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Scott Jones tells his plans for 500 block of Main Street

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Scott Jones of Van Buren Township, who purchased deteriorating property in the 500 block of Main Street in Belleville, announced to the city's Downtown Development Authority his plans for rebuilding the city's front door.

Jones said he will bring his plans to the Belleville Planning Commission for its June 13 meeting and his plan is to begin the demolition and rebuilding as soon as possible.

At the May 15 DDA meeting, VBT architect Wayde Hoppe explained the present situation and Jones' plan for the future.

Hoppe said currently a lot of the property is an old parking lot and a strip mall with a pink wall. He said there are four different buildings.

He said the plan is to include a small grocery market, with professional offices behind and a retail strip with a restaurant or two.

Hoppe said there will be entrances from Main Street and North Liberty Street and the buildings will be made of brick and limestone for easy maintenance.

He said there will be a number of retail stores to the north and parking in the middle. A prominent restaurant building will be built across from Doane's Landing with a covered outdoor eating area, so diners can see the waterfront. He said people coming over the bridge will see the "tower" at the restaurant and no longer focus on the peach wall.

The building behind the market will be a two-story building. He said everything is still very much under design.

When the *Independent* asked about the future of the Lunch Box restaurant, Jones said the intention is to have the Lunch Box

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The lives of Mitchell Golden, left, and Walter Reinhackle, a graduate of Belleville High School, will be told during the Memorial Day ceremony at 1 p.m., May 27, at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park, Belleville. The two young men who died in war are listed on the memorial. Walter's nephew Glenn Reinhackel and family live in Belleville and Mitchell's cousin Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kuster live in Grosse Isle. They will be present for the ceremony, which includes the laying of wreaths at the memorial. The event is put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 4434, and Polish League of American Veterans, Post 167.



Sumpter Country Fest Parade set for noon on Saturday

The 36th-annual Sumpter Country Fest Parade will begin at noon on Saturday, starting at the corner of Judd Road and Sumpter Road and heading south on Sumpter Road to the fairgrounds.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167 will be the grand marshals of this year's parade.

The Honored Citizens are members of the Krushlin family.

The festival, which has the theme of "Honoring Our Veterans" this year, begins at 5 p.m. Friday and continues through Memorial Day on Monday. For the complete schedule, see pages 12-13 in today's *Independent*.

Belleville City Council to look into details in search for city manager

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Although it's a little too early to start taking resumes for a new city manager, members of the Belleville City Council agreed to start looking into how the search will be conducted.

The council has been advised by City Manager Diana Kollmeyer that she will be retiring sometime in January.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, Councilman Tom Fielder asked that the item be added to the agenda and then said he believes they should begin a process to identify a candidate or organizations that can help with the search.

He said if people are interested, they should let the council know. He said they want to bring the new city manager in to overlap with Kollmeyer's term to learn the job. He noted there is only a five-or-

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT LDFA asks McNamara to get legal advice on bond solution

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a 44-minute closed-door session during a special meeting April 16, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority came into open session and passed a motion.

The motion by LDFA Corresponding Secretary John Delaney, supported by Doug Peters, was:

“To provide the direction that the township supervisor engage legal counsel to review the proposed agreement to address the upcoming shortfall on the Visteon bonds becoming due Oct. 1, 2019 between the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, on behalf of the LDFA, and to authorize Chairperson [Michael] Dotson to execute an agreement for these services not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.”

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. and those present went into closed session to discuss an attorney client letter dated March 18, 2019, pursuant to MCL 15.268, Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

LDFA members present at the closed session were Chairman Dotson, Vice Chairman Chuck Covington, Corresponding Secretary Delaney, Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Peters, James Williams, Sara Cortese, David Schreiber, and Scott Medlen.

As soon as the meeting was closed to the public, Medlen declared a conflict of interest regarding the closed session topic and excused himself from the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The board members voted to support him leaving the session.

Medlen represents Sovereign Partners, the new owners of what originally was Visteon Village and now is Grace Lake Corporate Center. The bonds that were to be discussed were sold by Van Buren Township to help build Visteon Village.

The LDFA pays the bonds from its captured taxes and, as of Oct. 1, the tax money won't be enough to cover the bond payment. The township, which is responsible for the bonds if the LDFA can't pay, has set money aside for the bond payment.

The letter asks that the details of this transaction be reviewed by an attorney.

At the May 14 regular LDFA meeting, Peters asked about the letter to the board and was told it will be ready to look at during the next LDFA meeting, which is on July 9.



Atchinson Ford has been named one of the top-100 Ford dealerships in the country. Atchinson was presented with the 2018 Ford Motor Company President's Award in recognition of its outstanding customer satisfaction through progressive management, dedicated employees, and high standards of operational excellence. From left are Shane Nelson, Parts & Service Manager, Ford Motor Co.; Brandon Sanders, Used Car Manager, Atchinson Ford; Aaron Stein, New Car Sales Manager, Atchinson Ford; Mike Murphy, Detroit Regional Manager, Ford Motor Co.; Craig Atchinson, Dealer Operator, Atchinson Ford; Ray Nabozny, General Sales Manager, Atchinson Ford; Jim Bishop, Parts and Service Director, Atchinson Ford; and Ryan Kozel, Ford Credit Regional Manager.

VBT LDFA considers ways to help fix up Grace Lake trails

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting May 14, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) discussed ways to help fix up the nature trails at Grace Lake Corporate Center.

“It would be a tough sell,” VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said of raising money to help the property responsible for the Visteon bonds.

LDFA Corresponding Secretary John Delaney has been talking about the poor condition of the nature trail at what is now Grace Lake. He said that fixing the trails would bring more people to the site and thus help market it as a home for more businesses. More construction at Grace Lake would allow more tax capture to pay off the bonds.

When Delaney suggested trail work, Chairman Michael Dotson said the LDFA

can't do much with not much of a budget.

“We count on registered brokers to market Grace Lake,” said LDFA member Doug Peters.

“It needs to be marketed so people will know it's there,” Delaney said. He said events could be held there because there is “... so much green space ... put in pop-up tents for an hour or two.”

“I've never known Sovereign Partners to say no,” Supervisor McNamara said.

Delaney said they could get Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to clean up on the trails and then sign then off for merit badges. Eagle Scouts could build benches according to Sovereign's specifications.

Delaney said this would be marketing it as a community, noting they have experts they pay multi-hundred-thousands for marketing it.

Chairman Dotson said they could sit down with someone from Sovereign and plan out

some events for the next six months.

LDFA member Chuck Covington said maybe they could move something that is already scheduled to Grace Lake.

Delaney said at the beginning Visteon told the township there would be outdoor athletic fields, soccer fields, places classes can go to study the environment. He said they could sit down with LDFA member Scott Medlen from Sovereign Partners and try to come up with a plan.

Later in the meeting, Delaney said the LDFA is supposed to be broke after paying money for the bonds, but is there a way to raise money to help with the marketing.

He said Girl Scouts earn money by selling cookies.

McNamara said, if you want to raise \$20,000 for summer camp, for example, you want it to be a wash. You get the money and spend it all on the camp.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Flooded house illustrates drain problem in VBT

The picture of Anthony Debias' flooded house on the front page of the May 9 *Independent* showed more than the results of a big storm.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the picture in the *Independent* showed a big, big problem that he is working to address with Wayne County.

The flood that engulfed the Debias home on McBride and the house next door comes from a storm sewer that Wayne County says isn't theirs, Supervisor McNamara said.

He said the county said the storm sewer is VBT's, but the township doesn't do storm sewers.

McNamara said the flooding came from a county sewer that the county refuses to acknowledge. When asked what is to keep the Debias home from flooding again, McNamara said, "Nothing."

Another resident of McBride Ave., who didn't flood, told the *Independent* the water came from the north and crossed Ayres. That's in the area of the water tower.

McNamara said the 40 acres the township owns where the water tower stands on Tyler has drainage problems, as well, and is too wet to build anything there, like a proposed DPW building.

Let's hope this drainage problems get settled before Anthony Debias has to bail out his house again.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received a note on Friday: "You always mention the phone scams. There is also a Facebook scam. Cars advertised at a cheap price look good on the Facebook pictures. They are located in another city. You tell them you will come over, pick up the car, and pay for it. They say you don't understand how this works. Send the money and then you see the car. Kind of dumb crooks."

John Juriga of Belleville, who is an elected member of the Belleville Area District Library Board and also a retired teacher, has come up with a plan to have a contest for kids to guess how many bricks are on the new library building.

He said the winner can get a certificate and have his/her picture in the library newsletter.

At the May 15 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, updates were given on the outdoor sculptures in Belleville and Van Buren Township. The new ones are due to be swapped for the present ones on May 30.

It was announced that at the planning commission meeting the week before, Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones, came into the meeting to tell those present that the sculpture on the Fourth Street Square had been stolen. They told her it had been gone two weeks. The sculptor sold the piece and came and moved it to Fenton.

In other bit of sculpture information, it was announced the large coy fish sculpture that was to be placed in Horizon Park was sold by the sculptor before it got here. It will be replaced by an arch-like sculpture.

The DDA members also got updates on other buildings around town. They learned



that the ice cream stand on East Huron River Drive opened May 12. Also, the former car wash across the street from the ice cream shop is being bricked in to make a small diner.

On Monday afternoon, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a closed-door meeting following the work/study session. It was "to discuss the legal opinion of counsel of the Department of Labor audit and its interplay with the collective bargaining agreements."

When I saw the words "Department of Labor audit" on the notice of the closed session on Friday, I shot off a Freedom of Information Act request to get a copy of the audit they were to discuss.

I got a negative reply in about five minutes, by phone and by email. There is no document, I was told. That is definitely a record for me. I've had turndowns before, but never so quickly.

Then, I sent a statement to Clerk Leon Wright, who is in charge of FOIAs although others are designated to take care of them. He replied from Alabama where he was at a convention. I told him never mind and that I would argue with him when he got back.

He said in his email that he couldn't give out the information because of confidentially reasons right now. "As we get final notifications maybe I can share it at that point. Right now it is ongoing communication between management, unions and Department of Labor," he wrote.

I thought he would be back on Monday, but he wasn't at the work/study session or the closed session.

Anyway, after my rapid turndown from the township, I sent a FOIA to the U.S. Department of Labor. Let's see if the federal government is any more transparent than our local government. At least they haven't sent me a rejection yet.

At the VBT work/study session I was introduced to the new full-time employee that will work for Supervisor McNamara and the assessing office. She is Hannah Rodriguez.

Also at the VBT work/study session, the VBT board discussed at length whether or not to take over use of the Woodland Meadows golf clubhouse and golf cart building until 2040, as proposed by Waste Management.

Supervisor McNamara said they could move all the things being stored at the old animal shelter/former fire hall on Tyler Road and the old fire hall on Ecorse Road and then sell those properties.

The board members informally decided to keep the clubhouse and golf cart building for a year to figure out how best they can be used, if at all. Waste Management offered \$5,000 a year to help cover the maintenance.



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Letters

Pure joy of Missoula play fills our hearts

To the editor,

The Song has ended but the melody (and delight) lingers on. The curtain on the Missoula Children's play has closed but the pure joy of it will fill our hearts for a long time.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) sends profound and sincere thanks to our community for its support of BACA'S Missoula Children's Theater.

We are especially grateful to the Rotary Foundation for its generous grant. We thank Holiday Inn Express that housed and fed our Missoula actors/directors for the entire week, a generous contribution. The Missoula staff told us they were accommodated with great hospitality.

We thank the Van Buren School Superintendent Pete Kudlak, McBride principal, secretary, custodians and staff.

Thanks to the Van Buren Township Board, our advertisers, Roy Acho of Benito's Pizza and Ron Vesche for our pizza party the night of rehearsal. We thank Michele Montour for her work on the program.

Thanks to our many sponsors and patrons. We had a wonderful "Missoula" Committee (Committee Members: Sheena Barnes, Diane Gomez-Burden, Elaine Gutierrez, Karithea Murry-Hanible, Peggy Morgan, C. Genevieve Riggs, Bebe Singleton). Elaine Gutierrez deserves special recognition and gratitude for her work on this project. She was the engine pulling a long train.

BACA hopes and dreams of making Missoula Children's Theater an annual event.

It is a great experience for our children (and such fun).

Barbara Rogalle Miller
Missoula Committee Member

Thank you for your fast response to my fall

To:

Sumpter Township Police Dept.
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I want to thank you for the fast response to the trauma I experienced by falling down the basement stairs head first.

Your fast response to my 911 call sure helped me stay focused. I didn't have to lay in the basement very long alone in the dark. The lights weren't on because I wasn't actually going into the basement, but out the door in the opposite direction when I missed a step and lost my balance.

Accidents happen quickly and your quick response had my neck secured so no further damage would occur.

It was very helpful that I had my cell phone with me to make that all-important 911 call.

Thank you so much for your service to me and our community.

Sincerely,
Patricia Shephard
Sumpter Township

Suggestion for cards to give to illegal aliens

To the editor,

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(Note: addresses are as accurate as "Been Verified" has on file.)

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Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

Letter sent to Van Buren 48111 never arrived

To the editor:

On April 22, I had two letters mailed to me from Boston. One arrived three days later. It was addressed to Belleville 48111. The other was addressed to Van Buren 48111 and it has never arrived. Who would be so silly as to send anything to Van Buren 48111?

Just a note to help the township raise money. Ticket those who walk or ride their bikes over I-94 on Belleville Road and do not use the new and, I may add, beautiful and safe path just completed.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

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Yankee Air Museum salutes military with free tickets to air show

Yankee Air Museum is recognizing American Veterans and persons in active and reserve military service with complimentary tickets to Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, Aug. 3 and 4.

Veterans, reserves and active military personnel are invited to come to Yankee Air Museum, on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to receive two air show tickets (valued at \$90). These complimentary tickets will be available in the Museum Gift Shop on this day and at this time only. The Museum asks people to present evidence of their service to receive the tickets. The Gift Shop is located immediately inside the public entrance at 47884 D Street, Belleville.

"The fact that we can have a major display of airplanes, and demonstrations of current

and past aircraft defending our nation is a tribute to the freedom our military ensures," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of Yankee Air Museum. "It's only fitting that we invite military veterans and active service people to be our guests at this great show."

Thunder Over Michigan has been one of the leading air shows in the country since 2003. The 2019 show includes a record gathering of F-4U Corsairs (fighter aircraft used extensively in WWII and Korea), the US Air Force F-16 Viper Demonstration Team, aerial demonstration pilot Michael Goulian, as well as many aircraft on static display. And there are plenty of food and drink vendors and attractions for the kids.

Walsh said the armed forces train and work in difficult conditions, place themselves in harm's way, and are always prepared to make

the ultimate sacrifice as thousands have before them. He said Yankee Air Museum is happy to offer this gesture of appreciation and hopes many veterans and service men and women will accept the invitation.

Yankee Air Museum will also recognize other key, and often unsung heroes of the American workforce, in future Thunder Over Michigan Air Show ticket gifts. Walsh said educators, health care workers and first responders are in line to receive the complimentary tickets. "It's our way of saying 'thank you' to the people who sacrifice so much for our country," he concluded.

The same, two air show tickets, thank-you packages are planned for educators on June 8, health care workers on July 6 and first responders on July 13. More information will be available over the next few weeks.

The general admission tickets are good for one day, either Aug. 3 or 4, of the air show.

Thunder Over Michigan will be held at Willow Run Airport, Aug. 3 and 4. Gates open at 9 a.m. For directions, see: <http://yankeeamuseum.org/airshow/directions/>

For more information, call (734) 483-4030.

More Letters

Memorial Day is May 27, be sure to fly the flag

To the editor, Belleville Residents and All My South Biggs Neighbors:

A reminder: Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 27), honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

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

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

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

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

Don't let Memorial Day go by without acknowledging our Great Country.

Pete Pitzen

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

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Obituaries

WALTER BARNARD KILLINGBECK

February 24, 1936 – May 13, 2019

Walter Barnard Killingbeck of Carrizozo, New Mexico, passed away on May 13, 2019. He was born February 24, 1936 to Edgar F. and Edah (Schmiede) Killingbeck.

Walter is survived by two brothers, Bryan of Romulus and Michael H. of Canton, MI, five stepchildren, a niece Lisa Lapko and a nephew, Michael.

Walter is preceded in death by his late wife Bella (Candelaria) and siblings Edgar A. Killingbeck, Mary Lou Stabenow, Nancy Lee Moore and William Killingbeck.

Graveside burial services took place in Carrizozo, on May 16, 2019.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 23** – The Southwestern Wayne [County] Democratic Club membership meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. All are welcome.

• **Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27** – Sumpter Township Country Fest at the fairgrounds on Sumpter Road across from township hall. Parade is at noon on Saturday.

• **Friday, May 24** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, who represents Sumpter Township in Lansing, invites constituents to join him for his monthly coffee hours. He will be at Blue Heron Trading Company, 26217 Huron River Dr. in Flat Rock from noon to 1 p.m. and at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Those unable to attend may contact Rep. Bellino's office at (517) 373-1530 or JosephBellino@house.mi.gov.

• **Saturday, May 25** – The Belleville Area District Library is hosting a Suicide Prevention Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon, co-hosted by SOOAR in Belleville. This is a free program for all interested residents and no registration is required. Parental discretion is advised because the subject may be disturbing to younger children. Information: (734) 699-3291.

• **Sunday, May 26** – Sumpter Country Fest's 2019 Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the township hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd. Trophies will be presented to the winner of each of the eight classes. The first 25 entries receive dash plaques. Registration is between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entries are \$5 each. Information: Margaret Rochon, (734) 699-5275.

• **Monday, May 27** – Memorial Day program at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Downtown Belleville begins at 1 p.m. Presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167.

• **Saturday, June 1** – Wayne County is sponsoring a Tire Recycling Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Buren Township parking lot on Tyler Road. Residents will be able to dispose of up to seven non-commercial tires free of charge.

• **Sunday, June 2** – 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, June 2** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, June 3** – Belleville Farmers' Market runs from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through September at the Fourth Street Square. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.



Linda Lee Francis

LINDA LEE FRANCIS

August 6, 1947 – May 17, 2019

Linda Lee Francis, age 71, long-time resident of Willis and Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, May 17, 2019 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born August 6, 1947 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Leroy & Grace Marie (Maurer) Mix.

Linda worked for L&W Engineering for about 15 years before managing Augusta Woods, where she retired from in 2011. She was a member of Belleville Freewill Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and enjoyed taking care of her home and family. Mrs. Francis is survived by son Michael Francis of Garden City, MI; daughter Melinda Deuel of Willis, MI; 5 grandchildren: Daniel Francis, Tessa Francis, Ashley Francis, Kyle Deuel and Jessica Deuel; nine great-grandchildren: Carmen Deuel, Tristan Francis, Adyn Francis, Timothy Francis, Ciara Francis, Daniel Francis, Keeaira Francis, Anthony Francis, and Jazmyn Francis; three sisters: Betty Bush and Wanda Cox, both of Sumpter Township, MI and Cindy Gurisko of Ossineke, MI; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father in 1987, her mother in 2006, husband Elijah Francis in 2011, son David Wade Francis in 1989 and son Timothy Lee Francis in 1997.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Tuesday and 10-11 AM Wednesday, May 22, 2019 with an 11 AM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

Pastor Walker Harris officiated. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society and would be appreciated.

ANN MARIE SCHMIDT

December 11, 1961 – May 97, 2019

Age 57, of Belleville. A gathering will be held Friday, May 24, from 3-7 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Rosary at 7 p.m. A mass is being planned.

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Yankee Air Museum is recognizing American Veterans and military servicemen and women with complimentary tickets to this summer's Thunder Over Michigan Air Show in August. Those interested can pick up two tickets on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yankee Museum Gift Shop, which is located just inside the public entrance at 47884 D Street. Must show some type of military ID or evidence of their service to be eligible. To learn more about the air show at Willow Run Airport, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter is looking for volunteers for their annual spring clean-up event coming up June 1 at the shelter at 51299 Arkona Rd. Activities will start at 9 a.m. and include the cleaning of the buildings and kennels, weeding, planting flowers, painting, gravel spreading, storage area sorting, fence maintenance, and other projects. Volunteers are asked to wear grubby work clothes, gloves and appropriate shoes. Lunch will be provided around noon. Call (734) 461-9458 and visit www.fmar1.org.

The Rotary Club of Belleville will be holding its first-annual Golf Outing on Aug. 23, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The cost is \$115 per golfer, which includes a light breakfast, hotdog lunch, and dinner approximately at 3 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, ranging from Hole Sponsorships for \$100 to the Event Sponsorship at \$2,000, which includes a paid foursome to golf, banner, and hole sign. For more info, call Dennis Davidson at (734) 325-6405 or email dennis227@comcast.net.

Sumpter Township's 36th-annual Country Fest starts this Friday and runs through Memorial Day Monday at the fairgrounds on Sumpter Road. There will be live music, a carnival, baby contest, silent auction, basket and quilt raffles, and a parade on

Saturday at noon. The arena will feature Michigan Pedal Pullers on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., a Truck Demolition Derby Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and Auto-Cross Demolition Derby on Monday at 6 p.m. Fireworks are Sunday night at dusk. See their ad in today's paper for the music line-up and other details. The event is sponsored by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

Belleville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 89 South Edgemont St. in Belleville has been added to our Church Directory listing each week. Pastor Nathaniel Oregon offers services on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and Sabbath School on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. followed by Saturday Service at 11:30 a.m.

The 50% off everything in the store sale is still going on at Threads 'n' Treasures Quilt Shop at 129 South St. in Belleville. Items include fabric, notions, patterns, books, quilts, samples, and more. Owner Kay Atkins is retiring and is selling shelving and fixtures, too. Call (734) 697-9376.

A Suicide Prevention Workshop will be held this Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Belleville Area District Library. Learn how to question, persuade, and refer someone who may be suicidal and learn more about prevention, suicidal behavior, warning signs, and how to get help for yourself or someone in crisis. The program is hosted by SOOAR, Strategies to Overcome Obstacles, and Avoid Recidivism. Call (734) 699-3291.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 7th Annual Music Lakeside Soiree is June 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the BYC on Huron River Drive. Tickets are \$50 each with the proceeds going to fund the Music Lakeside Series of concerts that run on Thursdays throughout the summer at Horizon Park on High Street. The Soiree evening will feature live music, live auction, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails. Visit www.ba-caart.com and www.musiclakeside.com.

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

VBT planners approve final site plan for US Signal data center

Phase One of what is expected to be a 100,000-square-foot data center on the northeast corner of Haggerty and Tyler roads was given final site plan approval by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its May 8 meeting.

Phase One will be 25,000 square feet in size at 9275 Haggerty Rd. on 7.91 acres. The applicant, US Signal, said three additional phases of 25,000 square feet each are planned.

"The timing of phases 2-4 expansions will be determined by customer demand, but the expectation would dictate a phase addition every 24 months," wrote McKenna planning consultant Vidya Krishnan in a May 5 letter to the commission. She said this would result in a full build-out in 6-8 years.

She recommended a Development Agreement to ensure completion of the project.

U.S. Signal agreed to all stipulations presented by Krishnan, including crosswalks on the southwest corner of the property to connect to the west side of Haggerty Road and south side of Tyler Road.

David Schreiber of the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation was present at the May 8 meeting and the applicants said he helped get them through the county for the permits, but they still have to get their state permits.

The project architect showed a drawing of the design, including a fractured pattern where the concrete is poured into a mold and then lifted up, which gives texture to the front of the building. The east side of the building will be built without the special fractured pattern because that is where the upcoming phases will be added on.

The architect said the fractured pattern will give texture and depth to the building.

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Sumpter Officer Salajan sentenced to probation on reduced charge

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

George Gabriel Salajan, III, age 29, of Sumpter Township, has been sentenced to 24 months of reporting probation after pleading no contest to a reduced charge of driving while visibly impaired.

He originally was charged with operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more on Jan. 27 in Huron Township. On April 8, Judge Geno Salomone of 23rd District Court in Taylor, accepted the no contest plea to the reduced charge.

Salajan was then scheduled for an interview by the probation department. The pre-sentence evaluation was delivered to Judge Salomone on May 15 and Salajan was sentenced.

Judge Salomone said Salajan must check in with him personally once a month. He indicated if the first year goes without incident, he would reconsider the monthly check-ins.

Salajan's defense attorney tried unsuccessfully to get his client non-reporting probation for the 24 months, by presenting a letter from Nancy McCrory at University of Michigan Hospital that contained an evaluation. She noted Salajan followed through with his outpatient treatment there and pursued aftercare.

The attorney said Salajan has been a Sumpter Township Police Officer for six years and he is motivated to continue with

his sobriety. He is married and has a three-and-a-half-year-old child.

The attorney pointed out his client was self-motivated.

But Judge Salomone disagreed with non-reporting. He addressed Salajan, "You are young and we want you to get better." He said if Salajan violates his probation, they will deal with it.

At the April 8 court session, Judge Salomone had asked about Salajan paying restitution for the mailbox he knocked down and Huron Township prosecuting attorney David Loeckner said they would contact the resident.

On May 15, Loeckner said he reached out to the owner of the mailbox and told him about this court date, but the man did not attend the court session.

"They will have a right to restitution," Judge Salomone said.

Salajan's attorney said his client posted \$500 bond at 34th District Court and he is ready to pay the balance of his fine that day.

There was some discussion on how they would get the \$500 from 34th District Court where Salajan was originally charged. His case was sent over to 23rd District Court when all three judges at 34th decided they had conflicts of interest because he was a



Salajan

police officer in their jurisdiction.

"Some way or other we will get it worked out," Judge Salomone announced.

"You're not using medical marijuana any more?" Judge Salomone asked Salajan and Salajan replied he wasn't.

Judge Salomone suggested Salajan talk to his doctor and ask for an alternative for pain medication since the judge isn't fond of him using marijuana.

"If your doctor says, 'Here's what you need to do,' and tells you to use marijuana, I will not interfere since I am a judge and not a doctor."

"Have you every tried a non-narcotic pain medication?" Judge Salomone asked Salajan and Salajan replied he hadn't.

According to the Huron Township Police arrest record obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, Salajan was driving a black 2016 Ford F-150 pickup just before midnight on Saturday, Jan. 26, on Felt Road at Duff Drive when he hit a traffic sign and a mailbox and was in a ditch. The weather was blowing snow. The owner of the mailbox called police.

When police arrived, Salajan was climbing out of the ditch and Reporting Officer A. Sheehan made contact with him and, "Salajan stated that he f---ed up." Officer Sheehan asked him, "if he had been drinking tonight and he stated too much and that he is f---ed up." Salajan stated he was not injured.

"I observed a smell of intoxicants coming from Salajan," Officer Sheehan wrote. "Salajan's eyes were bloodshot and watery. Salajan was unstable on his feet."

Salajan was given roadside sobriety tests as he stood in the snow with no shoes on

and he completed some better than others, according to the report. He agreed to take a PBT test at 12:19 a.m. with the result of .26. He was put in handcuffs and arrested for driving while intoxicated (operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more). At the station his breath test was .24 at 12:48 a.m. and .22 at 12:51 a.m.

He was released at noon on Sunday after posting the \$5,000/10% (\$500) cash bond. His truck had been impounded at J&M and could be released the next day, Monday.

Michigan has enacted an enhanced punishment for drivers who operate a motor vehicle above a .16% blood alcohol content (BAC). An arrest of .17% BAC or higher will likely be charged with "operating while intoxicated with high BAC" which is also known in the legal community as "Super Drunk."

Driving while impaired in Michigan is generally defined as operating a car, truck, boat, snowmobile, aircraft, train or other motor vehicle when the ability to operate the motor vehicle is negatively affected (or impaired) by alcohol or drugs.

The punishments in Michigan for first-offense "operating while visibly impaired" are listed as: up to 180 days in jail if BAC was .17% or greater, up to 360 hours community service, \$100 to \$300 fine, possible forfeiture or immobilization of vehicle for up to 180 days, and suspension of driver's license for 90 days (although a restricted driver's license may be obtained after 90 days). Also, six points could be added to driving record and \$1,000 annual driver responsibility fee for two consecutive years.

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stay, but it is up to the owner. He said the proposal is to build the strip mall next to the restaurant and then move the restaurant into one of the units in the new building. Then, they would demolish the current Lunch Box, build a new restaurant on the site and move the Lunch Box back in.

"It's up to him," Jones said.

When they were asked about parking, Hoppe said there are 93 spaces, including 14-barrier free spaces, on site. He said 119 spaces are demanded by the ordinance.

Customers could also park on the street and in nearby city parking lots, people in the audience said.

When asked what kind of grocery store it will be, Jones said they have reached out to nine different stores, including Trader Joe's, Kroger City, Fresh Time, Plum Market, Hillards, and Westborn.

The intention is to have seven aisles of groceries, with a meat counter and fresh produce.

When asked what restaurant will be facing the water, Jones said that is a "Fields of Dreams" and still in the planning stage.

Jones said for Phase I, they plan to demolish the buildings in six to seven weeks and have already applied to the city to shut off utilities and to Edison, who will take three to four weeks to turn off the electricity.

The former owner of the house on North Liberty Street has 30 days to move out of the house, so possession at the earliest is June 18.

Jones said the owners of Lakeview Tavern did not wish to sell their family business, so that property is not part of the new construction.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said Jones' plans are very impressive. She said the DDA will be glad to help with a groundbreaking ceremony and Randy Brown said the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will be glad to help, as well.

"The whole city will thank you," Brown said to Jones.

"Everybody's been so supportive," Jones replied.

At the end of the meeting DDA member Denise Baker said, "This is kind of the start of things. A year from now we will see a big change."

"Patience paid off," said DDA chairperson

Rosemary Loria.

In other business at the one-hour-and 34-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Discussed at length three proposals presented by Spicer Engineering representative Phil Westmoreland on design plans for Fourth Street, which is in front of the new library under construction. Questions focused on parking, green space, space for the Iron Belle Trail, and space for the portable stage set up for special events at the Main Street end of the street. Westmoreland said whichever design they choose, the cost will be in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars. Thompson said the DDA put \$120,000 in its budget for Fourth Street, but it has \$1 million in its fund balance to make sure it has enough for bonds. Also, the library budget has funds for restoration of Fourth Street after construction, so she's sure they'll figure it all out. Thompson said they will set up a meeting with library representatives before the next DDA meeting. Westmoreland said he will put all the comments together and come up with another plan;

- Approved the proposed DDA balanced budget of \$751,420 in expenditures for 2019-20. This budget will be sent on to the city council to include it in its overall budget. Thompson said growth in taxable value in the DDA district has been 1% for the last few years and this year it's 2% growth;

- Heard Thompson give a presentation to Taxing Jurisdictions on the DDA, its revenues, expenses, and projects, as required by law. A similar presentation will be done this fall;

- Heard Thompson give updates on the Iron Belle Trail that is coming through Belleville and the swap of the present outdoor sculptures for the new sculptures on May 30; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$15,175.73 for April and May, including \$550 for ads to Associated Newspapers for the Strawberry Fest and Sumpter Country Fest programs, \$5,000 for an ad in the Detroit Tigers Yearbook, \$300 to Keaton Publications for an ad in the 2020 Detroit book, \$880 to KBE Hoist for Horizon Park waterfront seasonal maintenance, \$93.56 per month to AT&T for DSL for the Community Events sign, \$750 to Bank of New York Mellon for Belleville City 10 Cap. Imp. Bds., and dues to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce of \$195.

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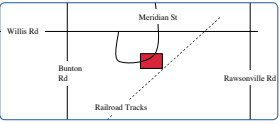
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 Former Van Buren Township Supervisor Cindy King, left, renewed her friendship with author Bev Jenkins at Saturday's Local Author Fair at the Belleville Area District Library. Jenkins gave the keynote address at the event. She wore a shirt with her brand on it: "Slayer of Words."

Local author Bev Jenkins pleases crowd at district library event

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Beverly Jenkins, a local author who was named Michigan Library Association Author of the Year for 2018 and earned a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017, delighted the crowd with her remarks at the Belleville Area District Library on Saturday.

Jenkins was the keynote speaker at the Local Author Fair that brought together 13 authors from the Belleville area to meet the public and sell their books. This is the second author fair held at the library.

Jenkins said Amazon Prime is showing a movie, called "Deadly Sexy," made from her writing, and her new book, "Rebel," is coming out next week.

Jenkins, who writes historical and contemporary romances, was encouraged by those in the audience to tell about how she started writing her new Blessings

series.

She said her first book was published in 1994 and since then she has written more than 40 books.

Jenkins said her agent called her one day and asked her to write a series on a small town, but she was too busy for another project and told her agent no. One day the agent called, again, and told her she sold the series. Jenkins said she still didn't want to do it, until her agent told her how much it would pay. She dug right in.

This is the Blessings Novel series. It starts with a man cheating on his wife and she divorces him. He is a vice president of an oil company and had lots of money so she got a huge settlement and bought a town on eBay. She wanted to bring at-risk kids to the town to the old people who lived there.

"I'm on book 10 now," she said, adding,

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Sixteen local students had parts in Saturday's two presentations of "The Pied Piper" at McBride Middle School. The show was put on by the Missoula Children's Theatre, which came to town on Monday with costumes, a set, and two directors – Alicia Batterson and Billy Speed. Students came for auditions on Monday and then practiced every afternoon until the shows on Saturday, which were well-attended. Missoula is partially supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Montana Arts Council. Bringing the Missoula to town was the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, with a generous donation from the Belleville Rotary Charles B. Cozadd Foundation. Many others in the community donated to make the show a success. Barbara Rogalle Miller, who spearheaded getting the Missoula back to town, said next year they hope to bring Missoula during the summer. The first Missoula came to Sumpter Township in 1992 and there were eight years of shows and then a 20-year hiatus.

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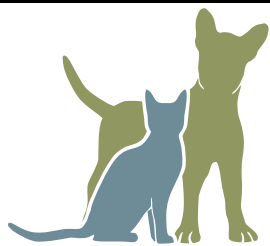

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HONORING OUR VETERANS MAY 24-27, 2019

Friday, May 24 Festival Opens at 5 p.m. - Closes at Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent	5 p.m. - Close
Live Music - The Vendetta Ride Band	4 - 7 p.m.
Baby Contest	5 - 9 p.m.
Baskets and Quilt Auction	5 - 9 p.m.
Silent Auction	5 p.m. - Close
Royalty Pageant	7 - 8 p.m.
Live Music - 18 Strings Band MI	8 - 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 Festival Opens Noon - Closes at Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent	Noon - Close
Parade (From Sumpter Road & Judd Road to Dunn Road) <i>To be announced by Randy Brown/Steve Jones</i>	Noon
Parade presentations immediately following parade	1:30 p.m.
Baby Contest	Noon - 9 p.m.
Baskets and Quilt Auction	5 - 9 p.m.
Michigan Pedal Pullers (Arenas, Ages 3 - 10, Ages 11-12, 13-15 and Adult 16 & up)	2 p.m.
Silent Auction	2 - 10 p.m.
Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)	2 p.m. - Close

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Thanks to all who helped Color Run/Walk

To the editor,

The second-annual McBride Middle School 5K Color Run/Walk is in the books. The weather was not kind to us, but the runners and walkers who attended had a great time and everyone was quite colorful at the end!

The goal this year was to raise money to create an Outdoor Learning Center for McBride, in the courtyard outside of the Media Center, which will be renovated this summer. Thank you so much to all of our sponsors, who helped us toward this goal:

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Thank you also to the amazing McBride teachers and staff who came out to help, as well as all of our parent volunteers. We really appreciate everyone who sponsored, volunteered, or did the run. Thanks again. The 2018-2019 McBride PTO Board
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HONORING OUR VETERANS MAY 24-27, 2019

Sunday, May 26

Festival Opens at Noon. - Closes at Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Car Show (10 a.m. Registration) Located at Sumpter Township Hall

DJ - Steve Jones

Baby Contest

Baskets and Quilt Raffle

Silent Auction

Michigan Pedal Pullers (Arenas, Ages 3-10, Ages 11-12, 13-15 and Adult 16 & up)

Live Music - The Southern Heat Band

Truck Demolition Derby (Arena)

Live Music - TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait Band

Fireworks - Music provided by: DJ Steve Jones

Noon - Close

Noon - 4 p.m.

Noon - 3 p.m.

Noon - 9 p.m.

Noon - 10 p.m.

Noon - 10 p.m.

2 p.m.

3 - 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Dusk

Monday, May 27

Festival Opens at Noon - Closes at 10 p.m.

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Live Music - The Bill Strickler Band

Baby Contest

Baskets and Quilt Raffle

Baby Contest Awards & Raffle Winners Announced

Silent Auction Final Bid

Silent Auction Items Picked Up

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Live Music - Metro Soul Band

Noon - Close

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Noon - 4:30 p.m.

4:30 - 5 p.m.

5 p.m.

6 - 8 p.m.

6 p.m.

6 p.m. - Close

Baby Contest - Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27

(Ends at 1:30 p.m. Winners Announced 4:30 p.m.)

Silent Auction - Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27

(Last bid 5 p.m., pick-up items 6-8 p.m.)

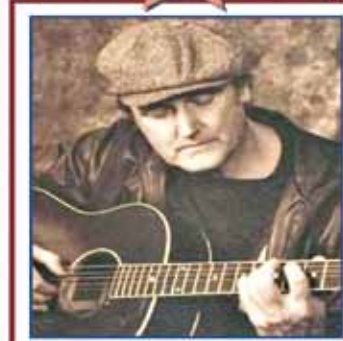
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The Van Buren Community Soccer Association Pride Girls Select 06 team won first place at the Bowling Green Spring Challenge. From left in back are: Sam Radtka, Briana Johanson, Kelly Montgomery, Makenzie Simpson, Bryanna Wilkerson, Kelsey Sinkiewicz, Riley Humeniak, Izzy Beatty, and Chloe Abney. In front, from left are: Jacqueline Stack, Avery Batchelder, Molly Parsons, Aubrey Adcock, and Olivia McCluskey, with Claire Davis in front. Coaches are Jason Sinkiewicz and Joe Radtka.

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Bev Jenkins

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"It crossed race barriers. The first book basically wrote itself."

While her romances appeal mainly to women, she said the Blessings series had many readers who are men. She said one Marine from Texas wrote to tell her one of her books brought tears to his eyes.

Jenkins said she has lived in this area for 30 years and for many years was very active in Trinity Episcopal Church. Many of her church friends were present to hear her speech.

She said the Blessings books have a spiritual base.

"My faith got me through my husband's death," she said, noting he was diagnosed in August and dead by Thanksgiving. That was in 2003.

"I'm a work in progress," Jenkins said. She said her brain wakes up about 9 p.m. and she writes until 3 a.m.

"I'm always behind ... but when I'm behind the story starts coming."

She said she spends a lot of time on Twitter. She's also on Facebook because readers gather on Facebook.

She said the book she is writing now is due June 1 and she has 30,000 words to do. She can write 2,000 words a day and writes two books a year. She really didn't have time to give the speech that day, but she wanted to help the library.

When speaking about writing, Jenkins said: "Most of us do it because we have to, it's embedded in our DNA ... There are people in our heads demanding their

stories be told ... It's all work, all the time... To write well is a gift ... writing matters because it changes lives..."

Jenkins said libraries made her fall in love with literature and she has never charged the Belleville library for anything she's done, or the Detroit libraries. She said if a library has money, she charges.

She gave local writers two sources for aid with their writing. Janefriedman.com helps people get published and Stephen King's "On Writing" is very helpful, she said.

Hannah Walker named to Alma Dean's List

Hannah Walker of Belleville has been named to the Alma College Winter 2019 Dean's List.

Alma College released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2019 Winter Term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

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Scammers using fake letters in latest collections scam

Michigan taxpayers with past-due tax debts should be aware of an aggressive scam making the rounds through the U.S. Postal Service, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury).

In the scheme, taxpayers receive what appears to be a government-looking letter about an overdue tax bill, asking individuals to immediately contact a toll-free number to resolve a state tax debt. The letter aggressively threatens to seize a taxpayer's assets — including property and Social Security benefits — if the state tax debt is not settled.

"Scammers are going back to the basics to trick taxpayers," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "Taxpayers have rights. If you have questions about an outstanding state debt, please don't hesitate to contact us through the number listed on our website so we can talk about options."

The piece of correspondence appears credible to the taxpayer because it uses specific personal facts about the outstanding tax debt pulled directly from publicly available information. The scammer's letter attempts to lure the taxpayer into a situation where they could make a payment to a criminal.

The state Treasury Department corresponds with taxpayers through official letters sent through the U.S. Postal Service, providing several options to resolve an outstanding debt and information outlining taxpayer rights.

Taxpayers who receive a letter from a scammer or have questions about their state debts should call Treasury's Collections Service Center at (517) 636-5265. A customer service representative can log the scam, verify outstanding state debts and provide flexible payment options.

To learn more about Michigan's taxes and the collections process, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at @MITreasury.

District Library Board votes to eliminate late book fines as of July 1

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As of the new fiscal year, which begins July 1 for the Belleville Area District Library, there no longer will be fines for keeping a book out too long.

You'll still have to pay if you lose a book altogether.

At its regular meeting on May 15, the district library board voted unanimously to eliminate the fines.

The committee on fines was made up of John Juriga, Mary Jo Suchy, Linda Priest, and Joy Cichewicz. They reported that eliminating fines would amount to losing less than 1% of the budget. Other libraries report after eliminating fines, 95% of the books are returned.

Cichewicz said the American Library Association encourages libraries to eliminate fines.

Juriga said to eliminate services for those owing fines is terrible.

"You want kids to read," he said.

Juriga said Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak said the schools don't charge late fines, but if they lose a book they pay for that.

Some details will have to be worked out, said Library Director Mary Jo Suchy. When there are inter-library loans, if another library has a fine, Belleville wouldn't collect it.

"We'll revisit this if we must," Suchy said, adding the circulation policy needs to be revised.

Board president Sharon Peters said the revision approved will not be implemented until the new policy is in place.

Mary Jane Dawson, head of the policy committee, said the policy will be revised and presented to the board.

"Fine free for the Fourth of July," said library architect Dan Whisler.

In other business at the one-hour-47-

minute meeting, the board:

- Approved amending the 2018-19 budget for new equipment from \$40,000 to \$70,000;

- Learned the Belleville Masons (Masonic Lodge #89) have agreed to perform a ceremonial cornerstone laying ceremony for the library on Saturday June 22 or 29, yet to be determined. An ice cream social is also planned for that day;

- Learned from architect Whisler that the new library building is expected to be done in early December and there will be two weeks to work on the punch list so furniture can probably moved in in mid December. He said it will take three to four weeks to get all the technology installed and the present library might close for a month. A ceremonial bucket brigade was suggested, with the new building opening to the public. The present library might sit for a month or two until the parking lot is done and a grand rummage sale of items was suggested. The hard opening of the library will be in June 2020 and that's when there will be the unveiling of the donor wall;

- Heard Peters announce that they have topped their overall goal of \$400,000 in donations with a \$100,000 donation over three years in memory of Judy Ann Darling by her widower to support the early childhood wing with manipulateable items. Darling ran a day care center that is now occupied by Our Father's Child daycare. Peters said when the board hit hard budget realities, "The community came forward in a way not any of us had imagined";

- Heard Juriga report on a meeting he had concerning the proposed bee hives on the new library's roof. Present were Brian Peterson of Bees in the D, Cichewicz, Ann Heck of Michigan State Extension Service, local beekeeper Jim Wagner, and Assistant Library Director Hilary Savage.

He said Therese Antoinelli offered to pay for all the hives, which couldn't be put up until after April next year. He said Peterson would come out and educate the public on the project and there would be a \$2,500 maintenance fee to get the project off the ground. Cichewicz, also a beekeeper, said honeybees fly up to three miles for nectar and pollen, so they'll be all over the area. Juriga said he is planning to have t-shirts

made saying, "The Library Puts the Bee in Belleville." He said, "We've got a whole year"; and

- Heard Suchy report that the library has hired three new student assistants to help with the RFID project and to potentially replace two student assistants who will be going away to college this fall. New student assistants are Liz Valicenti, Tatiana Foley, and Lauren McKnight.



Photo courtesy of Pete Pitzen

The early crew at the recent placing of American flags on veterans' graves in Belleville's Hillside Cemetery in advance of Memorial Day paused for a photo. The red, white, and blue stakes in the foreground are inventions of Pete Pitzen. They are miniature pole diggers that can be stuck in hard ground first to make it easier to insert the flag holders. Volunteers will be out again in the fall to place flags prior to Veterans' Day.



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Keystone working on 8-year charter extension from Bay Mills

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After months of preparations and paperwork, Keystone Charter Academy in Sumpter Township is taking the final steps in having its charter renewed by Bay Mills Community College.

Eight years is the maximum for Bay Mills and Keystone is at that level, indicating Bay Mills officials are satisfied with the level of education at Keystone.

Keystone was founded in 2003 with 357 students in grades K-5. Now the school offers classes for Young-5s to 8th grade and there are 799 students. It is a public school managed by National Heritage Academies.

At its regular meeting May 9, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors tabled a document, just received, on the Terms and Conditions of the charter, referring to changes in the law. It will be considered at the June 13 meeting of the board after board members have time to review it.

Also there were five other documents tabled on agreements with Bay Mills and NHA set for votes in June.

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

- Approved reelection of the same officers for the 2019-20 school year: President Vesta Losen, Vice President Darren Hickonbottom, Treasurer Charlene Derrick, and Secretary Connie Shull. The board members also appointed the National Heritage Academies representative as the FOIA Officer, the NHA Director of Construction as the AHERA (asbestos) contract; and Principal Jorvonna Drain

as the Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 Contact;

- Passed a resolution on the appointment of the Board Legal Counsel -- CS3 Law -- that indicates NHA can send her legal papers directly without first getting board approval;

- Discussed the Annual Education Report, covering 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, that goes to the state. It states Keystone outperformed local districts as well as the State average in all subjects and grade levels, according to the 2016-17 M-STEP results. Average daily attendance is 94.2%, exceeding the State's goal by almost 5%. Board President Losen said, "The only reason we have the charter is because there wasn't a good performing school. We had to fight for the charter." Principal Drain said for the last five years, Keystone has outperformed other local districts. "I think the other districts improved because of us," Losen said;

- Approved a detailed School Improvement Plan, as presented by Principal Drain;

- Held the second HIV/STI Lesson Plan Hearing and discussed how the subjects will be taught in fifth and eighth grades, as required by law, and approved the lesson plans presented;

- Tabled until June consideration of the 2018-19 Final Amended Budget and the 2019-20 Initial Budget Proposal public hearing and discussion. The new NHA budget of \$6,966,045 has been constructed with the following assumptions: 768 offered capacity for fall 2019, 28 classrooms utilized, and \$8,977 per-pupil funding;

- Learned the cardigans embroidered with the names of school employees for Teacher Appreciation Day was not as expensive as expected;

- Approved \$1,000 out of board funds for the scholarship to a graduating high school senior who had attended Keystone. The topic of the essay is "Perseverance" and the judging of the candidates is under way. The scholarship is from the PTO and the school board. The PTO has been giving out awards for Perfect Attendance, as well; and

- Learned the founder of NHA, J.C. Huizenga, recently invested \$1 million and set up a special NHA department to write lesson plans for a renewed emphasis on the teaching of moral focus. The lessons will be taught three days a week for 15 minutes each and will be in the master schedule. Principal Drain said next school year, these moral focus lesson plans will be taught from 8 to 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

April 11 meeting

At its April 11 meeting, the Keystone board discussed the new state Next Generation Science Standards that schools must be full transitioned into by the spring of 2020, when students will be tested on them by the state.

It was said to be hands-on, more than textbooks.

Jeff Henders of NHA said Michigan has not done well with science.

The theory of creation was discussed and it was suggested the teachers should teach the age of the earth as theory, but telling the students it will be on their state test as fact. "The method you take is up to the school," Henders said.

Board president Losen said when Mount St. Helen exploded they found stones that tested to be much older than expected. Principal Drain she would talk to the teachers in grades 6, 7, and 8 about this.

Board director Patricia Kirkpatrick asked about the teaching of climate change and Henders said he didn't think it was taught that way.

Kirkpatrick asked how much leeway the teacher has in presenting the lesson and Principal Drain said the teacher can't express opinion. She said the State of

Michigan used these standards, so it's not a problem.

Losen said they are talking about middle school lessons and the students will know they have to put this on the test, even if they don't believe it

In other business at the April 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved the audit letter of engagement with Plante & Moran for the year ending June 30 at a cost of \$5,560 for the basic financial statements and \$4,695 for the single audit (if applicable);

- Discussed how to honor administrative assistants in April and teachers in May and what gifts to purchase;

- Approved the Reauthorization Questionnaire from Bay Mills, containing questions regarding finances, conflicts of interest, and contracted services;

- Approved the 2019-20 school calendar, with the first day of school Sept. 3 and the last day of school June 12, with 1,172 instructional hours and 180 school days;

- Approved a bylaws amendment to allow board members serving in the military to participate in meetings by long distance phone calls, as state law requires; and

- Learned a new Line Drive student drop off and pick up procedure was to start the next week. Principal Drain said it has been used in 30 schools successfully. It is especially needed in the afternoon when some parents park and come inside the school to talk to teachers. There are 65 cars from employees parked in the lot and it may be necessary to expand the parking area, she said.

Upcoming Meetings

- 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, 5:30 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.
- Tuesday, June 4 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.



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six-month window now, which is not a huge amount of time.

“I would like to leave in January, but I will stay until we find the right person,” Kollmeyer said, with tears forming. “This is a family here and the right person has to be in place.”

When discussing the budget later in the meeting, Kollmeyer said she and Police Chief Hal Berriman will be retiring this year and the city needs to make provisions in the budget for their vacation buyout and sick time, as well as provisions for the new city manager.

In other business at Monday’s one-hour-and-10-minute meeting, the council:

- Discussed the latest draft of the proposed 2019-20 city budget of about \$2.1 million and then set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., June 3, during the next council meeting. The \$295,000 seawall repair was put into the budget, as the council requested, and so expenditures are in excess of revenues by that amount. There is enough money to cover that in the \$1.163 million fund balance. The general fund is supporting the Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$4,100 and

the Capital Purchase fund in the amount of \$33,000. Kelly Howey of Plante Moran said a vote of the people to restore the Headlee Rollback would add \$225,000 to the budget (although the Downtown Development Authority would take a piece of that) and a public safety millage, which can be set by a vote of council, would bring \$85,000 for each mill. That will be discussed at the public hearing;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger note that he is frustrated because he first asked for \$162,000 for his department in the new budget and then he dropped that to \$151,700. It’s been cut to \$132,000. He said the city was ready to give \$160,000 a year to Van Buren Township for fire service. He said the city has cut truck maintenance down to \$5,000 and he pays that for one time on maintenance. He’s been asking for a new fire truck for five years, he said. Doc Williams, a High Street resident, said, “I hate to see public safety given the shaft for a seawall... I’m talking about outfitting trained firefighters”;

- Heard Dr. Williams ask if he is wasting his time recycling. Kollmeyer said Republic Waste tells the city they are recycling and they still are charging the city for recycling. She said the contract with Republic is up in

October. Kollmeyer said Republic recently wanted the city to raise rates for recycling and she didn’t bring that to the council. The future of recycling remains to be seen, she said, adding it will be around in some form;

- Heard Kollmeyer say that the request of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to hang banners on Horizon Park light poles all summer for the Music Lakeside events is not a viable option. The light poles are not able to handle the banners and, “If we tell them yes, then we can’t tell anyone no,” concerning banners, she said;

- Heard a High Street resident complain about the upcoming flags the Kiwanis is putting along the lake right in front of her house, which would block their view of the lake. They will be up five days at a time, four times a year, she said, quoting the Kiwanis website. She said the 13 flags they plan now,

with 40 flags if they can get sponsors, are 10 feet tall. She suggested better locations might be at the Denton Road bridge or north of the Belleville bridge on the property recently acquired by VBT. Councilman Fielder said he will go out and assess the situation. “Not allow the Arts Council to put flags and allow this?” Chief Loranger asked;

- Heard Kollmeyer announce the city just got \$45,000 as a Youth Employment Grant and the city is hiring. She invited those interested to come into city hall for applications; and

- Approved the mayor’s reappointments to the planning commission, with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2021: Michael Hawkins, Mike Renaud, and Kelly Bates.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kerreen Conley.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, May 6, 2019

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

None

Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte inquired about the status of the Doane’s Landing Seawall project. DPSS Director Rick Rutherford stated that that DEQ had issued a permit and preparations were being made to begin the project. Mayor Conley asked for an update on the Veterans’ Memorial repair. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer replied that a joint cost-sharing project with Van Buren Township was being considered.

Citizen Comments

David Parrot, from the Belleville Rotary Club, proposed donating a banner regarding the Club’s philosophy (a/k/a: Four-Way Test). The Rotary would like to see it prominently displayed at City Hall.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve the City Council meeting minutes from April 15, 2019 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Iron Belle Trail

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 19-030** authorizing the proposed Iron Belle Trail route through the City of Belleville as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan: Use of Fourth St. Square

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-031** allowing the Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan to use Fourth Street Square on May 18, 2019 from 6 to 10 p.m. for its dog adoption event and fundraiser featuring dinner from the Bayou Grill.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Horizon Park Roping

Director Rutherford stated that the DDA already had a discussion on this topic. He discussed various options for an end-to-end replacement of the roping alongside Horizon Park. A consensus emerged on using synthetic rope with a triple wrap. Approximately 1,800 feet of rope estimated to cost \$3,139 will be needed. Director Rutherford will check on labor/installation costs and determine a final cost.

D. FY 2019-20 Budget Presentation

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer stated that she and Kelly Howey will meet with department heads and work to trim more than \$50,000 from the FY 2019-20 proposed budget. The DDA is still working on its budget. The City’s Capital Improvement Plan is being finalized. The City does not yet have final rates for health insurance and property/liability insurance. The goal is to have a balanced budget in time for the May 20th City Council meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 19-032**, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$124,799.79 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 7:02 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Finance Director Holtz and approximately 20 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendment: **ADD** item K: Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to perform a review of the Treasurer's office per the Finance Director's request. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: no comment

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the warrant total of \$134,522.30. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Strawberry Festival

B. NIMS and Sky warning Training

C. Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt had a great turn out. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: no report

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. Rummage & Treasurer's sale April 26th & 27th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

B. Cardio drumming will be start earlier on Thursdays beginning May 2nd. Evening cardio drumming will begin May 2nd at 6:00 pm.

C. April is National Volunteer's month-Thank you to all the volunteers who help at the senior's center.

Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

10. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte apologized for his attire, he just came from work.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the personal/medical leave of absence to Lt. Richard Sliwa of the Sumpter Township Fire department. Leave of absence is retroactive to April 11, 2019 and extended to October 1, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission to acquire all licenses associated with the Sumpter Country Festival on behalf of Sumpter Township including liquor

license from State of Michigan. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC. to provide the firework display during the 2019 Sumpter Country Festival on May 26th, rain day May 27th. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept the removal of Sharon & Richard Pokerwinski from alternate position to full time position with Park & Recreation Commission; with Sharon Pokerwinski to the executive position as secretary of Parks & Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve Olson Construction to build a wall and install double doors between the Police department lobby and Community center hallway, at a cost not to exceed \$2,850.00. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve Deputy Supervisor Armatis to attend Advanced MMTA Institute May 19-22, 2019, cost not to exceed \$565.00. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Rush, supported Hurst to approve the purchase and install one Hamilton 145-DB night envelope/drop box by Security Corporation. Proposed full amount of \$4,155.70. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported Swinson to approve sending Deputy Treasurer Snook to Basic Institute Treasurer's training from 4/28/19 to 5/3/19, cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept the resignation of Finance director Scott Holtz with regrets; last day will be April 30, 2019. Motion carried.

J. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to do the finance job until new director is hired. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to perform a review on the Treasurer's office, per the request of the Finance Director. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

A. Trustee Swinson reminded the residents on April 27th at Banotai Park will be cleanup day from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, volunteers are needed. Graham Park is scheduled for May 4th.

B. Clerk Hurst informed the Huron School district residents of the upcoming May 7th election.

C. Trustee Rush reminded department heads to email a list of individuals who want to attend Sky warning training to Chief Luke or himself.

D. Deputy Supervisor Armatis let the residents know White Pine Tree seedlings can be picked up in the Supervisor's office at 4:30 pm on April 24th, one (1) per household/township residents only.

13. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke

14. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Minutes prepared by

Dawn Hadyniak
Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
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VBT LDFA

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"We don't have a legal way to raise money," McNamara said.

"We could get the conservation club to donate funds to improve the looks of the trails, so school buses would go there," Delaney said.

"Could the LDFA be a grant recipient?" McNamara asked.

"Get somebody to write checks, rather than a lot of boxes of cookies," Peters said. He suggested turning it over to Parks and Recreation.

Covington said he would speak as a Devil's Advocate: "Aren't we supposed to spend all our money on the bonds?"

"This is uncharted territory," McNamara said. "People can donate money for a specific purpose and you have to use it for that."

"This is private property," Peters said, turning to Medlen and asking, "Do you want people on your property?"

"If we know about it," Medlen said.

"Can I ride my bike there?" and he was told no, because there is a tree fallen over the trail, the bridge is not navigable, and the trail is not clear.

"You should put yellow tape across," said Peters, a retired attorney. "You'd better tape it," he advised Medlen.

Peters said they should get Parks and Recreation to give them a price at how much path repairs would cost.

"We're on private property," McNamara reminded them.

"Why raise money for them since they owe us money?" Covington said, agreeing that now Sovereign owns the property, but it was the same property that had the bond cost.

"Does the public want it?" Peters asked of the nature trails.

Chairman Dotson asked Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, if he would research the law on raising of money by the LDFA, receiving of grants by the LDFA, and is the LDFA impeded by law from doing these things?

McNamara said the DPW could look at it to estimate costs to repair the one-and-a-half-mile path.

"I'm paying a contractor to take care of that – or not take care of that," Medlen noted, adding he would talk to the contractor.

Delaney said he took 40 pictures of the trail and he would give them to Medlen.



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 13, 2019 to receive public comment for the following zoning ordinance text amendments.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input on the Township's recently completed draft Master Plan. The Planning Commission cordially welcomes all interested parties to attend.

The draft Master Plan was created by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission under the authority of the Michigan Planning Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, to serve as the primary tool for guiding the physical development of the Township.

The entire draft document may be examined at the Township Hall, during regular business hours.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk

Sumpter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 466 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 12:
0034 – fight, Belleville Rd.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
0241 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0718 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ormond Dr. / Ellen Ave.
1248 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1321 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1637 – larceny, Tyler Rd./Andover Dr.
1647 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
2000 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2136 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2250 – mental subject, Jackson St.
2255 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
2343 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty

Monday, May 13:
0201 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
0454 – assist fire dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0552 – assist other dept., D Street
0709 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0756 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
0817 – miscellaneous complaint, Tyler Crossing Guard
0922 – ordinance violation, Belle Point
0924 – parking complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1019 – private property impound, Rawsonville
1051 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1139 – lost property/child, Tyler Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1253 – weapons violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1416 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1523 – miscellaneous complaint, Tyler Crossing Guard detail
1852 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1929 – family trouble, Senate St.
2110 – domestic, Maple Dr.

Tuesday, May 14:
0122 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0153 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0848 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
0855 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0914 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Edgedale Dr.
1142 – mental subject, Wildbrook Dr.
1237 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1422 – neighbor trouble, Oak Blvd.
1429 – parking complaint, Van Buren St./McBride
1429 – malicious destruction of property, Renton
1453 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1559 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl. / Belleville Rd.
1601 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1624 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1633 – property damage accident, Winding Pond
1644 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1710 – animal complaint, Alba Ct.
1720 – mental subject, Filmore St./Buchanan St.
1722 – larceny, Sondra Dr.
1742 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1831 – threat, Jeannette Ave.
1943 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2019 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty
2103 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2250 – shooting, Beckley Rd.
2349 – found property/child, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.

Wednesday, May 15:
0039 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0123 – suicidal person, Village Green Ln.
0142 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0432 – parking complaint, Oak Blvd.
0741 – parking complaint, Laguna Dr.
0845 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1043 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1049 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1231 – domestic, Denton Rd.

1234 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1305 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1412 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1450 – fraud, Westlake Cir.
1551 – larceny, Ecorse
1653 – found property/child, Independence Ln.
1827 – civil matter, Jeannette Ave.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2145 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
2209 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2326 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Thursday, May 16:
0656 – property damage accident, Denton/Merle
0845 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1001 – found property/child, Livonia PD
1054 – ordinance violation, Hamilton St.
1126 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1135 – suicidal person, Robson Rd.
1138 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr./Gilmore St.
1149 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1218 – civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.
1255 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1324 – harassment call, Woodgrove Dr.
1326 – animal complaint, Jackson St./McBride
1428 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1504 – fraud, Chloe Ct.
1600 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1712 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
2052 – traffic offense, Robson Rd./Belleville Rd.
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr.
2128 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd. / Camden Rd.
2133 – suspicious activity report, S. I-94 Service
2142 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor

Friday, May 17:
0133 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0617 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0834 – breaking & entering, Endicott Ave.
0925 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
0926 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1139 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.
1142 – malicious destruction of property, Winchester St.
1425 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1526 – animal complaint, Van Buren/Hamilton
1612 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1659 – breaking & entering, Westlake Cir.
1652 – larceny from auto, Ivy
1703 – trespassing, Tyler Rd./Jackson St.
1708 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ventura Dr. / Peninsular Dr.
1806 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1845 – juvenile complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1852 – parking complaint, Woodwall Ct.
2016 – 911 welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
2046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
2311 – abandoned auto, Savage Rd./Haggerty
2317 – disorderly, Maurice Dr.
2324 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.

Saturday, May 18:
0004 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0021 – disorderly, Parkwood
0050 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
0255 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
0327 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0637 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0659 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0823 – private property/property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
0856 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1046 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1130 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd.
1224 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1232 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hannan
1248 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1433 – neighbor trouble, Ash Dr.
1513 – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.
1713 – abandoned auto, Schooner Dr.
1804 – civil matter, Laguna Dr.
1945 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fay Dr./Sondra
2239 – noise complaint, Belle Pointe Dr./Lindsey
2258 – civil matter, Jackson St.

Also on this week’s log are 184 traffic stops, 50 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 12:
1214 – trespassing, Church St.

Monday, May 13:
0005 – mental subject, Henry St.
0414 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1007 – assault & battery, McBride Middle School
1218 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1646 – civil matter, Carmell
1733 – 911 welfare check, Carmell
1744 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1920 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2134 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, May 14:
1205 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1211 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd.
1658 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1727 – disorderly, South St.
2036 – assist other dept., Church St.
2040 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Church

Wednesday, May 15:
0958 – 911 welfare check, Third St.
1107 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1312 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1331 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont Ave. / Robbe St.
1525 – civil matter, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1930 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, May 16:
0134 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0220 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1013 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1236 – mental subject, Owen St.
1535 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1554 – family trouble, Oxford Ct.
1645 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1754 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1839 – animal complaint, High St.
1901 – motorist assist, Belle Plaza

Friday, May 17:
0533 – narcotics crime, Carmell St.
1412 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1503 – vehicle lockout, Third St.
1527 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
1645 – civil matter, Main St.
1653 – domestic, Carmell St.

Saturday, May 18:
0244 – assist citizen, Main St.
0841 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0944 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fifth/N. Liberty
1207 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2055 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
2248 – shooting, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 25 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 12:
0157 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1141 – family trouble, Colorado
1249 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1259 – ORV complaint, Willow/Martinsville
1355 – civil dispute, Maine St.
1515 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1827 – warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.

Monday, May 13:
0006 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0240 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0745 – suspicious incident, Wear/Martinsville Rd.
0906 – suspicious incident, New Mexico
1239 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1514 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1620 – threats complaint, Redwood
1735 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Rawsonville
2237 – assault, Willis/Karr

Tuesday, May 14:
0738 – traffic hazard, Wear/Martinsville
0856 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1245 – assist other agency, out of township
1419 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1634 – fire dept. assist, E. Arizona
1651 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1755 – civil dispute, Texas

1917 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2030 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2236 – civil dispute, California
2255 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2338 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2339 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, May 15:
1154 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.
1331 – alarm, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1541 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2059 – reckless driver, Judd/Fenster
2123 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
2158 – personal injury accident, Willow / Rawsonville

Thursday, May 16:
0024 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0056 – assault, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0712 – property damage accident, Judd / Rawsonville
0806 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0819 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1202 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1235 – fire dept. assist, Montana
1301 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1351 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
1419 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1755 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2359 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, May 17:
1014 – assault, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 – assist other agency, out of township
1224 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1306 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1332 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1633 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1654 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1809 – warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln. / Timberlane
2211 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2248 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

Saturday, May 18:
0025 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willow
0718 – assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
0722 – suspicious person, Willow/Haggerty
1235 – alarm, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1603 – ORV complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1649 – ORV complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1859 – abandoned vehicle, Karr/Willow
1905 – well-being check, Maine St.
1959 – fire dept. assist, Judd/Sumpter
2106 – reckless driver, Oakville Waltz/Clark
2222 – animal complaint, Willow/Haggerty

Also on this week’s log are eight follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 50 patrol checks and 42 traffic stops.

Couple walking in Metropark find body of man on path

At around noon on Friday, an elderly couple walking the Woods Creek Rustic Trails of the Lower Huron Metropark found the body of a man.

Officials said the man’s death appears to be of natural causes.

The Huron Clinton Metropark police asked Van Buren Township for mutual aid by bringing their Kubota utility vehicle to enter the wet parkland.

According to a witness, VBT Police and Fire staged in the 15000 block of Haggerty Road and headed east on a long driveway to a home bordering the park.

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– Henry Ford

ORPHAN OF THE WEEK LILLY



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Romulus Historical Society Flea Market set for Saturday, June 29

The Romulus Historical Society will hold its annual Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St., Romulus 48174. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, call Cathy Morse at (734) 941-6361. Vendors furnish their own tables.

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Muskegon Community College JAYHAWK WRESTLING

Belleville High School wrestler Jaden Rice signs to play for Muskegon Community College with coach Travis Piccard.



Belleville High School student Shacylah Smith signed with Grand Rapids Community College to play basketball. With her are, at left, her mother Shatrina Smith; at right, her father Jeffrey Smith; and, standing, her brother Jaeden Smith.

Birthdays

- May 21 – Derrick Lotharp
- May 26 – Marianne Morris-Wendt
- May 27 – Kelly Boelter, Marion Reynolds, Lisa Martin
- May 28 – Jodi Mills
- May 29 – Tina Steger, Jo Gardner, Scott Martin
- May 30 – Wendy Marecle

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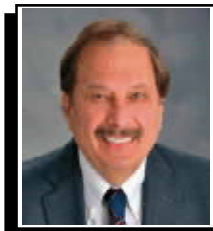
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6 BEDROOMS



15732 S HURON RIVER, ROMULUS
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6 CAR GARAGE



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