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F R E E

Primary Election day is Tuesday, Aug. 2; polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, is Primary Election Day and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Van Buren Township all the candidates on the ballot are Democrats, so the winners of the primary will most likely win in the Nov. 8 general election.

One non-partisan candidate will be an addition to the race for four trustee seats on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

In a primary election, voters may vote either Republican or Democrat, but can't cross over on partisan candidates without spoiling the ballot.

The Democrats for township offices in Van Buren Township are:

- For supervisor: Phillip C. Hart, Brenda McClanahan and Kevin McNamara;
- For treasurer: Sharry Budd and Harry R. Roesch;
- For clerk: Incumbent Leon Wright is unopposed;
- For four trustee seats: Sherry A. Frazier, Kevin Martin, Reggie Miller, Albert

Three file for three seats open on Belleville Area District Library Board

July 21 was the deadline to file as a candidate in the Nov. 8 election for a four-year seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board.

The Wayne County Elections Division reports three candidates officially filed for the three seats open:

- Joy Cichewicz, 49885 Willis Road, Sumpter Township, an incumbent;
- John Juriga, 327 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, an incumbent;
- Alma Hughes-Grubbs, 47755 Bentley, Van Buren Township, a newcomer.

Michael Boelter, who has served since the beginning on the District Library Board, announced recently he would not seek reelection because of job constraints.

Ostrowski, Paul D. White, and Anthony Woodford.

In Sumpter Township there is one Republican running for township trustee. The rest are Democrats:

- For supervisor: John W. Morgan and Jay Bardell, II;
- For treasurer: Lydian May Graber and Alan Bates;
- For clerk: Deb Callison, Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., and Esther Hurst;

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8 file for 4 seats open on VB Public Schools Board of Education

July 26 at 4 p.m. was the deadline to file as a candidate in the Nov. 8 election for four-year seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery reports the following eight candidates have officially filed to be on the Nov. 8 ballot:

- **Keith L. Johnston**, 39848 E. Huron River Drive, Van Buren Township (Romulus mailing);
- **Susan K. Featheringill**, 50385 S. I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township;
- **Simone Pinter**, 48496 Ellen Court, Van Buren Township;
- **Darlene Loyer Gerick**, 47675 Martz Road, Van Buren Township;
- **Brent Mikulski**, 48792 Fifth Ave., Canton Township;
- **Victor De Libera**, 44723 Greenbriar, Van Buren Township;
- **David Peer**, 2511 S. Grove St., Ypsilanti Township' and
- **Kelly A. Owen**, 42607 Maude Ct., Van Buren Township.

The seats to be filled are now held by Brent Mikulski, Kelly Owen, Kathy Kovach and Martha Toth.



Photo courtesy of Scott Nichols

When the Department of Natural Resources employee working the boat launch next to the BYC clocked in for his shift on Friday night, he reportedly noticed this sinking, abandoned boat. Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said his department removed the boat from the lake and impounded it. He said the man named on the title lives in Oakland County. The person he sold it to was on the lake with the title, but it had not been properly transferred.

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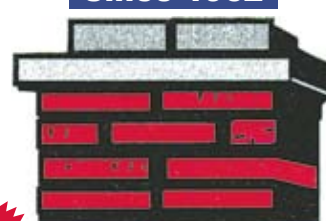
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville DDA allocates \$2,400 to fix damages to kayak/canoe launch

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Over the past few weeks, damage has been done to the kayak/canoe launch in Horizon Park in the City of Belleville.

At its regular meeting on July 20, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority allocated \$2,400 to pay for the replacement equipment and installation costs necessary to repair the structure.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson provided pictures showing the ADA bench support/sign holder that was removed in June and the two rollers removed from the launch in July.

Thompson said they have to replace the items stolen and figure out how to make it more secure, since the DDA has a contract with the Department of Natural Resources to maintain the launch. The MDNR paid for most of the launch project.

A bracket and instructions on how to use the ADA facility were taken and last week they were taking rollers, Thompson said.

Thompson said the rollers come in a set of five, at \$1,267, and the DDA just needs two now, but the others could be kept for future repairs. That would be the cost plus whatever they charge for installation, which was as yet undetermined.

Thompson said EZ Dock OIM of Caro charges \$600 each fall and spring for maintenance. She said they have filed a police report and their insurance has a \$1,000 deductible.

"They tore off the bracket from the boat launch, the bolts are gone, the brackets are gone and some bolt holes are damaged," she said.

Jim Chudzinski, who recently was named to the DDA, suggested some ideas to make it more secure and said he would find time to go out and look at it.

Thompson said one of the parts comes out for the winter months, so the bolt can't be welded in, as suggested.

"I think somebody stole it for the aluminum," Chudzinski said, noting what they need to do is make it more secure.

Kids probably pried up the rollers, he said, and they're probably lying at the bottom of the lake.

Thompson said, despite the no swimming signs, people have been swimming off and climbing up the launch which will eventually break it down. She provided pictures of more proposed signs for the launch.

"We have a contract with the MDNR that we will maintain it," Thompson said.

"We need to get it repaired and get it fixed ... and we need better security," Chudzinski said.

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams made a motion to allocate \$2,400 for repair, seconded by Vice Chair Denise Baker and the motion passed unanimously. It was noted some will be paid by insurance.

In other business at the 40-minute meeting July 20, the DDA:

- Discussed the District Maintenance 2016 Revised Calendar draft that outlines what the DDA would pay the city for maintenance in the DDA district. The previous agreement has expired and the City and DDA are negotiating for a new agreement. The DDA wants to cut back and has gone out for bids. A possible private contractor for mowing parks and municipal property is being considered and changes in weed control, along with a suggestion for using Act 51 funds for snow plowing major streets. Kelly Bates, new president of Victoria Commons Homeowners Association pointed out some things that need to be done at Village Park. She asked about replacing the aerators with fountains, but was told that was too expensive; and

- Was informed that ten pieces of Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside/Out art will be installed at locations around Belleville within the DDA district and will stay until October. The installation date is scheduled for July 28. In 2011 there were six paintings installed by the DIA.

School Board approves contract with secretaries with 1.25% increase

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A 1.25% increase in the salary schedule for the 2016-17 school year was approved for the 15 educational secretaries by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at a special meeting Monday.

School Supt. Peter Kudlak said it was agreed to change the current MESSA health insurance to a higher deductible MESSA plan, with an agreement to look at other providers in the fall.

Because of the switch to the higher deductible MESSA insurance, which saves both the secretaries and the district money, it allowed the district to agree to the 1.25% increase in the salary schedule, he said.

The Van Buren Association of Educational Secretaries ratified the one-year contract agreement on July 21.

The parties agreed to continue negotiations on all provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement prior to Sept. 30.

Supt. Kudlak said this salary increase does not yet boost their pay to where it was



The Van Buren Area Little League Boys Intermediate (50/70) Division were the District 16 District Champions, going on to play at the Little League State Tournament in Jenison, MI, the week of July 11. The team is made up of 13 boys, ages 11-13, and it faced tough competition in the five-day tournament. The team played Cheboygan Little League, Taylor Little League, and, finally, Georgetown Little League. Holding the flag in front are Caleb Hayre, left, and Jack Winter, right. In the front row, from left, are Thomas Leese, Jackson Littleleson, Nathan Antolin, Logan Drogowski, and Evan Rickard. In the second row, from left, are Zack Dorton, Jonah McLaughlin, C.J. Alvarado, Dylan Gray, Landon Kelly, and Jett Isaacs. The coaches are in back, from left Bill Drogowski, Jeremy Gray, and Jeremy McLaughlin.



Mary Jo Suchy was installed as the new 2016-17 Belleville Rotary Club President by District 6400 Governor Sue Goldsen at the club's July 12 meeting. Gov. Goldsen also installed the other members of the board of directors. From left are Susan Richardson, Michael Aimone, Debra Green, Phillip Miller, Gov. Goldsen, club president Suchy, and Julie Hardy, immediate past president. Suchy is director of the Belleville Area District Library.

a few years ago when employees took "the big hit."

Trustee Kathy Kovach, a former school secretary, said she was glad to see this pay boost because secretaries work hard in the district.

"They are the first face you see when you come into a school," she said. "They are the district's ambassadors. And, they all live in this district."

President Brent Mikulski was the only board member absent at Monday's meeting, so vice president Martha Toth presided and added another item to the agenda: the resignation of Financial Director Shareen Barker.

Supt. Kudlak said Barker's resignation, as of Aug. 5, had been accepted by the board and she now has asked to stay in the job.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

This is a very important election: Vote Tues., Aug. 2

In Van Buren Township every candidate is a Democrat on the township ballot for local offices next Tuesday, so whoever wins on Tuesday will probably win in November. The important decisions will be made Tuesday.

There is a non-partisan candidate that will be on the ballot in November and maybe others, but the strongest candidates will fight it out Aug. 2.

In Sumpter Township it's pretty-much the same story – all Democratic candidates on the primary ballot, with but one Republican trustee candidate. That candidate will face off in November with the four Democratic trustee winners from Tuesday's decision.

In Sumpter there are two Democratic slates running, but voters have to fill out the ballot one name at a time and slates are not listed on the ballot.

The State Representative decision is different in Sumpter (District 17) from Van Buren Township, which has two different State Rep. districts within its borders (Districts 12 and 21).

Kind of confusing, but the right district names will be on your ballot.

This is an exciting time and by next Wednesday morning we should have an idea of what our township leadership will look like for the next four years.

Then it will be on to November, when we will be asked to make other important decisions. Voting is so very important in these troubled times. Don't forget to vote!

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I received a call from Derek, one of our readers, who took exception to a quote from Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman in last week's paper. Chief Berriman is quoted as saying: "I'm proud of the citizens in this community for standing behind us."

My caller said many of the black members of the community in the City of Belleville feel the department is racist because it doesn't have any black officers.

"A lot of blacks feel uncomfortable with that," he said, noting that when he talked to Chief Berriman about it a while back, the chief said no blacks apply and that the city does have a black officer in its volunteer Reserve unit. (Now, there are two.)

"I personally know of two officers that applied," Derek said. He said he has no problem with police and his wife has been with U.S. Customs for 20 years.

"I hope it changes here," Derek said. "We need law enforcement, but there are quite a few minorities in town."

I agreed that that the department should look like the community.

Derek said they have been talking about this subject at church and someone at the church is affiliated with Black Lives Matter, which could be brought into the discussion.

"We should have black, white, Hispanic officers," Derek said. "That could cause a law suit because of what's going on nationwide. We love our police officers, but we just want it to be fair."

John McErlane, one of the owners of Great Lakes Towing in Van Buren Township, said he was disappointed at the comments attributed to Reg Ion at the July 19 VBT



Board meeting.

John said his company is called by VBT Police when a towing is needed. He said whenever they tow, they clean up an accident scene and there is a place in paperwork for police to sign off on the cleanup.

He said Ion was wrong in the amount they charge for towing. He said they charge \$110 for the tow, plus \$25 per day impoundment charge. He said he looked up the accident at the Beck Road/South Ecorse Service Drive intersection and their records show the charge was \$345 total which includes both cars.

He said people are always unhappy when their car is towed and impounded.

John said if the cleanup by their driver was missed for some reason, they didn't know because the police never called. He said he wished Reg would have called them, but we agreed Reg probably didn't like them because of the incident with his son's car.

John said they don't just go out looking for cars to tow. The police call them and then they tow.

He said his company charges a fair rate and, "We don't try to get rich off of one tow." Reg had stated a figure of \$12,000 that Great Lakes got for towing in that accident without cleaning up.

John said that figure is definitely incorrect. Later, Reg said it was just a figure pulled out of the air to illustrate the company

charges whatever it wants.

Reg Ion suggested I ask the public to report to me how much a tow, ordered by any local police department, cost them. It would be nice if they still had a receipt to prove it, he said.

Feel free to call me at (734) 699-9020 with your tow charge. A name and call-back number would be nice. Or, you can email me at rotzman@ameritech.net.

This year's Battle for Belleville is being set up for Aug. 19, the Friday of the Thunder over Michigan Air Show weekend at Willow Run. We've been told they will be expanding the event that uses WWII vehicles and fighters in U.S. Army and German uniforms in downtown Belleville.

We have to wait until a city council meeting (probably Aug. 1) for a more precise description of what they are planning. That's when the council is expected to give its OK.

The City of Belleville Fire Department has passed its Basic Life Support inspection and will be running BLS-rated service in a few days, as soon as it gets paperwork from the state. The state did its inspection on July 18.





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Letters

Information on Sumpter Twp. millage renewals

To the Residents of Sumpter Township:

Did you know that both millages for the Sumpter Township Police Department are up for **RENEWAL** on Aug. 2? These two millages are extremely important to the operation of the police department ... your police department.

Voters will be asked to decide on both renewals, which together represent 3 mills and generate approximately \$965,000 for the police department. This figure is about 40% of the department's total operating budget, with the remaining funds coming from the township's General Fund. Again, these are simply renewals of the two millages that we've operated under for the last five years and in no way represent any kind of increase.

These two important renewals enable the police department to continue providing quality law enforcement services to Sumpter Township citizens and others who come to our township to visit or are just passing through. Just last year, Sumpter Township was rated by Safewise as the 34th safest municipality in Michigan (based on municipalities with a population more than 5,000). We strive to continue that positive ranking for our citizens in the future.

"With community partnership as our foundation, we will enhance the quality of life, seek solutions to community problems and foster a sense of peace and security for all individuals within our township." These words are found in the police department's mission statement and represent our core goals. With your continued support and community partnership, the future looks bright as we work together to keep Sumpter safe.

The ballot wording on Aug. 2 will be as follows:

MILLAGE RENEWAL #1: **POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$322,439.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

[] Yes
 [] No

MILLAGE RENEWAL #2: **POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied for 6 years, 2016 through 2021 inclusive for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated \$644,878.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

[] Yes
 [] No

**REMEMBER, THESE ARE MILLAGE RENEWALS NOT INCREASES.
 PLEASE VOTE ON AUG. 2.**

Sincerely,
 Eric Luke, Chief of Police
 Sumpter Township Police Dept.

There are three ballots in Van Buren Township

To the Editor:

F.Y.I.: The Van Buren Township sample ballot you printed in the paper a few weeks ago is the sample ballot for Precincts 1 and 2 of Van Buren Township only.

Precinct 3's ballot contains both the Michigan's 12th House District (Erika Geiss) and the 21st House District (Kristy Pagan), whereas Precincts 4 and 5 are in the 12th House District (Erika Geiss). Both are current MI State Representatives seeking re-election.

Van Buren Township actually has three different ballots this election cycle. People in Precinct 3 should exercise caution to only vote for the State Rep. in the District in which they live (12th or 21st) as they could cause their ballot to be spoiled and their vote for State Rep won't count.

I know some readers were concerned when they did not see State Rep. Erika Geiss on the sample ballot that you published.

Thanks for all you do.

Debbie Chamberlain
 Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Thanks for pointing this out and we're sorry we didn't do justice to the 12th District that cuts into the northeast side of Van Buren Township and takes in Haggerty Sub.

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To the Editor:

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Jeff Green

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More Letters

Sumpter kids: Sign up by Aug. 10 for supplies

To the Editor:

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is sponsoring a Back-to-School Fun Day Aug. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. It will be held at Graham Park in Sumpter Township at Sumpter and Wear roads.

We will be giving away school supplies for the school age children of Sumpter. You must register to receive supplies. You can register at (734) 461-1767.

Please come out and spend the afternoon. We will be serving refreshments and there will be activities, games, and prizes.

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Obituaries



Rita Komora

RITA F. KOMORA

(January 28, 1933 - July 23, 2016)

Rita F. Komora, age 83, a lifelong Sumpter Township and Belleville resident.

Rita is the loving wife of the late Michael (d.1994); beloved mother of Steven (Eda) Komora of Belleville and Michelle (David) Lockwood of Belleville; cherished grandmother of Amy, Tomari, Amanda, Steven, Gary and David.

Rita is also survived by a great-grandson George, and siblings Dolores Greca of Belleville, Eunice Brighton of Tecumseh and Robert Mock of Georgia. Sadly, she is preceded in death by two sons, Dennis and Gary Komora.

Born on January 28, 1933 in Belleville to Joseph and Celia Greca, Rita was a longtime parishioner of St. Anthony's Church. She enjoyed ceramics and reupholstering. Times with her family and her fellow senior friends from the Sumpter Senior Activity Center were fond memories for Rita. She will be missed.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 29, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. She will lay in state one hour prior to prayers at 11 a.m.. Deacon Peter Cornell will officiate at her service. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours have been arranged from 2 until 8 p.m. Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Donald Bosman, Sr.

DONALD BOSMAN, SR.

(January 8, 1928 - July 23, 2016)

Bosman, Donald, Sr., age 88, of Van Buren Township died July 23, 2016. Loving husband of the late Glenice. Beloved father of Sharon (Luis) Torregrosa, Donald, Jr. (Lisa) and the late John Arthur. Proud Grandpa of Carlos (Abby), the late Jeff, Josh, Suzanne and Nate.

He was a proud veteran of WWII. He loved to work with wood and every year would make a large quantity of hand-crafted toys to donate to the Toys for Tots holiday drive.

Donald will lie in state Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 1255 E. Forest Ave, Ypsilanti, until the time of service at 5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti. To share a memory visit www.martenson.com.

LAUREEN P. RUNYAN

(January 10, 1958 - July 19, 2016)

Laureen Patrice Runyan, age 58, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born January 10, 1958 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Diane Reeves.

Laureen is survived by her loving companion of 8 years, Troy Cooley of Ypsilanti; three children Cathy Cady of Belleville, MI, Steve Runyan of Mt. Clemens, MI and Trinity Cooley of Ypsilanti, MI; one granddaughter Kristin Wright; three siblings Steve (Linda) Lazenby of Romulus, MI, Karen Goshen of Taylor, MI and Jeff Reeves of Alabama; also several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Laureen loved to read and gardening. She was a huge college football fan and loved the Michigan Wolverines and the Detroit Red Wings too.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private celebration of life service is being planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nichols Botanical Gardens or Huron Valley Humane Society and would be appreciated by her family.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Smeart Heart Foundation announces three scholarships

Smeart Heart Foundation announces the 2016-17 scholarship award winners: Sarah Nickelson of Monroe, Jared Anderson of Bay City, and Mackenzie Lampe of Whitmore Lake.

Smeart Heart Foundation has been a Michigan non-profit since August 2014. It was founded by a small group of people whose lives were impacted by Congenital Heart Disease (CHD). The vision of celebrating and recognizing the challenges of living with CHD through a scholarship program is now a reality.

When her son was making plans to go to college, Suzanne Eidson of Van Buren Township noticed the lack of scholarships for young people with congenital heart defects, like him and laid the foundation for Smeart Heart.

CHD is the #1 birth defect, affecting one in every 125 babies. The number of adults 18 and older, however, with CHD outnumbers the number of children with CHD in Michigan.

Smeart Heart is hosting its second-annual "Hearts & Games Night" from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, Livonia 48152. CHD families and those who support them are all invited to join in. One-hundred percent of the silent auction proceeds supports the scholarship fund.

For more information and to register, see: www.smeartheart.org, "Smeart Heart Foundation" on Facebook, and "Hearts & Games Night" on Facebook.

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VBT: Cast your votes for Kevin McNamara

To the Editor:

It is said: "Beaten paths are for beaten men." This is certainly the case regarding the path Philip Hart has taken us down over the years with his bad decisions and leadership.

It is time to blaze a new trail! We face financial ruin as a result of Hart's poor decisions on our behalf. To navigate the storm we face proven, responsible leadership is required.

Kevin McNamara was drafted by citizens of Van Buren Township to restore stability to our township. McNamara did not want to make this run out of party loyalty to Hart. For the good of the order, McNamara was told he must reconsider. Fortunately, Kevin McNamara agreed to become our supervisor and give us the quality of leadership we require and deserve.

For the good of VBT, cast your approval vote for Kevin McNamara for supervisor.

Thank you,
Charles Tackett
Van Buren Township and Florida

VBT voters need to replace Budd, Hart

To the Editor:

People of Van Buren Township, your votes are needed Aug. 2 to replace Treasurer Sharry Budd and Phil Hart. We have been paying these career politicians for 20 years. Now they want to raise the residents' taxes to cover their poor decisions.

Hart and Budd initiated the Visteon bond agreement that we still owe over \$40,000,000 on and we don't even have a lien on the property.

Hart and Budd agreed to run the Public Safety Dept. using blended rate police officers costing hundreds of thousands in overtime each year.

Hart and Budd have approved many tax abatements for manufacturing, leaving the residents to foot the bill for loss of public safety funding and school tax revenue.

We need a fresh crop of township officials, with fresh ideas and not the same old career politicians looking to the residents for a bail-out.

Diane Madigan
Former Chair Public Safety Committee
Van Buren Township

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It has been an honor, privilege to serve you

To the Editor:

After 16 years of service as a Van Buren Township Trustee I have decided not to run for re-election and will not be on the ballot this year. I have enjoyed serving the community as a Trustee but simply feel that the time has come for me to retire from elected office.

Based on my experience on the township board, I enthusiastically endorse the election of Phillip C. Hart as Supervisor and the re-election of Sharry A. Budd as Treasurer. Without a doubt, they are the most qualified candidates for these positions.

Sharry is a longtime resident and understands the needs of our community. Many years ago, I graduated from Belleville High School with her late husband, Bill. Before his death last March, Bill and his brother ran the family farm and sold the best corn in the area.

Sharry has served this community as a member of the school board and, for the last 20 years, as the Township Treasurer. She has been a valuable member of the Township Board and we have relied on her knowledge and expertise in budget and financial matters. Sharry has served as the Board Representative to the Senior Endowment Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Community Development Block Grant program and the South Huron Valley Wastewater Authority. Her institutional knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the new Board.

I first met Phil Hart over 20 years ago when we served together on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals. We have served together on the Township Board where Phil has been a Trustee for five terms. Over the years I have come to appreciate Phil's dedication to serving the interests of our residents. He conscientiously studies the issues and is always well-prepared for our meetings. Many times we have discussed and even agonized over matters. Phil has applied his education and professional management experience to the issues facing the township. I admire his professional approach to problem solving that has been a real contribution to the Board. Phil has lived in this community for 33 years and his daughters both graduated from Belleville High School. Like Sharry Budd, he also understands the problems and needs of our community. I know that he is very concerned about the future of our township. He has

participated in many training sessions and seminars concerning township government and earned a certificate as a Citizen Planner. Phil's education, management training and experience, and years of service to the township make him the most qualified candidate to lead our township into the future.

I urge you to vote for PHILLIP C. HART and SHARRY A. BUDD on Aug. 2. Thank you for trusting me as a Board Member for the last 16 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey L. Jahr, Trustee
Van Buren Township

My choice for supervisor is Trustee Phillip Hart

To the Editor:

On Aug. 2 we will elect a new Van Buren Township Supervisor who will take the oath of office in November. My choice is Trustee Phillip Hart.

Hart and his wife have lived in our community for over 30 years and they have two daughters. He is a proven advocate for the community. He is not a full-time career politician; he recently completed a 38-year career at the Ford Engineering Center where he held multiple technical and management positions. He controlled multimillion-dollar budgets and managed projects and people internationally. He understands how important effective leadership is to an organization. Hart will also leverage the relationships he has built with other elected officials to get the job done.

It is clear that his opponents lack leadership and an understanding of local

township government; it is apparent in their literature. They also lack a record of supporting the community. One opponent is a career Wayne County politician. Kevin McNamara was soundly defeated in his recent bid for a Wayne County elected position. I was told the comment was made to many people that he is running for Supervisor because he needs a job. Has he ever attended a township board meeting in the last few years? How could he begin to understand the issues we face?

This former Wayne County Commissioner would bring a lack of leadership to our township and we simply cannot afford for this to happen. We have had too much of that already. His work resulted in huge severance payouts to departing political appointees, eliminating healthcare coverage for retirees, reducing services to seniors by cutting Meals on Wheels funding, failed jail project and deplorable roads, to mention a few.

We also cannot forget the huge special tax levied by Wayne County against our properties on our last tax bill (this hurt many of us, especially our seniors and others on a fixed income); again, poor planning. He

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did not have to pay this huge tax because he is not a property owner. He is also making promises that are either unrealistic or have already been accomplished. He does not understand the totality of the Visteon bond issue and we cannot allow him to screw up future resolution to this important local matter.

Hart's remaining opponent, Brenda McClanahan, says she supports public safety, but was the only board member that did not support the public safety millage. If there ever was a time to support public safety, it is now. She is also not engaged at the board table but defends that position by saying she works behind the scene. What does that mean? What about transparency? She has never raised her hand to take on special assignments unlike several board members, including Hart. Just ask her what

her accomplishments have been.

She also asked several township unions for their endorsement. She was endorsed by one (patrol / dispatch union), primarily due to the union president who is helping her on the campaign. This begs the question, "What has she promised them"? She also displays a picture of her and other police union heads, stating she is grateful for their support. Many feel this is misleading as no other unions have supported her (you decide). This behavior has already caused conflict with union membership (see June 16, *Independent*, Pg. 8 titled "Sgt. Devos criticizes politics in police dept.").

Both opponents want to make the schools better, but do not explain how. Of course, all candidates want our schools to be the best they can be, however managing education is not a function of the Supervisor's office. It is the duty of the elected School Board and funds cannot be intermingled by law. One opponent promises free college education. Although this is admirable, this is a private-sector, charitable endeavor and one which he could have already been working on.

Unlike his opponents, I do not believe Hart is making promises that he cannot keep, just to get your vote. He understands the importance of public safety; he has a consistent and long standing record of supporting public safety initiatives.

Hart has been endorsed by Region 1A UAW, the largest automotive union in our region. He has also been endorsed by the community in each of his Township Trustee re-election bids. I encourage you to visit Hart's website www.phillipchart.com to learn about him and his campaign. I believe you will agree that Phil Hart is the right choice for Supervisor.

Ron Malmsten

Longtime Van Buren resident

Brenda McClanahan for VBT Supervisor

To the Editor:

Brenda McClanahan has committed most of her working life to public service. Brenda also comes from a family of dedicated public servants. Her father, her husband, and her daughter are all public servants. Public service is a calling that many citizens feel compelled to perform. I'm sure you have heard the stories of young people who joined the armed forces after the 911 attacks on the United States. Many citizens who witness crime and victimization in our communities likewise feel compelled to step-up and become a part of the solutions to the problems that plague our society. Brenda is one of those citizens who stepped-up and answered the call for solutions.

Brenda feels so strongly about public service she dedicated herself to obtaining the type of education necessary to train, lead, and manage other public servants. She has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be a great Township Supervisor. She served as police command officer leading police officers, a college professor teaching public budgeting to college graduate students at Saginaw Valley State University, and she has served as a Van Buren School Board Vice President and a Van Buren Township Trustee.

Supervising and managing police officers in the performance of their dangerous police duties requires police experience in addition to specialized skills, special training, and specific knowledge. Teaching public budgeting to college graduate students requires a very high level of specialized education, training, and commitment to demands of higher education. Serving as the School Board Vice President and Van Buren Township Trustee required dedication and commitment to both needs of our educational system and the needs of our community.

For many years Brenda has answered the call to provide solutions to our communities. She placed herself in dangerous assignments as a police officer to mitigate crime and victimization. She led police officers into dangerous police missions and brought them back safely. She accepted a teaching assignment to teach college graduate students the art and science of public budgeting. She served the needs of both our public education system and our local community. These are the reasons I'm completely confident

that Brenda will make a great Van Buren Township Supervisor.

Brenda McClanahan has stepped-up and answered the call in our communities for a generation. Now it's your turn to step-up and answer the call to elect a tough, tested, and proven Van Buren Township Supervisor on Aug. 2, 2016. For more information about Brenda's knowledge, skills, and abilities please visit www.electbrenda.com and view her resume on her Website, and please vote Aug. 2, 2016 for Brenda McClanahan for Van Buren Township Supervisor.

Carl McClanahan, M.S.

Former Public Safety Director
Van Buren Township

No, I can't vote for Brenda McClanahan

To the Editor:

With incredulous disbelief I read the article submitted by Adam Byrd in the July 21st edition of the *Independent* newspaper wherein he "humbly" asked the public to join him in supporting Ms. Brenda McClanahan for Van Buren Township Supervisor in the August primary. This is the same woman who, as Van Buren Public School Board Vice President, supported the selection of Michael Van Tassel to the position of School Superintendent.

Mr. Byrd went on to boast that Ms. McClanahan "helped balance an unbalanced school budget." Really? When Van Tassel and his former Human Resource Director Ms. Shonta Langford Green, along with a majority of very irresponsible school board trustees, managed to sever (caused teachers to leave under duress) or failed to renew the contracts of more than 164 well-paid and long-tenured school teachers in this district you might better understand how that budget was balanced. It could also explain the expenditures for hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney fees and out-of-court settlements that have been doled out to remedy numerous law suits filed by teachers who have sued the district for reasons associated with Van Tassel's performance as a school administrator.

Hiring new or less-experienced educators is one way to save money, which I'm sure Ms. McClanahan could easily recognize with her educational background in finance? This community is still reeling from the adversity that she helped create. Meanwhile, in her 5-Point Political Platform she further expresses her ability to "analyze and administer a township budget." I wish she could analyze how we are supposed to replace our worn-out fire department equipment and vehicles when she was the only township trustee to openly oppose the recent 6.5 mill Dedicated Public Safety Millage Proposal; an effort spearheaded by POLC President Adam Byrd, one in the same campaign manager!

Ms. McClanahan goes on to say that she will "prioritize" our safety and identify our

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concerns? Really, prioritize our safety? That sounds like political rhetoric for selective enforcement! And then she goes on to dispel the demons of low morale and poor work environment in the township office -- whatever that is? She also uses the tired "premier service analogy" that she exhorts, "will ensure that we are treated with dignity and respect." I've lived in this community going on 29 years and I've always been treated with respect and dignity by every employee in the township! These people are my friends and neighbors and some of them even grew up with my children into adulthood.

I could go on, but there is very little substance in her remaining statement. She simply mirrors what is already practiced and expected of our township leadership, "Work with internal and external partners and stakeholders to move the township in the right direction." And people accused Mrs. Trump of plagiarism. Really?

If you want to actually judge Ms. McClanahan's leadership capabilities I would suggest that you tune in to TV Channel 12 and view the July 19 board meeting that she chaired in the absence of Supervisor Combs, or you could just as easily go to the Van Buren Township web page and use the "streaming" format to select this particular meeting. After nearly eight years of school board and township board meetings you'd think a highly educated individual such as she could properly conduct a meeting, but she couldn't! Sorry Mr. Byrd I can't and won't vote for your candidate.

CeJay Marshall, Resident
Van Buren Township

Belleville profits from Bayou's car show

To the Editor:

Effective Aug. 29, 2016, the Belleville Car show will end for the season and/or forever. It has been brought to our attention that Mr. Elliott and the Belleville Independent feel all of the people that have worked so hard to bring business to our town, successfully we might add, are nothing but "Inverted Socialists" and do not care for this town.

The town of Belleville has profited from this car show with only one of the businesses paying all of the costs. We have brought some life to this town and brought many new people that never knew what our town was all about. We have people coming from Clarkston, Rochester, Monroe and several different car clubs, Corvette, Mustang etc.

Most of us, that are part of this wonderful car show, are lifetime Belleville residents and felt that this was a great way to bring new people into our town. It has given people something to do (that don't have boats), the kids were always excited when

they looked at the cars AND it never cost the families anything to come down.

We at the Bayou Grill have always put people before profit. If you have any doubt, Mr. Elliott or the Belleville Independent, ask First United Methodist about the 800 cans of fruit and vegetables that we drop off every holiday season or what about the Belleville Police Department on the donation to the new vests or what about the 40 residents that were burned out of their apartments at Water's Edge that were given free meals for 2 months until they got back on their feet. There are way too many for me to mention.

What about Egan's Pub (John & Jen Winter) and what they have done? Bringing the Witch Fest to Belleville or how about the Winterfest Four Mile run that brought so many people to this town along with numerous fundraisers that they have put on. I guess all that was only for profit, right? Bet not.

There are many businesses in this town that do great things for our residents. Now it is up to Mr. Elliott and the Belleville Independent to come up with some other ideas to bring new faces to our town.

I will be very surprised if this letter is printed. The Independent only prints certain items, not everything.

Best Wishes,

Brian & Mary Copsey – The Bayou Grill
Dawn King and the car show staff

Editor's Note: The letters that appear in our letters' section do not represent the thoughts of the *Independent*. We print everyone's point of view.

Mr. Elliott: You still have freedom of choice

To the Editor:

With your permission, I would like to address Mr. Tom Elliott regarding his letter about the weekly car show in Belleville demonstrating "inverted socialism."

Mr. Elliott, I am still scratching my head

about your term "inverted socialism." I am going to take a stab at understanding you and assume that what you mean is that the DDA has infringed upon your freedom to drive on a certain portion of Main Street one evening a week during the summer.

In turn, this infringement inconveniences your desire to dine out at a variety of Belleville area restaurants. You are ticked off by this inconvenience and you wish that DDA would discontinue the car shows, and especially discontinue closing Main Street for community activities. After all, this is America, and we are supposed to have freedom of movement and freedom of association, right?

But, just how limited is your freedom of choice on Monday evenings during the summer in Belleville, MI? Let's brainstorm for a minute and see what possible choices you still have: you could 1) enjoy meatless Monday dinners in the lovely company of your wife, 2) eat at a restaurant on the fringes of Belleville, not immediately affected by the temporary road closure, 3) embrace the community event by patronizing one of the restaurants in the closed zone and taking the time to get to know neighbors and visitors to the area who attend the car show, 4) eat at a restaurant away from Belleville, and plan not to come home until after Main Street re-opens or 5) rant and rave and have your hissy fit published in a newspaper.

You still have access to all of these options because Belleville is not completely closed off; you just may need to take a detour from your regular route on Monday evenings. My list is by no means exhaustive. You may choose different options different weeks. With creativity, you could come up with more options.

My list includes only options that are legal. As far as I know, each option is also within moral boundaries. I don't necessarily think that they are all equal in benefitting you and the people with whom you share this community. But, hey, this is America. You are free to choose.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Verde, Belleville

Car show is only one day a week, fives hours a day

To the Editor:

Why are people complaining about the car show? It is only one day a week for five hours a day. It doesn't block traffic on the roads.

There are a lot of people that enjoy bringing their cars there to show them and I am one of them. So quit crying about it and let it go on so people can enjoy themselves.

Thank you,

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Primary Election

(continued from page 1)

• For four trustee seats: Jerry Anderson, Jr., Don LaPorte, Peggy Morgan, Matt Oddy, Jennifer Price, Ronald Barrington Robinson, Jane Stalmack, and Don Swinson. On the Republican side of the ballot, Tim Rush is running for trustee.

In Van Buren Township, Kristy Pagan, a Democrat, is running for reelection as State Representative in the 21st district, with Derek Moss on the Republican side of the ballot. In the 12th district is Erika Geiss.

In Sumpter Township, Bill LaVoy, a Democrat, is running for reelection as State Representative in the 17th district, with Joseph Bellino, Jr. on the Republican side

of the ballot.

Debbie Dingell, a Democrat, is running for reelection to Congress in the 12th district, which encompasses Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township. On the Republican side of the ballot she is opposed by Jeff Jones.

There are no Republicans on the ballot for Wayne County offices, so the primary election will determine the winners:

- For Prosecuting Attorney, Incumbent Kym Worthy is unopposed;
- For sheriff: Dickie White, Shelly L. Milton, and Benny N. Napoleon;
- For clerk: Adam Salam Adamski and Cathy M. Garrett;
- For treasurer: Eric Sabree and Beverly Kindle-Walker;

• For register of deeds: LaMar Lemmons, Riccardo R. Moore, and Bernard J. Youngblood;

• For county commissioner, 11th district: Incumbent A. Haidous is unopposed.

In the non-partisan section of the ballot, 21 candidates are running for four seats on the Third Circuit Court, non-incumbent positions.

There are two countywide proposals on the ballot: One for continuation of the Wayne County Parks Millage and one to renew the Wayne County Zoological Millage.

In Sumpter Township only there are also two proposals for renewals of police protection millages and one proposal for a renewal of the fire protection millage.

For more information on all of the

candidates and proposals, see the election information put on line by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at VOTE411.org.

The League recently held candidate forums for the Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township elections.

Recordings of those forums can be seen on the League's website: LWVnorthwestwayne.org (in the "Calendar" section). Also, the League's print voter guides are available at the Belleville Area District Library.

Jacob Johnson is Repub. write-in for Wayne County Commissioner

My name is Jacob Paul Johnson and I am running as a write-in candidate for the office of Wayne County Commissioner for the 11th district on the Republican ticket in the August primary and November general elections. I am sending you this letter to announce my candidacy.

I am 23 years old and I have lived in the area for my entire life. Grew up and went to school in the City of Wayne. Have seen the county through great times and bad times. I feel that a great time will come again if we work together and are honest with each other.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Concert Lakeside continues tonight with Billy Craig (country) beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. In case of rain, the concert will take place across the street inside Belleville United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The concert is free.

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The 1st-Annual Belleville Car Show is happening this Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Church of God on Hull Road. The first 25 cars to register get a free T-Shirt. See their ad in today's paper for details.

Coneys are just 99 cents during the month of August at the Belleville A & W on West Columbia. No coupon needed. The business is open during construction. Call (734) 699-1800.

The Belleville Community Band will be performing a free concert this Sunday, July 31, at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The public is invited.

"50 Years of Air Warfare" is the program at the Yankee Air Museum on Wednesday, Aug. 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The open-to-the-public program will feature author Lon O. Nordeen and a presentation on the development strategies and technological advancements during the past 50 years of worldwide aerial conflict. Call (734) 483-4030.

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Next Tuesday is Election Day in our state and I'd like to say good luck to all the local candidates and thank you for advertising your campaign with us. I enjoyed working with you.

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



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Upcoming Meetings

- 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.

- Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

Birthdays

- July 25 – Dennis Fassett
 July 28 – Janet Schonscheck
 July 29 – Paula Ashton
 July 30 – Mark Tooley
 July 31 -- Linda Maton
 Aug. 5 – Anna Loranger

Do you have a birthday in August? 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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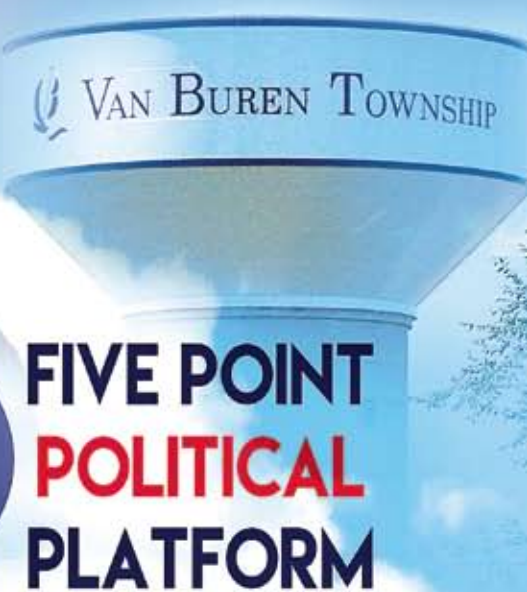
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2 – Making Public Safety, and the community's interest a first priority

- ✓ I will make sure our township is a safe place to live, enjoy, and raise a family.
- ✓ I will recommend to our Board of Trustees a budget to address your concerns and prioritize safety.

3 – Fair and equitable policy administration

- ✓ Our employees are the backbone of our township government.
- ✓ Our employees deserve fair and equitable management practices, and a Township Supervisor who manages using best practices to create a higher morale and a great working environment.
- ✓ I will partner with our directors and unions to achieve the highest possible level of customer service to our citizens.

4 – Creating a premier customer services based government

- ✓ As your next Township Supervisor I will manage the organization in such a manner that will ensure you are treated with dignity and respect by all township employees.

5 – Work with internal and external community partners and stakeholders to move the township in the right direction

- ✓ I will work with our directors, outside consultants, and stakeholders to find and utilize best practices to manage our township government.
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Moose Lodge #934 at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township received a very-generous gift from David C. Brown and on Sunday some officers gathered for a picture with the new playscape for children that he provided. From left are Jim Chudzinski, Shelly Brown, Chudzinski holding Seth, David C. Brown, Moose manager Robert Coutts, Martha Brown, Ron Heuser, Craig Daroci, Hank Heuser, and Bill Lawler. Coutts said that children in the neighborhood are welcome to come by and use the playscape.

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Monday, August 8 (No Carnival)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 8 am Swine Show - Livestock Pavilion
 11 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 6 pm Sheep Show - Livestock Pavilion
 8 pm Fair Royalty Announcement - Patio

Tuesday, August 9

(Seniors Day - 55 & Older - Free Parking)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am Poultry Show - Poultry Barn
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$1.00 Ride Day
 5 pm Pony Pull - Track
 5 pm Senior Basket Raffle - Community Arts
 6 pm Goat Show - Livestock Pavilion
 7 pm Mini Horse Pull - Track

Wednesday, August 10 (Ladies Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 8 am Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Show - Cozadd Building
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$10 All-U-Can-Ride
 5 pm Ladies Basket Raffle Results - Community Arts
 5 pm Dairy Show - Livestock Pavilion
 6 pm Beef Show - Livestock Pavilion
 7 pm Truck/Tractor Pull - Track
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Thursday, August 11 (Kid's Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am Goat Milking - Livestock Pavilion
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 12 - 4 pm Mini Pedal Tractors - Merch/Comm. Arts
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 - 3 pm Kid's Games (12 & Under) - By Gazebo
 2 - 10 pm Carnival \$9 - 2-6pm; \$18 After 6 pm
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 2 pm Deadline Coloring Contest w/ Prizes - Dining Hall
 (Ages: 3-5, 6-9, 10-13)
 5 pm Great Lakes Jousting Games - Horse Arena (Practice)
 6:30 pm Livestock Auction - Livestock Pavilion
 7 - 8:30 pm Great Lakes Jousting Games - Track (Jousting Games/Competition)
 8 pm Bike Raffle - Cozadd Building

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Friday, August 12

(Veteran's Day - Free Parking w/Military ID)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 10 am Shepherd's Trail - Livestock Pavilion
 11 am Goat Pack Class - Livestock Pavilion
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 pm Master Stockman Workshop
 1 - 10 pm Carnival - \$18
 1 - 3 pm Kid's Games (12 & Under) - By Gazebo
 1 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 1 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 2:30 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Games Competition)
 Various Times Wood Carving Shows
 5 pm Pig Trail - Livestock Pavilion
 5 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Competition)
 Veteran's Day Basket Raffle - Community Arts
 7:30 pm Night of Destruction \$10 - Track (Sponsored By Unique Motorsports)

Saturday, August 13 (Last Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am - 3 pm Car Show
 10 am Master Stockman Contest - Livestock Pavilion
 10 am - 4 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am - 12 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Kids Participate)
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 - 10 pm Carnival - \$18
 1 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 Various Times Wood Carving Shows
 1 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 1 pm - 3 pm Kids Games - By Gazebo
 2:30 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Games Competition)
 4 pm Livestock Awards - Livestock Pavilion
 5 pm Horse & Pony Awards - Livestock Pavilion
 5 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Competition)
 6 pm Mud Bog - \$10 - Track
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VBT invites you to lunch at 'Street Eats' at Quirk Park July 28 and 29

The public is invited to join employees of Van Buren Township Hall to "Street Eats" at Quirk Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, and Friday, July 29.

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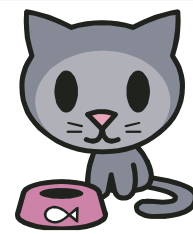
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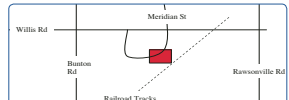
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The water slide was loaded with children at Saturday's Family Fun Day at Graham Park in Sumpter Township with the temperature in the 90s. Family Fun Day was put on by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission and there were lots of volunteers ready to serve the cold drinks, hot dogs (with everything, including a donation of chopped-up onions from Little Town Market) and bags of chips.

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• **Thursday, July 28** – Billy Craig (country) 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 29** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:57 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: “War Room.” Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

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• **Sunday, July 31** – Belleville Community Band’s second Summer Concert begins at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street.

• **Sunday, July 31** – Bobby Hutch performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, Aug. 2** – Primary Election Day, polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you don’t know where you vote, call your township hall or city hall.

• **Thursday, Aug. 4** – Jill Jack (rock/folk) 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, Aug. 5** – Takin’ it to the Park will run Part II from 1 to 4 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr. Bring the kids to enjoy inflatables, games, a craft station, music, face painting, and more – all FREE. Lunch will be served from 1 to 2:30

p.m., while supplies last. This Van Buren Township event is federally funded by the Community Development Block Grant program. Recommend pre-registering at township hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.

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Harry Roesch

for Van Buren Township Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS

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Working at Great Lakes Steel, I was in charge of budgeting, tracking budget variances and working with auditors and regulators.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ★ Member of the Board of Review Van Buren Township for five years
- ★ Volunteered for the Meals on Wheels in Van Buren Township for four years
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School Board

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He said board secretary Kevin English pointed out Board Policy 3140 says once accepted the board can't rescind.

"I thought about it," Supt. Kudlak said. "She doesn't have another job lined up ... I was thinking about rescinding ... we don't want to rescind or go around the policy. We could go through the hiring process."

He said two or three people have shown interest in the position and, "She could be one of them. She could come out of the pile ..."

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she thought it was important to keep continuity and consistency. She said with a new HR director, new superintendent, a new business director would be a lot.

"She has been with us for two years," Trustee Frazier said. "If she applies for the job..."

Kovach agreed that continuity is important, if the superintendent thinks she is right for the job. Kovach said she really was impressed with the explanation Barker recently gave the board on the non-homestead tax proposal.

"We have this policy for board reasons," Secretary English said. "I would be open to having her reapply."

"If she was the best to apply, hire her," Toth said.

Supt. Kudlak said the board needs to stay with its policy.

After that discussion, David Peer asked from the audience about the district's curriculum and the new textbooks purchased.

"A lot of kids can't read," said Peer, who served as school board president for many years. He said in the past they have been told that's because there are too many poor kids in the district, but kids who are not poor can't read, either. He said about 40% of the kids aren't proficient in reading.

He suggested the district ask the teachers what they think would help, saying they might find ways to help them teach.

Frazier said the district continually compiles big reports with lots of pages on what to do, "but we need to ask the teachers. Nobody is as close to the students as the teachers."

"If the teachers knew how to do it, we

wouldn't have so many that couldn't read," Peer said. He said at a recent meeting a parent said an advanced class was eliminated at one of the schools and nobody knew about it.

"Financing is always going to be an issue," Peer said. "We never will have a finance officer say, 'Hey, we've got enough to do whatever you want.'"

He said it is amazing that it's always a surprise when the board gets the MEAP scores, or whatever other scores.

He said Van Buren is near the state average in demographics, yet the state is doing better than the district in scores.

Frazier moved her comments to the Savage school teacher issue, noting after the last regular school board meeting as she was on her way to her car she saw two individuals in the meeting.

They were two of the original Savage Five that had been taken from their classes in January. She said she told them they shouldn't be on school grounds and they said now they can be on school grounds and they got their places back at Savage.

Frazier said she asked at a board meeting for an update on the Savage situation and didn't get it and now the teachers tell her they've had their 14-day suspension and they are to report for classes this fall.

Kovach said following the 14-day suspension everything is settled.

Peer added that technically they never lost their jobs and the end report recommended 14 days suspension and this fall they can grieve the 14 days.

"They sued," Frazier reminded the board. "They got their pay. They never missed a paycheck."

"I never rescinded anything," said Supt. Kudlak. "Kullis did it before I got here." He referred to Diane Kullis who was interim superintendent.

There was resolution to the entire thing, Toth said.

"We decided to go to arbitration and Shonta (Green) had already drawn up the tenure charges," Frazier said.

English said he was uncomfortable with discussing this in public and Frazier accused him of wanting to hold his head in the sand.

Trustee Kelly Owen made a motion to adjourn.

Frazier said she'd like Supt. Kudlak to

report on the resolution to the Savage situation. "It does make us look ignorant," she said.

[Supt. Kudlak was wearing his arm in a sling at the meeting. He explained that he had been playing softball and slid head-first into a base instead of feet-first. He was safe but his team lost the game. He then took his son to a Tiger game before going to emergency to get his arm set.]

Civil Rights Law Suit

The federal Civil Rights law suit against the school district, board members (except Frazier) and others brought by four of the Savage Five teachers is wending its way through federal court. A scheduling

VBT cuts down work on Beck Ball Fields Pavilion to fit CDBG funds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The township has to use its remaining 2014 federal Community Development Block Grant funds for an approved project by September, so at its July 19 meeting, the Van Buren Township Board approved a contract and an immediate change order for the Beck Ball Fields Pavilion Project.

First, the contract for the project was granted to Rolar Property Services for \$106,293.43 to build a 30'x44' pavilion, the last phase of a multi-year CDBG project to improve the facilities at Beck Ball Field. Rolar was the low bidder of four.

But, the budget for this CDBG project is only \$79,665, so it was decided the appropriate way to handle this was to approve the contract and then immediately approve Change Order #1 to reduce the size of the pavilion to 26'x32' and to remove electrical service from the project and reduce some of the landscaping. This put the cost to \$78,739.99.

Previously, \$352,828.10 in CDBG funds had been used to repair the dugouts, install fencing and landscaping, construct a playground, and install ADA-accessible paths. The construction of the pavilion also was to include installing connecting sidewalk to the pavilion.

In explaining the project, consultant Patrick Sloan from McKenna Associates said this is the final phase of the CDBG project and in 2014 this area was considered a low to moderate income area by CDBG, and so was eligible for the funds. But now it isn't.

The 2014 funds are authorized through September, so if the township signs the contract and work starts by September it can use the money and work through the end of the construction season. Otherwise, it can't. No 2015 or 2015 CDBG funds can be used on the project.

Also at its meeting on July 19, the board:

- Approved a union contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 236, effective July 19, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2018;

conference is ordered for Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. before U.S. District Judge Robert H. Cleland.

Judge Cleland has ordered the plaintiffs to meet with the defendant and to file a plan seven days before the conference, with the likelihood of a settlement shown, along with consideration of a district court bench trial instead of the jury trial demanded, among other options.

Judge Cleland's July 22 order notes: "All commitments, representation, and deadlines decided and announced at the conference, including trial and other dates, will be binding."

- Approved the reappointments of Walter Rochowiak and Loretta Speaks to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2018. Rochowiak had yet to fill out an application for the reappointment because he has been busy, but Speaks says she has been a VBT resident for 57 years and is a graduate of Dearborn High and Henry Ford Community College. She now is retired and also fills a seat on the Board of Review and was on the Recreation Commission;

- Approved the first reading of the rezoning of 1.04 acre of property owned by the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) on the south side of Ecorse Road west of Hannan from AG (Agricultural) to C (Local Business) so the LDFA can sell it by competitive bid and get a better price;

- Approved the Local Governing Body Resolution for a Charitable Gaming License for the Western Wayne Quilting Guild to conduct a quilt raffle to earn money for ongoing charitable sewing projects;

- Approved the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) by the fire department to handle a regional, FEMA grant of \$1.5 million for VBT and nine other agencies. FEMA will only distribute to one agency. Fire Chief Dan Besson said VBT will do the legwork and he said Treasurer Sharry Budd and her Deputy Sean Bellingham said they can make it work. The other agencies will pay VBT their share of the grant, 10%, to get the equipment. He said the vendor's price is only good through the end of July, so time was of the essence. Chief Besson said \$18,000 is VBT's share to pay and it gets \$181,385 worth of equipment. The department's current SCBA equipment is 13 years old, Besson said. He said Belleville and Sumpter are part of the grant. He said the whole transaction has to be done by May of next year, including the audit;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce that his office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, for absentee voters. Also, the township's annual Shred Day will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, in the township hall parking lot. Iron

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Corrections

In the July 21 edition of the Independent there were two errors.

On page 9 in the editor's note, it should say Linda Graber is running for treasurer. On page 19 in the Sumpter Township story it should say Ronald Robinson.

We regret the errors.

Also, in that story, we wrote that Robinson notified the Sumpter Township Police about missing campaign signs. He also called the State Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney General. "It's a violation of federal and state laws," he said.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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VBT Environmental Commission to consider penalties for coal tar

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission directed that information be gathered on penalties levied by other communities on use of coal tar driveway sealants.

At its regular meeting July 20, chairman David Brownlee asked Matthew Best, deputy director of the planning and economic development department, to get the new ordinance passed by Hamburg Township earlier that week and the Ann Arbor ordinance recently passed.

This will be on the agenda of the Aug. 17 commission meeting for discussion.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, who sits on the Environmental Commission, announced at the beginning of the meeting that he saw Channel 4's report on that evening's 6'clock news about Hamburg Township passing an ordinance banning coal tar use in the township. He said both Van Buren Township and Ann Arbor were cited as having coal tar bans.

He said Hamburg limits its coal tar use to .1% and VBT's limit is 1%, so Hamburg's ban is tighter.

Brownlee said he was alerted that the City of Belleville sent out trifolds on coal tar from the Huron River Watershed Council with their water bills. VBT has yet to send out the information to its residents.

Brownlee read an email from the *Independent* telling of a call received from a driveway sealant firm. The caller said some firms are ignoring the ban because there is no penalty and lying to customers about what is being applied.

"If we don't have a penalty..." Brownlee said. "If we don't have resources to enforce the ordinance ... if we find there is a violation, there is no penalty."

Brownlee suggested looking at the ordinance and consider penalties, so if they find a major violation, they could act.

"Look at Ann Arbor and Hamburg and see what they're doing," Trustee Jahr said. "I think it's self-enforcing here ... telling homeowners about the dangers of coal tar..."

Best said he would gather the information and assured commissioners that the township's ordinance enforcement team is able to enforce whatever ordinance necessary.

He said there is no way for enforcement now because the township doesn't issue permits for driveway sealing, but it can do

anything with site plans.

"We skated up to it and backed off," Jahr said of penalties. "There are a variety of ways of doing it."

"Anyone with a truck can come in and apply sealant," Best said "Police can't be everywhere."

"We're getting more sophisticated," Jahr said.

"If there was a one-time enforcement, others would see," Brownlee said.

Commissioner Norm DeBuck said he understood the feelings of the person who called the *Independent* to say other companies were lying to customers, telling them the coal tar they were putting down actually was asphalt.

"If we're all playing by the rules, if we're on a level playing field, we can do business," Commissioner DeBuck said. "This issue is going to push us to some sort of penalty."

"A fine does give us some teeth," Brownlee said.

"If this is something you want them (ordinance enforcers) to do, they will do it," Best said.

Brownlee said he hasn't heard from State Rep. Kristy Pagan about the coal tar bill she submitted at the state level and he was told it's still in committee.

Brownlee said he takes a bike ride every morning and he sees the drives being sealed. He suggested he may bring his testing kit along and scrape some sealant off to get a sample. He stressed he would take it from the public road where the new sealant always is dribbled.

- Heard a report from Best on the Lakeshore Management Workgroup. He said there are 15 people in the group and they have met 3 ½ times (one time for half an hour) and they have a draft of a document they will present to the planning commission's lakeshore committee. They are first waiting for clarification on what the DNR rules are. He said a lot of the concerns of the residents have been resolved in the new document, but a lot of the original document is still there. "Ron (Akers) and I facilitated the group, but the residents really made this work," Best said. He said he would give a copy of the draft to the Environmental Commission so members can make comments to the planning commission committee;

- Discussed information on honey bees and pollinators furnished to the commission by Commissioner David Wilson who was

unable to attend the meeting because of illness. Best said he has been fortunate to work on a lot of land use and has found vegetation and green space can be better than gray space. He said the latest craze is about pollinators, who are not just bees. He said a bee can only travel about a mile and others about half a mile and so pollinator pockets need to be set up. "Dave is looking for us to start educating ourselves," Best said, suggesting going to www.pollinator.com. Grants are available, he said. "We couldn't call ourselves an Environmental Commission if we ignored this," Brownlee said. "There isn't anyone here who doesn't benefit from this ... We need to start developing a strategy of how to deal with them ... See how other communities deal with this." Commissioner DeBuck, a farmer, said he lives it every day and the bumble bees are incredible. The items will be on the next agenda;

- Discussed the kinds and sizes of maps the commission would like to see on the walls of the meeting room for reference

when discussing the township. Best said he would talk to Buildings & Grounds about putting up the maps;

- Heard Best say he is serving on the Alliance of Rouge Communities as a voting member and the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds as vice chairman. He said he helped to start the ADW. The commission discussed removal efforts for the worst invasive plant in the world, phragmites (common weed cane) including Rodeo application, which is used on freeways. Buckthorn is also being removed from parks. Jahr said the milfoil in the lake is farther than usual and caught in the prop of his boat recently. Best said conditions were right for an algae bloom in Belleville Lake the following week; and

- Briefly discussed storm water. Best said because of coal tar, sediment in drainage ponds show PAH residue, which is hazardous waste. "We're looking at ... how to be a better partner" with storm water. "Hopefully the next time we meet we can talk about what we can do."

Phil McKenna steps down, sells company to employee John Jackson

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Although he didn't want to unsettle his clients by saying he was selling his company, Phil McKenna said the "transition" was announced June 14.

McKenna made a special visit to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session on July 19 to tell them goodbye.

He brought with him the new owner of the company, John Jackson, who had been with the firm for 19 years.

"He's familiar with what we do," McKenna said of Jackson, who was serving as executive vice president.

"I'm not retiring, but I'm staying with the firm as long as necessary," McKenna told the board. "It's not that I'm ill or losing my noodles."

He said Jackson was hired in 1996 or 1997. He said Jackson was brought up in the Detroit area and has been doing presentations for the company throughout the state and is an excellent professional.

He said he doesn't want to call it a "sale," so they are calling it a transition, because it will be gradual.

He said they have a contract with Sally Hodges, the township's former planning consultant, and even though she'll be in North Carolina she will be doing some projects.

He said Jackson is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a planning degree and graduated from Miami of Ohio, a highly regarded architectural school.

"We also had organizational changes because of Sally's departure," McKenna said. Hodges had been VBT's planning consultant for 22 years.

Jackson told the board it will be a seamless transition and McKenna Associates will be providing the highest level of quality service.

He said Principal Planner Patrick Sloan, who has been working on township projects for some time, will be VBT's primary person.

Vidya Krishnan, Senior Planning Consultant, is working on VBT building demolitions.



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VBT Board

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Mountain Shred (formerly named Recall) will shred a maximum of five cartons or bags per person without charge;

• Also, Clerk Wright urged voters to vote absentee to save themselves from waiting in long lines and he said that absentee ballots were “more secure than voting at the polls.” Reg Ion called out from the audience, “Oh, come on!” and Wright

replied, “I feel it’s the most secure way of voting,” noting the absentee ballots are locked up until counted. Wright said in 2012 there were 2,200 absentee ballots in VBT and now it’s 3,600; and

• Was shocked when Reg Ion poured out on the carpet in front of the board table a bucketful of auto parts from an accident near his house that he said was not picked up by the towing company. Chief Besson said he would talk to police officials Jason Wright and Greg Laurain about the issue, noting it is the towing company’s

responsibility to clean up.

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Reggie Miller made a motion that was seconded by Clerk Wright and passed unanimously to have Trustee Brenda McClanahan chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Linda Combs.

After the meeting, Trustee McClanahan reportedly live-streamed a report on her Face Book page from in front of the township hall reporting on her first time chairing the meeting and her hope to chair many more meetings when she is elected

supervisor. A special meeting on June 28 was chaired by Trustee Phillip Hart, also a candidate for supervisor.

Tami Remington promoted to professor at University of Michigan

Bill and Diann Shaffer of Belleville announce their daughter, Dr. Tami (Harkai) Remington, 49, was promoted to the rank of Professor at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

The promotion was announced after Regents of the university approved the recommendation for her promotion based on internal and external reviews of an extensive dossier that detailed accomplishments from across her 25-year career in pharmacy.

Tami earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1991 from University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and completed a residency training program at Detroit Receiving Hospital the following year. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Eastern Michigan University and was a 1983 graduate of Belleville High School.

She was named a BHS Distinguished Graduate in 2010.

Tami currently works as a clinical pharmacist in geriatrics and teaches at the College of Pharmacy. She and her husband David Remington reside in Dexter.



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- Supports Police & Fire initiatives including the newly installed emergency sirens. Supports highest level of service in a cost effective manner.
- Supporter of Senior Center program funding and cultural and recreational programs for all ages.
- B.B.A. Degree Business Management -Northwood University, AA Associates Degree Commerce -HFCC. Citizen Planner certification -Michigan State.
- Recently retired from Ford Motor as a Engineering Launch Specialist - 38 years of service (managed launch engineers, budgets, and global suppliers).
- Phillip has been married to Karen, for 33 years. They have two daughters both graduates of Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University.
- Member of Michigan Townships Association and Governance Academy, Chamber of Commerce, St. Anthony’s Church and Belleville Yacht Club.

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Julianna Summers receives national honor in academic achievement



Julianna Summers Ypsilanti, has an older brother Julian and a younger sister and brother, Julia and Dustin.

She wants to continue her education at the University of Michigan and study to be a dermatologist or plastic surgeon.

The National Society of High School

Scholars selected Julianna to become a lifetime member of the organization. The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.

The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

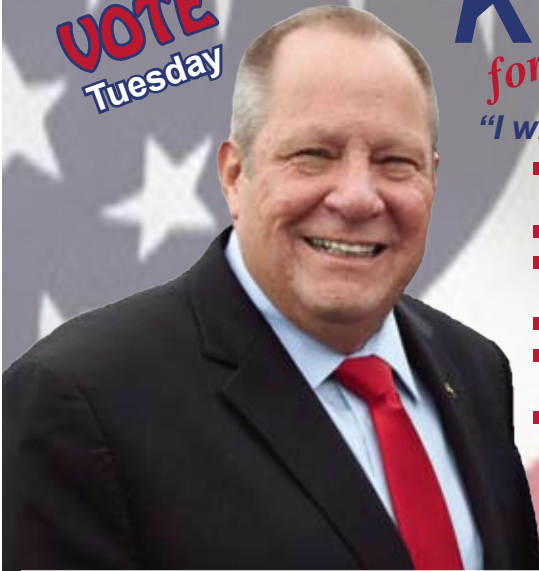
"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Julianna has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Julianna is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

The society recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving millennials through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Levon, Gloria King die in plane crash July 22

Visitation for Levon and Gloria King will be 1-8 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Weise Funeral Home in Allen Park. A Memorial service is 10 a.m. Friday at Allen Park Presbyterian Church, 7107 Park, Allen Park.

Levon King was a former attorney for Sumpter Township. He and his wife died in a plane crash outside Dayton, Ohio on Friday, July 22.



VOTE Tuesday

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Belleville, Van Buren, Sumpter in group to get grant for fire depts.

U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-12, has announced that member fire departments in the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association will receive a grant totaling \$1,363,682 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

The grant will be administered by Van Buren Township on behalf of the Mutual Aid Association, which also includes Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Sumpter Township, Scio Township and

Belleville. It will be used to replace old self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) for all riding positions, and replace them with new state-of-the-art versions.

"The safety of our firefighters and first responders is a top priority," said Dingell. "This grant will help ensure that firefighters throughout the region are equipped with the most up-to-date tools and technology to stay safe on the job while they are protecting our communities."

"We are really appreciative of

Congresswoman Dingell's, and our local community leaders', support for this grant which will allow us to provide local firefighters with state-of-the-art breathing equipment," said Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson.

"Grants like this allow us to outfit our firefighters with the latest technology while providing the superior protection they depend on to perform their duties," Chief Besson said.

"This particular regional grant will allow us to replace aging equipment in ten communities. In the past 13 years the products being burned inside a home and the tactics used to suppress those fires have changed, but in Van Buren Township's case, our breathing protection has not."

The AFG program awards grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations that are unaffiliated with a hospital to enhance their response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2016

Trustee McClanahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, Developmental Services Deputy Director Best, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson, Consultant Sloan, and an audience of thirteen (13).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended: New Business items would be addressed in the following order: 4, 2, 1, 3 and 5. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016, Prepaid list of June 30, 2016, Prepaid list of July 8, 2016, Prepaid list of July 14, 2016, Voucher list of July 5, 2016, Voucher list of July 19, 2016, Approval of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 236 Union Contract effective July 19, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and Approval of the re-appointments of Walter Rochowiak and Loretta Speaks to the Water & Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2018] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Wright read a letter from a citizen to Public Safety Director Laurain commending the professionalism of Officer Tront during a situation that involved a confrontational and combative individual.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Western Wayne Quilting Guild to conduct a quilt raffle. Motion Carried. Proceeds from the raffle will help fund the "We Care" program.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract between the Township and Rolar Property Services in the, not to exceed, amount, of \$106,293.43 for the Beck Ball Fields Pavilion Project with the understanding that Rolar has agreed to Change Order #1 that substantially reduces the cost. Motion Carried. Rolar Property Services was the lowest bidder for the construction of 30' x 44' pavilion. The project will be funded utilizing remaining 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve Change Order #1 for the Beck Ball Fields

Pavilion Project. Motion Carried. The change order reduces the contract scope and cost from \$106,293.43 to \$78,739.99 due to the budgetary constraints of the remaining 2014 Community Block Grant Development funds. The size of the pavilion has been reduced to 26'x32'.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 7-19-16 to rezone parcel V125-83-045-99-0004-702, located on Ecorse Road, from AG (Agricultural) to C (Local Business). Motion Carried. The parcel is located in the LDFA district. No public comment was received at the public hearing held June 22, 2016. The re-zoning received recommendation by the Planning Commission and is consistent with the Master Plan.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) via Regional Grant in the amount of \$1,483,279.00 from Argus-Hazco. Motion Carried. The Township will act as the fiduciary for the communities within the region. The grant requires each community to provide a 10% contribution towards the purchase.

REPORTS: The April 2016 Budgetary Report was received. Copies are available for review at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Clerk's Office will be open Saturday July 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for absentee ballots, Shred Day, sponsored by Iron Mountain Shredding Company, will be Saturday August 6, 2016 from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Township Hall. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday August 2, 2016 at all polling locations from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Sample ballots are available on the Township website and at the Clerk's Office and The dedicated Election window/counter at the Clerk's Office is open and provides a transparency in the processing of absentee ballots. Treasurer Budd announced the summer tax bills were sent out July 1, 2016 and the deadline for payment has been extended until September 30, 2016.

NON AGENDA: Resident expressed concern over the fees charged by Township towing and impound vendors, their lack of road debris removal when responding to accidents and the length of time Township ordinance issues have been addressed. Board members will review towing and impound vendors' fee schedules and address debris removal with both vendors and the Public Safety Ordinance department.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Publish: July 28, 2016

Public Notice

STATE OF ALABAMA
COLBERT COUNTY
In the Probate Court
Case No. P15-0263

In the matter of

THE ESTATE OF
HAROLD GLEN CARRIGAN
Deceased

ORDER

Petition for Partial Settlement having been filed with the Court and the Court having considered same, it is ORDERED:

This matter is set for hearing on the 20th day of September 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

DONE and ORDERED this the 18th day of July, 2016.

Daniel Rosser
Judge of Probate

Publish: July 28, 2016
August 4, 2016
August 11, 2016

Neighbors protest plans for marijuana grow site on Willis Rd. in Sumpter

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, neighbors from the 50500 block of Willis Road protested the clearing of 40 acres next door to their home for a marijuana growing business.

Another neighbor said he was shown the blueprints for the project, which includes two big retention ponds, a large dispensary/retail shop, two massive outbuildings to grow the product, and two other buildings.

Davenport Brothers is clear-cutting the land for the owner and they have township permits, said the neighbors.

One neighbor said the work has gone 30 feet onto his property and cut down their big trees. Also irons have been ripped out in the back of his property, he said.

No permits for buildings have yet been issued by the township.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township
Notice of Public Hearing
Variance

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals on August 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, for the purpose of receiving statements and views on a proposed Variance on 81-012-99-0022-001 better known as 19160 Martinsville Road. The Variance request is not compliant with the provisions of Section 5.3 (Accessory Building, Structures and Uses) of the Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance. The Detached Accessory Building must comply with Section 5.3 (a)(4) Accessory Buildings, Structures and uses of the Sumpter Township Ordinance.

Section 5.3 (a) (4) states:

- On lots three (3) acres or less in size, the gross floor area of an individual detached accessory building shall not exceed that of an existing principal building on site.

The existing detached accessory building will exceed the size of the existing home by one-thousand five-hundred and sixty (1,560) sq. ft. Additionally, the proposed structure exceeds the maximum size of an accessory building permitted for the property (2,200 sq. ft.). We also note that the proposed pole barn is set back ten (10) ft. from the existing garage, whereas a fifteen (15) foot setback is required. The setback issue will be resolved once the existing garage is removed or attached to the principal structure.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: July 28, 2016
Posted: July 21, 2016

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 436 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 17:
0020 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Dr./Savage Rd.
0333 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
0336 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
0432 – family trouble, Capitol Dr.
0741 – assist fire dept., Marriott Ave.
0922 – harassment call, Barkley St.
1200 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1217 – larceny, Castell
1240 – fraud, Maple Dr.
1315 – assault & battery, Sadie Ln.
1338 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1359 – disorderly conduct, Edison Lake
1422 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1742 – suspicious situation, Horizon Park
1745 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1806 – property damage accident, Beck Rd.
1812 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Rd.
2016 – disorderly conduct, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2112 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2206 – juvenile complaint, McKinley St.

Monday, July 18:
0114 – missing person, Westlake
0306 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
0752 – assault & battery, Chloe Ct.
0812 – vehicle repossession, Independence, cancel
1010 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1109 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1232 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.
1444 – assault & battery, Hanover Dr.
1525 – dumping complaint, Haggerty Rd./Coca Cola Dr.
1538 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1550 – malicious destruction of property, Maple Dr.
1600 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1846 – dumping complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville
1922 – larceny, Lake Villa Dr.
1934 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
2030 – water leak found, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2120 – private property accident, DNR/Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, July 19:
0026 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
0029 – mental, Haggerty Rd.
0031 – abandoned auto, J&T Towing
0054 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1041 – agency assist, Owen St.
1140 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1147 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1212 – family trouble, Lancaster Dr.
1256 – trespassing, Holly
1336 – neighbor trouble, Western St.
1551 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1630 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1719 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1612 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1817 – fraud, Estates
1900 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
2011 – intimidation threat, Ash Dr.
2034 – disturbance, Van Born Rd.

Wednesday, July 20:
0307 -- assault & battery, Meadows Ln.
0903 – wires down, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd., cancel
0904 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0909 – malicious destruction of property, Maple Dr.
1027 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Water’s Edge
1032 – suspicious person, Florence Ln.
1038 – fraud, Jeremy Rd.
1240 – suspicious situation, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1244 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1315 – property damage accident, Walden Woods
1331 – family trouble, Victoria St.

1521 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
1523 – minor in possession, Van Buren Park
1607 – assault & battery, Van Born/Haggerty Rd.
1646 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.
1822 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1908 – noise complaint, Wildflower Ct.
1912 – malicious destruction of property, Ryznar
1932 – fraud, Hamilton St.
2224 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
2225 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, July 21:
0130 – noise complaint, Harbour Club
0306 – sexual assault, Beaumont Wayne Hospital
0650 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1136 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Walden Dr.
1244 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1511 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1523 – property damage accident, Van Born/Lotz
1601 – weapons violation, Sumpter Rd.
1741 – mental, Landmark
1829 – property damage, Culver’s
2105 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
2145 – suspicious situation, Mida
2305 – abandoned auto, Hardwood

Friday, July 22:
0406 – property damage accident, Independence Ln. / Haggerty Rd.
0630 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0745 – private property accident, Country Ln.
0955 – intimidation threat, Fret Rd.
1124 – assault & battery, Zachary St.
1143 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1233 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1301 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Village Green
1347 – code enforcement, Fay Dr.
1421 – code enforcement, Amanda Dr.
1533 – fraud, Stonebridge Ct.
1553 – fight, Denton Rd.
1638 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1730 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1904 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.
1955 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
2005 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2012 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2030 – breaking & entering, N. Timberview Dr.
2036 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
2042 – neighbor trouble, Park Estates Dr.
2115 – property damage accident, Belleville
2137 – missing person, Van Buren Park
2231 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.
2227 – breaking & entering, S. Bellridge Dr.
2333 – assault & battery, Parkwood
2318 – disturbance, Maurice Dr.

Saturday, July 23:
0012 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
0034 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0204 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.
0309 – private property incident, Van Born Rd.
0854 – agency assist, Sumpter/Bemis
0905 – malicious destruction of property, Truman
1144 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1154 – property damage accident, Birch Dr.
1315 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
1417 – lake complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1440 – assault & battery, W. Adams
1718 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren Park
1924 – lake complaint, Harmony Ln.
2024 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2102 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
2221 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2241 – private property incident, S. Industrial Park
2258 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville

Also on this week’s log are 88 traffic stops, 11 of which were on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 17:
0201 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Belleville
0728 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd., cancel
0815 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
0913 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1133 – narcotics crime, Edison Ave.
1633 – traffic complaint, Carmell St.
1741 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1745 – larceny, Madelon St./E. Huron River Dr., cancel
1821 – agency assist, Savage
2158 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.

Monday, July 18:
0110 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Church
0355 – follow up, Church St.
1343 – welfare check, Main St.
1523 – property damage accident, South St.
1555 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Sumpter Rd.
1651 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd., cancel
1738 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1824 – property damage accident, Belle Villa
1930 – indecent exposure, Estrada Dr./Central
2036 – suspicious person, Main St./Third St.
2104 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, July 19:
0215 – ordinance violation, Horizon Park
0315 – suspicious person, Robbe St./Clarence St.
0347 – background investigation, Main St.
0830 – suspicious situation, Brain St./High St.
1004 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1044 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave., cancel
1735 – welfare check, W. Wabash Ave.
1810 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
2057 – traffic complaint, Belle Villa Blvd./Menlo Park Dr.
2234 – suspicious situation, S. Aberdeen Ct. / Victorian Ln.

Wednesday, July 20:
0214 – suspicious vehicle, Main St.
1244 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1514 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1523 – breaking & entering, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1545 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1651 – suspicious person, Horizon Park
1854 – traffic complaint, Henry St.
2255 – fight, Church St.

Thursday, July 21:
0733 – traffic complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1210 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
1211 – larceny, Carmell St.
1546 – suspicious situation, E. Columbia Ave.
1623 – property damage accident, Main St.
1808 – missing person, Third St.
1946 – fraud, Main St.
2004 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
2041 – property damage accident, Sumpter/E. Huron River Dr.
2058 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2139 – juvenile complaint, Anaheim St.
2348 – motorist assist, Main St.

Friday, July 22:
0152 – family trouble, Carmell St.
0701 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0914 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1203 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1225 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1541 – background investigation, Main St., cancel
2029 – assist fire dept., E. Wabash

Saturday, July 23:
0855 – agency assist, Sumpter/Bemis
1824 – assault & battery, Carmell St.
2013 – welfare check, Church St.
2222 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St.
2238 – private property incident, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 59 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 17:
0046 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
0200 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1054 – suspicious incident, Colorado
1113 – death investigation, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1240 – family trouble, Brookview
1429 – larceny, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1727 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2104 – reckless driver, Savage/Harris
2202 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2316 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2320 – animal complaint, Dakota Ct.
2325 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Monday, July 18:
0036 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0601 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0934 – mental health commitment, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1149 – fraud complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1157 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1211 – mental health commitment, Redwood
1719 – down wires, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2000 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2326 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, July 19:
0651 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0718 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0907 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1021 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1038 – odor investigation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1112 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1248 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1344 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1413 – larceny, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1828 – suspicious incident, Arkona/Carleton West
2041 – suspicious incident, Arkona/Carleton West
2151 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, July 20:
1044 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1127 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1223 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1224 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Judd
1452 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2052 – well-being check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, July 21:
0040 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0709 – recovered property, Arkona/Martinsville
1042 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1050 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1217 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1434 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1625 – traffic hazard, Willis/Rawsonville
1808 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, July 22:
0251 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0427 – abandoned vehicle, Willow/Haggerty
0922 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1003 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1302 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1331 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1625 – larceny, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, July 23:
0134 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0410 – assist other agency, out of township
0846 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0851 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
0928 – malicious destruction of property, Edgewood
1225 – civil dispute, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1450 – down wires, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1712 – family trouble, California
1829 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1924 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1940 – citizen assist, Sherwood/Willow
2110 – 911 hang up, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2121 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2150 – fireworks complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2157 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd.
2210 – fireworks complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2252 – civil dispute, Second St.

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