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School Board supports RESA's 2 mill tax for 6 yrs.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously Monday to support the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) question of 2 mills for 6 years being put on the Nov. 8 ballot to get extra money for the district.

The tax would run from 2016 to 2021, inclusive.

Interim Superintendent Diane Kullis explained the law provides for the levy of a regional enhancement property tax by an intermediate school district, at a rate of up to 3 mills, for the purpose of enhancing other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes, if approved by a majority of the intermediate school district electors.

Proceeds are paid to each of the 33 constituent districts by the intermediate school district calculated on a per-pupil basis, she said. Detroit is not a RESA district.

Supt. Kullis said the Van Buren School District would bring in \$2.8 million in taxes from its district and would receive from RESA about \$1.878 million, which would go into the general fund to be used without restriction.

"This is a way to get additional money for the district," said board Trustee Sherry Frazier.

Board vice president Martha Toth said the per-pupil funding in the district is now lower than it was in 2008 and this new tax is "one way to bring more resources to our district."

In other business at Monday's one-hour, 13-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2015-16 amended budget resolution, with Toth explaining the excess of expenditures under revenue of \$1,508,652 was due to putting in the

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Photo courtesy of Daniels & Zermack Architects

This conceptual drawing of the proposed Belleville Area District Library building in downtown Belleville is from a northeast aerial perspective. The proposed library/city parking lot is at the left, between Charles Street and the alley at the lower center, where the alley curves into what's left of Fourth Street. Facing Fourth Street at right is the former Van Buren Township fire station, now a storage area for the Belleville Area Museum. In the Nov. 8 election, voters in the townships of Van Buren and Sumpter and the City of Belleville will consider issuing a \$14 million bond for construction and approving .75 more mills in operating funds.

Keystone board joins in federal law suit on restrooms

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Keystone Academy board of directors voted unanimously June 23 to defend its students' privacy and defend local control over operations of the school specifically on transgender issues.

Board members agreed to alert the Alliance Defending Freedom group that it will join it in a federal law suit to defend local control.

Alliance Defending Freedom is a non-profit law firm and does not charge for its services.

"Nor do you place your federal funding at risk by joining this lawsuit," Senior Counsel Jeremy D. Tedesco wrote in a

June 15 letter seeking the board's support for the law suit.

"Title IX (which bans discrimination by sex in schools) allows school districts to have their day in court to explain why having policies and practices that protect student privacy by maintaining sex-specific facilities do not violate Title IX."

"In fact, the White House recently announced in regard to the North Carolina law suit over the states' Title IX funding that the 'administration will not take action to withhold funding while this enforcement process is playing out in the courts,'" Tedesco wrote.

The law suit is in response to the May 13 "Dear Colleague" letter issued to all school districts by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice claiming that Title IX requires school districts to treat students consistent with their gender identity, including allowing students to access locker rooms, restrooms, and similar

facilities of the opposite sex.

This would allow a male student who asserts that he is female to immediately gain access to girls' locker rooms and restrooms, and vice versa.

The letter puts state and local officials and higher-education institutions on notice that they risk losing federal education aid if they limit students to areas or teams based on their gender assigned at birth.

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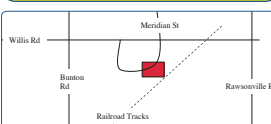
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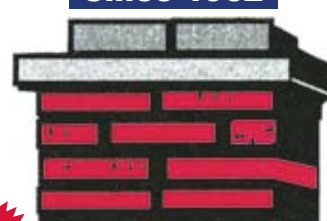
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Promoter of water show fund raiser fails to get approval for event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Bradley J. Manley made his second trip to the Belleville City Council on Monday to get approval for a water show/craft fair/boat show/car show/motorcycle show that he wants to put on this summer to raise money for Kevin Robertson who needs help with his medical care in his fight against cancer.

Manley asked for use of Horizon Park and the closing of High Street from Main Street to Edison Street, including closing access at Church Street, for his craft tents.

He had asked for July 30 and then said it was changed to Aug. 13. He plans to make this an annual event, like Strawberry Festival, and have different themes for the boat parade each year.

Manley proposed temporary seating with tents on the grass at Horizon Park, a public address system and a DJ in the gazebo. He hoped to get the mayor to judge the boats in the parade and announce winners over the PA system.

He said he talked to Pastor White at Grace Baptist Church on High Street and the pastor said they could use his parking area for a dunk tank from the Van Buren Township Police Department.

Manley said he got a "soft commitment" from the BYC to host the event and another "soft commitment" from the Belleville Water Ski Club to host a water show.

He said he had said in the past that there would be no alcohol, but he has a "soft commitment" from Johnny's to get a LCC permit for outdoor sales in its small parking area next to the building.

"Under no circumstances will we have alcohol in city parks or on city streets," stated Councilwoman Kim Tindall, who regularly votes against alcohol being served at the Fourth Street Square.

Manley said he knows Johnny's would have to fence off the area used for serving alcohol.

Councilman Tom Smith said he had a problem closing High Street during this summer's road construction on West Columbia Ave., which started earlier that day and will last all summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, who was running the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kerreen Conley, said you can't put tents on the parkland and questioned him about what he planned to do on the docks.

Manley said that's where the mayor would sit to judge the boat parade.

Loria said he can't cut off part of the lake for his show and Manley said he was filing for a special use permit from the DNR to section off a part of the lake.

Loria said he couldn't close Edison because, with the road construction on West Columbia, people wouldn't be able to



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
Lisa Long, who has retired as Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer, was honored by the Belleville City Council at its June 20 meeting. Councilwoman Kim Tindall read the words praising Long's 28 years of service that was on the special plaque -- and the audience applauded. From left are Councilmen Tom Fielder and Tom Smith, Councilwoman Tindall, Long, and Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, acting up to entertain Long's grandchildren in the audience. Mayor Kerreen Conley was absent from the meeting. Long said she would be back to help new Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Scharf with the upcoming elections.



Former Councilwoman Kay Atkins, left, made a quilt for retiring Belleville Clerk / Treasurer Lisa Long and presented it to Long at the June 20 meeting of the city council. Atkins owns and operates Threads 'n' Treasures Quilt Shop.

get to Saturday mass at St. Anthony church because Edison would be the only way to get to the church.

"That's a lot of street closing for a private event," Loria said.

"Typically we don't rent city parks to private individuals," said Councilwoman Tindall. "You're a private individual ... You're looking for sponsors ... We don't have a policy to rent the park or streets ... For the parks, numerous people have asked to rent them and we tell them first-come, first-served."

Manley said his plan is to put together an organization to put on water shows with a 501c3 nonprofit status. He said the BYC, police, city council and other organizations would be on a board, like the Strawberry Festival.

Tindall said a non-profit organization with bylaws would be good.

"We can't get it done in this time frame," Manley protested.

Loria said the letter the council got was from a private individual asking for use of the park and for street closings.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the city doesn't reserve parks.

Manley said there is no fee to come into his event and if someone is using the park that's all right.

Mike Renaud said he wants to use the park with a DJ until midnight and Tindall pointed out the city parks are closed from dusk until dawn.

He asked for from 5 a.m. to midnight with time for set up and tear down. He had asked for the street sweeper to sweep after the event and he would reimburse the city for the cost.

"We don't sweep for private individuals," Tindall stated.

"We sweep on Monday, anyway," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, waiving away that remark.

Manley said people would use the park to watch the show and they won't tell anyone there they have to leave. He said he wants to turn it into an annual event to raise money for people with catastrophic illnesses.

He said the money taken in would go to help Robertson who has 80/20 insurance and his share would be about \$20,000. Manley said he charges no management fee and, "I make zero." Anything left over from the \$20,000 given to Robertson would

be seed money for next year.

Tindall said, "A guy I don't know comes in and wants to sell space on your street and make money. You disappear on Sunday and people will come here," pointing to the council table.

She said he is renting space on the city's street, taking a square of the city's real estate and charging people to use it.

"The car show closes the street every Monday," said Kay Atkins.

Tindall said the car show is put on by Crusin' the Bayou, a 501c3 organization, and the Bayou Grill. She said there are no registration fees and freewill donations are taken.

Manley said a raffle is planned in conjunction with his event. It is being put on by the 1862 AFSCME Local. He said the union will get the money from the raffle sales and cut the check to Robertson.

The council had more concerns about High Street being closed this summer because of the construction and its wish for a "solid sponsor" organization instead of an individual.

"I can't vote for it without a solid sponsor and adjustments to the street closings," said Councilman Tom Smith.

Manley asked if that meant he would have to come back to another council meeting and he was told he would.

"It's way too late," he said. "That only gives us three weeks."

Manley then said, "thank you" and walked out of the meeting.

The council made no further comment and went on to other items on the agenda.

In other business, the council:

- Approved closing Brain Street for a block party/graduation party July 16.

Tonya Charlesworth said the party is for a high school graduation open house for her daughter Elizabeth and all the neighbors support the event;

- Approved \$3,914 in SMART municipal credits for fiscal year 2017;

- Approved the amendment that replaces the millage rate of 18.126 with 16.960 due to the Headlee Schedule as provided by Wayne County. The reduction is estimated to bring in \$20,000 less from taxes, with part of that going into the Downtown Development Authority budget; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$85,409.94 and departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Clearzoning, \$1,998 for sign ordinance review, from the general fund; to Michigan Association of Planning, \$650 for dues, from the general fund; to Wayne County Accounts Receivable, \$1,680 for prisoner lodging from police budget; and to Western Wayne Mutual Aid, \$2,439.01 for association dues from the fire budget.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Upcoming elections reaching into our pocketbooks

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to support a two-mill property tax for six years on the Nov. 8 general election, to earn money for the 33 school districts in the Wayne County RESA system.

The taxpayers in the VBPS district would pay more taxes than their school district could get back, but it still would be more than they had to begin with.

It's a hard time for tax payers this year. The Belleville Area District Library will be seeking a bond and millage for operations, also on the Nov. 8 ballot. The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department is expected to seek at least four mills of renewal – possibly up to six mills – Nov. 8.

Then there are millages for the Zoo and DIA, along with a regional transportation system this season. And, county parks.

A local, very successful, Realtor told the *Independent* on Tuesday, "People don't have the money for all this. They are going to say no."

We expect the renewals for police and fire service in Sumpter Township to be approved on Aug. 2 without a problem, but we're not so sure about the other requests.

Other tax proposals are in the wings, including the City of Belleville's street program.

As we've been told – and really notice ourselves – people don't have the money.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Interim School Supt. Diane Kullis called on Friday to apologize for the notice that was posted that inferred the *Independent* made a mistake in printing the date of the public hearing on the budget.

She said the school gave the newspaper the wrong date and it was the school that made the mistake, not the newspaper.

That was so great of her to call. I can't remember when a school superintendent called me to take responsibility for something. Thank you, Supt. Kullis.

Denise Komora tells me she is circulating petitions to run for Sumpter Township Supervisor without political affiliation in the Nov. 8 General Election. The deadline to file is July 21.

By Nov. 8 the Democratic candidates will be whittled down to one by the Aug. 2 primary election. Denise will give voters a choice for supervisor – Democrat or non-partisan.

July 21 also is the deadline for District Library Board candidates to file and July 26 is the deadline for school board candidates.

I got word of a police car crash with multiple other vehicles on Belleville Road at I-94 on June 14. The police cruiser was new, with about 230 miles on it.

VBT Police report it was one of their cars and the Michigan State Police are investigating because it isn't proper for them to investigate themselves. There was a total of four cars in the accident and there were no injuries.

I got a call from a resident of Church Street in the city of Belleville saying an unmarked



VBT Police car is pulling cars over on his street and on High Street.

He said he called Belleville Police and Chief Hal Berriman told him that he invited VBT in to help because he is understaffed and people are very confused over the road construction and are driving the wrong way on streets.

My caller said he thinks the city is losing money with all those traffic tickets being written by VBT. He also thinks the city should solve its understaffed problem.

Another woman said that Belleville should stop fooling around and just merge its police department with VBT's police.

A man called to say his daughter was the victim of an attempted abduction as she was getting off work at Sunset Tanning Salon on Belleville Road on June 16. He said police put out an all points bulletin for a white van with a red ladder on it. He said he can't find it in the Belleville police log and I told him it would be in the VBT log because that's where the salon is.

It does get confusing for people to know exactly what police department they are dealing with. If they call 911 in either the City of Belleville or VBT, their call is answered by VBT dispatch, which provides the service for both communities.

If you are south of Bemis Road, then you are in the jurisdiction of Sumpter Township Police. Call 911 one there and your call is answered in Huron Township which

handles Sumpter dispatch.

It gets confusing, but the police know how it works and they'll tell you if you ask.

I watched a recent meeting of the Romulus City Council (they all are on YouTube) and learned that a Jimmy John's sandwich location will be breaking ground soon at the corner of Goddard and Wayne roads on the site of an old gas station. That's near the 34th District Court.

There were lots of other developments announced, including West Shore renting old Fire Station #1 to maintain and repair fire pumper. You may recall West Shore was the business that put up the VBT emergency sirens. The big premium outlet mall on I-94 at the airport is going forward also, with the developers getting their tenants in line, from 75 to 90 stores cited in different reports.

A reader called to tell me she is upset with all the road closing for Strawberry Festival. She said the Kona run blocked roads for three hours and the car show on Sunday cut off South Liberty Street altogether and people couldn't go to and from their homes there. She also noted engines were revving and people were yelling starting at 6:30 a.m.





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Letters

HVCA sets hunter safety field day July 31, sign up June 30 & get ready

To the Editor:

The Huron Valley Conservation Association will be conducting a hunter safety field day on Sunday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning at the Romulus VFW and concluding at the Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Club in Romulus.

Students are required to pre-register at the Romulus VFW on Thursday, June 30, between 5-8 p.m. (another date may be added later) and complete an online hunter safety course before participating in the field day. Class size is limited to 24 students.

There is no cost to participate in the field day and lunch will be provided; however, there is a cost of approximately \$25 for the online course, for which funding may be available from the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

Online course options can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363_39267---00.html.

Please contact Buddy Hamrick at (734) 697-8616 or brhpls@aol.com for more information.

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Huron Valley Conservation Association

Americans must stand tall and speak out

To the Editor:
Please print:

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Van Buren cops getting city's traffic stop money

To the Editor:

I am a local City of Belleville resident that for the life of me cannot believe what I am seeing happening within the city limits.

For the last few weeks, I believe, or at least starting when the county began working on W. Columbia, the City of Belleville has requested Van Buren Police to run traffic stops within the city limits, more specifically the corner of Church and W. Columbia.

As a resident of the city I am dumfounded that the city would be willing to forfeit any revenue generated from traffic tickets. From talking to various people, I believe the minimum ticket will cost a person \$150 which not all goes to the department writing the ticket after court fees and state fees. But nonetheless a percentage of that money goes back to them, in this case Van Buren Township.

One day I personally watched 12 cars being pulled over in an hour-and-one-half time frame. So, let's say \$30 per car times 12 cars that is \$360 missed revenue to the city. Even if the city held over one officer to run traffic on overtime the city would still come out ahead.

According to MCL 764.2a and MSA 28.861 a peace officer of a county, city, village, or township of this state may exercise authority and power outside his own county, city, village, or township when he is enforcing the laws of this state in conjunction with the Michigan State Police, or in conjunction with a peace officer of the county, city, village, or township in which he may be, the same as if he were in his own county, city, village, or township.

The key word is conjunction; the city does not have a car sitting with Van Buren in this case which leads me to believe they are in violation of state law. Lastly, I remember reading something about how Van Buren was going to start patrolling their neighborhoods in response to the public's concerns of people speeding in residential neighborhoods. So, to put two Van Buren ghost cars (the two that are marked with the same color stickers as the paint of the car and no visible lights) in the city instead of their own area to me makes no sense if I was a resident of Van Buren until you understand that it is just a cash cow for them to do it when you are generating that much revenue in a short period of time remember (TO SERVE AND PROTECT) or generate as much money as possible.

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- Yoda

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- Albert Einstein

More Letters

Hope Sumpter, Belleville will take action, too

To the Editor:

Thanks so much for your excellent editorial on carcinogenic coal tar sealants in the June 23rd *Independent*. Such good news that Ann Arbor and Scio Township have followed Van Buren Twp. in taking action on this problem!

I hope very much that keeping attention focused on the problem by articles such as yours will encourage Sumpter and Belleville to take action to protect their children from this health hazard.

We are quite fortunate in that the problem can be eliminated so easily and cheaply by the use of asphalt-based driveway sealers that do not contain the cancer-causing PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) that are found in high concentrations in coal tar-based sealers.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you so very much to Rebecca Esselman and the Huron River Watershed Council for alerting the community to this problem.

With best regards,
David J. Wilson, Van Buren Township



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Joseph Clarence Bevard

JOSEPH CLARENCE BEVARD

(November 8, 1926 – June 21, 2016)

Joseph Clarence Bevard, age 89, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at his home. He was born November 8, 1926 in Sulligent, Alabama, son of Clarence Charles & Myrtle Pauline (Taylor) Bevard.

Joe proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from Alger Trucking Company after many loyal years. He was a member of Bethany Bible Church, Belleville. He was a big sports fan. He enjoyed following the Detroit Tigers and Michigan State Football and Basketball. Joe loved golfing and playing pool. Most of all, he was a family man. Mr. Bevard is survived by his wife Hazel Grace (Wellwood) Bevard. He was the loving father of nine children: the late Joseph (d. 2014), Raymond (Colleen) Bevard of Johannesburg, MI, Christine (Phillip) Maly of Manchester, MI, Denise Bevard of Texas, Laura (Edward) Forsher of Montana, James Bevard and Colleen Beyer, both of Belleville, the late Michael (d. 1962) and Dawn (David) Hill of Belleville. He was the proud grandfather of 17, great-grandfather of 19, and great-great-grandfather of one. Fond brother of Howard Bevard of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Dolores (Gene) Fuller of Gould City, MI, Clarence Bevard and Donald (Maria) Bevard, all of Lansing, MI. Joe is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and numerous other extended family and friends.

Visitation was 2-8 p.m. Friday and noon until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began at 1 p.m. Pastor John Losen officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice or Bethany Bible Church, and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

BONNIE SUE DORDA

January 5, 1941 – June 21, 2016)

Age 75, formerly of Belleville, died at her home in Ypsilanti Township. Survived by husband of 22 years Edward, 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 sisters. Memorial at a later date. Janowiak Funeral Home, Ypsilanti.

MARJORIE ELAINE ELLIOTT

(October 18, 1930 – June 24, 2016)

Age 85, of Belleville. Survived by daughters Elaine Merial and Rebecca McFalls; sons Robert and James; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and brother Morley Kellogg. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Joseph David Pluciniczak

JOSEPH DAVID PLUCINICZAK

(November 22, 1952 – June 23, 2016)

Age 63, of Ypsilanti.

Joseph is the beloved husband of Margaret for 43 years; dear father of Jill Pluciniczak of Columbus, Ohio; cherished brother of John (Charlene) Pluciniczak of Perrysburg, Ohio and Paul (Christine) Pluciniczak of Kernersville, North Carolina. Joe is also survived by many loving extended family and friends. Born on November 22, 1952 to Joseph and Violet Pluciniczak in Toledo, Ohio; Joe and Marge settled in Belleville in the late 1970s and then moved to Ypsilanti.

Joe was an active parishioner of St. Anthony's Church and a member of the K of C. He enjoyed following Ohio State football, playing sports, especially golf, in which he maintained a seven handicap, bowling and ice fishing were also loves.

A funeral Mass celebrating Joe's life was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 28, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Mr. Pluciniczak was in state at church at 10 a.m.

Fr. Thomas Cusick celebrated Joseph's Mass. Visitation hours were Monday from 2 until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. The rosary was prayed at 7 p.m. Monday.

Please sign his online guestbook and write a comment for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Adilynn Renee Gray

ADILYNN RENEE GRAY

(May 2, 2016 – June 25, 2016)

Adilynn Renee Gray, age seven weeks and six days, went home to be with her Lord, Saturday, June 25, 2016. She was born May 2, 2016 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Austin and Georgina (Tull) Gray. Even though her time on earth was brief, she had a smile that could light the room. Adilynn was a happy baby who loved Bubble Guppies. She was born into a loving wonderful family, who will miss her greatly.

Survivors include her parents; maternal grandmother Marilyn Throne-Putman; paternal grandparents, Donald and Renee Gray; great-grandparents, George and Phyllis Throne, Margret Carswell and Ronald Walzak; aunts and uncles, Micael Putman, Denee Tull, Angie, Don, Shelly, and Kim Gray; and many great uncles and aunts, and cousins.

The funeral service was 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Jim McKinnies officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. Contributions in her memory may be made to the family.

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Dorothy Anna Merritt

DOROTHY ANNA MERRITT

(March 24, 1921 – June 26, 2016)

Dorothy Anna Merritt, age 95, of Brooklyn, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away at Harrick Manor, Tecumseh, MI. She was born March 24, 1921 in Groveport, Ohio, daughter of Forest & Jennie (Ferrell) Smith.

Mrs. Merritt retired from NBD Bank, Belleville, after 28 years of loyal service as a Security Deposit Specialist. She enjoyed all kinds of arts and crafts. She especially loved painting and crocheting. Dorothy proudly served her country in the U.S. Army during WWII in North Africa and Italy. Dorothy was a member of the D.A.R. -- Daughters of the American Revolution. Her love of country was only exceeded by her love of family.

Dorothy is survived by four of her six children Mark Merritt of Brooklyn, MI, Larry Merritt of Monroe, MI, Carole (Thomas) Caldwell of Manchester, MI and Gerald (Linda) Merritt of Belleville, MI; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; brother Marvin (Norma) Smith of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gerald C. Merritt on November 17, 1991, son Keith Merritt, daughter Joyce Ellen Merritt, granddaughter Amy, brother David Smith in childhood, also three adult brothers Eugene Smith, Robert Smith and Calvin Smith. Visitation was 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, and Noon until 1 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016 with a 1 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, with full Military Honors.



Cynthia Lynn Belaire

CYNTHIA LYNN BELAIRE

(December 4, 1977 – December 16, 2015)

Cynthia Lynn Belaire, daughter of Bob and Joy Belaire, died of kidney failure December 16, 2015. She was the granddaughter of Harvey and Betty (Oakley) Rhodes.

A celebration of her life was attended by over 150 people on May 9, 2016 to say good-bye.

Cindy is survived by her brother Rob, Tamra, and son Blake Belaire, and her sister Melissa and Matt Williams and their children Justin, Hayley, Brenna, and Karley; many aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends. She will be missed by all. We were blessed to have her in our lives.



Lucas Rollins Yanez

LUCAS ROLLINS YANEZ

(December 19, 2014 – June 24, 2016)

Lucas Rollins Yanez, age 19 months and 5 days, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Friday, June 24, 2016 at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born December 19, 2014 in Ann Arbor, MI, son of Jody Preston Yanez and Jennifer Elaine Meyers. Lucas was diagnosed with SCID -- Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disorder -- a few days after birth. He was a true fighter with a positive disposition throughout. He received a bone marrow transplant on April 9, 2015 and sailed through with little reaction. He was given a 100% chance of survival. A few months later, he was diagnosed with Graft Versus Host Disease in his skin. He continued to be a happy baby who loved to cuddle, play with his orange block and go for rides in the car stroller up and down the hospital hallways. The family would like to thank the PICU and nursing staff of 7 East Mott for their love and devotion to Luke and his family throughout his many days at the hospital. A Special thank you to Nurse Cheryl and Dr. Greg Yanik for their devotion to Luke. Luke is survived by his mother Jennifer Meyers of Belleville, MI, father Jody Yanez of Canton, MI, grandparents Michael & Dottie Meyers of Belleville, and Judy Vallejo, brother Beauden Meyers of Belleville, also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016 with a 4 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Robert Bull will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made at www.gofundme.com/lucescid and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign Luke's on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

More Letters

Would voters have chosen leaves over art?

To the Editor:

Is it true that the city of Belleville has the money to pay out-of-state artists for the privilege of advertising their art in the city, but cannot afford leaf pick up? I wonder what would happen if the residents had voted on a preference.

Lawrence Gallo

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FREDERICK T. WITHROW, SR.

(February 27, 1929 – June 26, 2016)

Fredrick Thornton Withrow, Sr., age 87, of Howell, a longtime former Ypsilanti resident.

Fredrick is the beloved husband of Mary Lou for 40 wonderful years; loving father of Linda St Jacques of Wayne, Fred Withrow Jr. of Belleville, Debra (Dan) Combs of Ypsilanti, Pam (Mike) Lego of Belleville; cherished brother of James "Glen" (Barbara) Withrow of Belleville, John "Jake" (Ann) Withrow of West Virginia and Mary (Larry) Bigenho of Belleville. Fred is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild expected later this year, along with many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by two sons, the late Robert Moore (d.1986) and William Mark Moore (d. 2009).

Born on February 27, 1929 in Widen, West Virginia, Fred proudly served his country in the Korean War. After his time in the Army, Fred and Mary Lou settled in the Belleville/Ypsilanti area to raise their family. A 33-year employee of the Ford Motor Company, Fred enjoyed working on cars, hunting, fishing and playing cards. Mostly, he loved his family.

A funeral service with military honors, has been arranged for Thursday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. The Withrow family will greet guests from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. service.

Interment will follow at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday, 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Belleville V.F.W.

More Letters

Very unhappy over discontinuing concerts

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to the article you wrote in the June 9 *Independent* regarding the Parks & Recreation Department discontinuing the summer concerts in Van Buren Township due to low attendance.

I have been attending these concerts for many years. There was a very good turnout when the concerts were held on Friday night. Many families brought picnic lunches or pizza. The children enjoyed playing on the playground equipment. A great way to end the work week.

When the Parks & Recreation Department moved the concerts to Wednesday night, attendance dropped. If you had moved it back to Friday night, I expect attendance would have improved.

Mary Larivee-Jacobs
A very unhappy
Van Buren resident

More Letters

Convention expected to generate \$3M to area

To the Editor:

Local businesses in Romulus, Belleville, Canton and the surrounding areas will receive an unexpected boost to their bottom line this summer – by \$3 million, according to some estimates.

The Jehovah's Witnesses "Remain Loyal" convention series, which started the weekend of May 20, will bring an estimated 32,000 visitors over its 14-week run at the Assembly Hall located on Ecorse Road in Belleville.

Those delegates will fill local area hotels, shops and restaurants. Already participating hotels are reporting near capacity for the entire 14-week stretch.

The region experienced a similar boost in 2015, during the "Imitate Jesus" series and hotel managers, restaurateurs and shop keepers are delighted to see the influx again this year.

"We've had (delegates) in here at least the last three years," said Tom Frankovich, manager of Twisted Rooster restaurant in Van Buren Township. "We see plenty of name tags, so we know who's coming in. They are great people and we have great times (with them)."

Laurie Hansen, Social Sales Manager for Hilton Garden Inn, Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus said, "It's actually been wonderful! We love the delegates that stay (with us). We even joke that people want to work those weekends because they enjoy working with these clients. They are very polite, they even often tip them -- not that they have to do that -- but they are very respectful and we always enjoy people who treat our property with respect as they do."

As far as the economic impact on the hotel, Hansen said, "We are at 80% or higher for (the next ten weeks). We do have reservations through the end of your convention (series), and we do have almost full or more than full group blocks," she said.

Submitted by:

Michael Fowler
"Remain Loyal" Convention Series
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Thanks to community for support of Luke

To the Editor:

Many of you may remember baby Luke from last summer. We had a huge yard sale to help in the benefit for him. Many people and businesses in the community helped with donations and also allowed donation jars in their stores to help with medical expenses.

It breaks my heart to tell you that Luke lost his battle with SCID on Friday, June 24. He fought so hard, but the complications that he suffered eventually became too big for him to fight anymore.

Luke taught me so much in his short 19 months of life. Love, Faith, Hope, but most of all Strength. A whole different kind of strength.

Luke blessed everyone who met him. Everyone who was fortunate enough to have seen that amazing smile left with a piece of him in their heart. I have been so blessed to have been his mommy.

Losing Luke was never on my radar. Everyone expected him to beat this. And, we would like to thank the community for their support. If you would like to donate toward his services, our gofundme account is www.gofundme.com/Lukescid

Dorothy J. Meyers
Belleville

Obituary on page 8.

Belleville Area Lions Club thanks community

To the Editor:

Members of the newly formed Belleville Area Lions Club would like to thank the city of Belleville, Sumpter Township along with Van Buren Township for their contributions to the Lions.

White Cane Week, May 27 through June 4 was a complete success as we found the citizens of these communities very giving and understanding. The funds you donated will help support your community with services such as eyeglasses for school children and assisting the blind and hearing-impaired. We also support the Leader Dog School for the Blind, Penrickton Center for blind multiple-handicapped children in Taylor, and youth programs through these communities.

Amos Johnson, president of the Belleville Area Lions Club, says funds are needed to support the many needs throughout these communities. Money raised during White Cane Week is but one of the events the club has to raise funds to meet the many needs of our communities. We get many requests for funds from various organizations such as Michigan Eye Bank to Detroit Radio Information Service who read to the blind over a special frequency on the radio. The Belleville Area Lions Club is community-based and places strong emphasis on assisting the local communities.

The Belleville Area Lions Club has 25 members and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Belleville Area Lions Club, please contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404. govbill1@outlook.com

Bill Van Winkle
Belleville Area Lions Club

Thanks to all who helped Sumpter auction

To the Editor:

On behalf of Sumpter Parks and Recreation, I would like to thank all the sponsors and individuals who made very generous donations to the Sumpter Country Fest Silent Auction. Because of your support we will be able to put on many other community events throughout the year. THANK YOU!

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Comments on festival, money for new library

To the Editor:

Yes, once again, people of the Detroit metro area, thank you for coming to our "Strawberry Festival" and trashing our downtown. I tire of spending the whole weekend cleaning up after you, after all, you are supposed to be adults.

I get to spend hours, running people off my driveway, those who remind me, its a public street, they can park wherever they wish, so I get stuck in my house, since I can't leave "my driveway."

When I take my wife's dog for her walks, I find nothing but garbage that finds its way

onto the ground rather than a trash can. I put my trash cans at the end of my driveway, and even then there is trash all around it, rather than in. I have enclosed a photo of a dirty diaper, on the ground near the library; the trash container is no more than 15-20 feet from it; really?

All the signs suggest that you go to St. Anthony's for more of the festival; send the whole thing there to the church, let the spill over go to the school, rather than trashing the town; oops, we can't do that, Harbor Pointe might get some trash; scary!

Nobody makes any money, short of the vendors, why bother? The whole event needs to come out of the city and quit being the responsibility of the tax payers here within the city; I can see why many of my friends take off for the weekend, so they don't have to put up with the whole affair, other than coming home to a nasty yard.

Second gripe: Once again, we need to discuss the so-called new library. What I am going to say, will screw up a good thing for me and others who love books; why do we need a 30,000-square-foot library, when the BADL want to put in almost nothing but e-readers?

Want to know why? Almost every day, when I walk the dog, I find boxes and boxes of books being thrown away. I am not the only one, the boxes have been opened and rifled through, but still, books? Yes, some are old, too many romance novels, what have not; but books? In your huge, devoid-of-printed-matter, library, instead of having monthly book sales, put a room or two, full of these unloved books, in a built in bookstore. hell, you are just going to throw them away, make a few bucks, with every other's library spillover.

And yet we will have yet another try at seeking funding for this folly. The City of Belleville wants \$10 million to repair roads; Sumpter is still low man on the totem pole and most of the times, broke. Last, but not least, Van Buren is going to be saddled with most of this debt, with Visteon bond shortage, as well as the ever, ongoing emergency services bonding. Get the picture? The BADL sure don't. We have to keep tightening our belts; say no to any library bond, and tell our "elected" officials, move the Strawberry Folly to private grounds and save the taxpayers the headaches, as well as monies for enforcement. This has to all stop.

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James Chapman to run for VBT Trustee

Dear Editor Rosemary:

I've heard it said that the only bad news is an obituary; so I guess the front page story on my latest misadventures should be taken with a positive attitude, especially when I see the words "INDEPENDENT," "FREE," and "CHAPMAN" all in the same column -- and I would like to respond to the information contained in that article.

First, it appears that your information was slanted in favor of the Lt. Bazzy faction of Van Buren PD and its anti-Chapman group. On the evening of Friday, June 3, I returned to my legal address at 43364 E Huron River Dr. after a hard day's work, tired and beat, to find one of my roommate's acquaintances was there, one who is well-known to both VBPD and surrounding jurisdictions. He appeared to be intoxicated, at least on cannabis and alcohol, and was belligerent and obnoxious. He attempted to start a fight with me and then pulled a knife. When I attempted to grab the knife to prevent him from stabbing me, I received a defensive wound from his knife on my left index finger as he slashed.

I then ran out the door and away, down towards the lake where I called VBPD immediately. I was told by Dispatch that my assailant had called them and police were on their way. I asked if there had been a warrant issued for my arrest for another alleged violation of probation hearing. Dispatch said there was no warrant and that I should make a statement to the officers and press charges.

Either, I'd been lied to or I hadn't, so I decided to find out, got up from where I was sitting hidden at the lakeside, turned to go up the dilapidated staircase and go back home to see the police, when I tripped -- and FELL INTO THE LAKE --fully clothed, cellphone, shoes and all. Disoriented, I struggled and missed catching my glasses when they came off, and then I couldn't see where I was attempting to swim. I thought I might drown.

Then I heard a voice which allowed me to get my bearings and swim to shore, where I found out it was a cop, who asked me what had happened and examined my wound while I told him what happened --this took about five minutes and when a second officer came over there, I was arrested -- for an alleged probation violation warrant. I knew then the police Dispatcher told me the truth. NOT.

Then I was taken to VBPD land, charged with felony obstruction of an officer, and DNA refusal. I would say this is just another example of overcharging in order to expand the DNA database, a tactic of the Prosecutor's office. For the record, I've tried to get a DNA test to absolve me of financial responsibility of a child born out of wedlock in 1986; the mother recently stated to the FOC referee that I was not the father, and 46K of child support due her was taken away, but the state still wants me to pay 29K for a child

not mine. Now, they demand DNA because I've been ACCUSED of a felony? NO way.

Secondly, I am being harassed by the Bazzy faction because I am collecting signatures on non-partisan petitions to put my name on the ballot for VB Board as Trustee. This I am doing because we have bad, Kwami-style politics and abuses, and I have been abused.

Thirdly, you stated that there had been a previous probation violation and amended sentence on the original stalking case. Yes, there had been an accusation, warrant (over a long weekend), and hearing, at which the judge found no cause of action, or violation, and amended the sentence in my favor. I would like you to retract that statement, but it just goes to show that they are not telling the whole truth.

And so being unsuccessful once, they are now trying a probation violation hearing again. The judge was surprised I'd been in jail two weeks without a hearing on the warrant, and granted personal bond, until July 22, when she will also hear the motion to withdraw the sentencing plea deal on the original stalking charge. I think she may have had enough of Bazzy and his prosecutorial cohorts. I shall write soon on the abuses in the WayCo Prosecutor's Office, and call for a grand jury investigation. Kwami would never have gotten away with all he did without collusion with that office. Worthy is NOT.

Finally, I'd like to tell ya'all, that if there's a warrant out for your arrest, somebody can get away with a violent felony against you in your own home, and he will be free, while you will go to jail --at least in Van Buren Township. This is only one reason why I'm running for trustee, and many more will follow. But, it all boils down to abuses and irresponsibility of the government.

This must change if America is to survive. Sincerely,

James Forrest Chapman (aka Jimmi)
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Editor's Note: Lt. Bazzy did not give us information about the probation violation charge. We got that from the court web site. We reported there was "a violation of that probation and an amended sentence." It should have said there was "a charge of violation of that probation and an amended sentence..." We apologize for not being more precise.

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Sunday, July 31st 3:00pm
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417 Charles St.

More thoughts on closings of Main Street

To the Editor:

Whoever said shut down the car show or Strawberry Festival?

There can be a car show without closing the street and restricting parking. The area behind the museum comes to mind. It worked for the Farmers' Market that was once there on weekends and is located near the businesses.

Of course, there are the lots behind the Bayou Grille and Egan's Pub and (not sure who owns it) open space near the Lunch Box, as well.

We have plenty of regional road construction to contend with as it is. If one needs to traverse Main regularly an unwarranted weekly closing at a busy time of day is an imposition and displays a disregard for residents south of downtown.

I would have no problem with a seasonal weekend closing for a car event perhaps coinciding with the other cruise events of the region which in turn would promote a weekly car show that doesn't close the street. The car show is a great venue for displaying the automotive artwork and downtown looks great.

Art McCaig, if you are fine with Main Street closings perhaps DDA can promote more "weekly" street closing "shows." Let's make Wednesdays "Rap & HipHop Night." Of course, other genres of art and talent would need their street closings, as well. All of which would surely draw business, I'm sure.

Tom Elliott

Denton Faith United Methodist Church welcomes new pastor

Michigan Area Bishop Deborah L. Kiesey has appointed the Reverend Harris Mannah Dunn as the new pastor of Denton Faith United Methodist Church, Belleville, effective July 1.

Rev. Dunn was ordained a Deacon in February 1998 and an Elder in February 2011 in the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History (with a major in African History) from the University of Liberia (1996) and a Master of Business Administration degree. He has earned academic credits toward his Master of Divinity degree.

The church members invite the community to come and worship with them at Denton Faith United Methodist Church and meet the new pastor.

The service begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 3, and there will be a reception immediately following worship to greet and welcome Rev. Dunn.

Denton Faith United Methodist Church is located at 6020 Denton Road, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road, in the community of Denton. The church mission is "A Place to Belong, A Place to Worship, A Place to Grow in Faith."

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BHS Jazz Ensemble performs at CMU Jazz Weekend

On Friday, Feb. 5, the Belleville High School Jazz Band traveled to Central Michigan University to perform at the 43rd-annual Jazz Weekend.

CMU has a rich tradition of jazz and every year invites the biggest names in jazz as guest artists. In past years, CMU has had Duke Ellington, Maynard Ferguson, Bobby Shew, Phil Woods and Peter Erskine, among many other jazz greats.

The BHS Jazz Ensemble performed three selections: "One O'Clock Jump" by Count Basie, "I Just Called to Say I Love You" by Stevie Wonder/arranged by Michael Philip Mossman, and "On the Sunny Side of the Street" by the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra.

In addition to listening and performing, the students heard professional jazz trumpeter Walter White.

White was in attendance with his own jazz quartet that included Gary Schunk (piano), Jeff Trudell (drum set) and Jack Dryden (bass).



White presented a masterclass to all BHS students and other attendees. In the masterclass, White talked about the history of jazz, his own background as a musician, and answered questions from the audience.

That evening, students attended a concert featuring CMU's top jazz ensemble with Walter White as the guest artist.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

— John F. Kennedy

Dylan Bentley signs to bowl



Belleville High School junior Dylan Bentley has signed to bowl at Spring Arbor University in 2017-18. From left are Spring Arbor Coach Michael Hall, Dylan, his mother Minde Bailey, and his father Robert Bailey.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue based in Sumpter Township will be holding their 6th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on Saturday, July 9, at the Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$55 per person/\$220 per team. For info call (734) 635-9141.

Baby turkeys have arrived at the Willis Feed Mill in nearby Willis. The mill also has chicks available, along with poultry feed, horse and livestock feed. It's your bird feeding headquarters, too, and it sells a variety of Michigan-made dog and cat food, pond chemicals, and much more. Call (734) 461-1111.

Henry Ford and his work in Southeast Michigan is the subject of this month's Historical Presentation Night on Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Yankee Air Museum. The free program will be presented by Steven Stanford.

On Saturday, July 9, the public is invited to join the museum for a behind-the-scenes day of tours of daily operations at the museum, including its textile collections, equipment, and the YAF's flyable aircraft. The program is free and is limited to 20 guests at five different times throughout the day. Tours last up to two hours. Call (734) 483-4030 to register. Tour times are at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Golfers and sponsorships are needed for the 17th Annual Gregg Brinkerhoff Scholarship Fund Golf Outing coming up on Aug. 6 at a new location, the Woodlands of Van Buren. The cost is \$95 per golfer and \$380 per team. To learn more or to register, call Mike or Beth Sampson at (734) 697-0440. The 2016 scholarship recipients were Jared Bellingham, Brandon Bond, Tyler Etherton, Bailey Hunt, Elizabeth Ostrowski, Kameron Owen, and Connor Sampson.



Rawsonville Elementary Principal Delria Crippen, left, who nominated Jason Wesley for teacher of the year poses with Wesley, Melissa Lloyd, Curriculum Director Jeff Moore, Interim Superintendent of Schools Diane Kullis, Rebecca Ross and Shandra Pettway. Everyone but Crippen and Wesley were on the selection team. School Board member Alison Bennett was also on the team but arrived after the picture was taken.

Jason Wesley named Teacher of the Year in Van Buren Schools

Rawsonville Elementary School teacher Jason Wesley was selected as Teacher of the Year for Van Buren Public Schools for the 2015-2016 School Year. The award was announced by Interim Superintendent Diane Kullis.

He was nominated by Rawsonville Principal Delria Crippen, who wrote: "It is with total confidence and great pride that I recommend Mr. Jason Wesley for District Teacher of the Year. Mr. Wesley is a problem-solver, an innovator, and a dynamic member of our Intervention team. He increased his students' reading scores by 100% in January. His enthusiasm, love, and passion for teaching have hardly a rival on our staff ... and we have an incredible faculty.

"Mr. Wesley does not work or serve for awards or accolades, but simply to inspire and impact all those he comes in contact with each day. He has mastered the elusive art of being firm but fair, having rules

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Belleville High School Men's Golf Team ends hard-fought 2016 season

Head Coach Dave Martin reports that in dual head-to-head matches, the Belleville High School Men's Golf Team was 7-4, good for sixth place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

The junior-laden team fought hard, but fell short of advancing to regionals. Junior

Ryan York did qualify for Individuals at regionals by carding an 80 at districts.

All returning juniors -- Austin Marsnick, Anthony Guthrie, Cameron Johnson, Brandon Baker, Tyler Osborne, and Ryan York -- earned Varsity letters. Newcomer Cody Springer earned his first Varsity Golf letter. Several freshmen and sophomores earned J.V. pins.

At the Tuesday night banquet, Coach Martin handed out additional rewards: Most Improved -- Ryan York; Captains Cameron Johnson and Tyler Osborne; and All-Academic -- Anthony Guthrie and Tyler Osborne.

Coach Martin and Assistant Coach Doc Williams are looking forward to next year when, they say, the team should be stronger.

Forrest Westcott graduates from Davenport University

Davenport University announces that Forrest Westcott of Belleville has officially completed a degree in business, technology or health professions at the end of the winter 2016 semester. More than 1,900 graduates earned DU degrees during the 2015-2016 academic year, with nearly 900 participating in Commencement festivities on May 1, in downtown Grand Rapids.



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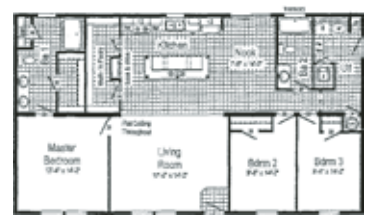
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By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During a lengthy report on the 2015 audit of financial funds in Van Buren Township, Plante Moran auditor Dave Helisek urged the VBT board to continue to plan on how it's going to address the Visteon bond and the public safety millage that is expiring. "The public safety millage is significant," Helisek said of the expiring four mills. "If it doesn't get renewed, you'll have to look at a way to get substantial revenue to continue services."

He said the public safety millage brings in \$3.5 million, about half the public safety expenses.

"You're our auditor," said Trustee Phil Hart. "You're sending a signal to us that we have two things to worry about."

Trustee Hart said several board members had wanted to put money away for the last couple of years for the bond and the board didn't do that.

"We have to start planning now," Hart said. "Can we have a reserve fund?"

Helisek said he is an auditor and he does not tell you how to spend your money, but he points out concerns. He deferred questions on funds to the township attorney.

He said the board is allowed to flag money in the fund balance.

Treasurer Sharry Budd asked the board to look at page 59 in the financial report where \$4 million has been set aside in the fund balance for "future obligations."

Helisek the "assigned" status is no more than flagging of money and that can be undone quickly. "Restricted" funds are different and must be spent for a specific purpose.

Hart said if they take the Visteon bonds

out of the picture completely, the board still needs to do more on retirement and health care.

Clerk Leon Wright said, "We assigned \$4 million and hope Visteon will come to the table."

"It's not right to use the landfill money for general operation," Hart said and Helisek said, "That's a policy decision."

"That's the way I feel," Hart said.

Helisek said the township will more likely than not be required to pay a portion of the Local Development Finance Authority debt service payments on the Visteon bonds beginning in 2018. The amount had been estimated at \$20 million, but the LDFA refinanced the bond and lowered it to \$16.7 million. He anticipates it to go up.

The audit showed \$14,832,343 in general fund revenues in 2015 and \$13,343,401 in expenditures, adding \$1,488,942 to the fund balance for a total of \$10,826,817 on Dec. 31, 2015.

Helisek spoke about the pension and health care liabilities. He said in a couple of years that will go up to \$22 million.

He said the township is paying these liabilities each year and actual cash payment creep up each year.

"You're a one-mill township fortunate to have a landfill," he said. "It helps."

Hart said the landfill contract expires in 2026.

Helisek said the township used \$3,958,084 out of the landfill fund in 2015.

"For the last two years it's gone up \$2 million," said Clerk Leon Wright.

The board voted unanimously to accept the audit report.

In other business at the June 21 meeting,



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright, at left, and Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery show off the newly opened ADA-accessible election window/counter in the clerk's department at township hall. Clerk Wright said it was Montgomery's idea and they were able to follow through with half the cost paid by the Van Buren Civic Fund and half by a refund from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the township's insurance carrier.

the board:

- Held a moment of silence for the late Pete Foster, the husband of former Supervisor Helen Foster, and included the tragedy in Orlando, as well;

- Approved the first reading of the rezoning of 1.54 acres of landlocked property at 841 Savage Road from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential) so the owners of the two R-1B attached parcels on Savage can have the property they own behind them also R-1B so they can sell it all and move to Florida;

- Heard a presentation by Dr. John MacDermid on the "Little Free Libraries" Rotary Club project. He said the Rotary put up a Little Free Library at the gazebo at Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville and he has a second version that he designed and made. He would like to find a place in Van Buren Township to place it, where people travel, while they're on the way to do something else. He said somebody stocks it with books and people can come and take a book or bring a book. He showed board members pictures of the new free library on his iPad. It is made out of solid oak with the roof of plywood and measures 2'x18"x36" with a peaked roof on a 4x6 post. "We'll get with our DPW and find the best place," said Clerk Wright who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Combs;

- Heard Sherry Frazier comment on the audit cautioning the board everyone has to get a big picture of the township. She said she is a licensed Realtor and she got a call from a person in a nearby community that said she can't believe her taxes are going

up 14 mills. The increase is on the August ballot and if it doesn't pass, the city will be taken over by an emergency manager. "We have to be aware," Frazier said, adding that the feds are talking about raising interest rates on home mortgages. "We have to be aware of what is going on in neighboring communities," she said. When board members asked what community that was, CeJay Marshall identified it as the City of Wayne, where he is trying to sell a house;

- Heard Clerk Wright announce that his new ADA elections counter is now open. The cost was covered half by the Van Buren Civic Fund and half by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority refund. He said the counter was the idea of Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery;

- Heard Clerk Wright announce his office registered 40 voters from all over the state at the Strawberry Festival booth they manned. He thanked Barbara Rogalle Miller for providing her office space for refreshments;

- Heard CeJay Marshall note that it's hard to hear the board speaking when the compressor kicks on, and he sits in the second row of the audience. He spoke of Plymouth Township floating 16 mills for public safety, his disagreement with a statement Brenda McClanahan made at the candidates' forum, how six members of the school board can ruin the reputation of the community, and the need to address blight and high grass with a serious ordinance officer; and

- Was shown an elections' promotion that is being shown on the township's cable channel.

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

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Keystone

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Tedesco said the “Dear Colleague” letter is wrong. He said, “The advice conflicts with Title IX and the rulings of several federal and state courts and it violates your students’ constitutional right to privacy.”

Tedesco cited parts of Title IX rule that authorizes schools to maintain separate locker rooms and restrooms on the basis of biological sex, without placing federal funding at risk.

He said five out of six courts have ruled that it does not violate Title IX to maintain separate restrooms and locker rooms on the basis of sex – and the one outlier case is currently being appealed.

Attorneys General in West Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Mississippi, and South Carolina have determined that sex-specific facilities do not violate Title IX.

The Michigan Department of Education started working on a rule for state school districts to comply with the “Dear Colleague” letter and gave the public 15 days to respond, said Keystone board president Vesta Losen, who brought the issue to the board for discussion and possible action.

Losen said the public was so upset that the Michigan Department of Education gave 30 more days for public response.

Losen said the Michigan Attorney General has declared the Department of Education’s idea “hogwash.”

“How can the Michigan Department of Education make a law without legislation? I would like our board to take a stand,” Losen said.

She said there is a difference between sex and gender.

She said a statement in Tedesco’s letter really spoke to her: “Your students have a constitutional right of privacy and you have a duty to protect it.”

Board Treasurer Carol Manley said she agreed that the board needed to take a stand.

Losen said she put in a call to J.C. Huizenga, who started National Heritage Academies, leaving him a message that he had 80 schools and asking what is he going to do about this transgender restroom issue? Keystone is a NHA school.

Losen said within a few minutes Huizenga called her back and said they would try to change the emerging requirements, but, “In the end we follow the law. That’s what we do.”

He suggested transgender students could use the staff restrooms and Losen said because of a Virginia case they can’t do that because it makes the students more identifiable.

“I’m even more concerned,” said Losen. “In college it’s bad and in the younger students, it’s more than bad.”

In his letter Tedesco said this “Dear Colleague” letter is “yet another example of the federal government dictating policy to local schools and threatening to strip away

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City of Belleville Water Department

Consumer Confidence Report

The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Detroit Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased over 94,000,000 gallons of water in 2015.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant’s low lift pumps.

The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by hard hat divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “very low” to “very high” based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact the City of Belleville Water Department or DWSD.

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How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the City of Detroit whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

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The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, DWSD does not test the water for radon.

What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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Keystone

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vital funding that your students, teachers, and schools need. Don't be bullied into submission."

Van Buren Public Schools

Interim School Supt. Diane Kullis at the Van Buren Public Schools confirmed that the district did receive the letter from the federal government on the subject. She said VB School Board is going to turn the transgender issue over to the new superintendent it hired once he is on board after July 1.

Supt. Kullis said the issue causes personal problems for her and other grandparents who take their young grandchildren out shopping or to public events and have to find safe restrooms for them. She said she has to plan the route with proper restrooms before she heads off with her grandchildren.

Kullis said at the recent BHS graduation ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University she saw the non-gender restrooms clearly marked at the college.

Belleville High School Alumni Reunion set for Sept. 17 at high school

The annual Belleville High School Alumni Reunion will be held at the BHS Commons beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Activities with registration include a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store from 2 to 4:45 p.m., with dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.

RSVP and payment of \$20 per person is due by Aug. 27 and after that it goes up to \$30 per person.

Make all checks payable to: BHS Alumni Reunion and mail the check and reservation to Darryl Raymond, Apt. 205, 42600 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Include your name and spouse/guest's name, BHS class, class seating preference, mailing and email addresses, and phone number.

For more information contact the organizers by Facebook at: Belleville HS Alumni Reunion; email at bellevilleallclass@gmail.com, or by phone: (734) 787-4601.

Faculty and staff are always welcome at the reunions.

Jasmine Jones graduates from online academy

Jasmine Jones of Belleville was among about 100 students taking part in an in-person commencement ceremony June 21 put on by Michigan Connections Academy at Passant Theatre in Michigan State University's Wharton Center.

MICA is a tuition-free, online public school serving students K-12 statewide.

"You have to be odd to be number one."

— Dr. Seuss



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2016

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

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan supported by C. Hoffman to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to accept Planning Commission Minutes of April 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$238,916.96. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, LaPorte, Swinson, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/ Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Golf outing June 9, 2016

B. Fast tracking Aldi's going next to Meijer in Belleville

C. Pedestrian Bridge across I94

D. Sumpter Fest- May 27-30, 2016

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

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Planning Commission still working hard on the Master Plan

B. May 12, 2016 Public Hearing was tabled until June 9, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.

C. Coal Tar continued to be tabled.

Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report: No Report

10. Board Response:

11. New Business:

A. Presentation to Jewel Leonard

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Mayday Operations Policy for Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve rescinding Resolution 2016-2 Authorizing Ballot Question: Fire Protection Millage renewal Language. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve rescinding Resolution 2016-3 Authorizing Ballot Question: Police Protection Millage Renewal Language. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve rescinding resolution 2016-4 Authorizing Ballot Question: Police Protection Millage Renewal Language. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Authorizing Ballot Question Resolution 2016-8: Fire Protection Millage Renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Authoring Ballot Question Resolution 2016-9: Police Protection Millage Renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Authorizing Ballot Question resolution 2016-10: Police Protection renewal Millage. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to hire Christopher William Herrick as a full time Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of the required physical and psychological examinations and drug screening. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements:

A. Christopher William Herrick introduced himself to the Township Board and Thanked Police Chief Eric Luke.

B. Special Thanks To Timo Budiono for filming the Board Meetings for Sumpter Township.

C. Congratulations to Timo Budiono for being the 2016 Salutatorian of Belleville High School.

13. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

1. Bemis and Sumpter Roads need special attention by Wayne County

2. Dirt Roads have been graveled since last Board Meeting

3. Thanks to Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. for suggesting a light at the corner of Kozma and Wilmot Road for the safety of children walking to the bus stop.

4. Complimented Sumpter Township for being one of the best lit communities.

5. Vicious Dog Ordinance

6. Asked Trustee LaPorte to inquire Huron Township putting a Fire Station on the other side of Railroad tracks.

B. Lydia Graber

1. Inquired about the Trips that the Seniors and wonder if the bus is wheelchair accessible. Maryann Watson stated yes it is.

14. Adjournment: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on May 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted

and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, July 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 12 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday July 14 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 18 – Van Buren Township

work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 19 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

• Tuesday, Aug. 9 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.



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Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Vulnerability of Some Population to Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

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Charter Township of
Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2016

Clerk Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs and Trustee Jahr. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, and an audience of eight (8).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the revised agenda. [Inclusion of a presentation by Dr. John MacDermid on the “Little Free Libraries” Rotary Club Project under Correspondence]. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Minutes of June 6, 2016; Board Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2016; Prepaid List of June 9, 2016; Prepaid List of June 16, 2016 and the Voucher List of June 21, 2016.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. John MacDermid provided a brief explanation on the “Little Free

Libraries” Rotary Club project and requested placement of a “Little Library” at Township Hall.

Plante Moran presented the audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2015. The audit is divided into the following sections: Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit, Required Communications with Those Charged with Governance and Legislative items. The Township received an overall unmodified audit opinion. The highest opinion level.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to add, under new business, to consider approval of the Plante Moran financial audit for the year ended

December 31, 2015. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of the rezoning of parcel V-125-83-105-99-0050-000 (1.54 acres) from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). The subject parcel is located on the north side of Savage Road, east of Arlene Lane. The Planning Commission recommended the rezoning approval on June 8, 2016. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Plante Moran financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2015 as presented. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The March 2016 Budgetary Report was received. The report is available for review at the Clerk’s Office, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Pete Foster (husband of former Supervisor Helen Foster) and the victims and families involved in the Orlando nightclub shootings; showed the Clerk’s Office Public Service Announcement, currently airing on cable channel VBT12, regarding the August 2, 2016 Primary Election and November 8, 2016 General Election; thanked the Van Buren Civic Fund for providing half the funds for the new Clerk’s Office, A.D.A. accessible, Election window/counter; thanked everyone in the community who registered to vote at the Clerk’s Office Voter Registration booth during the Strawberry Festival; thanked Attorney Barbara Rogalle Miller for opening her office and providing refreshments to booth workers during the Strawberry Festival; announced the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday July 4th in observance of Independence Day; announced absentee ballot requests are being processed and ballots will be mailed July 1st, 2016; announced the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Work Study Session and Board of Trustees meetings for July 5th, 2016 and a Special Board of Trustees meeting will be held June 28th at 7:00 p.m. and thanked his staff for their dedication and support. Treasurer Budd thanked her staff and the Clerk’s Office staff for their assistance with the Plante Moran audit. Trustee Hart announced that Ann Arbor recently adopted a ban on coal tar sealants and thanked the environmental commission members and Trustee Jahr for their efforts in researching the concern and developing the ban on coal tar sealants in Van Buren Township.

NON AGENDA: Resident commented on responses to questions asked during the League of Women Voters Van Buren Township candidate’s forum and the need for Board members to remain vigilant in enforcing ordinances pertaining to property maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda Combs, Supervisor
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2015 Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.

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how much additional fees they have. “Shame on all of us for digging in our heels...” Frazier said, adding, “I’m really disappointed no other board member has commented on this.” Then, Trustee Kelly Owen next to her said, “Oh, God,” and turned away in disgust. Frazier repeated what Owen said. “You can say you feel bad about the situation,” she said to Owen and the rest of the board.

Court Watching:**Judge Parrott
binds Chapman
over**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 56, of Belleville was bound over to circuit court to face charges of obstructing a police officer and failure to give a DNA sample after an incident June 3 on Alba Court in Van Buren Township.

Chapman waived his scheduled preliminary exam on June 22 and 34th District Court Judge David Parrott told Chapman he is scheduled to appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m., July 6, for arraignment on the information.

David Langford is Chapman's court-appointed attorney and VBT Detective Mark Buxton is the officer in charge.

Chapman was free after posting his bond of \$2,000/10% and dealing with a violation of probation charge at circuit court. Chapman also is charged as a habitual offender, which will increase any penalties levied.

The Alba Court incident grew from Chapman visiting his friend's home and getting into a dispute with the friend. It ended up with, first, the friend and then Chapman calling 911 and the police responding. Chapman ended up in Belleville Lake and his former defense attorney John Day brought him dry clothes in the VBT lockup.

Jon Allen Colombo

Jon Allen Colombo's probable cause conference was adjourned until July 6 and his preliminary exam until July 13 on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated – third time. The incident allegedly occurred on May 10, 2015 in VBT. Colombo, 60, was out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. Elizabeth Young is his court-appointed attorney and VBT Det. Mark Buxton is the officer in charge.

Michael Lynn Stoker

Michael Lynn Stoker's probable cause conference was adjourned until July 27 on charges of operating while intoxicated – third times, driving while license suspended, and driving with open intoxicants on May 1 in VBT. Stoker, 55, was free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. Barry Resnick is his retained attorney and VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge.



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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2015 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/11/2015	ppm	4	4	0.54	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/11/2015	ppm	10	10	0.43	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	ppb	n/a	80	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	ppb	n/a	60	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan.-Dec. 2015	ppm	4	4	0.64	0.56-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.14 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2015 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.0768	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique		Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.		Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits

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School Board

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\$410,000 boiler at McBride ahead of schedule and the salary increases to the teachers that were not in the budget;

- Approved the 2016-17 proposed general fund budget resolution with \$47,532,235 in expenditures. Among other things, the budget is based on an increase of \$550,218

based on \$113 per student increase in State Aid, a projected enrollment loss of 300 students (\$2,300,100), Headlee millage rollback of \$110,006, teachers' bargaining group receiving a half-step increase (\$274,333), and health benefit increases of 6% (\$173,001). An enrollment reserve of \$377,700 is earmarked in the fund balance in case 50 additional students are lost;

- Approved the tax rate certification resolution that spells out, in detail, how

much money comes to the schools from each taxing jurisdiction in the district;

- Approved a resolution that allows the district to set up a line of credit with PNC for the purchasing card program. Besides being more efficient, this will save the district \$43,000, said Finance Director Shareen Barker;

- Approved buying ELA – Journeys materials from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grades K-6 at a cost not to exceed

\$392,051.11, as recommended by a committee that studied options. This is part of the turnaround program;

- Approved purchase of the "World History and Geography: Modern Times" textbook for the high school World History course. The book meets the combined Michigan Merit Curriculum of ½ credit for World History and ½ credit for World Geography in one book for one class. Cost is \$42,419.04. The current geography book was copyrighted in 2007 and there is no

world history book;

- Approved increasing the 15' Wolverine Pipeline easement at Owen Intermediate School for a low-pressure gas pipeline to 75'. The district will receive \$32,160 for the land and is promised repair and replacement of the parking lot and light fixtures damaged by construction. The work is expected to be complete before school starts;

- Approved increasing the .175 acre easement on Belleville High School property to .177 acre for a low-pressure gas pipeline by Wolverine Pipeline. The district will receive \$600 for the land and is promised repair and replacement of parking lot and light fixtures damaged during construction. The board was told the work will be done at a corner of the BHS property and would expand the present easement by a foot;

- Approved the resignation of Julie Harden, a teacher at Owen with 16 years of service as of June 15. She is leaving education for another career. Also, approved was the retirement of Diane Kullis as of June 30. Kullis served five years in administration and currently is the interim superintendent;

- Heard a father ask the school board to consider a co-op ice hockey team with New Boston/Huron;

- Heard Frazier say that Barbara Miller is getting a group together to welcome the new superintendent. Miller said she is putting together a committee of the cultural groups in the area to plan an event to welcome Peter Kudlak. She said she's asking every one to bring a new person to the committee for leadership training; and

- After the motion was made to adjourn, Frazier said she had to speak. "We have to resolve what is hanging over our heads – the four teachers not in the classrooms." She said this has brought dissension, heartbreak, students have been affected and their learning. She said the attorneys have not billed the district lately because they know

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2015 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.41	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

Lead And Copper Testing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2015. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance

This report was prepared by Mr. Mark Gaworecki, Water System Operator for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the water provider. The City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

Public Participation

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at www.glwater.org.

City Comments

We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year. Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 493 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 19:
 0019 – noise complaint, Basswood Circle
 0201 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
 0425 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
 0603 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.
 0726 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
 0754 – missing person, Ecorse Rd.
 1050 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
 1447 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
 1630 – private property accident, Belleville Rd. / Venetian Ave.
 1635 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
 1723 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
 1813 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
 1850 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River Dr.
 2019 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
 2313 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty BP
 2326 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr., cancel
Monday, June 20:
 0847 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
 1000 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 1128 – private property accident, America
 1132 – abandoned auto, Jackson Ln.
 1222 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
 1423 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. Service Dr.
 1537 – private property incident, Sumpter Rd.
 1550 – disorderly conduct, Outer Dr.
 1558 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
 1651 – abandoned auto, Independence Ln. / Haggerty Rd.
 1742 – personal injury accident, I-94/Denton
 1818 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
 1943 – assault & battery, Hamilton Ct.
 2020 – agency assist, Edwards Rd.
 2058 – breaking & entering, S. Bellridge Dr.
Tuesday, June 21:
 0820 – assault & battery, Lohr Rd.
 1221 – trespassing, N. Woodbury Dr.
 1244 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
 1343 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa
 1504 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
 1530 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
 1557 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
 1633 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1741 – overdose, Tyler Rd.
 1920 – fraud, Harbor Club Pool
 2141 – ordinance violation, Van Buren Park
 2241 – suspicious person, Edison Lk.
 2259 – larceny, N. Ponderosa Trl.
 2324 – noise complaint, Aspen
 2324 – assault & battery, Ironwood Dr.
Wednesday, June 22:
 0028 – noise complaint, Aspen
 0049 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
 0057 – assault & battery, Westlake
 0123 – noise complaint, Westlake
 0314 – private property accident, Rawsonville
 0718 – water leak found, Ecorse Rd., cancel
 0835 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
 0858 – private property accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
 0934 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Belleville
 1321 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
 1342 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
 1345 – assault & battery, Johnny’s Hot Spot
 1516 – mental, N. Ponderosa Trl.
 1621 – trespassing, Western St.
 1844 – shots fired, Bemis Rd.
 2039 – agency assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
 2209 – assault & battery, Lancaster Dr.
 2219 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
 2220 – fight, Van Buren St.
 2255 – assault & battery, W. Adams
 2325 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Thursday, June 23:
 0255 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 0308 – larceny, Outer Dr.
 1010 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1128 – missing person, Belleville
 1313 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
 1424 – assault & battery, Bellridge Dr.
 1544 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
 1703 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.
 1935 – disorderly conduct, Ecorse
 2010 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/I-94
 2102 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
 2139 – narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.
 2232 – intimidation threat, Maurice Dr.
 2240 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
Friday, June 24:
 0132 – private property incident, Harbor Club
 0221 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.
 0418 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 0834 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Park
 1051 – mental, Endicott Ave.
 1253 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
 1330 – hospice, Haggerty Rd.
 1529 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
 1735 – assault & battery, Barkley St.
 1940 – suicide or attempt, Arthur St.
 1956 – liquor violation, E. Huron River Dr.
 2009 – liquor violation, E. Huron River Dr.
 2023 – narcotics crime, Beck Rd.
 2024 – liquor violation, W. Huron River Dr.
 2233 – noise complaint, Westlake
 2307 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
Saturday, June 25:
 0524 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
 0732 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
 1201 – intimidation threat, Jeremy Rd.
 1252 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/Van Born
 1349 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
 1428 – breaking & entering, N. Ponderosa Trl.
 1619 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 1843 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd.
 1934 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.
 2044 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
 2220 – fireworks, N. Woodbury Dr.
 2333 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 Also on this week’s log are 171 traffic stops, with 36 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and 27 in the City of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 19:
 0046 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
 0423 – motorist assist, Main St.
 0813 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.
 1009 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
 1011 – fraud, Professional Building
 1617 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Santa Clara
 1831 – found property, St. Anthony
 2221 – shots fired, Belle Villa/Carmell
 2246 – disturbance, Church St.
 2319 – family trouble, Dos Rios
Monday, June 20:
 0254 – suspicious situation, E. Columbia Ave.
 1304 – vehicle lockout, Lunch Box
 1731 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 4th St.
 1748 – follow up, Breakwater Ct.
 1756 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
 2203 – juvenile complaint, Henry St.
Tuesday, June 21:
 0110 – suspicious situation, Owen School
 0722 – assault & battery, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
 1358 – property check, Henry St.
 1405 – operating while intoxicated, Menlo Park Dr.
 1425 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
 1550 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
 1642 – traffic complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
 1728 – ordinance violation, Hillside Cemetery
 1752 – property damage accident, Main/Citizens
 2154 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
 2154 – suspicious person, Family Dollar
 2157 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd., dup.
 2206 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

2253 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
Wednesday, June 22:
 0720 – malicious destruction of property, Wexford
 1033 – private property accident, Main St.
 1049 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
 1140 – property damage, W. Columbia Ave./Main
 1414 – E-911 hand up/investigation, Third St.
 1458 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
 1621 – suspicious vehicle, Owen
 2203 – noise complaint, Owen Middle
Thursday, June 23:
 0005 – disorderly conduct, Carmell St.
 0533 – property check, Menlo Park
 1000 – agency assist, Main St./N. Liberty St.
 1053 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
 1252 – assist fire dept., Estrada
 1608 – background investigation, Main St.
 1614 – background investigation, Main St.
 2040 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
 2057 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
Friday, June 24:
 0100 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
 0240 – assist fire dept., Main St.
 0639 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
 1032 – assist fire dept., High St.
 1500 – intimidation threat, Main St.
 1553 – assist fire dept., South St.
 1631 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
 1843 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.
 2215 – warrant arrest, Main St.
Saturday, June 25:
 0253 – suspicious situation, Main St.
 0804 – hospice, Anaheim
 1225 – code enforcement, Wexford Ave.
 1442 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
 1639 – traffic complaint, Main St.
 1816 – harassment call, Main St.
 Also on this week’s log are 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 19:
 0126 – well-being check, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
 0622 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0715 – assist other agency, Bemis/Savage
 0824 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
 1110 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
 1201 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Arkona
 1406 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1435 – larceny, Greenmeadow
 1458 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1850 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2336 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
Monday, June 20:
 0938 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
 1110 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1511 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1710 – found property, Sumpter/Kozma
 1744 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter
 1833 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1840 – fight, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Tuesday, June 21:
 0007 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 0222 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0228 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
 0245 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0637 – civil dispute, Oregon
 0830 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0851 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
 0916 – property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood
 1018 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1049 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1206 – civil dispute, Oregon
 1422 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1556 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1649 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
 1827 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2014 – warrant arrest pick up, 21000 bl. Sumpter
Wednesday, June 22:
 0256 – civil dispute, New Mexico
 0956 – alarm, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1123 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1407 – juvenile complaint, Birch
 1934 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
 2005 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2133 – suspicious incident, Judd/Sumpter
 2142 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2210 – runaway juvenile, Birch
 2324 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Texas / California
Thursday, June 23:
 0359 – citizen assist, 6300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
 1048 – civil dispute, Birch
 1235 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 1242 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
 1337 – fraud complaint, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2208 – fireworks complaint, Stonecrest
Friday, June 24:
 0859 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
 1014 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1547 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
 1550 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd / Martinsville
 1608 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2020 – reckless driver, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2241 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
Saturday, June 25:
 0632 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 0948 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1126 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1818 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1857 – reckless driver, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 2046 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
 2134 – property damage accident, Sherwood/Judd
 2249 – fire dept. assist, California/Montana
 Also on this week’s log are 23 follow-up investigations, 46 miscellaneous details, 112 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

District Court officials meet with Romulus City Council on building plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Officials from the 34th District Court have met once with the Romulus City Council in a workshop session June 13 and will meet with the city again to discuss the court’s plans to build a new courthouse rather than renovate the current building as previously planned.

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green said the court is looking for an architect to give it a design for the new building that will not exceed \$14 million in cost.

Judge Green said the court has prepared a memo of understanding for the council that spells everything out in writing and, as of June 15, she said it was not yet signed.

“There has been some misunderstanding so we are putting it all in writing,” Judge Green said.

She said they started with plans to rebuild and expand the current courthouse on the Romulus City campus, but then estimated costs turned out to be about the same whether it was rebuilt or completely new.

She said the plan is to build the new courthouse at another location on the city campus and then raze the current building.

The court’s construction bond, which must include a full faith and credit guarantee from the City of Romulus, will be paid off completely through funds from the court with no cost to the city, Judge Green said.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 30** – David Gerald will be in concert playing Blues at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Thursday, June 30** – The first of six free Thursday classes begins at 6:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. Classes teach basic genealogical research and use of research tools for personal enrichment and to share with family. To reserve a place in the class contact Kathy Bailey at (734) 461-6133, (734) 660-1971, or kbailey@gmail.com.

• **Saturday, July 2** – All boys entering first through fifth grades are invited to a

Meet and Greet of Belleville Cub Scout Pack 924 from noon to 3 p.m. at Quirk Park. It's an afternoon of fun playing games and enjoying some good food. Dhiemstra3@gmail.com.

• **Thursday, July 7** – Midwest Dueling Pianos will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Friday, July 8** – Van Buren Township presents "Takin' it to the Park" from 1 to 4 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr. FREE. Sponsored by federal CDBG funds because the park is now considered to be in a low-income area. Free lunch between 1-2:30 p.m., while supplies last. Inflatables, games, crafts, music, face painting, entertainment.

• **Sunday, July 10** – The 10th Garden Walk, "Dally Down the Alley," runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the alley located adjacent to Roland Street in the City of Belleville, and all the gardens are accessible from that alley. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 at the alley on Garden Walk day.

• **Sunday, July 10** – Belleville Community Band Summer Concert begins at 4 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Yard Sale, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Antiques Appraisal Day, 3-7 p.m., all at the Belleville Area Museum.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Bugs Bedow & the Good Stuff (rock and soul) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Thursday, July 21** – Corktown Popes (Irish rock) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

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