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F R E E

District Library to ask for 0.75 mill increase

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the May 10 regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, the board voted unanimously to seek 0.75 mill in additional tax to build a new library.

This will be put on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. In 2014, voters turned down a proposal for a \$19 million bond issue and 1 mill for 20 years for operating funds for a lakeside library on the DNR property in Van Buren Township.

This scaled-down library proposal is to build in downtown Belleville, next to the present library site, which will then be razed. The bond is expected to be for \$14 million.

At its May 10 meeting, the board also unanimously approved an agreement with the City of Belleville addressing land use and parking to make way for a new library building in the middle of Fourth Street at Charles.

The agreement was expected to be on the city council agenda for its consideration on May 16.

The agreement states that the library will purchase the parcel next door at 360 Charles Street for \$200,000, which the library has already optioned, and deliver that to the city and itself for a joint parking lot constructed by the library.

The city will abandon its parking lot at Charles and Fourth and turn it and the parcels where the library is now located over to the library. The city also will vacate Fourth Street from Charles to the west side of the alley.

The land agreement is contingent upon the library successfully passing a bond authorization ballot proposal for \$14 million in the Nov. 8 election. Bonds must be sold within six months of the election authorizing them and the operating millage.

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The Top Ten academic achievers in the 2016 graduating class at Belleville High School are, from left, Xavier Walker (10), Jayla Jackson (8), Ethan Klobucar (6), Carlynn Gasser (4), Timo Budiono (Salutatorian), Leah Hardy (Valedictorian), Nicole Pearce (3), Andrea Rodriguez (5), Kyle Walker (7), and Joshua Sterly (9).



Senior Awards recipients of the BHS Class of 2016 pose for a group picture. The class will graduate with the commencement ceremony set for 7 p.m., Friday, May 27, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on Hewitt Drive in Ypsilanti.

Class of 2016

Salutatorian is
Timo Budiono, left,
and Valedictorian is
Leah Hardy.



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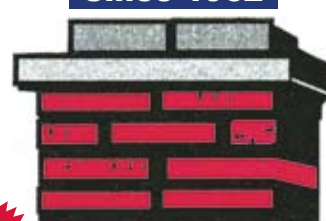
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sinking Fund can't pay for McBride paving; project off for now

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's 4 p.m. work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and later at the 7:30 p.m. workshop of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, a common issue was discussed. Engineering work has been stopped suddenly on the paving of McBride Road which was supposed to be done by the time school starts next fall.

"Is it true we cannot use Sinking Funds for road repair?" asked Trustee Phil Hart at the VBT meeting.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the school district's auditing firm, Taylor and Morgan, said it was legal to use the school's Sinking Fund to hard surface the road in front of McBride Middle School, but the districts legal counsel said it couldn't.

The VBT board members were perplexed at how the school's attorney's opinion was dated April 15, yet the board of education voted on April 21 to use up to \$180,000 of the Sinking Fund for road surfacing.

And, VBT approved engineering for the project on April 19.

It wasn't until May 5 that VBT was informed and immediately stopped the engineering on the project.

"The attorney said no on April 15," Akers said. "I got a call from Pam on May 5 saying the project is not going through," he said referring to Pam Johnson, the secretary to the school superintendent.

On May 5, VBT officials were told there was no superintendent there because she was on vacation. And James Williams, the school district's director of buildings and grounds, who had assured the board and the township that the Sinking Fund could be used for the project, now doesn't want to talk about it with township officials.

"It took them three weeks to tell us," said Clerk Leon Wright, noting the township and the school board were told by Williams that the auditors said it was OK.

"We get into trouble when we try to fast-track," said Trustee Jeff Jahr. "We have to have the i's dotted and the t's crossed."

The VBT board discussed how they would use the money available from the county, now that McBride won't be done.

Akers said they could look at doing McBride with a special assessment district, where property owners could pay the 20% needed for the deal that has the county paying 80%.

Trustee Jahr asked for the board to be involved in the discussions, since trustees knew nothing about the deal with the school

involving McBride until it was announced at a school board meeting.

"We had no memo of understanding on the project," said Trustee Reggie Miller. "The engineering began and now we have an invoice for thousands of dollars of work."

Akers said Canton went out to the community and did a lottery for its county road funds. The money can only be spent on roads owned by Wayne County. It was suggested that Morton Taylor Road, that was supposed to be paved by a developer but wasn't, could be considered.

"We'll look forward to getting information on this," Trustee Miller said.

Later, at the end of Monday's school board meeting, Trustee Sherry Frazier asked about the Sinking Fund not being used for McBride, since the board had been assured that Plante Moran CRESA, which consults on use of the Sinking Fund, and the board's auditors Morgan Taylor, both said it's OK.

Trustee Frazier said both Williams and Interim Superintendent Shonta Langford Green had assured her the Sinking Fund could be used. Frazier said she told Green that Akers needs that in writing and Green said she would do it.

If the Sinking Fund is used for something

not allowed by the state, the school district would never be allowed to have Sinking Funds again, she said.

"Last week, I heard from somebody at the township that we can't use the Sinking Fund," Frazier said.

Then school board members got an email from school board president Brent Mikulski that their attorneys, Collins and Blaha, said no.

"It upsets me we got OKs from two firms that we pay, with Plante Moran being an expert on Sinking Funds across the state, with attorneys on staff, and suddenly, what?" Frazier. "And, we didn't get case law cited."

"It bothers me we rely and pay for this information," she said. "Somebody dropped the ball somewhere."

"We have spent \$264,000 on legal fees so far this school year. I've added it up."

"It's a disappointment for all parties involved," Frazier said of the McBride paving.

"And, it bothers me that we're that cavalier with taxpayers' money," she said. "People we pay should be accountable to us."

No other school board members spoke on the subject Monday.

Jewel Leonard announces retirement from Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jewel Leonard, Administrative Assistant to the Sumpter Police Department, is retiring after 30 years serving the township.

At its April 26 meeting, the township board accepted her resignation effective May 31. A plaque is being prepared and she will be honored at a future meeting.

Praise was heaped upon her work and her warmth and friendliness to member of the community. She was not present.

"She's done an outstanding job and we're going to miss her," Supervisor John Morgan said.

Leonard is a 1961 graduate of Belleville High School.

Leonard said before her husband had a massive stroke, she worked for the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities (CPHA) in Ann Arbor for 12 years. After his stroke, she came home to take care of him and their two children, Benny Leonard II and Serita Leonard.

She said she took part-time jobs until she was able to get a job with the township.

Leonard said then-Supervisor Clarence Hoffmann offered her the chance and gave her counseling from the beginning on how important the position was. He said it took



dedication, honesty, and getting along with and respecting other people.

"I hope I followed his direction," she said last Friday.

Leonard started as staff clerk in the supervisor's office and after Supervisor Hoffmann, she worked under Supervisor Marvin Banotai. Then, she became deputy treasurer under Treasurer John Morgan. Her work with housing rehab continued as she changed positions.

Then, she did housing rehab in the building department and also worked as assistant

senior coordinator at the same time. Then, she moved to the police department where she has been for the past 17 years.

Leonard's recent bout with cancer is in remission, but she said she and her husband Benny are both breaking down in health. She said he now spends three days a week at the senior center enjoying activities.

It's time for her to retire, she said.

The board approved posting Leonard's position in-house for a replacement.

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

- Approved Mary Sherwood to a position on the planning commission with a term to expire Sept. 23, 2017. She replaces Sharon Claxton who resigned;

- Heard a presentation by Bethany Burge, Planning and Programs Manager at The Senior Alliance. She said The Senior Alliance was founded in Wayne County by Edward McNamara in 1980 for 31 communities in the county. For 35 years Wayne County has been the vendor of the nutritional program, but that has been discontinued, so the Alliance is seeking another vendor for the next three-year cycle. The Senior Alliance added \$670,000 in emergency funding to the Meals on Wheels program, and there possibly will

be wait-lists in the future, she said;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy say there have been questions about the moratorium on medical marijuana facilities and he wanted to make sure it hasn't expired. "I took the position you don't need a moratorium to say you can't break the law," said township attorney Rob Young. He said he will bring a resolution to extend the moratorium to the next meeting;

- Learned the lake exhibit set up at the Belleville Area Museum is on display in the township hall hallway, on loan. It was put together by the Belleville High School New Tech students and the museum; and

- Heard Deb Callison ask about cutting grass for seniors. She was told there is no grass cutting for seniors this year because the CDBG money usually set aside for that is being used for a generator for the community center. Supervisor Morgan said in case there is a catastrophic event like a tornado, and people have no home to go home to, they would have a place to go. The school (senior center) is a designated place to go if there is, "God forbid, a nuclear attack," Morgan said. Callison said she and her husband got to know seniors over the five years they have cut grass and, "We as a company cut 22 for free last year."

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Are attorneys running Van Buren Public Schools?

It's been suggested that the school district attorneys are running the Van Buren Public Schools. And, maybe they are.

The school board seems afraid to make any decision unless Collins & Blaha says it's OK.

The legal fees from Collins & Blaha were \$62,706.93 from July 2014 through March 2015. Nobody contests that.

Now, in this school year from July 2015 through March 2016, the fees were \$166,238.14, a difference of \$103,531.21.

Trustees Sherry Frazier calculates that \$98,172.25 was paid additionally to them in April, making a total of \$264,410.39 this school year.

Now the business office tells us that there was an entry that was given to Frazier twice so the total actually is \$210,474. Whatever. The cost is still too much and the board majority is afraid to move without the OK of the attorneys. (Example: Four teachers still on leave.)

The attorneys now have overruled the Plante Moran and auditor's opinions on the McBride paving. It looks like the district is putty in the hands of Collins & Blaha and the more legal opinions and closed-door sessions, the more tax money shelled out. Why bother to vote for a school board if the attorneys are running the show? This is the same firm that had the district refuse to honor an *Independent* FOIA when other local public bodies had easily complied to a similar request.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Elke Doom, a former supervisor of Huron Township, is now city manager for the City of Oxford. A few years ago she left Huron Township to go to South Carolina, I think, and now she's back.

The "Wanted" ad on page 12 in last week's *Independent* caught the eye of Mary Ann Bittner when it first ran on May 5 because she likes the American Flag and knows about it. She always looks twice at flags.

She said the big flag in the ad has only 48 stars. She really likes the 48-star flags, but she wonders why that flag is used in that ad and what the underlying message is. There are six lines of eight stars: 48 stars. The flag in the button above the "Wanted!" line is a modern, 50-star flag.

It's great when people look deeply into what's in our paper and find interesting stuff we didn't know was there.

The ad was prepared by the Van Buren Township clerk's office and was published in cooperation with clerks in Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville, all with the goal of getting poll workers.

We've been informed the Midwest Sculpture Initiative will be in town on Thursday, May 26, install the new outdoor sculptures.

There are six sculptures coming to the City of Belleville and four coming along Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

This is the first time the city and the township DDAs have worked together to get the outdoor art. There's a better price apiece if you order 10 rather than six. This is VBT's first time with outdoor art.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Some people are looking forward to seeing what kind of sculpture will be at the city's front door, next to Hayward's party store, since the present sculpture brought some controversy. Poor thing is dented from when the car hit it.

On Friday afternoon I received a phone call from a Vietnam veteran who wanted to weigh in on the Honor and Remember flag controversy. He said he is proud of the American flag he fought under and that's his flag. He said we already have the POW flag and other flags.

He paused, took a deep breath, and apologized for getting emotional over it. He said he is against the Honor and Remember flag and thinks it's just "another way to make a dollar."

For a few years I've been spending Wednesday mornings at felony cases at the 34th District Court, covering those from Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter, but also seeing a lot of other cases.

On May 11, there were three television cameras with cameramen, plus a reporter with a microphone from WWJ radio, all set up in the jury box in Judge Parrott's courtroom.

It turns out they were waiting to film the arraignment of John Francis McGuire on charges of operating an aircraft under the influence of liquor. I was told he is an airline pilot.

But McGuire was in California, according to his attorney Frank J. Manley, who offered to be arraigned on McGuire's behalf. But Judge Parrott didn't want to do that and adjourned the arraignment to June 22, when McGuire is expected to be in court. The disappointed reporters broke down their equipment and took off. Watch for news coverage on June 22.

Judge Parrott exclaimed at an unusual case before him on May 11. It was a man who was found with a handgun and clip of bullets in his carry-on luggage at Metro Airport. He was found by TSA as he attempted to board on his return trip to Austin, TX. He had been visiting relatives here.

The man's attorney noted, in passing, that the passenger had the gun in his carry-on when he boarded in Austin, but TSA didn't notice. Judge Parrott held his head. He shook his head. He said he hadn't had such a case before him, ever.

VBT expects Menards to break ground in the second quarter of 2016. Menards is working on a new version of its corporate structures and so has delayed starting here and at the Gibraltar Trade Center location, as well.



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Letters

Is city's Civil Service Commission legal?

To the Editor:

Civil Service Commission, Section 16.3: "...The Civil Service Commission shall consist of (means must have) three members appointed by the Mayor ..."

Civil Service Commission, Section 16.7 sub item 7: Removes from the Civil Service Commission "... Persons serving emergency or temporary appointments, not to exceed ninety (90) days..." If that person serves beyond the 90 days Civil Service Commission action is required to continue the employment and comply with the City Charter.

After Chief Taylor retired, by City Council action, Harold Berriman was hired to "temporarily" fill the position of Chief of Police. Chief Berriman has now served almost two years, 'way beyond 90 days, where the City Charter requires the temporary replacement to go before the Civil Service Commission. At the recent Civil Service Commission meeting Mayor Conley missed a "Golden Opportunity" (if there was a legal Commission) to correct the City Administration's not complying with the City Charter. For almost two years, since the retirement of Chief Gene Taylor, we have a temporary Police Chief whose service has gone well beyond the 90 days as required by the charter.

The article in the May 12, 2016 edition of the *Independent* newspaper brings to light Belleville has a mayor who apparently has a disdain for the Civil Service portion of the City Charter.

It appears the Mayor's initiation of a Charter Amendment to eliminate the Civil Service Commission (which was overwhelmingly defeated by the City voters) was brought on by her defeat in the Civil Service Hearing regarding the health benefits for Keith Boc. After the hearing, Civil Commission members Roy Acho and Mike Loria resigned from the Civil Service Commission. And as a final blow to the Civil Service Commission, Mayor Conley did not reappoint Don Bluhm after his term expired.

The Civil Service Commission, still alive in the City Charter, was ignored by the Mayor as evidenced by her very slowly appointing members to the Commission and only appointing two of the required three members.

The City Charter requires the Civil Service Commission be composed of three members. With only two members on the Commission the City Charter requirements are not met, you only have an incomplete Commission. You cannot have a quorum

until you have a complete Commission. The current Commission is a nullity and so is the action they took at the "meeting." What a waste. And for what? A politician's ego?

Why the malingering in making appointments?

1. Mayor Conley was unable to find three qualified people to serve?

2. Mayor Conley could not find three "YES" people?

3. Or, is this Mayor Conley's way of "thumbing-her-nose" to a portion of the City Charter she does not like.

Belleville resident

Name withheld at writer's request.

Post Office Food Drive collects 9,320 lbs. of food

To the Editor:

The Post Office Food Drive held Saturday, May 14, was a huge success! 9,320 pounds of food was collected and delivered to the Belleville Food Closet. We would like to thank the members of the community for their generous donations of food and personal care items.

We would like to give special thanks to the Post Office carriers for making this happen; to Donna Collins who supervised the shipments of food items to the First United Methodist Church; to Tom Hazen who helped set up and supervise the food deliveries at the church; to Jerry Caldwell and John Juriga for their recycling efforts of plastic, cardboard, and trash items.

Over 35 individuals volunteered on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, several for all three days. They participated in setting up, driving, sorting, checking "peak freshness" dates, boxing, shelving items, clean-up and recycling.

One special volunteer, Jim Pollard, celebrated his 88th birthday by choosing to spend his special day helping others. Learning to give has no age boundaries! His engaging smile lit up the fellowship hall!

The success of this effort would not be possible without the help of so many hands! Everyone's involvement was greatly appreciated to fill the shelves of the Food Closet that serve so many families in need.

Thank you!

Marilyn Wood

Belleville Food Closet

Thanks to Belleville for food donations

To the Editor:

The Belleville Post Office employees would like to thank the Belleville community for another successful food drive.

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To the Editor:

I read the editor's notes regarding that a few people have had issues with Belle Tire repair estimates. I can only say from our experience with that store, that it has been fantastic.

I can't say those folks didn't have issues, but again, it's only one side of the story. Belle Tire Belleville has worked on ALL of our vehicles including our RV. They have bent over backwards to make sure we were extremely happy, satisfied customers. I urge people to get the full story before just stating one-sided opinions and bashing a business.

I'm somewhat surprised by the editor including these stories in her editor section without all the "facts".

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Elder James Willard
Stoker

ELDER JAMES W. STOKER

(July 9, 1931 – May 9, 2016)

Elder James Willard Stoker, age 84, of Van Buren Township, MI, formerly of Traverse City, MI and Fort Myers, FL, passed away Monday, May 9, 2016 at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn, MI. He was born July 9, 1931 in Detroit, MI, son of James Adolphus & Ehtel (Foor) Stoker. Mr. Stoker proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for 3 years during the Korean Conflict. Jim retired from Ford Motor Company NAAO office in Dearborn, as an analyst, after more than 30 years of loyal service. He enjoyed playing Bridge, golfing, and loved to travel. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ-Restoration Branch, Garden City, where he was first a Deacon, and most recently an Elder.

Mr. Stoker is survived by his loving wife Romayne F. (Younger) Stoker of 64 years, two sons James W. Stoker II of Clio, MI and Jeffrey (Susan) Stoker of Belleville, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also three older sisters Lavon Stevens, Ladora Ely and Wilma Summers.

Visitation was at Church of Jesus Christ-Restoration Branch, 1642 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135, Thursday, May 12, 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 13, 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 10-11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. Funeral Service. Elder Jeffrey Stoker officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Betty Jane Fulton

BETTY JANE FULTON

(June 30, 1924 – May 10, 2016)

Age 91 of Canton, former longtime Belleville resident.

Betty is the beloved wife of the late Elmer (d.1967); loving mother of Sandra (Alex) Love of Laurel Springs, New Jersey and Gary (Amy) Fulton of Belleville; cherished grandmother of Jason (Sarah) Love, Jeff (Jennifer) Love, Claudia (Rick) Paulger, Emily Fulton, Kelly (TJ Coach) Fulton and Sarah (Vince) Klapadlo. Mrs. Fulton is also survived by her great-grandchildren Cordelia, Sophia, Marissa, Ian, Lincoln, Zeke, Charleigh and Tate. Born June 30, 1924 in Ferndale, Michigan to Hiram and Esther Clark, she and her husband, Elmer began a life together in Belleville to raise their family. In her later years, Betty enjoyed crocheting, game shows and most of all traveling, visiting all 50 states (Alaska was her favorite), Europe three times, and Mexico numerous times. She loved to cook and was best known for her famous coleslaw.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Monday, May 16, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville 734-697-4500. The Fulton family received guests from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours were Sunday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Canton Waltonwood Nursing Facility.

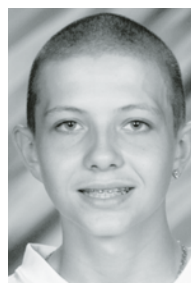


Donna M. Nugent

DONNA NUGENT

(May 12, 1929 – May 7, 2016)

Donna M. Nugent, age 86, of Marine City, formerly of White Lake Township and Belleville, passed away on May 7, 2016, peacefully, with her family by her side. She was born on May 12, 1929, in Detroit. She was married to Thomas E. Nugent and he preceded her in death on March 15, 1998. Donna loved life, enjoyed gardening and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children Michelle (Richard) Nugent-Buchanan of Oregon, Dennis (Giselle) Nugent of Texas, Paul (Claudia) Nugent of California and Lesa (Harold) Bastow of Marine City, 11 grandchildren, along with 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Richard "Nick" Savage, and sisters Shirleyann Shyne and Geraldine Liedel. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Brandon John Petri

BRANDON JOHN PETRI

(June 15, 1990 – May 11, 2016)

Brandon John Petri, 25, a lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away May 11, 2016. He was born June 15, 1990 at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti to Linda Gall and the late John Petri. He graduated from high school online through Penn-Foster and had dreams of going to college.

Survived by his son Maverick John Otto Petri; his mother of Belleville; brother Mark Creech, and sister Sharon McFadden.

Final resting place is St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

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Obituaries



Russell George
LaPalme, Jr.

RUSSELL G. LaPALME, JR.

(April 17, 1964 – May 10, 2016)

Russell George LaPalme, Jr., age 52, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born April 17, 1964 in Dearborn, MI, son of Russell George & Laura Jane (Miller) LaPalme, Sr.

Russ attended Stockbridge High School. He worked in underground construction for a number of years. He was a former Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation member. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the annual Turkey Shoot. Russ is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Rebecca Lynn (Rochon) LaPalme; four children, Ashlie (George) Hamel of Haslett, MI, Angel Hunt of Bunkerhill, MI, Raven and Emily LaPalme of Sumpter Township, MI; two grandchildren, Isabella and Alexander Hamel; four brothers, Doug LaPalme of Taylor, MI, Tim (Brenda) Fritz of Rochester Hills, MI, David (Jennifer) Fritz of Canton, MI and Scott (Natie) Fritz of Arkansas; also numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Jerry and Jeffery Fritz; also a niece Samantha Fritz.

A Memorial Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

JOAN R. ZAMMITT

(August 16, 1931 – May 14, 2016)

Age 84 of Westland. Survived by husband of 64 years, Frank; seven children; 22 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother. Service was May 18. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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VERNA MORGAN

(June 17, 1926 – May 10, 2016)

Verna Morgan, age 89, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield, MI. She was born June 17, 1926 in Head of Grassy, Kentucky, daughter of Elva Allen & Bessie Marble (Gulley) Richmond.

Mrs. Morgan retired from the Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Road plant, after more than 20 years of service. She was a former member of Southside Ypsilanti Baptist Church. She was the ultimate homemaker. She loved to cook for her family. She made the best cobbler and pumpkin pie in town.

She is survived by daughter-in-law Ruby Hamilton; five grandchildren Robin Ezrow, Melissa Murad, Todd Hamilton, Darren Hamilton and Joshua Hamilton; 7 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; brother Virgil Richmond of Kentucky; two sisters Loretta Whitefield of Indiana and Janet Cooper of Kentucky; also numerous nieces & nephews, extended family and friends.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents; husband Earl J. Morgan on May 9, 2009; son Ronald Hamilton in 2002; also siblings Goldie Dillow, Ralph Richmond, Shelby Richmond, Ruby Harris, Nora Morgan, Homer Richmond and Adrian Richmond.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2016 and 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday with a 12:30 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Wayne Jacobs officiated. Interment was in Morgan Cemetery, Emerson, KY. Out-of-state arrangements were by Globe Funeral Chapel, Olive Hill, KY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for the family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Richard Stanley Lutz

RICHARD S. LUTZ

(July 18, 1940 – May 15, 2016)

Richard Stanley Lutz, age 75, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Henry Ford Hospital, Wyandotte, MI. He was born July 18, 1940 in Memphis, TN, son of Stanley M. & Virginia E. (Gallaway) Lutz. Mr. Lutz attended Southside High School in Memphis. He graduated from Prairie Baptist Academy in Three Hills Alberta, Canada. Richard was a long-time member of the Berean Baptist Church, Belleville, MI. He was a current member of Metro Baptist Church, Belleville, MI. He was a former member of the Lion's Club. He enjoyed helping the September Days Senior Citizens.

Richard is survived by five siblings, Naomi Ruth (George) Dwiggin of Vicksburg, Mississippi, James (Vicky) Lutz of Belleville, MI, Robert (Janet) Lutz of Olive Branch, Mississippi, Joe P. (Coleen) Lutz of Houston, Texas and Mary M. (Ron) Robinson of Fairbanks, Alaska; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two sisters Trudy Baroni-Parsons and Loretta Estes. Interment will be in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Memorial Service will be at Metro Baptist Church, 41700 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, with Dr. Jim Lutz officiating, and is being planned and will be announced soon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Metro Baptist Church and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

State Rep. Pagan sets Environmental Town Hall Forum on May 19

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, invites the public to an Environmental Town Hall Forum that she is hosting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 19, in the Belleville High School Commons.

This will be an opportunity for people in the community to come together and discuss some key issues facing the Michigan Legislature in terms of environmental policy, she said.

“Most notably, we will be discussing legislation pertaining to pipeline safety, energy policy and contaminants polluting our waterways,” Rep. Pagan said, noting she will have some important guest panelists attending from several key environmental groups.

BHS is at 501 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville. This event is free and open to the public.

Pagan represents the 21st District, serving Canton, Belleville, and Van Buren Township.

BHS Girls Varsity Soccer beats Redford Union, still tied for first

The Belleville High School Girls Varsity Soccer team scored another victory Monday night against Redford Union. Morgan Marshall, Bella Sylvestre and Bri'onna Reese each scored two goals and Erika Nofz, Amanda Greene and Madison Marshall added one as the Tigers remained tied for first place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Congratulations to Morgan Marshall's 100th career goal at BHS!

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More Letters

Jehovah Witnesses invite all to attend convention

To the Editor:

Jehovah's Witnesses feel that all, including non-Witnesses, will benefit from the positive message and practical suggestions that will be highlighted at the 2016 "Remain Loyal!" district convention to be held at the Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Hall on Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township.

The three-day program will feature 49 presentations, each exploring the theme "loyalty." Additionally, the Witnesses have prepared 35 video segments specifically for the program, plus two short films that will be shown on Saturday and Sunday. Each day, the morning and afternoon sessions

will be introduced by music videos recorded for the convention.

Starting this week end and continuing for the next 19 weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will put forth extra effort to extend a personal invitation to individuals from six states to attend the conventions with them. The first of three-day events to be held in Belleville will begin Friday, May 20, at 9:20 a.m. and continue through Aug. 21. There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

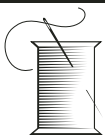
More than 235 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will be supporting the activity of distributing printed invitations to the convention. An estimated 32,000 people will come to Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for 14 conventions in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. This will bring in an estimated \$3 million to local businesses.

We strongly believe that loyalty is an essential part of any healthy relationship. Our convention this year features content that will help people develop stronger bonds with friends, family members, and, above all, with God. We are confident that all who attend will enjoy this program.

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Women's Club seeks Reality Check volunteers

To the Editor:

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS. The Belleville Area Women's Club is looking for community volunteers to help with the annual Reality Check held at McBride Middle School on June 8.

Reality Check is a school-to-work experience for area eighth grade students. This program is an effort to give students a realistic look at the costs involved in achieving the lifestyle they would like to have. We need help assisting the students as they go through the various stations of the program.

Reality Check will be held on June 8 at McBride Middle School, 47097 McBride, Belleville, (734) 697-9171, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you can help, no matter for how long, one hour or all day, we would appreciate it.

To sign up, or if you need additional information, contact:

Gloria Dougherty at (734) 697-9892; Darlene Collins at (734) 699-0649 or bogesgirl@att.net; Sophia Zoller at (734) 697-7379 or sofiazol@comcast.net; or Connie Stoelton at (734) 424-9066, or lynn38@core.com.

Always something new out of Washington...

To the Editor:

Every time I think the news out of Washington can't get any more outrageous, something new: Same-sex bathrooms. What's next?

Say I worked hard all day (to use an old expression). I'm dog-tired. I'm walking down Main Street. I feel like a dog. I see a fire hydrant. Well, you get the idea.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Reminder: Fly your American Flag May 30

To the Editor, Belleville residents, and all my South Biggs neighbors:

A reminder!

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 30), honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day,

it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of summer.

Let's not confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a federal holiday that falls on Nov. 11 and is designated as a day to honor ALL who have served in the military. According to Military.com, Veterans Day began as Armistice Day to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918.

Here's YOUR chance to demonstrate pride in our country and remember our fallen veterans. Once again, I am encouraging all residents of Belleville to have a flag at EVERY home.

Business owners, firemen, police officers, city officials: Set the example, display your U.S. flag early. Show the rest of Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and the entire country how proud we are to be a U.S. citizen, creating a sense of pride in our neighborhood and our country.

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My refurbished flags had previously been flown over a veteran's grave; now you can "Honor and Remember" that fallen veteran by once again displaying his/her flag at your home.

Pete Pitzen

U.S. Citizen, Belleville Resident, U.S. Army Vet, U.S. Air Force Vet, VFW Life Member, American Legion Member

Varsity Softball Field to be named for Peggy Curtis on May 26

The Varsity Softball Field at Belleville High School will be named for Coach Peggy Curtis at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 26, before the final home game of the season at 4 p.m.

This is the first facility named for a person in the history of the Van Buren Public Schools. The school board approved the action at a recent meeting.



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On May 5, U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-MI, visited with the Belleville High School juniors in the New Tech program to discuss their "Witness to War" project. They talked about veterans' benefits and how to honor our heroes. The New Tech study included reading "All Quiet on the Western Front" by Eric Maria Remarque and learning about the World Wars. They heavily discussed the merits of war and tried to determine if war is worth the human toll.

Former Belleville resident Pam Rossi publishes book

Detroit radio personality Pam Rossi, who lived in Belleville from 1957 to 1975, announces she has published a book on her interviews with music celebrities.

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The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees presented a proclamation to LeRoy Paige naming May as the Month of Remembrance in Sumpter Township, honoring veterans. This was at the board's April 26 meeting. From left is Trustee Don Swinson, Paige, and Supervisor John Morgan. Paige, a resident of Sumpter, is Michigan Chapter Director of Honor and Remember and had delivered a proclamation from Gov. Snyder naming May as Month of Remembrance in Michigan. Supervisor Morgan said the township will fly the Honor and Remember flag all month.

2016 SUMPTER COUNTRY FEST

Schedule of Events – May 27th - May 30th



Thursday, May 26

Carnival Opens @ 5pm – Close

Friday, May 27

Festival Opens @ 5pm – Close 12 Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Live Music – Denise Davis and the

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Baby Contest

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Saturday, May 28

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Parade (From Sumpter Rd. & Judd Rd to Dunn Rd.)

To Be Announced by Randy Brown

Parade presentations immediately following parade

Michigan Mini Horse Pulling

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)

5pm – Close

4pm – 7pm

5pm – 9pm

5pm – Close

5pm – Close

8pm – Close

12pm – Close

12pm

1:30pm

12pm – 9pm

12pm – 9pm

12pm – Close

2pm – 10pm

2pm – Close

Sunday, May 29

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Car Show (10am Registration)

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

D.J. Music/Karaoke

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Live Music – Tall Cool One

Robert Plant/Led Zeppelin Tribute Band

D.J. Music/Karaoke

Truck Demolition Derby (Arena)

Live Music – TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait Band

Fireworks – D.J.

Monday, May 30

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 10pm

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Live Music – Two Timin Band – Country

Baby Contest

Bingo

Baby Contest Awards & Raffle Winners Announced

Silent Auction Final Bid

Silent Auction Items Picked Up

Auto-Cross/Demolition Derby (Arena)

(Adults \$12/Children 12 and under \$4)

Live Music – Stealin Time

12pm – 4pm

12pm – Close

12pm – 3pm

12pm – 9pm

12pm – Close

12pm – 10pm

3pm – 5pm

5pm – 7pm

5:30pm

7pm – Close

Dusk

12pm – Close

2pm – 5pm

12pm – 1:30pm

12pm – Close

5pm – 5:30pm

5pm

6pm – 8pm

6pm

6pm – Close



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VB School Board selects 6 candidates to interview for superintendent

The Van Buren School Board met on Monday to review applicants for the superintendent's position.

The board felt the candidate pool was excellent with 32 applicants and decided to interview six candidates for the position.

The board is being assisted in the search process by MASB, Michigan Association of School Boards, with Dr. Rodney Green as the consultant.

The interviews will be held beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, and on Wednesday, May 25, at the Belleville High School cafeteria. The public is encouraged to attend the interviews.

A second round of interviews is planned for May 31. Candidates and the times they will be interviewed are as follows:

Tuesday, May 24

6 p.m. -- Peter Kudlak, assistant superintendent at Milan Area Schools since 2012. Previously, he was director of elementary education and elementary principal for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for five years, elementary principal in Flat Rock for five years, and a teacher in Ypsilanti Public Schools for five years.

7 p.m. -- Mark Kleinhans, Superintendent at Bedford Public Schools since 2013. Previously, he was superintendent at Montrose Community Schools for 11 years, middle school principal in Montrose for nine years, and an assistant principal, athletic director, and teacher for Alma Public Schools for seven years.

8 p.m. -- Melody Strang, Director of Instructional Technology & Curriculum, Fenton Public Schools since 2011. She has been an educator for 21 years and previously, she was an elementary principal, early childhood director and teacher in Fenton. She also taught in Bendle.

Wednesday, May 25

6 p.m. -- Josha Talison, Ed.D., superintendent at Beecher Community Schools since 2010. Previously, he was middle school principal in Southfield for five years, middle school principal in Oak Park for one year, and assistant principal in Rochester for four years. He has also been an adjunct professor for University of

Michigan Flint.

7 p.m. -- William Brown, assistant superintendent at Lenawee ISD since 2013. Previously, he was director of special services in Northville for one year, director of special services, principal, assistant principal and consultant in Milan for 15 years. He also was a special education teacher in Ohio.

8 p.m. -- Terry George, high school turnaround principal at Hamtramck since 2014. Previously, he was director of pupil services in Hamtramck for five years and was middle school principal and assistant principal in Southfield. He also was a principal in private schools and was a teacher in Detroit and New York.

The board expects to appoint a new superintendent with a starting date of July 1.

Sumpter Country Fest 2016 Car Show Sunday, May 29

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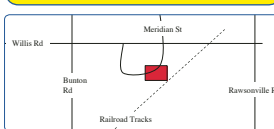
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• **Thursday, May 19** – Belleville Area Museum presents the Third-Thursday Lecture Series featuring the "Sauk Trail, US 12, and the Detroit-Chicago Road" presentation by John Geisler. Doors open at 5 p.m., pizza served at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m. Free to members, \$5 non members.

• **Thursday, May 19** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan invites the public to attend an Environmental Town Hall Forum on environmental matters at the Belleville High School Commons at 6:30 p.m. They will discuss, with special guest panelists, state legislation concerning pipeline safety, energy policy, and contaminants polluting state waterways. Free and open to the public.

• **Thursday, May 19** – Blood Drive at Special Tree Rehabilitation System's NeuroCare Campus at 10909 Hannan Road, Romulus, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedule your appointment on line at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: specialtree or call (734) 893-1000.

• **Friday, May 20** – Come have coffee with State Sen. Hopgood at 12:30 p.m. at the Sumpter Senior Center kitchen, 23501 Sumpter Road. All welcome.

• **Sunday, May 22** – 3 J's band performs country music from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, May 22** – Come to the "Cabaret" put on by the Belleville Community Chorus, 3 p.m. at Open Arms Lutheran Church. Free, but donations are requested to help support the chorus. Solos, duets, small ensembles. Food and refreshments available. Information: (734) 645-0235.

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Belleville Community Chorus presents 'Cabaret' May 22

The Belleville Community Chorus will present "Cabaret" at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

The singers will present solos, duets, and small ensembles performing versions of pop, oldies, show tunes, instrumentals, and more.

The concert is free, although donations to support the chorus are requested. Food and refreshments will be available.

The chorus is made up of friends and neighbors from Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren, and Ypsilanti. For more information, call (734) 645-0235.

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Strategies for claiming Social Security

For those close to filing for Social Security benefits, the 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, lecture at the Belleville Area District Library should be a big help.

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Stanley and Dorothy Lightfoot were married during World War II. Stanley served in the U.S. Air Force, Cadet Flying Program, and as Radio Mechanic from January, 1943 to November, 1945. Following his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force, he was employed with the Detroit Post Office for 18 years.

In 1971, Stanley Lightfoot entered the ministry. He pastored six churches: Berean Baptist Church in Stevens Point, WI; Trinity Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, MI; Fellowship Baptist Church in Marine City, MI; Calvary Baptist Church in Wabash, IN; Alabaster Bible Church in Tawas City, MI; and Faith Baptist Church in Standish, MI.

Stanley and Dorothy gave birth to five

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Romulus Historical Society annual flea market set for June 11

The annual flea market put on by the Romulus Historical Society is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, Romulus 48174.

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BIG YARD SALE – 50462 Bog Rd. off Rawsonville Rd. Tools, Furniture, Collectibles, Bikes, Antiques, Glass & Toys. May 19-21. 9:a.m.

More Letters

Letter to a very misinformed writer

To the Editor:

The Michigan Chapter of Honor and Remember, Inc. would like to express its disapproval with the author of the rather lengthy letter in the April 28, 2016 edition of the *Independent* stating so many inaccurate and insulting statements regarding the brochure of our organization.

We have decided that his attack against Honor and Remember will not go unanswered.

FACT #1: In every statement he made, except for the history lesson on the flag that our military personnel fought under, he left out who this "charlatan organization" was created for.

We'll give you a clue. It was the ones that had to suffer the most from the loss of someone who died in service to our country. The Gold Star families/relatives that bond together as a support group and the families that have dealt with their loss on their own.

Every year, the nation celebrates Memorial Day and Veterans Day. One day to Honor our Fallen Heroes and the other day to Honor our Living Heroes.

But to the families that lost someone, both of these days has a hollow ring to it. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day causes them to want no part of the observances of such holidays. They tune them out.

They are proud of America, but it is a day they don't want to celebrate like the rest of us would. In his article, he gives no mention of this group in any way, shape or form.

FACT #2: The lack of compassion as a veteran displayed by the author of the article tells us, that the families just have to suck it up with the loss of their loved one and deal with the hurt, anger and depression that comes with the loss so they can put their lives back together.

That is a slap in the face to every family of our military service people that gave their All for our country. SHAME ON YOU.

FACT #3: This seems to be the real salt in the wound with the author and it still doesn't justify his tirade. The Honor and Remember flag has a design that incorporates a Gold Star, which if you read what the symbols of the Honor and Remember flag stands for, on a red and white field, with other symbols added, is similar to, in his estimation, the North Vietnamese Flag and the North Korean Flag.

Guess what, the similarity ends with the Star and nothing else.

BTW. The N. K. and the N. V. flags are different colors for the fields and show no other symbols in contrast to the Honor and Remember flag which clearly shows the outline of the blue star, the white star, a flame in the center, and the tri-folded Stars and Stripes at the bottom of the flag. It doesn't get much clearer than that!

FACT #4: It was suggested by the author

that the Killed in Action flag, would be a suitable flag to obtain to recognize all who were killed in action. That might be fine if the KIA's were all there was to recognize.

Honor and Remember goes further to help the families, not of just the KIAs, but those whose loved ones lost the battle within their bodies because of cancer, diabetes and other presumptive diseases that were caused by the spraying of dioxins in military areas of operations.

We also help families whose loved ones had post traumatic stress disorders, being in combat zones and having traumatic stress periods that rendered them unable to cope with their memories.

We also help those who were killed in accidents while in the service, i.e. drownings, muggings, drive-by shootings, car accidents, radical attacks, like Ft. Hood, TX or Chattanooga, TN.

Does the author think that a family would want a flag that has no positive value in displaying such a flag when all you can see in big bold letters, is: KILLED IN ACTION?

Would that give you the comfort you needed when you think of your loved ones and how you miss them?

Will strangers who see this flag understand what a family has had to go through? Not very likely.

Just to add a note here. No one we have talked to has ever heard of the KIA Flag, including veterans and Gold Star families. Go figure!

FACT #5: The author of the article, clearly does not understand that it isn't about veterans that are living and no, it isn't about Mt. Suribachi or the Battle of the Bulge or Ia Drang Valley or the War on Terror.

It is about how we treat those who have lost loved ones and how we as Americans, (meaning John Q. Public) recognize our grieving families by showing our compassion, gratitude and respect for their loss.

FACT #6: The author has made the statement that his coffin would have the Stars and Stripes draped over it. We would certainly hope so.

This might come as a surprise to you, sir, but every veteran, male and female that is a volunteer, working to see that all the families of the United States of America are recognized as having lost a loved one that served in the military will also have the Stars and Stripes on their coffin.

We have said it over and over and over, that no living veteran has a reason to be concerned about the Honor and Remember flag.

Every generation that sends someone off to serve in our Armed Forces wonders if they will come back. If they don't, the family will take it upon themselves to say that their Fallen Hero shouldn't have done what they did. That is human nature, sir.

Your discourse against Honor and Remember, Inc. and those who believe in this grassroots effort was totally malicious and totally uncaring.

With all that said, We, the Michigan

Chapter of Honor and Remember, Inc. earnestly ask for the City Council of Belleville to allow the Honor and Remember Flag to be displayed on the All Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park during the Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 30, 2016.

Sincerely,
Michigan Chapter, Honor and Remember, Inc.

LeRoy Paige, State Director

E. Wayne Byrum, Assistant Director / Chaplain

John Aldrich, Treasurer

Colleen Allen, Gold Star Family Coordinator

Keith McDonald, Public Affairs

Coordinator / Resources Advisor

Women's Club awards six \$1,000 scholarships

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club awarded six scholarships at its May meeting.

The following students from Belleville High School received \$1,000 scholarships: Courtney Schweers will be attending Central Michigan University majoring in Biology/Pharmacy; Erion Lee will be attending Wayne State University majoring in Health/Dental; Andrea Rodriguez will be attending the University of Michigan majoring in Finance; Jayla Jackson will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to be a pilot; and Leah Hardy will be attending the University of Michigan majoring in Biology/Genetic Research.

Receiving the \$1,000 Virginia Badgett Scholarship for a woman returning to college is Lynda Campbell who will be

attending Wayne State University majoring in Mortuary Science.

We wish all these women the very best as they further their educations.

Sincerely,

Shelly Brown-Chudzinski, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Belleville Area Women's Club

Thanks to Reggie Miller For \$1,000 donation

To the Editor:

On behalf of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation, we would like to thank Trustee Miller for her generous donation! Reggie has donated \$1,000 each year for the past three years which has enabled us to send a child in need to camp each summer. We are very grateful for Reggie's generosity and her continued support of our department, parks and programming.

Thank you, Trustee Miller!

Respectfully submitted,
Recreation Committee

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VBT LDFA insists member who doesn't attend meetings, should

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Danylo Dobriansky, who was named to the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority last August to represent Sovereign Partners, has never attended a

meeting.

Sovereign is the new owner of Grace Lake, having bought it from Visteon. Dobriansky, who is Sovereign's asset manager, has an office in New York City.

At its May 10 meeting, the LDFA discussed

his absences and what to do about it.

The LDFA approved changes to its bylaws earlier in the meeting to allow Dobriansky and other members to attend meetings by telephone or video conference equipment when they cannot attend in person.

Dobriansky did fly in to attend a meeting last fall, shortly after his appointment by Supervisor Linda Combs and the township board, but the LDFA meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to a lack of quorum.

After many suggestions on how to approach the absent member, Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said he would set up a meeting with Supervisor Combs on the matter. He said it's up to the township board to make up the LDFA membership, besides the county and school district representatives which are required.

"They are not required members at the table," Akers said of Sovereign.

LDFA chairman Michael Dotson said he will work with Akers and try to have it done before the next meeting on July 12.

The LDFA is anxious to develop more property at Grace Lake in order to bring in more tax money to capture. Having a representative of Sovereign at the table would be very helpful, they have said.

In other business at the 1 hour, 14-minute meeting, the LDFA:

- Directed Akers to set up a closed-door session with attorney Kaveh Kashef for what he sees downstream on the township's bond shortfall. LDFA member Doug Peters requested the meeting, "So we're not in 2017 or 2018 and ask, 'Where's the money?'" Peters said he wants the township to be able to pursue as many options as possible. "I have ideas for strategy questions," said Peters, who is an attorney;

- Accepted an update memorandum on the 1.04 acres of property the LDFA owns on Ecorse Road west of Hannan, that was to be put up for sale. The LDFA had voted to rezone it before putting it up for sale and that rezoning request will be before the planning commission on May 25. With all the steps involved the rezoning could be in effect by July 20;

- Discussed marketing and community outreach, an ongoing item on the agenda. Akers said Vantage Pointe has been again renamed. Detroit Regional Aerotropolis is offering tours of Willow Run and other areas to developers and is reaching out to property owners. Dotson said there is an opportunity for the out-lots to be developed at Grace Lake. They discussed signs and billboards and set up a sub-committee of Dotson, John Delaney and Chuck Covington to work on signs and traditional marketing;

- Discussed Sovereign's lack of motivation to develop Grace Lake further. "If Sovereign wanted to be a good neighbor, they'd show us the lease with Visteon," Peters said. Later in the meeting, when discussing Dobriansky's absences, he said, "Throw him off the committee. I still suspect collusion between them and Visteon on the property since they refused

to furnish us with the lease"; and

- Briefly discussed a letter from Wayne County Executive Warren Evans saying the county is reviewing all the LDFAs, Downtown Development Authorities, and other Tax Increment Financing (TIF) groups in the county that capture county tax funds. He is asking for the groups' last six audited financial statements, the currently approved development plan for which the taxes are collected, a summary sheet of bonds that are outstanding, and the currently approved budget balance sheet, plus records that detail each of the expenditures. These documents are public records. The county said it will make sure taxes are not captured for ineligible purposes under law. "Tell them the deal's going bad and we'll be looking for money in 2018," Peters said to Akers, who will be dealing with the county on this.

Vesta Losen re-elected president of Keystone Academy School Board

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Vesta Losen, one of the founders of Keystone Academy, was re-elected president of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors at its annual meeting May 12.

Susan Meland was elected vice-president, Connie Shull elected secretary, and Carol Manley re-elected treasurer.

The National Heritage Academy representative, now in flux, is the Freedom of Information Act officer, as well as the AHERA contact. The board's legal counsel is CS³ which includes longtime board attorney LaRae Munk. Contact for Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 is the school principal.

The board suspended discussion on the 2016-17 initial budget proposal until a final budget is available to discuss. Any action on the proposed 2016-17 budget and the 2015-16 final amended budget was tabled.

An amendment was approved for the student handbook to comply with federal law, changing the name of the "Parent Involvement Policy" to the "Parent and Family Engagement Policy."

Principal Keturah Godfrey reported that NHA is working on strengthening the Moral Focus program and Keystone is making the moral focus consistent throughout the building.

Godfrey also reported that Dean Katherine Hartsock gave birth to a son, Colin, and she will stay home until he's in school. They will not refill her dean's position and will restructure it into a three-dean system.

Godfrey said their third graders went to Lansing earlier in the year and now the fourth graders are going to Lansing. The seventh grade has a trip to Mackinac Island planned and the eighth graders are going to Washington, D.C.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE TAX-SUPPORTED CONTRACT AND RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Cities of Flat Rock, Gibraltar and Woodhaven in the County of Wayne, the Charter Townships of Brownstown, Huron and Van Buren in the County of Wayne, and the Village of South Rockwood in the County of Monroe (collectively, the "Local Units" and each a "Local Unit") have each approved the execution of a contract (the "Contract") with the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Act No. 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, which Contract will provide among other things that the Authority will acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Authority's sewage disposal system, consisting generally of reequipping existing biological treatment tanks with new diffused aeration equipment, including mixers, diffusers, blowers, valves, gates, control system improvements, and safety improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto and will issue its bonds in the approximate amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 to finance all or part of the cost of said improvements. Each Local Unit, including the Charter Township of Van Buren, will pay to the Authority annually all sums necessary to retire its share of the principal of and interest of said bonds pursuant to a proposed Financing Contract among the Authority and the Local Units. Each Local Unit's share of such payments shall be based generally on the weighted average of the last three calendar years' flow percentages for each Local Unit served by the sewage disposal system, approximately as follows:

Local Unit	Percentage of Share
Brownstown Twp.	24.62%
Flat Rock City	15.96%
Gibraltar City	10.02%
Huron Twp.	15.97%
South Rockwood Village	2.29%
Van Buren Twp.	16.96%
Woodhaven City	14.18%

CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL UNITS

It is presently contemplated that said bonds will be issued by the Authority in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 and will be payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years, and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding principal balance, subject to revision pursuant to Michigan law and the Contract. The Contract includes the pledge by each Local Unit of its limited tax full faith and credit as security for its obligations under the Contract including payment of its share of debt service on the bonds. PURSUANT TO SUCH PLEDGE, EACH LOCAL UNIT, INCLUDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE LOCAL UNIT'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT IF OTHER FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. It is the present intention of each Local Unit to use the revenues derived from the operation of its sanitary sewer collection system to make substantially all of the payments required to pay its obligations under the Contract.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

FOR EACH LOCAL UNIT, THE CONTRACT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE without a vote of the electors of the Local Unit, as permitted by law, UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION on the question of entering into the Contract, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SUCH LOCAL UNIT, is filed with the Clerk of the Local Unit WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after publication of this notice. If such petition is so filed, the Contract will not become effective with respect to such Local Unit without an approving vote by the majority of electors of the Local Unit voting on the question.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 of Act No. 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said contract and the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's office.

Leon Wright
Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 23 – Special “powerhouse meeting” of the Belleville City Council at 6:30 p.m. to discuss details of the proposed 2016-17 city budget scheduled to be approved at June 6 regular meeting.
- Tuesday, May 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 6-9 p.m., superintendent interviews. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education 6-9 p.m., interviews candidates for superintendent, selects finalists at end. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25 – Public hearing by Sumpter Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., on variance proposed for 45674 Kozma Street. Ordinance says access building can’t be taller than principle building on the site.
- Tuesday, May 31 – Final interviews for superintendent by Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 6 p.m.
- Monday, June 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 7 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Special City Council Meeting Minutes May 9, 2016

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Member Smith.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY 2011/17 City Budget Review

Contracted finance employee Kelly Howey of Plante & Moran PLLC presented the various funds for City Council review. Discussion was held regarding all funds.

The May 11, 2016 budget study session was cancelled.

A Special Meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the budget in detail.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 6:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: May 16, 2016
Published: May 19, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes May 2, 2016

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Mayor’s Appointment to Boards & Commissions

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 16-045** to approve Mayor’s appointment of Jim Chudzinski to the DDA with term to expire on December 31, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Request to Close High Street – Music Concert

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 16-046** to approve in concept a request from Maurice Morris CEO of The Lavish Store to close High Street for a concert night at Horizon Park. Date of concert to be determined and details to be worked out with City Administration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Signatory – Tom Fielder

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-047** to authorize the addition of Thomas Fielder as a signatory as of this date along with the current signatories Mayor Kerreen Conley, Jack Loria and Lisa Long.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Annual City Wide Yard Sale Date

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 16-048** to approve the dates of September 10th and 11th of 2016 to conduct the annual city wide yard sale event.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Wolverine Pipeline Easement

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria, to approve **Resolution No. 16-049** to approve the amended Wolverine Pipeline Easement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. FY16/17 City Budget

Called a Special City Council meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss The FY16/17 City Budget.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 16-050**, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: May 16, 2016
Published: May 19, 2016



City of Belleville Public Notice



BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2000 Ford Crown Victoria
2001 Ford Crown Victoria

The vehicles are being stored at the City of Belleville's parking lot on 6 Main Street. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and “Bid for Vehicle.” Bids are due in the City Clerk’s Office by Friday, June 3, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the June 6, 2016 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed in the parking lot of the City of Belleville.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

DATE: May 10, 2016

**PUBLISH: May 19, 2016
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June 2, 2016**

To build a better world, start in your own community!



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 26, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 16 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on agenda items only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to accept Planning Commission Minutes of February 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$172,544.11. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. There was a Parks & Recreation Meeting last week and they are moving along well with the Sumpter Fest.

B. Thanks to Parks & Rec. members for their volunteer hours they put in and hard work with working on Sumpter Festival.

C. No Chamber Report.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Parks & Recreation/ Chamber Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Last Planning Commission reviewed Master Plan

B. Wayne County Commissioner Haidous and Roads

C. Tabled Coal Tar Discussion at last Planning Commission Meeting

D. Clean-up work on Zoning for the Medical Marijuana

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

9. Attorney’s Report-Young:

A. Update on Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (“MMMA”)

B. Update on DEQ

C. Regulations of Roads

D. Update Vicious Dog Ordinance, possible draft for next board meeting.

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

10. Board Response:

A. Presentation to Leroy Paige

11. New Business:

A. Presentation by Bethany Burge, Planning & Programs Manager at The Senior Alliance.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the retirement of Jewel Leonard with regret, effective May 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to post in house position left vacant by the retirement of Jewel Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the appointment of Mary Sherwood to Planning Commission term to expire September 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements:

A. Lake Effects Display in Township Hall

B. National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Victory Station Building at 5-points in the City of Belleville at 12:00 pm

13. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

1. Wayne County Commissioner Haidous and roads

2. Medical Marijuana and the impact on people using it

B. Deb Callison

1. Grass cutting for the Seniors

2. Sumpter Township residents’ use of Community Center

3. Sumpter Township Demolition of Houses

14. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:10 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 April 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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District Library

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The building and the 85-space parking lot is to be completed within three years of the bond sales.

The library board was enthusiastic about

approving both the agreement with the city and the millage proposal that evening.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy had proposed a new library budget and had suggested they ask for a 0.7 mill increase to the 0.7 mill library tax already approved for a total 1.4 mills. This would leave them

with an expected \$38,467 of revenue over expenditures.

Building Committee Chairperson Joy Cichewicz, a librarian in Ypsilanti, said she didn't feel there was enough in the budget for technology, which she knows is very important, and the \$38,467 buffer wasn't much.

After much discussion, the board passed the 0.75 mill proposal that would expect to generate \$101.884 of revenue over expenditures.

That would be a total of 1.45 mills for the library, with the .07 mill already approved.

Board member John Juriga said the old fire hall behind the museum will be right in front of the new library building. He said the fire hall is "kind of nasty." Library architect Dan Whisler met with the museum board earlier that day to discuss redesigning the museum and fire hall area as a community center.

Mary Jane Dawson, chairperson of the Marketing Committee, said Conrad Welsing was guest speaker at a recent meeting and he offered a lot of good ideas on marketing the library to get the bond and millage passed. They are planning Woman on the Street interviews that they will put on YouTube, among other promotions.

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Michael Boelter, presented upgraded salary recommendations for staff. The board approved the proposal that will take effect July 1. The suggestions were based on information from the Detroit Suburban Librarians Roundtable 2015 Statistics Compilation Report.

Architect Whisler said he would try to develop a final set of graphics to put on display June 1 at the Chamber of Commerce's coffee hour at the library.

Meng Chan, who called himself an "interested citizen," was a member of the audience for the first time and offered suggestions and asked questions throughout the meeting. Board President Sharon Peters thanked him for coming and for adding so much to the discussions.

The meeting was video recorded by Sam Cumberland, who used to record Sumpter Township meetings for cable viewing.

Martha-Mary Café to feature speaker on modern-day slavery

Amanda Love from the Better Way Imports will be guest speaker at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 7, at the Belleville Presbyterian Church's Martha-Mary Café.

The church holds a monthly café where about 10-15 people enjoy a cup of coffee and discuss the latest topic of the day.

At the June 7 café, Love will give a look at modern-day slavery in the United States as well as explain the Better Way program and how it works.

The public is invited.

"You have to be odd to be number one."
— Dr. Seuss

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday May 25, 2016, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2003	Ford	SW	1FBNE31L43HB32528	16-5057
1997	Chevrolet	4D	1G1JC5245V7209394	16-8238
2005	Honda	4D	1HGCM56405A193164	16-7258
1997	Ford	SW	1FMDU34E9VZB34694	16-7831
1994	Cadillac	DFW	1G6KD52B0RU294355	16-5911
2002	Honda	MC	JH2SC50192M000958	16-5121
2003	Ford	SW	1FMYU93163KC16424	16-6605
1997	Jeep	SW	1J4FJ78SXVL520079	16-5954
2002	Chevrolet	4D	1G1JF524427166069	16-6773
1999	Toyota	4D	4T1BG22K2XU527079	15-27661
1996	Saturn	SW	1G8ZK8272TZ392533	15-30463
2000	TRLDOLLY	TL	4DFT6S11RN010231	15-26555
1999	Jeep	SW	1J4GW58S4XC516834	15-29434
1996	Ford	F5S	3FCMF53G3TJA06514	15-26452
1993	Ford	SW	1FMEU15N6PLA26739	15-27019
1999	Chevrolet	4D	1G1NE52M7X6208882	16-0538
2003	Ford	4D	1FAFP53U43A152904	16-1752
2003	Dodge	4D	1B3ES56C03D224219	16-2615

At 11:00 a.m. the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1996	Ford	SW	2FMDA5149TBA12028	15-12736
2001	Ford	SW	1FMYU70E01UC37296	16-6384
1997	Ford	2D	1FALP6247VH137916	16-7691
1997	Chevrolet	2D	1G1JC1241V7136176	16-7570
2002	Ford	PU	1FTRW08L12KC35115	16-5000
2005	Ford	SW	1FMFU20535LA05362	16-6075
2000	Toyota	4D	2T1BR12E9YC306578	16-6295
1999	Isuzu	SW	4S2CM58W5X4380600	16-6388
2004	Cadillac	4D	1G6KF57904U195222	16-7376
2001	Oldsmobile	4D	1G3WS52H81F202314	15-29410A
1997	Buick	4D	1G4CW52K4V4631398	15-29453
2000	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WF55E6Y9133415	15-30472
2000	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WH55K1Y9157167	16-0113
2004	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WF52E349124623	15-28115
2000	Volkswagen	2D	3VWBA21C9YM478921	15-29414C
1997	Chevrolet	2D	2G1WW12M8V9239736	19-91
1991	Cadillac	DFW	1G6CD53B2M4292327	16-1054A
1998	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WL52M5W9322672	16-1152
1994	Ford	4D	2FALP73W9RX186045	16-2556
2002	KIA	SW	KNDUP131926230949	16-2760
1998	Ford	2D	3FAKP113WR258264	15-25102E
1997	Ford	PU	1FTHX26F6VEA21581	15-25818
1993	GMC	SW	1GKFK16K7PJ725204	16-4296
1987	GMC	C7D	1GDM7D1Y0HV527135	16-5236D
2009	Suzuki	SX4	JS2YB417196201843	16-5236C
2008	Toyota	2D	JTDJT923285212260	16-8225A
2005	Hyundai	4D	KMHWF25H75A171649	16-7931
2001	Ford	SW	1FMYU02121KB23149	16-7895B
2007	Ford	4D	1FAFP56UX7A188663	16-7841A
2002	Ford	4D	1FAFP53U72G260302	16-7422
2004	Toyota	SW	JTDKB20U640012435	11-03-2015
2007	Toyota	4D	JTNBE46KX73025874	14-16539B
2001	Dodge	PU	1B7HC13Y41J566773	16-2779
2003	Dodge	SW	1D4GP25363B192612	16-4553

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: May 19, 2016

Family Enrichment Conference

Featuring Dr. Bob Gray



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☐ Sunday, May 22nd at 9:45 am, 11:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

☐ Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm.

☐ Tuesday, May 24th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

(Nursery provided for all services)

For more information call
(734) 461-0352

Pastor Jim McKinnies

Willis Baptist Church
8687 Bunton Road, Willis, MI 48191



Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 444 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 8:
0000 – disturbance, Taco Bell Belleville
0212 – driving while license suspended, Tyler Rd., cancel
1005 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1012 – private property incident, Van Born
1053 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1219 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1305 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1445 – assault & battery, Oak Blvd.
1457 – assault & battery, Parkwood
1637 – assault & battery, Westlake
1720 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
1800 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1805 – larceny from auto, Wayne County Community College
1945 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dt.
2019 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Ecorse Rd.
2127 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2319 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville

Monday, May 9:
0345 – narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
0732 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0959 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1219 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1403 – larceny, Bayshore Dr.
1429 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1554 – trespassing, Martz Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1639 – larceny, E. Sadie Ln.
1735 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
1747 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Van Born

1808 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
1911 – code enforcement, Haggerty Rd./Alden
1935 – retail fraud, Belleville
1942 – agency assist, Paris
2027 – missing person, Gilmore St.
2042 – vehicle repossession, Buchanan St., cancel
2148 – agency assist, Beckley Rd.
Tuesday, May 10:
1315 – hospice, Meadows Cir.
1342 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1401 – hospice, Redwood
1648 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1740 – missing person, Sadie Ln.
1814 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1818 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1829 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
1855 – larceny from auto, Monroe Ct.
2053 – ATV/ORV complaint, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
2246 – noise complaint, Ayres Ave.
2250 – intimidation threat, Sadie Ln.

Wednesday, May 11:
0604 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
0836 – suspicious person, Anna Dr.
0856 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1008 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1145 – private property incident, Westlake
1334 – code enforcement, Rawsonville Rd.
1335 – code enforcement, Martz Rd.
1335 – code enforcement, Harmony Ln.
1418 – suicide or attempt, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1540 – assault & battery, Richards Run
1545 – sexual assault, Lohr Rd.
1546 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1644 – ATV/ORV complaint, Renton Rd.
2343 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, May 12:
0704 – vehicle repossession, Parkwood, cancel
0814 – vehicle repossession, Redwood
0845 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1320 – assault & battery, Van Born
1434 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Van Born
1450 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1631 – breaking & entering, Dartmoor Cir.
1808 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

2014 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
Friday, May 13:
1142 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1451 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1534 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1612 – larceny, Van Born
1716 – property damage accident, W. I-94/Morton Taylor
1742 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1802 – assault & battery, Hamilton St.
1820 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd.
1834 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
1910 – disturbance, E. Adams/Truman
1923 – retail fraud, Belleville
1929 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2004 – property check, carnival – Bell Square
2018 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2131 – neighbor trouble, Haverhill Rd.
2319 – agency assist, WB I-94/rest area

Saturday, May 14:
0117 – disturbance, Ash Dr.
0145 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0148 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
0254 – suicide or attempt, Lake Point Blvd.
0723 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
0808 – hold-up alarm, Belleville Rd.
0847 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1004 – hold-up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1006 – malicious destruction of property, Gilmore
1128 – dumping complaint, Martz Rd.
1143 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1325 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1903 – shots fired, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
2012 – mental, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Also on this week’s log are 117 traffic stops, 15 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 8:
0023 – suspicious vehicle, Huron River Dr./Potter
0211 – noise complaint, Estrada
0600 – noise complaint, Estrada
1152 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
1156 – larceny, Carmell St.
1239 – intimidation threat, Main St.
1312 – E-911 cellular, N. Liberty St.
1906 – motorist assist, Huron River Dr./High
1952 – lost property, Main St.
2051 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
2214 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2249 – follow up, Carmell St.

Monday, May 9:
0656 – found property, Main St.
0837 – weapons violation, McBride
0946 – found property, Sumpter Rd.
1131 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St., cancel
1550 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
1619 – agency assist, E. Columbia Ave.
1646 – intrusion alarm, Savage
1704 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1754 – suspicious situation, E. Columbia Ave. / Madelon St.
2128 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.
Tuesday, May 10:
0003 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St., E. Huron River Dr.
0732 – water leak found, Sumpter Rd.
1456 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
2015 – harassment call, Potter Dr.

Wednesday, May 11:
0056 – suspicious person, Hayward’s
0958 – minor in possession, W. Columbia Ave.
1050 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
1115 – property damage accident, Jet’s Pizza
1159 – fight, Carmell St.
1255 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1641 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1853 – civil matter, S. Biggs
2026 – vehicle lockout, Brown Funeral Home
Thursday, May 12:
1709 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
1804 – assist citizen, Victorian Ln.
2007 – personal injury accident, Victoria Commons
2302 – suspicious situation, South St.

Friday, May 13:
1024 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1114 – larceny, Owen St.
1220 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd., cancel
1249 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1305 – traffic complaint, Huron River Dr./Sumpter
1535 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave., cancel
1724 – property damage accident, Main St.
1739 – traffic complaint, Main St./W. Columbia Ave.
1747 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Henry St.
Saturday, May 14:
1142 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1238 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
1710 – parking complaint, Victoria Commons
1713 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 34 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 8:
0926 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Bemis
1226 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1641 – ORV complaint, Kozma/Sumpter
1700 – traffic hazard, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1753 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2156 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
Monday, May 9:
0103 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0900 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1058 – threats complaint, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1126 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1312 – suspicious incident, Willow/Clark
1345 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1900 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow
1933 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
2008 – family trouble, Creekside
2137 – ORV complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2330 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Judd

Tuesday, May 10:
0603 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
0806 – larceny, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0913 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1153 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1225 – civil dispute, Delaware
1515 – fire dept. assist, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1518 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1704 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1838 – fire dept. assist, Dakota Ct.
2231 – suspicious person, Birch

Wednesday, May 11:
0717 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
0720 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
0733 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
1043 – 911 hang up, Wyoming
1143 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1247 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1354 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1402 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1541 – civil dispute, Stonecrest Dr.
1647 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1723 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1728 – runaway juvenile, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.

1732 – property damage accident, Willow / Martinsville
1757 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – threats complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1942 – mental health commitment, 21000 bl. Clark
2135 – ordinance violation, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2218 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Willow/Rawsonville
2312 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis

Thursday, May 12:
0805 – assault, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0827 – fraud complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
0914 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0934 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0944 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1113 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1137 – neighbor dispute, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1150 – parking complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1204 – parking complaint, Bontekoe
1324 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Elwell
1605 – parking complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster
1613 – parking complaint, Bontekoe
1648 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

1728 – mental health commitment, 21000 bl. Clark
2302 – animal complaint, Karr/Wear
Friday, May 13:
0659 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0821 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1039 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1141 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1144 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1145 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1153 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1336 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Arkona
1419 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville/Judd
1500 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1554 – reckless driver, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1626 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1850 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1917 – fireworks complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, May 14:
0036 – assist other agency, Willow/Waltz
0330 – traffic hazard, Sherwood/Willis
0510 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Wilmo
1005 – runaway juvenile, Sumpter/Willis
1205 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1427 – assist other agency, out of township
1456 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1536 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 12 follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 183 patrol checks, and 41 traffic stops.



Photos by Barbara Kalbfleisch
Van Buren Township’s brand-new poll flags were put up at Owen Intermediate School to mark the May 3 Washtenaw Intermediate School District election. And, they’ll be marking the polls for the August and November elections, as well. VBT ran the school election in Precinct 10, which has some voters in the Lincoln School District. They voted 37 yes and 47 no on the special education ballot proposal. Sumpter Township had three precincts in the Lincoln School District voting that day. In Precinct 1, the total was 12 yes, 20 no; Precinct 2, 10 yes and 27 no; precinct 5, 5 yes and 18 no, for a total Sumpter vote of 27 yes, 65 no. The final tally for the Washtenaw ISD Proposal was 19,180 yes and 13,273 no.

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The Belleville High School Varsity Softball team stayed perfect in the league with a 10-0 shutout against Dearborn High on May 11. Pitcher Jayla Jackson, above, threw a one-hitter striking out 11 batters in 5 innings. Kacee McWilliams had 3 hits, Meriya Zalma had 2 hits and 2 RBI. Mackenzie Kennedy had a single and 3 RBI. Hailey Clement had a double and a triple while Andrea Rodriguez had 3 hits. Jayla Jackson tripled and singled for the Tigers. The BHS varsity softball team's next home game is 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19, against Garden City, the only other undefeated team in the league. The softball team would like the community to come out and support them. Plans are to name the field for Coach Peggy Curtis at 3:30 p.m. before the 4 p.m. last home game of the season on Thursday, May 26.

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