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Kalitta wants to build at Willow Run, bring 600 jobs

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Marco Salomone was giving a report on Aerotropolis to members of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority at their regular meeting April 23, when VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara announced a new development nobody knew about.

Salomone, who is the interim executive director for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, was asked by DDA president Craig Atchinson what projects are being planned for 2019.

Salomone was reluctant to name developments until they were final, but Supervisor McNamara announced that Connie Kalitta is going to the township board pretty soon. He wants to build at Willow Run Airport, which is kind of tricky since you can't buy land at Willow Run, only lease it from the FFA.

He said nobody wants to build at the airport for fear the FAA will decide to put a runway through their building.

McNamara said in Oscoda, Kalitta employs everybody in town and needs another maintenance building.

"We would consider it a hangar," McNamara said. He said the MDEC gave \$2 million for the project. He said Kalitta would create 600 jobs with the average salary of \$38.25 per hour.

"We've gone back to the MDEC," McNamara said, explaining, "We want to tack on that 20% of the new employees be VBT residents. ... We'll see how that goes. It should be before the board soon."

In Sunday's *Detroit Free Press*, a report on PFAS said Kalitta Air, at the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, is the largest employer in Iosco County. The company ships cargo by air and also provides jet engine maintenance for others, including Boeing and General Electric.

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On Saturday the Belleville High School Lacrosse team traveled to Bay City to compete in a 12-team tournament. Belleville won all four of their bracket games earning them a spot in the championship game. Belleville defeated its opponent 6 to 5, taking home their first trophy since being accredited by the high school this year.

Lindsay named Michigan Outstanding Assistant Principal

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Owen Intermediate School Assistant Principal Andrew Lindsay has been named the top assistant principal in the state of Michigan for 2019.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Paul Liabenow, Executive Director of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, was present to present Lindsay with a trophy.

Also present was MEMSPA Associate Executive Director Syndee Malek.

Liabenow said now Lindsay will travel to Spokane, Washington, in July, cost free, to represent the state of Michigan at the NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal Awards Program.

Lindsay was nominated by Karen Mida, who said she and William Houston had hired him as a teacher at Owen years ago

and now her grandchild is in his care.

Lindsay has been the assistant principal at Owen for five years, since earning his Master of Science-Education in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University.

He also has a Master of Arts in Middle School Curriculum and Instruction from Eastern Michigan University.

The focus of the MEMSPA/Williams & Company Outstanding Assistant Principal Award is to promote educational excellence for pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade schooling and calls attention to the fundamental importance of the assistant principal.

"Mr. Lindsay devotes a great deal of time with teachers and how to improve instruction," Liabenow said. "He devotes his time to the work that truly matters, supporting and helping teachers help students. At Owen Intermediate he is known for more than just being an assistant principal. He is a leader, parent, coach, teacher, visionary, listener, organizer, friend, supporter, manager, role model and much more."

"This comes out of passion for the kids,"

Lindsay said in accepting the award.

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

- Approved paying \$150,054.81 from the Sinking Fund for media center furniture for McBride Middle School and Owen Intermediate School, whose media centers are being renovated this summer;

- Approved the Schools of Choice program participation for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year with an unlimited number of openings;

- Heard Board Vice President Susan Featheringill go over the first reading of updated board policies, as recommended by NEOLA, concerning the use of websites, the internet, personal communications devices, and associated topics. Karen Johnston is the required Web Accessibility Coordinator. The updates will be voted on for adoption at an upcoming meeting;

- Approved a cooperative education program agreement with Wayne-Westland Community Schools to permit certain Van Buren students to receive vocational education at Wayne-Westland from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. School Supt.

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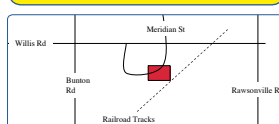
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

BHS welcomes four more Distinguished Graduates

On Friday, Belleville High School welcomed four more Distinguished Graduates during ceremonies at the high school auditorium. They were led into the auditorium by a bagpiper and their pictures will hang with the other Distinguished Graduates, chosen since 1998, in the hallway of BHS.

Gerald W. Lukomski
Class of 1954

Gerald Lukomski was born on a farm in Sumpter Township on Sept. 23, 1936. He attended Sumpter Township Schools through eighth grade and enrolled in Belleville High School in 1950. After graduation in 1954, he was employed at Industrial Wirecloth Company in Wayne and in 1975 enrolled in night classes at the Detroit Institute of Technology (DIT), majoring in mechanical engineering. During the next ten years, Lukomski worked at the Fisher Body Division of General Motors and continued to attend night school. He graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. During that period of time, he got married, had three children, and was in the Michigan National Guard.

In 1967, Lukomski left General Motors to pursue a career in sales and worked for several companies prior to joining Motorola in 1971, working as a sales engineer in the Detroit office. In 1972, he was promoted to Sales Manager and transferred to Motorola's World Headquarters in Chicago, IL. Lukomski worked in several different management positions, culminating in a promotion to Vice President of Manufacturing for Automotive and Industrial Electronics Group (AIEG) in 1987. His next assignment was Vice President and Director of the European Region for AIEG from 1989 to 1992, residing in England, UK.

Lukomski returned to the U.S. to become president of Motorola Lighting, a wholly owned subsidiary of Motorola, and served in that capacity until 1995. He returned to Europe as Corporate Vice President of Europe, Middle East and Africa. During that assignment, he served on the U.S.-Egypt President's business council, and represented Motorola on the U.S.-Saudi Arabia business council. Lukomski repatriated back to the U.S. in 1999 and served as Corporate Vice President of Motorola University until his retirement in 2001. He traveled to 58 countries while working for Motorola.

Lukomski volunteered on the St. Edith Board of Education in Livonia, MI; on the St. James Board of Education in Arlington Heights, IL; as coach for boys' Little League baseball and girls' softball; and as a Boy Scout Webelos leader.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman
Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates honored Friday were, from left, Gertrude Evanski Roddick, Class of 1969; Gerald Lukomski, Class of 1954; Charles Smelt, Class of 1979; and the late Keith Simons, Class of 1972, being represented by his daughter Danielle.

He has been a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers for 50 years.

He has been married to Camille for 55 years, together raising four children: a son and three daughters. They are proud grandparents to nine grandchildren.

Gertrude Evanski Roddick
Class of 1969

Being Class Historian for the BHS Class of 1969 launched Trudy's passion for history. While at BHS, Trudy was in many clubs, but was most proud to be a member of the National Honor Society. She was the recipient of the Belleville Professional Women's Club Scholarship Program. Trudy applied that scholarship to Cleary College and graduated with honors with a degree in Business Administration.

Trudy moved in Washington, D.C. in 1976 and started her career at the White House, working for First Lady Betty Ford. She continued working in the Office of the First Lady for First Lady Rosalyn Carter, First Lady Nancy Reagan, and First Lady Barbara Bush. Trudy switched to the Office of Presidential Correspondence for President George Herbert Walker Bush, President Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, and President Donald Trump. While working for Presidential Correspondence, Trudy was detailed to the Office of the Staff Secretary, the Office of Records Management, Oval Office Operations, and the Office of the Executive Clerk. Trudy said one of her favorite jobs at the White House was editing and proofreading documents such as Executive Orders, Proclamations, The

State of the Union Address, and other legal documents that went to the Oval Office for Presidential signature. Her expertise on grammar earned her the nickname, "comma queen."

For the past 16 years Trudy has sponsored a book club called "The Dragon Riders." It is a book club for young adults who have difficulty reading. The disabilities of the members range from cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, and muscular dystrophy. Trudy is especially proud of their passion for reading and zest for life.

Trudy is an adult leader and merit badge counselor with Boy Scout Troop 150. Her favorite merit badges are Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, and teaching the scouts how to cook during their camping trips.

Trudy also enjoyed coaching Special Olympic Basketball for the JEG Stuart High School team. Twice the team reached the State Level.

Following Sept. 11, 2001, Trudy became involved in the D.C. branch of Wounded Warriors. There are many ways to help our Wounded Warriors and all of our veterans. Always thank them for their service and remember the motto of Wounded Warriors -- "The greatest casualty is being forgotten."

Since her retirement from the White House, Trudy has been busy writing a book about Presidential Libraries. There is a Presidential Library 30 minutes from Belleville, she said.

She is married to architect Paul Roddick. They have three children: Elizabeth, Colin,

and Ian. They also have two grandchildren, Kaylee and Benjamin -- and one more on the way.

Charles Smelt
Class of 1979

Charles Smelt has distinguished himself as a graduate of BHS. Not only has he carried on his family's expectations and legacy of higher learning, as his mother was a nurse and father was a former teacher at South Middle School and BHS, but he broke away to forge his own destiny in the field of business, attaining a Bachelor's Degree in Employment Relations from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree in Industrial Relations at Wayne State University.

Smelt put those degrees to work as he spent more than 24 years in quick-service and fast-casual restaurant segment categories. He served at Manager, Director, and Vice President position levels and Operations Management for Fortune 500 companies PepsiCo/Taco Bell and Yum! brands. Additional company brands include Burger King, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and Hot-N-Now.

For the last nine years, Smelt has utilized his work experience and expertise as a Management Consultant, Director of Business Development, and Director of Operations and Sales, becoming an equity partner in some ventures. At Flexsil-Lid, USA, a start-up business, he was responsible for the introduction, sales and marketing for an innovative foodservice product for the US. The product was featured on the Australian version of the television show "Shark Tank."

While achieving success in the business world, Smelt also contributed his time and efforts for the MSU Spartan Fund, the United Way, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club of America, Wounded Warriors Project, and Camp Daggett.

Smelt organized and led a donation drive for the BHS Swim and Dive Team, raising \$2,500 in 2015. Participants included swim and dive alumni, coaches, and family. He also organized a recognition event, attended by former student athletes and family. The event honored the positive influences of former coaches Sam Vicchy, Bill Snider, Frank Musser, and John Stosick. As a result of his nomination, Sam Vicchy (2016) and Frank Musser (2017) were also inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Smelt has been blessed with both marriage and parenthood. He has been happily married to his wife of 28 years, Lori. He is also blessed to be the father of two adult sons, Matthew and Ryan. Matthew is an MSU Economics graduate

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter Township has to stop the drama, cooperate

The City of Belleville is looking at a redevelopment of its front door with the help of Scott Jones and his plans for a grocery store. A donut/bake shop is on the way near the new library and a restaurant is on hold for now at the corner of Third and Main. At last, the log jam to development has broken in the city and the future looks bright.

In Van Buren Township, over the bridge, there are all kinds of developments, including the pedestrian walk over the freeway, the Placemaking construction next to Aldi's, the splash pad, a possible fishing site on the former DNR property, the huge Ashley Capital distribution center, and a possible Kalitta hangar with lots of jobs at Willow Run.

In the south third of the tri-community, however, progress is sparse and there is a lot of arguing and finger-pointing. The old-timers and their pals have dug in their heels opposing new ideas. Newcomer Treasurer Ken Bednark, a businessman with lots of experience and intellect, is trying to bring the treasurer's department into the present with tons of resistance. His staff members are educated and sharp.

He won't give up and he knows how to persevere. The *Independent* has been covering Sumpter Township for almost 25 years and we know the history of those entrenched. Good wishes to Bednark and staff in pulling the township into friendly, new waters and getting rid of all the drama that is so ugly and disruptive.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Several readers have asked about the construction renovations going on in the middle of Belle Plaza shopping center on Sumpter Road in the City of Belleville.

Rick Rutherford, the city's building official, said they are building up and out to put in a new dollar store. He said he was told the store in the Kmart shopping center in Van Buren Township will be moving into this new store.

Downtown Belleville will be getting a new donut shop at the corner of Third and Charles, in the old Bella Hi Pizza location. Davenport will be building that, we're told. It has yet to come to the planning commission.

And, Scott Jones is working hard to get a grocery store in the former Kassab property in the 500 block of Main, near the bridge. Whenever a survey is taken in town, the residents want a grocery store. He's trying.

The restaurant that had been announced for the corner of Main and Third is on hold for now until tenants can be lined up by property owner Woody Sloan, we're told.

Dorothy Skaszek of Van Buren Township turned 90 on April 14 and she received more than 170 birthday cards. Her daughter Karen Mida made sure everybody in Dorothy's church and organizations to which Dorothy belongs knew about the birthday. One friend, a retired teacher, sent her one card a day for a month. Dorothy was so overwhelmed by that, that she sent the lady a book of stamps in return.

A resident of Woodbury Green said a 15' orange cable owned by Comcast has



been laying across his yard for two years. He doesn't have Comcast, so it's servicing another condo. He just would like them to bury it.

He said he has reported this situation to the condo office and called Comcast without any help. Finally, he set up a 9:30 a.m. appointment with Comcast and when he double-checked to make sure they were coming, he was told they have a 12-hour window and will be there between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. He had to be gone for an hour during that time for a medical appointment for a shot to help with the injury he got when falling on the ice last winter. There was no evidence they had been there. The orange cable is still there.

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks have announced that they will be scanning park passes this year. You may have noticed this year the annual pass has a barcode.

A news release from HCMA said that Metroparks staff can scan at the tollbooth any time you enter one of the 13 Metroparks properties. Because they now ask for ZIP codes when daily or annual passes are sold, they're able to track which ZIP codes the park users are coming from and which Metroparks they are using.

They said it will allow them to create better amenities, experiences and programming to attract more visitors every year. They said they would begin scanning all park passes at all 13 locations on May 1.

Because people are concerned about privacy issues, they are only capturing ZIP codes, they said. And if, when you buy your pass you don't want to give your ZIP code, you don't have to.

At the end of Monday's Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meeting, Board President Keith Johnston said he was surprised to read in the principal's report that a McBride Middle School class dissected a pickle. He said he had to read that twice.

A parent in the audience explained that the students have to practice on using the utensils before they can proceed to other dissections.

At about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, there was a report on the fire department scanner that three or four vehicles were involved in a big traffic accident at the corner of Tyler and Haggerty roads. Once everything was sorted out, only one person was reported injured and he was complaining of back pain. It is amazing how many injuries are avoided by using seat belts.

The new owners of Harbour Club apartments closed on the property and say the golf course there will reopen soon.



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Letters

To library lovers of books, plants, history

To the editor:

There's lots going on at the library this next week.

Book Lovers: Saturday, May 4, is our next Used Book Sale (12-3 p.m.). The book sale will be open from 11-12 for "early bird" Friends of the BADL to pick out their favorites. (If you want to join the Friends, ask at the library desk for a membership form.)

Plant Lovers: Also, on Saturday, May 4, (from 12 - 1 p.m.) there will be a Perennial Plant Swap (you bring a cutting from your garden and swap for someone else's fine cutting).

History Lovers: At the next Home Grown Knowledge Program Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m., Keith Bruder will be talking about the Flu Pandemic of 1918. It's been 100 years since a third of the world's population contracted a deadly strain of the flu. Keith will be telling us how this global pandemic affected the local area - and the world. Refreshments will be served. (I will be bringing homemade cookies.)

I look forward to seeing you at the library at one or more of these events.

Marty Wilson
Van Buren Township

Make casinos, churches pay road taxes

To the editor:

I'm 75 and retired. I'm not a politician, but I consider myself a Democrat because I don't do a damn thing.

I have a solution on how to fix the roads in Michigan and it won't cost the taxpayers anything. There's too many casinos and a church on every street corner that don't pay taxes. Make them pay a road tax and we'll never have to worry about bad roads, ever.

Just an old man's opinion.

Donald O. Currier, Sr.
Van Buren Township

I got tax refund; Thank you, Mr. President

To the editor:

Surprise, surprise. I filed my income tax April 15 and got my refund check on Friday, April 26. Haven't got a refund in over 20 years. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

"What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin."
— Mark Twain

Thursday, May 2, is the National Day of Prayer

To the editor:

In 1775, the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer while forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including that from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer. This year, that day falls on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

We Americans have so much to be thankful for and we need to take time out of our busy schedules to thank God for a Christian nation that is ruled by law and order, experiences many freedoms, blessings, prosperity and opportunities.

Yet, in today's troubled times, in all honesty, we desperately need to seek God's Guidance and *healing of our nation*. I would like to call attention to all of our tri-community leaders, all those who have been placed in authority rolls, i.e. Township Supervisors and Trustees, City Mayors and Council Members, and Police Officers and Firemen (all ranks).

Let our "leaders" know that we American citizens pray for their steadfast obedience and connection to prayer as follows:

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to HIM for every decision and act. (Proverbs 9:10);

2. That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of GOD. (Proverbs 3:5-8, Luke 11:9-13);

3. That they respect authority and practice accountability. (Romans 13:1-7);

4. That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors. (Proverbs 24:6);

5. That they be honest in financial, tax and ethical matters. (1 Corinthians 6:10, 1 Timothy 6:6-10);

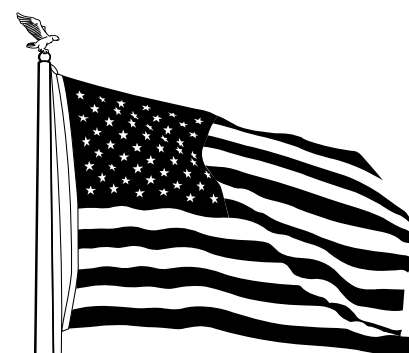
6. That they desire honesty, integrity and loyalty. (Psalm 26, Proverbs 11:3);

7. That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure and the fear of man. (Proverbs 29:25, 2 Timothy 1:7); and perhaps most importantly -

8. That they may be prepared to give an account to ALMIGHTY GOD. (Hebrews 9:27).

God Bless America.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville



More Letters

Simply Give program helps food pantry

To the editor:

On April 1, the Emergency Food Closet received a letter from the Meijer Simply Give program. 2018 was a strong year for Meijer and to show their appreciation and celebrate this success, they will be providing their food pantry partners an additional one-time gift of \$2 million divided equally to all of their 2018 participating food pantries on behalf of the Simply Give program and the Meijer family to help continue feeding hungry families.

Last week, we received \$5,000 in Simply Give food only cards to help fill our weekly bags. We hope, in appreciation of their generosity, our community will continue to engage in the Simply Give program and to patronize our local Meijer store.

Minette Brownlee
Marilyn Wood
Coordinators - Emergency Food Closet

FMAR to hold annual Cinco de Mayo benefit

To the editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is having its annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser on May 4 in Romulus. Please consider attending. It's a fun evening and benefits a great cause.

Our stats for 2018 are: took in 227 cats, adopted out 204; took in 181 dogs, adopted out 179. These are typical of what we accomplish each year. We are also in expansion mode and could use more financial support. Hope to see you there!

Linda Luke
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

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Obituaries



Judy Patricia Zilka

JUDY PATRICIA ZILKA
 August 6, 1952 - April 14, 2019
 Judy Patricia Zilka, 66, of New Boston died April 14, 2019 at home. She was born August 6, 1952 in Detroit, the daughter Walter and Gloria Hoff of Westland. She is survived by two sisters Nancy Rhoton and Carol Rizkallah; and three brothers Gerald, Robert, and Mike Hoff; and brothers in law, sisters in law, nieces and nephews; and her beloved dogs Kayleigh and Jesse. May she rest in God's hands. She will forever be loved and missed.



Robert Wallace Toruta

ROBERT WALLACE TORUTA
 June 22, 1947 - April 23, 2019
 Robert Wallace Toruta, age 71, long-time Willis area resident, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a courageous battle with COPD. He was born June 22, 1947 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Walter Joseph & Mary Ann (Serwinski) Toruta. Bob graduated from Lincoln High School Class of 1965. He worked for General Motors for 28.5 years before retiring on April 1, 2004 from the Warren Road Plant. He enjoyed the outdoors and gardening. He loved riding on his lawn mower and tractor and feeding the animals. Bob is survived by two daughters Tammy (Doug) Eberly of Willis, MI and Tracey (Bill) Martin of Adrian, MI; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters Kathy (John) Dugas and Christine Howell, both of Belleville; also, two nieces Michelle Cazier and Melissa Howell. He was preceded in death by his parents, also his beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Radar. Visitation was 4-8 PM Friday and 12-1:30 PM Saturday with a 1:30 PM Funeral Saturday, April 27, 2019 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the ASPCA and would be appreciated.

MATTIE HOWARD
 April 23, 2019
 Age 89, died at her residence in Van Buren Township on Tuesday, April 23. Mrs. Howard was transported to the Flanner-Buchanan Funeral Homes of Indianapolis (317) 387-7000 for final funeral arrangements.
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THOMAS RUSSELL CANELL
 April 17, 1976 - April 24, 2019
 Age 43, of Westland. Survived by sons Thomas, Jr. and Landon; mother and father; two sisters Jennifer and Shannon. Service of Remembrance was May 4. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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KATHIE ANN WOODS
 Kathie Ann Woods, age 69, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018. A memorial service is set for Saturday, May 4, at First United Methodist Church in Belleville at 11 a.m. A gathering of friends will be at the church at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be made to the Belleville Methodist Church Food Pantry.

More Letters

Authors' Fair set at library on May 18

To the editor:
 There is some good news that is being held at the Belleville Library May 18, 1 to 4 p.m. Local authors will be presenting their new books to you, the public.
 Famous author Beverly Jenkins will be keynote speaker. MJ Caldwell will be present with her new book "From Attitude ...to Gratitude."
 This is an event that recognizes local contributors to the literary world. Books will be available from the authors for purchase. So, come on out and support this fine event.
 Note: Thank you, Tri-Area, for your prayers and kind words for all the people that were hurt and killed in the recent bombings. Please, think about making a kinder and gentler world. We all must live together in this WORLD!

Marian Caldwell
 Ypsilanti/Belleville

Plant trees well, even when roots aren't right

To the editor:
 Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m., at the Belleville Area District Library.
 Do you plan to plant a tree this year? Have you planted one recently that isn't growing like you expected? Don't let planting time and money go to waste!
 You need to know how to plant even when the roots aren't right and recognize signs of trouble to fix after planting. Poor roots are now a problem in every tree- and shrub-planting because wholesale growers have cut corners to cut costs. This causes some plants to die right away while others limp along for years, to die without ever having lived up to their promise.
 In this presentation, gardening expert and author Janet Macunovich explains the problem, why you probably have not heard about it, and what you can do to make sure your new tree can provide the shade, beauty and increased property value you want.
 No registration required, but visit belleville.evanced.info/signup to sign up for an email or text reminder for this event.

Amy Greschaw, Adult Services
 Belleville Area District Library

Questions rise about redactions of records by Sumpter employee

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees heard Treasurer Kenneth Bednark voice concerns about redactions – blacking out -- of township records, at the board's regular meeting April 9.

Treasurer Bednark reported he has been doing internal auditing to make sure resources go where they should. He found some invoices in the files were heavily redacted.

He said he called the McGraw Morris law firm about its redacted invoices and they told him to ask township attorney Rob Young because they didn't do it.

So, he asked Young and Young investigated and reported it was Finance Director Scott Holtz.

Bednark said if something is to be put in the file redacted, the decision should be made by the township board, not an employee.

Young said Holtz said there were a couple of matters relating to litigation that he redacted, but Treasurer Bednark should be able to see un-redacted bills.

Holtz still had un-redacted copies so Bednark was able to see them, but the redacted versions were in the township files.

"I don't know who told him to do that," Supervisor John Morgan said of Holtz.

"The board should be able to see all these records..." Young said.

"Somebody gave the order to Scott and he works for the supervisor's office," Bednark said.

"I didn't," said Supervisor Morgan. "And, not my deputy."

Bednark said if the documents are being held in an insecure place, the board needs to provide a secure place.

In other business at the April 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved a letter of understanding regarding retiree life insurance and pension plan for the Fraternal Order of Police;

- Approved a letter of understanding regarding medical benefits maximum out of pocket reimbursement for Fraternal Order of Police, Command Officers Association, and Michigan Council of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees;

- Approved, on a 6-1 vote, a management negotiating committee for AFSCME of Scott Holtz, Michelle Bellingham, John Morgan, and attorney Rob Young, with Treasurer Bednark voting no;

- Approved a resolution describing a policy prohibiting harassment, discrimination and retaliation;

- Approved the new National Electric Code 2017 as a new standard for electrical inspections for the building department. This new standard was effective Jan. 4, 2019;

- Approved requiring the vendor for the sound/video system to come before the board before payment is approved;

- Heard Rush announce the Skyward training will be held at the fire hall and NOAA radios will be delivered the following Thursday to assess for major buildings;

- Heard Adrian Slaughter ask about the policy to prohibit harassment, discrimination and retaliation and was told it mirrors federal law 99% and Michigan law and you have to have a local policy to enforce locally. She also told of how the water department shut off her water by mistake and if she hadn't called at once, it would have been off all weekend. She also asked Trustee Don Swinson what a trustee does and he explained, especially his work with Parks & Recreation. She asked what the township does for the kids besides an Easter egg hunt. "We don't really have a program for the youth, such as ball, cadets for police or fire, anything to give local youths an advantage to put on a resume." Swinson said the parks and Recreation members are all volunteers;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy ask if the Missoula Children's Theater is still coming to Sumpter and Clerk Esther Hurst said, according to a story in the Independent, it is going to be held at McBride school. She said she sent a letter to Barbara Rogalle Miller and never got a response;

- Heard former Treasurer Peggy Morgan ask about the status of the pension fund that she told the board about earlier. Young had said he was getting in touch with the Nationwide attorney. Young said he was in contact with the township's attorney on the matter. He said two weeks ago he said he was taking it over to work out and needed

to talk to their attorney. Morgan said Young had looked at the contract and said it was OK. Young said, "It was OK," but there was a problem with the second addendum which said the township would pay \$27,000 or pay it over a period of time to switch to MERS. Young said he wants to see if the township can go back to where it was with Nationwide. Morgan said she found out about not being able to get her pension funds out last November, "and, this is April";

- Heard Peggy Morgan also ask about how much Sheldon Futernick owes in water bills. Young said he didn't know, but whatever he owes is always put on his tax. He always writes on his check, "paid under protest," Young said. Morgan said others get their water shut off when they don't pay. Young said Futernick owns mobile home parks with a number of people in there. If they shut off the water, it would be punishing the residents, not him, he said. Young said Futernick is very litigious and has filed up to 14 law suits against the township since 1994;

- Also heard Peggy Morgan ask why Treasurer Bednark's report to the people was on the last page of the recent township newsletter instead of where it belonged, right behind the Supervisor and Clerk reports at the beginning of the newsletter. Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis angrily explained it was last because it was the last column

submitted for the publication. Supervisor Morgan said he'll make sure in the future the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer reports are at the front. Peggy Morgan also asked Clerk Esther Hurst about a rumor going around that Hurst is going to resign and the township will put Maria Beaudrie in her place. Hurst replied that was not true and it definitely is a rumor. Beaudrie is mother of the current Deputy Clerk Dawn Hadyniak;

- Heard Mary Ban ask about NOAA weather radios mentioned by Trustee Tim Rush. Rush said the township is getting those through the National Weather Service and wouldn't be available to the public. Bednark said he got two radios on Amazon and for \$45 to \$70 you can get a radio programmable to the 48111 zip code. Ban also said she was shocked to learn Sumpter was paying \$25,000 a month for the pension shortfall. Young explained how the pensions work. Bednark said 42% of the township budget is in salaries and with the declining revenue from the landfill and the escalating costs, in the next administration or the one after that, the township may have to bond to pay for pensions; and

- Heard Jay Bardell ask if the township gets court money back from Romulus would it go to the general fund or the police department's forfeiture fund and Young said it would go to the general fund.



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Finance Director unexpectedly resigns in Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The sudden resignation of Finance Director Scott Holtz was accepted, with regrets, by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting April 23.

Holtz gave one-week's written notice and said his last day would be April 30.

Holtz has taken a position with Lenawee County in an office a few blocks from his home in Adrian.

Former Treasurer Peggy Morgan said she is so happy Holtz is leaving. She said he messed up the retirement benefits she still

has not been able to collect and he kept postponing things that needed to be done.

She addressed present Treasurer Ken Bednark saying, "It's amazing it only took you three weeks to figure everything out," she said of issues Holtz reported aimed at destroying confidence in both her and his treasurer's office.

In other business at the April 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved having the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel do the finance director's job until a new director is hired. The firm was set to begin the annual audit of township funds in a few weeks and attorney Rob Young said he would look into whether the firm will be able to help out and audit its own work;

- Approved having Post, Smyth, Lutz and Ziel review the operation of the treasurer's office, as recommended by Holtz. Supervisor John Morgan alleged there were six things not being done in the treasurer's office. He said emails listing the six items were sent to board members, but Treasurer Bednark said he got no email and neither did his staff. Treasurer Bednark said if these problems are true, they will work on it;

- Granted a personal/medical leave of absence to Fire Lt. Richard Sliwa, retroactive to April 11 and extending until Oct. 1;

- Approved the Parks and Recreation

Commission request to acquire all licenses associated with the Sumpter Country Festival on behalf of Sumpter Township, including the Liquor Control Commission license for this one event;

- Approved Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, to provide the fireworks display during the 2019 Sumpter Country Festival on May 26, with a rain date of May 27;

- Accepted the removal of Sharon and Richard Pokerwinski from alternate positions and putting them back to full-time positions with the Parks and Recreation Commission, with Sharon returned to the executive position of commission secretary;

- Approved the low quote of Olson Construction to construct a wall and install double doors between the Police Department lobby and Community Center hallway at a cost of \$2,850. Other quotes were: Tittle Construction at \$3,500 and Davenport Brothers Construction, \$7,500;

- Approved the request of Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis to attend the Advanced Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Institute May 19-22 in Mt. Pleasant at a cost not to exceed \$565. When asked why she was going to a treasurers' conference when she no longer is deputy treasurer, Supervisor Morgan said she doesn't want to lose her certifications. Also, he said, she helps him with the budget;

- Approved the request to send new Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook to MMTA Basic Institute Treasurer's training from April 28 until May 3 in Mt. Pleasant at a cost not to exceed \$1,300;

- Approved the purchase and installation of a Hamilton 145-DB night envelope / drop box by Security Corporation at a proposed full cost of \$4,155.70;

- Approved paying warrants totaling \$132,860.02 plus \$1,662.28 deposit to Security Corporation for the night envelope / drop box;

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst attack Treasurer Bednark for not having a township credit card and Bednark said that was because it would reflect on his personal credit. He said his department is shopping banks to get the best and least-expensive service for the township. Clerk Hurst agreed the township needs to shop banks;

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush asked if Bednark is going to be in the treasurer's office to make sure the office has what it needs when the deputy is away on training.

Bednark replied, "You don't know what we need ... I will fill in as needed." Clerk Hurst said, "I don't understand why you don't ask Karen Armatis to help ... You're not a stand-alone office." Bednark replied that if she knew how Armatis treated the people in his office, she would understand. "You bully everybody," Clerk Hurst responded;

- Heard former Treasurer Peggy Morgan report that \$8,000 was spent in her office, to help with problems not \$25,000 as alleged, and she worked with Holtz on other issues. She said Holtz wanted to reflect that the treasurer was not doing the job when she was treasurer and now he's doing the same with Bednark. "Frankly, I had issues with Karen, as well," Peggy Morgan said, noting Armatis tried to paint a picture that the treasurer's office wasn't working well. Supervisor Morgan defended his Deputy Armatis, saying, she was not painting any picture. But Peggy Morgan said Armatis was, "part of your patsy." Sharon Pokerwinski spoke out against Bednark and Bednark said, "You are very misinformed," explaining how she was wrong. Peggy Morgan said she could have saved the township \$140,000 by going to Comerica bank, but Supervisor Morgan said to put her off. Bednark said there were many times Holtz said he would do something for the treasurer's office and then didn't. Deputy Snook said Holtz didn't give her guidance on what she had to do. Both Hurst and Pokerwinski said he should ask Armatis for help since she has ten years of experience;

- Heard Julia Slaughterbeck ask about recycling. Supervisor Morgan told her the cost is so high, recycling is on the way out. He said Republic can always go back if it becomes economical. Attorney Young said he knows there are times when the recyclables are put into the landfill because recycling doesn't work right now economically. "Should we bother or not?" Slaughterbeck asked. Clerk Hurst said the bins are still being taken to the recycling area and picked up by Republic;

- Heard Donald Basham thank the board for passing an ordinance against grass clippings on the road. He said May is Motorcyclist Awareness Month and wet grass clippings are like ice. He previously had told the board about his friend who was riding a motorcycle, hit a patch of wet grass, and was decapitated by a sign in

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Photographer plans 2nd-annual 'Headshots for Humanity' benefit

On Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m., local photographer Susan Richardson (Timeless Images by Susan), in partnership with the Holiday Inn Express and Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group, will host the 2nd-annual "Headshots for Humanity" fundraiser.

This event will offer a complimentary mini-headshot session to all registered participants in exchange for their donation to Operation Smile. There will be refreshments, raffles and prizes and the opportunity to network with fellow professionals from the community.

Founded in 1982, Operation Smile treats children around the world who suffer with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities, offering them free surgeries and a chance to live a normal life. In as little as 45 minutes, one cleft lip surgery can change a child's life forever. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will benefit Operation Smile.

As an addition to this year's event, Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group will cover the cost of the \$24 donation for all transitioning military personnel and veterans.

Richardson explained the philosophy behind this additional incentive: "I've spent 20 years as an HR professional and I know the challenges that our service men and women often face when they leave the service and attempt to find employment outside of the military.

"That's why, this year, I wanted to provide free professional headshots and additional resources aimed at supporting them in their job search. In addition to receiving their headshot, they'll have access to other free resources including employment resources, resume-writing services, financial support, continuing education resources, and more.

"Photographers are in the business of smiles," said Richardson, a member of Professional Photographers of America. She has run her boutique photography studio in Belleville for seven years.

"This is the perfect charity for us to support. Reading the stories of these children is heartbreaking. Many do not survive because of malnourishment or even abandonment. But we have the power to

make a difference. These children and their families are in need. This is one simple way that we can make a big difference for those less fortunate than us."

All attendees must register in advance, as space is limited. To learn more and register for "Headshots for Humanity" or to make a donation to this event visit the Timeless Images by Susan Facebook page (www.facebook.com/timelessimagesbysusan) or go to: http://support.operationsmile.org/site/TR/SmileFund/SmileFund?px=2750436&pg=personal&fr_id=2572

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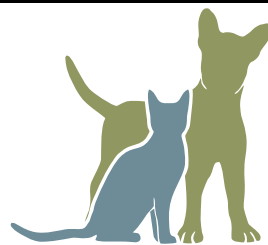
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Auditions for 'The Pied Piper' set for Monday, May 13, at McBride

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Pied Piper" on Monday, May 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auditions will take place at McBride Middle School, 47097 Mc Bride Ave., Van Buren Township.

All those auditioning should arrive by 4:30 p.m. at the McBride Middle School Cafeteria and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are the Pied Piper, Sara, the Mayor's Kids, the Mayor's Council, the Hamelin Administrative Team (HAT), Barbers, Cooks, Towns kids and the troublesome Rats.

Students from Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, grades Kindergarten through 12, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Detailed rehearsal schedules for cast members will be available after auditions.

"The Pied Piper" will be presented on Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at McBride Middle School. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children (5-17). Tickets may be purchased at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville Area District Library, Garden Fantasy on Main and the Law Office of Barbara Rogalle Miller. Tickets will also be sold at the door before both performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in the Belleville Area is brought by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) with support from a Cozadd Rotary Foundation Grant.

For more information, call Elaine Gutierrez at (734) 740-3011.

Birthdays

May 1 – Kaylee McArthur, Jenny Niemann-Genimatas

May 4 – Evelyn Crispell

May 5 – David Cappelli, Valerie Ivan

May 6 – Brenda Leonard, James Demond

May 7 – Terri Morioka

May 9 – Marilyn Locke, Dawn Edrice

Do you have a birthday in May? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.



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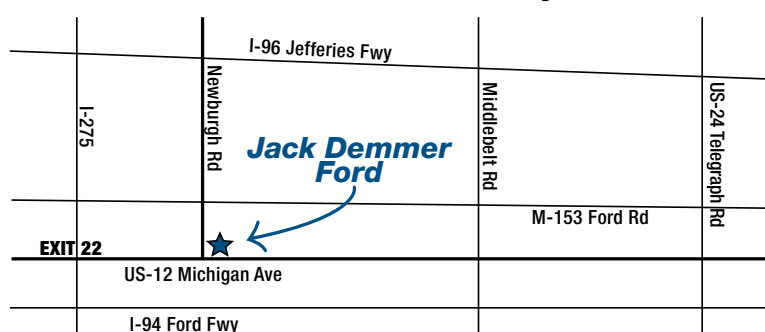
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Today's paper includes an insert from Ace Hardware on Sumpter Road in Sumpter and their Biggest Grill Event of the Year Sale, now through May 13. Choose from grill makers including Weber, Traeger, and Blackstone, and be sure to check out the latest in smart grills. Yes, you read that correctly and it was just a matter of time. The public is invited to check out their Ace Neighborhood BBQ Fest this Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be grilling demos, giveaways, and more. Celebrate spring with sales on lawn fertilizer, garden tools, patio furniture and more. Call (734)

697-9363 and visit www.acehardware.com. To learn how you can have your insert or advertisement inserted into this newspaper, call me at (734) 699 9020.

All the best to Leonard Armstrong of Armstrong's Funland mini-golf and ice cream on Belleville Road, who is recovering from a broken hip and promises to be open as soon as he can. Watch for updates in this column and on his business roadway sign. We wish you a speedy recovery, Mr. Armstrong!

Threads & Treasures Quilt Shop on South Street near Five Points is still offering discounts up to 50% off everything in the store, such as fabric, quilts, patterns, samples, books, and more. Call (734) 697-9376.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission has canceled its volunteer clean-up this Saturday at Graham Park because of the rainy weather forecast, according to Sharon Pokerwinski. A new date won't be announced until after the Sumpter Country Festival later this month.

St. Stephen's Church in New Boston is getting ready for its annual Spring Polish Festival, May 17-19. There will be live entertainment, homemade dinners, bingo, craft show, white elephant sale, kids' game tent, 50/50 raffles and basket giveaways. A Polish Mass will take place on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Visit www.ststephennewboston.org and call (734) 753-5268.

Open auditions for the upcoming Misoula Children's Theater production of the "The Pied Piper" will be held on Monday, May 13, at 4:30 p.m. at McBride Middle School. The play, which will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 2 and 6 p.m., is looking for about 50-60 local students, from Kindergarten to 12th grade, to fill roles. Students auditioning are asked to stay for the entire 2-hour auditioning session. Rehearsal dates are scheduled for May 13-17 at the school's cafeteria. For info, call Mendi Russell at (734) 740-7837.

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

Sumpter Senior Center honors volunteers at lunch party April 24

April is National Volunteer Month and Sumpter Township Senior Center honored its volunteers at a lunch party April 24.

Senior Center volunteers are: Virginia Belinski, Roy Dunford, Karithea Hanible Murray, Ed Kaminski, Jackie McKenzie, Karen Mickens, Nancy Moore, Leona Mixon, Dee Patterson, Beverly Powell, Sharon Romanos, Bonnie Rish, Margaret Rochon, Lettie Sanders, Ken Stewart, Trish Shepard, Barbara Thomason, Paulette Thompson, Brittney Vawters, Christine Wenderski, Joe Wilson, and Chenyere Yisereal.

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- **Friday, May 3** – Penny Bingo at September Days Senior Center starts at 12:30 p.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Bring your pennies. Senior Center is at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Saturday, May 4** – Opening Day for the Belleville Area Little League. Join ceremonies at 9 a.m. at Beck Field in Van Buren Township. Parade begins at McBride Middle School.
- **Saturday, May 4** – Van Buren Public Schools Senior Art Show, noon to 4 p.m., at the Belleville High School cafeteria.
- **Saturday, May 4** – The Belleville Yacht Club invites volunteers to join them in the annual lakeshore cleanup of Belleville Lake. North Liberty Street and Fifth Street in downtown Belleville. U of M Women's Rowing Team and BHS football team will be among the volunteers.
- **Saturday, May 4** – The Belleville Area District Library is holding its annual perennial plant swap from noon to 1 p.m. in the Belleville Area District Library Courtyard on the corner of Fourth and Charles streets. Bring perennials to swap. Should be in containers and labeled.
- **Saturday, May 4** – The quarterly used-book sale is at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 3 p.m. Members of the Friends of the Library will be admitted at 11 a.m. Memberships available. Bargain prices.
- **Saturday, May 4** – The Belleville Area District Library is hosting a "Free Comic Book Day" from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Drop in for a free comic book, for everyone in the family. Comic books provided by Comic City in Canton.
- **Saturday, May 4** – Comcast Cares clean up project at Van Buren Park, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., bring your own gloves, tools, and supplies. Van Buren Township, Belleville

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• **Saturday, May 4** – Bomber Buffing party at the Yankee Air Museum, Hangar 1, Bay 8, 801 Kirk Profit Dr., Ypsilanti, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 4** –Earth Day Rotary Boat Ramp Clean Up, noon to 2 p.m., West DNR Boat Launch Ramp, Rawsonville Road, north of Huron River Dr., east side of road.

• **Saturday, May 4** – Cinco de Mayo Celebration Fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. At Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga St., Romulus, from 5 to 9 p.m.

• **Sunday, May 5** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's the Albert Muniz Band. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, May 5** – Bring the whole family to a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser from 2 to 5 p.m. at Big Al's Sports Grill, 34927 W. Jefferson Ave., Rockwood. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society in the name of Relay for Life Team Tiff at Swift Transportation, 24200 Bell Rd., New Boston, (734) 753-2323. Adult dinner \$10 donation. Kids dinner 6-10 years old, \$5 donation.

• **Sunday, May 5** – Adopt-A-Child Size benefit concert at 6 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd.

• **Sunday, May 5** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Tuesday, May 7** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Dr., Van Buren Township. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment or more information.

• **Wednesday, May 8** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person; children 12 and under, \$5 each. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage.

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Owen Intermediate School Assistant Principal Andrew Lindsay, center, is presented with the 2019 Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association Outstanding Assistant Principal Award. The award was presented by MEMSPA Executive Director Paul Liabenow, right, and Associate Executive Director Syndee Malek.

Lindsay

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Pete Kudlak said one quarter of Van Buren Schools' state aid for each participating student will go to Wayne-Westland each semester, adding up to half the state aid for each student each year. There also is a \$50 charge per student and VBPS provides transportation to the program. He said the students spend half a day there, so they get half of the state money. "It's not a money-maker for them or us," he said. He said a tour of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center of Wayne-Westland is planned to leave Belleville at 8:45 a.m., May 6, and several board members signed up to go;

- Approved eight students, grades 10-12, to travel Feb. 21-25, 2020, to the National Dance Championship in Orlando, FL, to compete as a team on a national varsity level and to take classes with peers from across the nation, taught by choreographers and instructors that have been successful on a national level. The request was made by Stephanie Simons, who told the board the dancers will make them proud. The team is expected to follow behavioral rules in the district's Athletic Handbook;

- Approved the employment of Keith Schenavar as Accountant at the Administration Building. He is already

employed at the Ad Building in Payroll and is moving up to take the position vacated by Sara Cortese when she was named Finance Director. His former position is being posted;

- Approved the resignation of Kevin Danner from a non-instruction staff position at Belleville High School on April 12, after less than a year of service;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak announce that the district has a common calendar from Wayne RESA, which they plan five years in advance. He said starting the 2020-2021 school year, spring break will be the last week of March instead of the first week of April due to scheduling problems with the SAT tests;

- Heard Kudlak say there was an incident at McBride Middle School where a student made a poor choice in online use. He said that is something all parents have to check. He said he went home and checked his sons' devices, something he hadn't done in a long time;

- Heard the Senior Walk is scheduled for May 22 and graduation is May 30 at Eastern Michigan University; and

- Heard School Board Member Amy Pearce praise BHS student Natalie Pestano for her care and concern for other students during the recent band trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City. Pearce was along as a chaperone.



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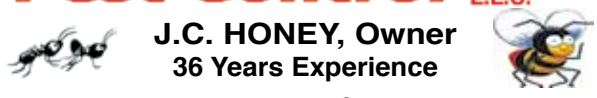
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VBT planners give preliminary OKs for Ashley Capital project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ashley Capital has owned more than 150 acres at the northwest corner of Haggerty and Ecorse roads for 20 years and it's finally moving forward to construct 1.5

million square feet of warehouses and office space to lease.

Ashley Capital has 17 of the 40 top industrial leases in Southeastern Michigan according to *Crain's Detroit Business* on April 22, including facilities in Van Buren

Township, Romulus, Livonia, Warren, Brownstown Township, and Lake Orion.

The Crossroads Distribution Center, just to the south of VBT's new project, includes 276,346 square feet for Ford Motor Co., 190,751 for Rose Moving and Storage, 185,405 for AEL Span, and 179,760 for Fed-Ex Ground Package System.

At the April 24 meeting the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, after a public hearing, recommended to the township board a special-use permit to construct Ashley Capital Crossroads North Distribution Center, consisting of three buildings totaling 1,579,325 square feet of space.

Vidya Krishnan, planner from McKenna, said the special land use is for the two buildings in the back and the one in front doesn't need the special approval.

The commission also gave preliminary site plan approval for the whole project.

The last time the proposed project was before the VBT Planning Commission was a year and a half earlier. Problems with traffic was discussed at that time.

Now, Ashley Capital brought a letter from Peter Milenkovich, Wayne County Traffic Engineer, who said the county received a revised Traffic Impact Study for the project on May 15, 2018. He said they reviewed the Traffic Impact Study and the proposed geometrics and it is acceptable with no further comments.

The letter indicated the county was waiting for plans for a traffic signal for the project.

There will be three drives into the project off Ecorse and a traffic signal will be at the westernmost drive. That signal will serve both the new North Distribution Center and the present South Distribution Center.

Sue Farr, 6960 Haggerty Rd., has a home on 1.8 acres which backs up to this new Ashley project. She said Ashley offered her \$30,000 for her home and property.

She said when she went out to look at what they were doing behind her home recently, they ordered her off their property and told her, "Van Buren has our back." She said, obviously, "Van Buren doesn't have ours."

Ron Akers, VBT Director of Planning and

Economic Development, said he looked into the question about buying property and found the township planning commission has no authority to get involved in interests of two private parties.

Mike Balow, of Ashley Capital, said he's reached out to buy lots from several of the property owners on Haggerty, along the east side of the project. Some may want to move to greener pastures, he said.

He said he hasn't done an email or door-knocking campaign. He stressed the value to Ashley Capital is in the land. They don't need it for the project, but it would be nice to square off the site. He stressed they don't need the houses.

"Land is land," he said. "I'm happy to stay after the meeting and talk to residents." He said he has offered to buy property and allow the resident to stay two years in the house rent-free, paying only the taxes. He said they pay a fair value of the property and, "That's our approach."

Balow said people who want to talk to him about it may call him. Commissioner Medina Atchinson asked him to give his phone number now so people watching on cable television could get it. Then she had him repeat it. Balow said he can be reached at (734) 394-1900 ("I'm the only Mike at that number.") or emailed at mbalow@ashleycapital.com.

James Johnson, who owns 6720 Haggerty with his sister, said his parents lived there for 40 years. He asked how many of the homes are up for sale there and no one knew.

Planning Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson said it frustrating for the developer and for the residents and for the township. This big development is at the gate to the township. She said there are legal guidelines to follow and the township has no control over what one private entity offers to another.

"We encourage Ashley Capital to continue to reach out," Thompson said.

Joe Webb of Webb Engineering said buildings 1, 2, and 3 are on the south side of Ecorse and 4 and 5 will be built on the north side, with building 6 to come within 18 months.

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Aidan Edenstrom, Jayden Fontenot, Jamiia Franklin, Chloe Frye-Anthony, Ivan Girard, Diamond Gowen-Terrell, Kaitlyn Griffin, Jet Hung, Hailey Janney, Joshua Jeng, Tracey King, Kelly Klazer, Anastasia Komaromi, Jessica Ley, Amon Madyun, Ellysa Mann, Mackenzie Matheny,

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Valicenti, Julia Vazquez, Maxwell Voigt, Kyler Warren, DiMarco West, Blake Williams, Nathaniel Wincel, Devin Wisniewski, and Yazan Zalmout.

VBT Plan

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"Once we start building, we're not stopping," he said, noting they do not have specific tenants yet.

Several stipulations by the planner and engineer were named in the huge project.

Township Engineering Consultant Dave Potter of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, said seven acres of wetlands will be mitigated with 10 acres elsewhere.

Webb said the DEQ said it will have to go through the Mitigation Bank and should be in the Rouge River Watershed or another watershed.

He said they will dig deep enough in their underground stormwater facilities to store two 100-year storms back to back.

Webb said DTE is building a substation on the south side of Ecorse, so that should help with electrical power.

When Thompson asked how they are going to control who uses which driveway, Webb said they will post "no-trucks" on the one drive for controlled access. He said, actually, truckers drive wherever they want to go.

He said eastbound trucks will make left turns into the facility.

Farr asked why Wayne County wasn't

fixing Haggerty Road, which has fallen into such disrepair that semis are driving on the dirt along the road to get out of the broken roadway.

Akers said Wayne County was going to mill down Haggerty between Tyler and Van Born and resurface it last year, but then there was a strike. He said that is still on the schedule for this year.

Farr said she can't believe Wayne County didn't require Ashley Capital to widen the Ecorse roadway in front of the huge warehouse complex.

Thompson asked Akers to pass on the commission's concerns to the county.

In other business at the April 24 meeting, the commission:

- Recommended to the township board the rezoning of property at 1123 Savage Road from M-1, Light Industrial, to R1-B, Single Family Residential, for Carl G. Speaks, who is trying to sell his property that contains a home but the buyer cannot get a bank mortgage because the use of the property and the zoning do not agree; and
- Approved an amendment to the Country Walk site plan for revised single-family architectural elevations. Country Walk is located on the east side of Martinsville Road, north of Savage Road.

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Kalitta

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The *Free Press* story said Kalitta has 240,000 square feet of hangar and engine shop space and company officials said they are interested in expanding there by one or two additional hangars, expecting to create 150 additional jobs. But the company wants protection from the U.S. government against liability from the existing PFAS contamination and the Air Force has refused, according to Arnie Leriche, who helped to organize a grassroots group engaged in the PFAS contamination problem at Wurtsmith.

Leriche said Kalitta doesn't own the land, which is owned by the township

redevelopment authority. It was given to them by the Air Force and the Air Force has a covenant on the deed, he said. That covenant allows the Air Force to do remediation, to do sampling, to even hold up a project until they clean up contamination, Leriche said. That cleanup is moving painfully slowly, he said.

McNamara also told the DDA that Ashley Capital is the big development coming this year with more than one million square feet and the first buildings two-thirds of that.

Salomone said the Subaru project in VBT is one of the crown events for Aerotropolis. He said they see Subaru causing a domino effect, falling for similar investments for the future.

"They really worked with us on Subaru," said Ron Akers, VBT director of planning

and economic development.

Akers said Ashley Capital will begin with two 600,000 square foot buildings to lease and, "I wouldn't be surprised if they were filled easily."

Salomone said Ashley Capital is very excited about VBT.

Salomone passed out the Aerotropolis annual report at the beginning of his comments and announced Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab was a new board member.

He said the Aerotropolis slogan last year was, "It's time!" They worked on more marketing and advertising. He said they were in 11 publications, print and digital. "I was skeptical of the print advertising, but we had results from print."

He said they were working on 60 or so projects last year. He said they hitched onto local groups for foreign contacts, such as the Detroit China Business Association, and Aerotropolis gave a tour to those in town from Beijing for a week.

Salomone said they attended events around the country and got hundreds of contacts for 64 projects and 151 sites.

He said the 2019 strategy is keeping the momentum going. The new slogan is "Accelerate." He showed a brief video that is available on the Aerotropolis web site.

McNamara said regional transportation is a key and this area is a hub for air, railroad and high-tech internet. He said one of the largest banking centers in the Midwest is in VBT and now another one is pulling in. McNamara asked why this area is pulling in these sites?

Salomone said he didn't know unless it was the inexpensive real estate.

DDA member Mark Laginess said there is a huge switch center in Grand Rapids.

McNamara said Chase is one of the biggest centers in the world and now another is coming and they've got calls from another.

Salomone said of the 60 projects last year, the data centers were very secretive.

DDA member Helen Foster asked if there was a leadership search for a permanent executive director. She asked if he was in line for the job.

Salomone said Aerotropolis has a 10-member board made up of eight entities and they make the decisions. When asked

about the members, Salomone said the City of Belleville signed the original agreement but never paid any dues. In 2017 it didn't re-sign the agreement.

He said Belleville wasn't suitable for industrial developments anyway.

Members of Aerotropolis are Van Buren Township, Taylor, Romulus, Huron Township, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Washtenaw County, Wayne County, Wayne County Airport Authority, CBRE and DTE Energy.

In other business at the April 23 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved work changes for Axiom Construction totaling \$41,517.88 for work on the Placemaking project on Belleville Road, with DDA vice chairperson Carol Bird being recused from the vote because her business is next door. The changes include the third change by DTE for the utility connection, \$12,213. Also, the contractor is unable to use the exiting soil due to the weather and unsuitable soil, said Director Susan Ireland, so they brought in 450 yards of sand and hauled away the unusable dirt, \$13,377.38. The final change is for a new manhole structure to go around a surprise 6" gas main that was not marked by Miss Dig or any easements or additional documentation on record. DTE did not allow this un-identified gas main to be turned off and later they found out it is in service. Cost: \$15,927.50. Ireland said \$112,000 remains in the contingency fund. She said the building is expected to be done in August;

- Heard Ireland say that after the March meeting, Pioneer was informed it was awarded the contract for the streetscape maintenance and Randy Brown Landscaping was informed he was awarded the contract for the Belleville / Ecorse Road intersection after providing the missing bid information. Both have begun the spring clean-up and Brown will replace three dead trees out there, she said; and

- Heard Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer report that internet response to information on the Splash Pad brought 24,000 shares. She said construction is scheduled to begin on May 8 and kids should be running through sometime in August.



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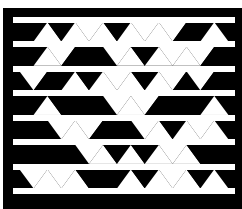
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Sumpter Twp.

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the Irish Hills. He asked for the Sumpter ordinance and got it. He said he was interviewed on television and was in the *Detroit Free Press*, as well. He introduced a representative of the Milan chapter of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education), who said they will be selling signs that say "Look Twice, Save a Life" for \$10 each at the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads on May 4. He said children should be trained while riding in cars to watch out for bikers, so they will remember that as adult drivers;

• Heard Sharon Pokerwinski say J.C. Honey came to one of the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings and his friend went out and fixed the dock at Sherwood Pond. She said Honey has done a lot of work out there. She explained that the secretary who took over for her in Parks & Recreation lost her parents in a matter of months and is having a hard time. That's why she's taking over the secretary position again. She also complained about Bednark, saying all the negativity on this board is coming from one officer. She also said Armatis should go to the treasurer's office and do what needs to be done. She said she was in on a conference call to the state complaining about Bednark and she also complained to the county. Pokerwinski said the township is paying interest because money hasn't been transferred. Deputy Treasurer Snook said she spoke with two people at the county who confirmed Sumpter has not been charged any penalties and she said she would confirm that in the morning. She said she has gone to Holtz and asked for assistance and she got none.

Registration now under way for Sumpter Country Fest Car Show

The Sumpter Country Fest 2019 Car Show is now accepting mail-in registrations.

The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd.

Classes include Muscle Car, Antique, Classic, Street Rod, Street Machine, Sports Car, Truck, and Motorcycle. Trophies will be presented to the winner of each class.

The first 25 entries will receive a dash plaque. A Peoples' Choice Award will be presented.

Register 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entries are \$5 each. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Margaret Rochon at (734) 699-5275.

Registrations should include a name, address, year, model, and class, as well as the \$5 entry fee. Mail registrations to Sumpter Parks and Recreation, ATT: Margaret Rochon, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

"I love a dog, he does nothing for political reasons."

— Will Rogers

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 6 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m., budget hearing and annual meeting. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7

p.m.

- Monday, May 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, May 14 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, May 20 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 21 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28 – Van Buren Township

Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Monday, June 3 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following requests.

- 1. Case 19-019:** A request by Andrea Ratajski, to rezone the property located at 13414 Martinsville Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0002-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

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

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

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Flag Placement for Memorial Day
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th, 2019
(Rain date: May 18th)**



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

Flag placement begins on Saturday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer



PUBLISH: April 25, May 2, May 9, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 p.m. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 18 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

ADD G: Require Elan to appear before the Township Board to provide explanation on delays and functionality of the recording and broadcast system prior to final payment being considered by the Board for the services provided. Motion carried.

Jeff Lomanic, Jr. introduced his staff to the Board who helped build the new board room table.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:

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

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants totaling \$ 379,017.93. Roll call vote: Yes: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Swinson, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:

A. Presentation given by Water Superintendent, Ken Kunka on the water bill process, late fees, and payment plan options.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8 Police Report-Luke: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. Belleville High School will be performing the Sound of Music

B. Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 13th at noon in Graham Park, rain date Sunday, April 14th.

C. Silent Auction on Saturday, April 13th from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

D. Closed Friday, April 19th in observance of Good Friday.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor's report. Motion carried

13. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 19%, Insurance matters 7%, Township Board meetings 9%, Meeting with Twp Officials, 6%, Water & Sewer 7%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 20%, Ordinance & Blight

4%, Labor Contract/LOU 8%, Republic 4%, Planning 4%, Library 5%, Parks & Recreation 2%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2%, and Misc. 1%.

B. Two (2) Letters of Understanding on agenda

C. Library

D. Nationwide

E. 34th District Court

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney's report. Motion carried.

14. Board Response:

A. Treasurer Bednark conducting his own internal audit.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Letter of Understanding regarding Retiree Life Insurance and Pension Plan for the Fraternal Order of Police. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the Letter of Understanding regarding medical benefits maximum out of pocket reimbursement for Fraternal Order of Police, Command Officers Association and Michigan Council of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve hiring a full-time Office Assistant position in the Clerk's Office. Hiring committee will consist of Michelle Bellingham, Chief Luke, Ken Kunka and Esther Hurst. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve management negotiation committee for AFSCME to consist of Scott Holtz, Michelle Bellingham, John Morgan and Attorney Rob Young. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: Bednark. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Resolution 2019-07 the policy prohibiting harassment, discrimination and retaliation. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the new National Electric Code (NIC) 2017 for the new standards that took effect January 4, 2019 for electrical inspection conducted by the building department. Motion carried.

G. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to require Elan to appear before the Township Board to provide an explanation to delays and functionality of the recording and broadcast system prior to final payment being considered by the Board for services provided. Motion carried.

16. Announcements:

A. Trustee Rush stated the Sky warning training is open to the Township employees as well.

B. Trustee Rush mentioned warning radios will be placed in all major Township buildings.

C. Trustee Swinson reminded the residents the Easter Egg hunt will be this weekend at Graham Park at noon with a special guest appearance.

17. Open Floor: Four (4) people spoke.

18. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

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**46425 Tyler Rd
Van Buren Township**

**Thursday
May 9th, 2019**

**Friday
May 10th, 2019**

9am—3pm

All proceeds benefit the Senior Center!

“One’s Junk is another’s Treasure.”

Stop by and find the Book, Toy, Tool, Decoration,
Craft & Sewing Supplies etc. you’ve been looking for.

Great Finds!



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and works in logistics, while Ryan will also soon be a Spartan alumnus in 2020, with an Agriculture Business degree.

Keith Simons - Class of 1972

Special Posthumous Award

(April 26, 1954 - July 26, 2017)

Keith Michael Simons passed away on July 26, 2017 at the age of 63.

Keith was a selfless family man, empowerer of people and a world-class athlete. Keith dedicated his life helping people enrich theirs, even in his final days.

Born in Belleville, MI, Keith started

National Heritage Academies

Keystone Academy

Public Notice

Public Budget Hearing

will be held for the following
Public School Academy:

Keystone

**47925 Bemis Road, Belleville
(734) 697-9470**

May 9, 6 p.m.

Copies of the Budget for the listed
Public School Academy will be
available at the school office.

Published: May 2, 2019

honing his disciplinary skills working at his father's garage. While attending BHS, he was a nationally recognized wrestler and football star -- eventually earning a football scholarship to compete at the University of Minnesota. A four-year starter for the Golden Gophers, Keith was selected as team captain his senior year and was honored with an AP All-Big-Ten Team selection in 1975.

After NFL stints in St. Louis and Kansas City, Keith settled in St. Paul, MN, with his wife Yvonne, becoming the proud father of Danielle and Eric.

Through numerous jobs at Frito Lay, Pepsi, Blue Rhino, Twin Cities Rise, et al, one characteristic always rose above others -- his ability to find the strengths of the people he worked with and get those individuals to realize strengths in themselves.

Keith had a personal credo, to “Create a Great Day,” and he worked his hardest to make that a reality every day he spent on this earth. His final breaths were taken surrounded by the love and support of 63 years of family and cherished friendships. He was grateful for the bonds he formed and proud of the work he had done -- as a father, a husband, a brother, a son, a leader, and a friend.

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Hiring for 16 positions

(1) Field Supervisor (Groundskeeper)

(3) Youth Community Managers

(3) Leaders (**Only Applicants with previous work experience in the program are eligible to apply**)

(9) Community Ambassadors/Camp Counselors in Training

Full Job Descriptions and additional information can be found at <https://vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted/vbt-community-employment/>

Application packets can be picked up May 1, 2019 at the Township Hall Human Resources 46425 Tyler Road Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Deadline to submit is June 14, 2019 (must include a resume and work permit to be reviewed)

Interviews will be on June 25, 2019 and June 26, 2019 (chosen candidates will receive a time)

Employees that are hired will work in **BOTH** the Community Ambassador and Camp Counselor in Training positions **NOT ONE OR THE OTHER**

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 456 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 21:
0037 – noise complaint, Liberty
0055 – breaking & entering, E. Sadie Ln.
0210 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0507 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0747 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0939 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1009 – domestic, Beckley Rd.
1159 – larceny from auto, Cambridge Ct.
1217 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1211 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
1443 – suspicious person/vehicle, water tower
1550 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
1622 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1654 – disorderly, Western St.
1655 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1712 – hospice death, Cumberland Court
1736 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1737 – abandoned auto, Rose Blvd.
1742 – larceny, Anna Dr.
2003 – mental subject, Bayshore Dr.
2008 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
2035 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Jackson St.
2106 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2153 – domestic, W. Adams
2204 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2207 – property damage accident, Belleville/WB

ramp
2244 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

Monday, April 22:
0015 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0351 – follow up by officer, Quirk Rd.
0507 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
0929 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0944 – juvenile complaint, Brandi Dr.
0952 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1024 – fraud, Lake Point Pass
1137 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1205 – family trouble, Jackson St.
1444 – ordinance violation, Rock Creek Dr.
1520 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1555 – larceny, McBride Ave.
1633 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1658 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1715 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1756 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1817 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1824 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Belleville
1915 – disorderly, Pine Dr.
2057 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2116 – juvenile complaint, Bemis Rd.
2222 – family trouble, Pine Dr.
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Tuesday, April 23:
0847 – personal injury accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Robson Rd.
0937 – follow up by officer, Wildbrook Dr.
1244 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1350 – private property impound, Van Born
1446 – trespassing, Rawsonville
1517 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville
1520 – traffic offense, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River
1522 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1522 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1551 – hospice death, Prairiegrass Ct.
1627 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
1629 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1649 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1659 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1729 – fraud, Hayes St.
1822 – neighbor trouble, Country Walk Ct.
1842 – larceny, Wildrye Ct.
1845 – larceny, Anna Dr.
1951 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2031 – property damage accident, N. Timberview

2222 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
2239 – animal complaint, Park Estates Dr.

Wednesday, April 24:
0514 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
0649 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
0736 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0810 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0907 – fraud, Rose Blvd.
0948 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0958 – threat, Martz Rd.
1004 – motorist assist, E. I-94/Denton
1036 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1208 – malicious destruction of property, I-94 / I-275
1312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial Rd. / Stamford Rd.
1321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dewitt Rd.
1444 – animal complaint, North Shore Dr.
1451 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1456 – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.
1509 – fight, Independence Ln.
1550 – harassment call, Expert nails
1615 – animal complaint, Hamilton St.
1630 – personal injury accident, E I-94/Haggerty
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley/Daniel
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1943 – animal complaint, Laguna Dr.
2106 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
2219 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
2236 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2219 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2309 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.
2342 – road hazard, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
2358 – noise complaint, Country Walk Blvd. / Barnwell Dr.

Thursday, April 25:
0126 – malicious destruction of property, Country Ln.
0743 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0944 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1036 – traffic offense, EB Michigan/Beck
1525 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
1602 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen School
1721 – larceny, Ayres Ave.
1804 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1951 – road hazard, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2033 – fraud, Jeremy Rd.
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.

Friday, April 26:
0154 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
0238 – noise complaint, Aspen Ln.
0729 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1130 – ordinance violation, Walden Dr. East
1135 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1226 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1232 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride
1247 – animal complaint, Hancock Ave.
1249 – 911 welfare check, Jeanette
1339 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1415 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1417 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1459 – ordinance violation, Dewitt Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1607 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1612 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Renton Rd.
1913 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.
2138 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2139 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
2144 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove St.
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
2351 – disorderly, S. Bellridge

Saturday, April 27:
0308 – road hazard, WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
0337 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1032 – larceny, Peninsular Dr.
1148 – larceny, Daniel Dr.
1340 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
1503 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beck
1626 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1704 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Quirk
1838 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1851 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1925 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1934 – traffic offense, Jackson St.

1956 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
2047 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Dewitt Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2159 – property damage accident, Briarwood Ct.
Also on this week's log are 151 traffic stops, with 41 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 21:
0059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
0127 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0159 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Potter Dr.
1117 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1436 – assist other dept., Santa Clara St.
1911 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Monday, April 22:
0132 – disorderly, San Carlos St.
0922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1129 – found property/child, Victorian Ln.
1135 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1549 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1610 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1628 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1841 – vehicle lock out, Carmell St.
2306 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

Tuesday, April 23:
1350 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.
1511 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1521 – property damage accident, Main St.
1546 – civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave.
1613 – fraud, Dairy mart
1954 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
Wednesday, April 24:
0759 – disorderly, McBride
0946 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1106 – warrant arrest, Belleville
1544 – harassment call, Carmell St.
1659 – miscellaneous complaint, I-94 Service S.

Thursday, April 25:
0153 – assist citizen, Main St.
0557 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln.
0803 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1209 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1359 – warrant arrest, Belle Villa Blvd.
1423 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1427 – juvenile complaint, Bell Cove Ct.
1631 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./First
1901 – abandoned auto, E. Columbia Ave. / Madelon St.
Friday, April 26:
0958 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln. / N. Aberdeen Ct.
1404 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.
1404 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
Saturday, April 27:
1827 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.
1842 – intrusion alarm, South St.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
Also on this week's log are 49 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 21:
1123 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1259 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1302 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1430 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1500 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1518 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1645 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2125 – death investigation, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2141 – alarm, Rustic Ln.

Monday, April 22:
0008 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
0614 – neighbor dispute, Hampshire Dr.
0732 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0826 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1158 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1245 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1812 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos
2048 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2058 – well-being check, Hampshire Dr.
2132 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2239 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, April 23:
0014 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
0021 – noise complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1014 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1129 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1455 – civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1548 – threats complaint, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1550 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, April 24:
1343 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1425 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1504 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2121 – citizen assist, Willis/Karr

Thursday, April 25:
0616 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Martinsville
0844 – fire dept. assist, Brookview
1222 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1613 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. willow Rd.
1722 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1737 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Dunn
1942 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1944 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2032 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2107 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2110 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
2348 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Friday, April 26:
0750 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
0957 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1321 – animal complaint, Bemis/Sumpter
1557 – alarm, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1735 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1751 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
2256 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 27:
0510 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0511 – reckless driver, Willow/Sumpter
0531 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0854 – fight, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0909 – animal complaint, Mulberry
1050 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1113 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
1218 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2038 – property damage accident, Harris/Sumpter
2302 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigation, 30 miscellaneous details, 46 patrol checks, and 53 traffic stops.

BHS at-home games

- Thursday, May 2: Boys Varsity Golf vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; Girls JV Soccer vs. Forson HS, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 3: JV Baseball vs. Northville HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Walled Lake Western HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Walled Lake Western HS, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 6: JV Baseball vs. Livonia Churchill HS, 4:30 p.m.; Girls JV Soccer vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 8: Boys Varsity Golf vs. Dearborn HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; Varsity Baseball & Softball vs. Livonia Churchill HS, 4:30 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

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New rights for Michigan **VOTERS**

Register to vote through Election Day

Through April 22	April 23 through May 6	May 7 (Election Day)
Register at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Secretary of State branch office Your township, city or county clerk's office A designated state agency By mail 	Register: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person with your township or city clerk 	Register and vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> at a precinct. <p>Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.</p>
Residency verification required. Acceptable documents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver's license State ID card Current utility bill Bank statement Paycheck Government check Other government document <p>Documents must have name and current address. Digital copies are acceptable.</p>		

All voters now can vote early

Step 1: Request your ballot.

Get an application at county, township and city clerks' offices or at Michigan.gov/Vote.

- Mailed-in applications must be received by **5 p.m. the Friday before an election**. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by **4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day** and get their ballot.

Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.

- Option 1:** Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- Option 2:** Return your ballot through the mail.

Ballots must be signed and received by **8 p.m. on Election Day**.



Find out more at Michigan.gov/Vote.



Betty and Ray Fleming celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at Waltonwood Cherry Hill in Canton on Saturday. Waltonwood catered a light luncheon which was attended by 80 close friends and family. Ray Fleming married Betty McKelvey at Denton Methodist Church in Belleville, MI, on April 23, 1954. The newlyweds made their first home in Newport, RI, where Ray was stationed during his years in the Navy. At the completion of his service with the Navy, Ray and Betty moved back to the metro Detroit area where Ray began his career as a tool and die maker for the Ford Motor Company. The couple moved to Belleville in 1967 and continued to make that their home until last year, when they moved to Canton. They have four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom were in attendance at the anniversary party, with the exception of one grandson who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, and could not be present for the party. They are awaiting the arrival of their first great-grandchild who is due in September.

Gardening expert Janet Macunovich presents:

Plant it Well, Even When the Roots Aren't Right

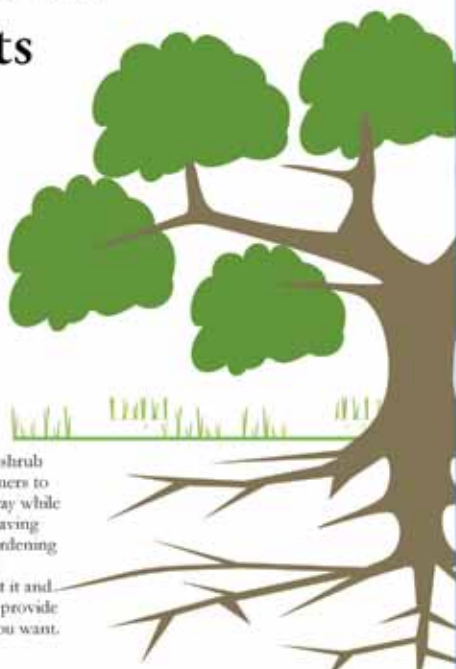
Tuesday, May 7, 7 pm

Do you plan to plant a tree this year? Have you planted one recently that isn't growing like you expected?

Don't let planting time and money go to waste! You need to know how to plant even when the roots aren't right and recognize signs of trouble to fix after planting.

Poor roots are now a problem in every tree- and shrub planting because wholesale growers have cut corners to cut costs. This causes some plants to die right away while others limp along for years to, die without ever having lived up to their promise. In this presentation, gardening expert and author Janet Macunovich explains the problem, why you probably have not heard about it and what you can do to make sure your new tree can provide the shade, beauty and increased property value you want.

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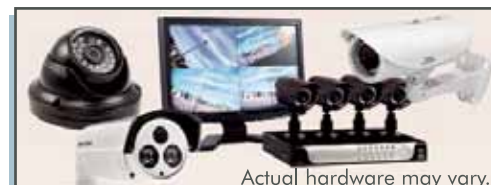
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