of New Boston is scheduling its summer accounts with spring and fall cleanup and general lawn service and maintenance for residential and commercial customers. Call owner **Randall Dixon** at (734) 891-7212.

Tin Pan Saloon & Pizza on Sumpter Road in Belleville is holding a **Spring Fling** concert featuring music by **Wreckage** this Saturday, April 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The restaurant has a new pool room and offers free Wi-Fi. Saturday is also ladies' night with shots for \$1, from 7 to 11 p.m. Call (734) 699-9070.

Grubbypaws of Belleville is a professional garden maintenance company that can provide scheduled maintenance, weeding, and landscape design. Owner **Claudette Serpetti** is a Master Gardener. Call (734) 646-0773.

Do you have a business story you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 35 residents.

3. Agenda:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to add Item D: Consider approval Park and Recreation to have Sumpter Country Fest on Memorial Day weekend using Parks and Recreation funds. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to add Item E: Consider approval to appoint Eric Luke to the position of Chief of Police for Sumpter Township. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda with the addition of Item D and Item E. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve minutes of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing of February 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept Planning Commission minutes of January 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling 3,031,834.22. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Easter Party on March 19, 2016, 12:00 pm at Graham Park

B. Parks & Rec turning in budget for the year turned in to Jim Glahn's office

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/ Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Trustee Oddy reported that Planning Commission reappointed Jane Stalmack as Chairman, appointed Jim Clark as Vice Chair and Virginia Belinski as Secretary.

B. Trustee Oddy reported on the Coal Tar Sealant Presentation presented by Dave Wilson. After more discussion at the Planning Commission Meetings will bring a recommendation to the Township Board on Coal Tar Sealants.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by Hoffman for Township Board to ask Planning Commission to update Zoning Ordinance reflecting Industrial zoning for Caregivers Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. April 12, 2016 Workshop on Vicious Dog Ordinance

B. Collective Bargaining Agreement

C. POAM Contract

D. Millage Language – Fire Renewal is up, Two Police Millage Renewals

E. Motion by Bates, supported by Hoffman to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response:

11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the purchase of ten (10) SCBA Bottles from West Shore Fire for the amount of \$13,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Letter of Retirement from Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst effective March 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to appoint Janet R. Hoffman to the position of Deputy Clerk provided the same compensation and benefit package that a Deputy Clerk would have in that position effective March 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve switching phones and systems to Telnet Worldwide, savings of \$500.00 per month contingent upon review of the Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Park and Recreation to have Sumpter Country Fest on Memorial Day weekend using Parks and Recreation funds. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve appointing Eric Luke to the position of Chief of Police for Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements:

A. March 19, 2016 at 12:00 pm Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Graham Park.

13. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

1. Congratulations to Chief Eric Luke

2. Van Buren Township's Notice mistake in Belleville Independent newspaper

3. What happens with the votes of Candidates that have dropped out of the race

4. Medical Marijuana in Industrial Zoning

5. Condition of Bemis Road, any updates?

14. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 23, 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 Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: April 7, 2016

Public Notice

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF HAROLD GLEN CARRIGAN, DECEASED CASE NO.: 15-0263

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing is hereby set on May 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Probate Court of Colbert County, Alabama for approval of the sale of real and personal property in the Estate of Harold Glen Carrigan, deceased.

DEBORAH BELL PASEUR

Attorney for Petitioner, Matthew W. Coats
Administrator

1847 N. Wood Avenue

Florence, AL 35630

(256) 766-3131

Publish: March 24, 2016;
March 31, 2016; April 7, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and 0 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve agenda for the March 11, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$1,014,066.29. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Chief Pierce's retirement package-payout of vacation and personal days. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to set a Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget on March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to set a Public Hearing for CDBG Transfer of Funds on March 22, 2016 at 6:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements:

7. Open Floor:

8. Closed Session: RE: Discussion on Union Matters:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to go into Closed Session at 4:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to go back into Open Session at 5:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to direct Bargaining Union to carry out the direction given by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 5:17 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 Special Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 11, 2016 at 4:00 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 compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: April 7, 2016

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 505 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 27:
0038 – agency assist, Holly Ln.
0116 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River Dr.
0329 – malicious destruction of property, N. Bellridge Dr.
0814 – fraud, Denton Rd.
0818 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1225 – retail fraud, Belleville
1320 – assault & battery, Park Estates
1439 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.

Monday, March 28:
0017 – mental, Oak Ln.
0640 – larceny from auto, Celestine Dr.
0718 – larceny from auto, N. Timberview Dr.
1038 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1149 – larceny from auto, Forestdale Dr.
1225 – breaking & entering, Country Walk Ct.
1245 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1259 – fraud, Robson Rd.
1304 – larceny from auto, W. Walden Dr.
1338 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1451 – assault & battery, Capitol Dr.
1555 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1728 – larceny from auto, Stonebridge Dr.
1826 – larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.
1902 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
1910 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
1924 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
1941 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
1954 – liquor violation, Sumpter Rd.
2059 – assault & battery, Zachary St.

Tuesday, March 29:
0759 – private property accident, Ecorse Mobil
0921 – agency assist, Carmell
1123 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1139 – code enforcement, Tyler Rd.
1216 – code enforcement, Belleville Rd.
1420 – private property accident, Firestone
1545 – larceny from auto, Walden Ct.
1553 – malicious destruction, Bemis Rd.
1756 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1805 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd.
1816 – suspicious person, Michigan Ave./Denton
1823 – fraud, Belleville
1953 – fight, Michigan Ave.
2117 – suicide or attempt, Ecorse Rd.
2217 – harassment call, Belleville

Wednesday, March 30:
0030 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
0225 – vehicle pursuit, Meadows/Lake Villa
0347 – vehicle repossession, Haggerty Rd.
0654 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler
0730 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0734 – missing person, Hull Rd.
0750 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0824 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0825 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1206 – property damage accident, Crowley Ave. / Marlowe Ave.
1314 – malicious destruction of property, Harmony Ln.

1319 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1543 – larceny from auto, Savage Rd.
1840 – larceny, Walmart
1918 – harassment call, Arthur St.
Thursday, March 31:
0639 – malicious destruction of property, Arthur
0656 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
0702 – larceny from auto, Martz Rd.
1158 – mental, S. Bellridge Dr.
1201 – ordinance violation, N. Cumberland Dr.
1214 – larceny, Belleville
1215 – vehicle repossession, Amanda Dr.
1515 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1613 – be on the lookout, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1646 – fraud, Richmond Dr.
1708 – harassment call, Park Estates
1853 – private property accident, Brandi
1931 – assault & battery, Coolidge St.
2109 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2114 – suspicious vehicle, Oak Ln.
2123 – missing person, Lindsey Dr.
2138 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
2256 – private property accident, J&T Towing
2329 – suspicious person, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

Friday, April 1:
0045 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.
0105 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0134 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0304 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1052 – fraud, Van Born
1056 – family trouble, Brandi
1109 – larceny from auto, Rickman Dr.
1227 – fraud, Burtrig St.
1456 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1723 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1954 – disturbance, Hancock Ave./Michigan Ave.
2000 – fraud, Savage
2104 – breaking & entering, Ironwood Dr.
2151 – mental, Van Buren St.
2345 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, April 2:
0014 – traffic hazard, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
0115 – suspicious situation, Tavistock Dr.
0401 – private property incident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – juvenile complaint, Park Estates
1029 – panic alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.
1048 – juvenile complaint, Park Estates
1112 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1551 – family trouble, Ayres Ave.
1742 – family trouble, Oak Blvd.
1755 – private property accident, Lakewood
1943 – liquor violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 – noise complaint, Archwood
2040 – mental, Van Buren St.
2056 – larceny, Belleville
2112 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
2153 – property damage accident, Stephanie Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2249 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2308 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville
Also on this week’s log are 130 traffic stops, 31 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 27:
0452 – information, Main St.
0916 – vehicle lockout, Menlo Park Dr.
1314 – water leak found, Clarence/Robbe, cancel
1722 – suspicious vehicle, Main St./Fifth St.
1959 – private property incident, S. Industrial Park
2046 – domestic assault, Potter Dr.

Monday, March 28:
1033 – lost property, Potter Dr.
1257 – retail fraud, Main St.
1533 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1720 – malicious destruction of property, E. Thornhill Ct.
2324 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, March 29:
0143 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
0912 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
1459 – citizen assist, Carmell St.
1559 – vehicle lock out, Wexford Ave.
1915 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2042 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2147 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.

Wednesday, March 30:
0228 – agency assist, Quirk/Meadows
0941 – larceny from auto, Estrada
1524 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1607 – suspicious situation, Estrada
1614 – welfare check, Citgo
1651 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1818 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
Thursday, March 31:
0140 – suspicious vehicle, Light Tower

0340 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
0803 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1039 – shots fired, Astor Pl.
1150 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1237 – in station report, Main St.
1850 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.
Friday, April 1:
0052 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0515 – agency assist, N. Edgemont Ave.
0842 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
1120 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Savage Rd.
1213 – PPO violation, N. Liberty St.
1251 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1402 – larceny from auto, Church St.
Saturday, April 2:
1128 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1145 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Wexford Ave.
1738 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1847 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 26 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 27:
0304 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0814 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1135 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1250 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1304 – noise complaint, Tulip
1516 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1722 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1803 – breaking & entering report, 43000 bl. Judd
1803 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2013 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2045 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

Monday, March 28:
0538 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0817 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1038 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1330 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1552 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2220 – traffic hazard, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2240 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Tuesday, March 29:
0906 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1201 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1406 – threats complaint, Paris/Sumpter
1451 – property damage accident, Judd/Haggerty
1654 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1910 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2036 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

Wednesday, March 30:
0046 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
0451 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0523 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0651 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1225 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1341 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1529 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1556 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1839 – found property, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2012 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, March 31:
0754 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1121 – malicious destruction of property, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1145 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1419 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Dunn
1424 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1647 – harassment complaint, Redwood
1715 – animal complaint, Hampshire
1718 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2123 – suspicious vehicle, Karr/Willow
2302 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

Friday, April 1:
0101 – alarm, 23000 bl. of Sumpter Rd.
0505 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.
0518 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0659 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1021 – lost property, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1225 – trespassing complaint, 48000 bl. Willow
1250 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1651 – breaking & entering report, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

1657 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1732 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd / Karr
1757 – larceny, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2143 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2222 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
2257 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
Saturday, April 2:
1637 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1741 – citizen assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2114 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Judd
Also on this week’s log are four follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 115 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.

Willy Wonka (continued from page 1)

Bianca Crowder, Tierra Hall, Demeatry Brooks, Brianna Powe and Adam Bracey. Playing children who personify excess at its worst are Kamali Clora, Alyssa Schubert, Zandalee Henderson, and Gavin Schultz. Their woefully inept parents are Jonathan Damon, Kaitlyn Plummer, Danajai Davenport, and Rebecca Washington. The Candy Man is Elijah Pope and the news reporter is Natalie Pestano.

Rounding out the cast is an ensemble of talented high school Oompa-Loompas, Kenneth Franklin, Ariyel Harris, Julia Marshall, Carley Curtis, and Avery Henningburg. The townspeople and school friends of Charlie are middle school actors Julia Lind, Emmalee Hinson, Madison Lieb, Kylee Thomas, Lashawna Ogden, Kayla Williams, Shelby Butzin, Darrell Templeton, Brianna Marsh, Keionni Hicks, Taylor Hinsman, and Tiffany Staples.

Sets were created by Yvette Kashmer and Noelle Schaeckel, costumes by Tam Lien Coleman, lights by Aaron Kashmer, sound design by Isabel Schaeckel, and music direction by Nick Taylor.

Director is Larry Koch, assistant director Michael Gearns, and technical director Yvette Kashmer.

There are two matinee shows, one on Sunday, April 17, and one on Saturday, April 23, both at 2 p.m. and there is special pricing for students and seniors on those dates. The other shows are all at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door at \$10 for adults, \$8 for 6th-12th grades and \$6 for 5th grade and under. Or, tickets may be purchased at www.showtix4u.com or 1-866-967-8167.

BHS is at 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, April 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, April 12 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Steven Hudock, assistant principal of Huron High School and former assistant principal for the Van Buren Public Schools, was named 2016 Assistant Principal of the Year. Presenting the award is Wendy Zdeb, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Steven Hudock of Huron High School: Michigan Asst. Principal of the Year

Steven P. Hudock, assistant principal of Huron High School in New Boston since 2012, has been named 2016 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

"I am truly honored to be recognized as Michigan Assistant Principal of the Year," Hudock said. "The staff and student letters of support were truly humbling. I am very fortunate to work for such amazing students and with such a phenomenal staff. They make what I do so worthwhile."

Hudock was employed by the Van Buren Public Schools for 16 years as a teacher of social studies, reading, and English. He also served as assistant principal of North Middle School in Belleville. He left the year Michael Van Tassel became Van Buren school superintendent, like so many others in the summer of 2012.

He completed his Specialist Degree

in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University in 2014 and is enrolled in its doctoral program. He is working on writing his prospectus and then dissertation and is hoping to graduate with his PhD in December of 2017.

Hudock holds a master's degree in reading from EMU and a master's degree in education from Marygrove College. His undergraduate work was completed at EMU in social studies, English, secondary and elementary education.

Hudock takes part in the University of Michigan's College of Education's "Round's Project" helping to train novice teachers. He enjoys running and is also involved with the Ypsilanti Historic Society. Hudock is a 1988 graduate of Huron High School.

He just returned from Athens, Greece, where he took a group of 14 students on a school trip for spring break.

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