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School Board gets plans for bond money

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Plant Operations Director James Williams gave an in-depth presentation on plans for the proposed bond issue, with a little help from School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

Williams presented a lengthy report on how the needs of school buildings throughout the district could be reprioritized if the bond passes.

Chart after chart showed what could be provided by the current sinking fund and what could be provided by the proposed \$35 million bond issue that could be approved by voters on Nov. 5.

Supt. Kudlak stressed the bond approval will result in zero tax increase, with the tax staying at 2.85 mills. The bonds for the Belleville High School construction were refinanced this spring and so taxpayers would have had a slight tax reduction had the board not come up with this plan to ask voters to continue the same millage.

Kudlak said the bonds, if approved, would be sold in three phases over six years, not all at once. The first bond would pay for construction of an Early Childhood Education Center on the 11 acres next to BHS purchased from St. Anthony Catholic Church. The hard-surfacing of Davis Street would also be a part of this bond, he said.

Williams pointed out Davis Street in that area now belongs to the school district.

Kudlak said this report will be put on the school district website.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-48-minute meeting, the board:

- Removed from the agenda a recommendation to change the district policy on the way staff cell phones are

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Representatives of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter gathered at the Lunch Box restaurant on Main Street in Belleville on Sept. 11 to remember the terrorist attacks 18 years earlier. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish Legion of American Veterans presented colors and VFW member Cornell Anton spoke of Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA, where Americans on the flight crashed the plane rather than have it destroy the planned target. Veterans Geof Bush and Laurie Day sang the National Anthem and Pastor Douglas Valentine said a prayer. Hundreds of red, white, and blue balloons were released during the ceremony and those attending the memorial enjoyed free hot dogs and other refreshments, courtesy of Lunch Box owner Rodney Herald.

It's almost time for the Visteon bond shortfall

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Members of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority noted at their Sept. 10 meeting that the shortfall in the money available to pay the Visteon bonds would occur before the next meeting of the LDFA, which is Wednesday, Nov. 13.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said if Visteon has not made a payment to make up the estimated \$639,157 bond shortfall,

"We will send them a letter shortly after Oct. 1."

The full faith and credit of the township is behind the Visteon bonds and the LDFA will not have the funds to pay the bond payment in full. The township has agreed to cover the difference to make sure the payment is made on time and then the LDFA will pay the township back in the future, with interest.

The township has money set aside for the payment and a plan to reinstate the law suit against Visteon, once it can show the claims are "ripe" for adjudication.

In 2003, the township issued \$28,199,656.35 in bonds to assist Visteon with infrastructure in the construction of Visteon Village. Final payment on the

Authority bonds is in 2032.

John Delaney say that the LDFA has to keep an open mind and come together with LDFA member Scott Medlen of Grace Lake Corporate Center (the former Visteon Village) to set up community outreach at the site.

"There's so much to enjoy there," Delaney said. "We have to show we have the jewel and use it," he said of the Grace Lake nature trails.

Delaney arranged a 9-11 event at Grace Lake last year and he said there was no 9-11 event this year and, "It's my fault. I had surgery." He said next year there will be an event.

Medlen said that someone had a bunch

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

More than 100 people were trained in the use of Narcan to revive those with opioid overdose on Sept. 12 at Wayne County Community College in Van Buren Township. Each person trained received a free Narcan kit. Taking part, from left are VBT Police Chief Jason Wright, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VBT Trustee Reggie Miller, VBT Clerk Leon Wright, VBT Trustee Kevin Martin, 34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin, and VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain.

District Library Board working on policy of library meeting rooms

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

You probably won't be able to hold political gatherings, or sell products, or hold a birthday party or other private party in the new large meeting room or board room in the new Belleville Area District Library when it is open.

But homeowners' associations, civic organizations and groups that bring information but don't promote how to vote, like the League of Women Voters would probably be welcome.

At the regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board on Sept. 10, vice chairperson Mary Jane Dawson, who chairs the policy subcommittee, reported on preliminary discussions on a new library use policy for the new building.

Dawson said the committee discussed having a room deposit that would be a cash or check, which would be returned if the room was in order when the people leave. She said they decided no credit card would be accepted because it is too hard to credit the card for the refund.

And, they are discussing whether to charge to set up a room for a meeting or charge to put away the chairs after a meeting.

She said committee members agreed that library-sponsored events will take precedence in scheduling and they would not allow birthday parties, showers, or other private parties.

Board member John Juriga said Mayor Burcroff in Romulus has set up a prayer breakfast at the Romulus Athletic Club for a political fundraiser. He said the city is part owner of the athletic club.

Board members agreed that kind of event would not be allowed at the new library.

Dawson said an application form will have to be designed. She said the plan is to require those submitting applications to apply in person and not just call on the phone.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they want to talk to the applicant in person to make sure there is good communication.

And, Dawson said, no wine would be allowed in the two rooms.

Board member Joy Cichewicz asked about businesses selling things or profit tutoring, or scented oil sales.

Dawson said many things have yet to be determined.

Board chairperson Sharon Peters said public officials who are already elected would be able to come and provide information on that office, but not if the person is campaigning.

"Nothing is set in stone," Dawson said of the proposed policy. "It's all talk now."

Cichewicz asked if the library could bump a reservation for an event, if the reserved event is 30 or 60 days in advance and the library needs it for something.

Suchy said they probably would keep reservations to 30 days in advance because that's how far in advance the library schedules so it wouldn't be a problem.

Suchy said they probably would have to live with the policy for a while to see how it is working.

Board secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs asked if the new library could be used as an emergency shelter and Juriga said it couldn't because it had no showers or

kitchen.

Dawson said the subcommittee also is considering a policy for the bulletin board and it is waiting to hear back from library attorney John Day.

They want to have a place where kids can post when they are looking for grass cutting or baby sitting jobs. A binder for commercial businesses is being considered, she said.

In other business at the one-hour-and 20 minute meeting, the board:

- Authorized library millages, approved by voters, to be on the December 2019 tax bill: .693 mill for operations (originally .7 mill), .7425 mill for operations (originally .75 mill) and .62 mill to pay off bonds for construction of the new libraries. The two operations millages were reduced by the Headlee rollback;

- Approved sub-contractors bids for the Sumpter branch renovation as recommended by CS Construction Management and added the document as an addendum to the lease agreement between the library and Sumpter Township;

- Approved payment of \$200,000 to Sumpter Township as construction money for the Sumpter library branch as outlined in the district library agreement;

- Heard Suchy report that long-time student assistant Mikail Demery is moving to France to spend a year teaching English to grade schoolers. She graduated from college last spring. Library assistant and longtime employee Joe Lebron is leaving after 14 years for a job in the public sector in Ann Arbor. He started at the library when he was 16. Also, Hilary Savage is

running unopposed for a seat on the TLN Shared Automation System Users' Group to represent Group 3. The group makes decisions on technology, budget, and policy for the shared system;

- Heard Suchy report that the library received the 2018-19 penal fine check from Wayne County for \$107,684.74. This represents about a \$13,000 increase from last year and a \$67,000 increase from the previous year due to the district court assessing penal fines based upon local ordinances rather than state ordinances;

- Heard Cichewicz report on the progress in construction for the new library building next to the present library and the renovations in Sumpter for the branch library. She said the same furniture has been ordered for both buildings to keep things equal;

- Heard Hughes-Grubbs report on the marketing subcommittee and plans for a Book Brigade in early 2020 (a soft opening), a Mardi Gras celebration on Feb 24 in the old library building with a brass band, a Donor Program in June with a tour of the library and possible wine, a grand opening in July with live music and refreshments, resumption of the Garden Tour on July 19, and participation in the local festivals; and

- Heard Dawson thank Juriga for all he does for the community, including his recent garage sale with proceeds going to the food closet. She also gave a talk on the significance of 9/11, Flight 93, and Bengazi.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Nov. 5 absentee ballots to be available as of Sat.

The Nov. 5 election is warming up and this year we can vote from home without an excuse because of last year's decision by voters. Absentee ballots are supposed to be sent out or available as of Sept. 21. That's a Saturday, so we probably couldn't get ballots until Monday.

Van Buren Public Schools voters will decide on a new bond that will cost them nothing new. The old bonds that built the new high school were refinanced and with less interest this could have saved the taxpayers money.

But the plan is to offer voters a new bond that will cost them zero increase until the very end when it outlasts the original bond. Keep paying 2.85 mills.

The \$35 million it will bring will build an Early Childhood Center on the former St. Anthony property next to the railroad tracks – plus lots of maintenance and new stuff for the present buildings.

The Nov. 5 ballot also will carry a question for City of Belleville voters on whether they want to have a public safety assessment of up to 2 mills. This is an advisory vote since the council can levy the assessment without permission from voters. The council wants to know what voters think before the council votes.

And, city voters will elect two council members for 4-year terms, plus reelect the mayor who is unopposed.

It's time to start paying attention to what's on the Nov. 5 ballot. It's going to cost you.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We've been delivering papers to Harold's Rental on Rawsonville Road near Pinter's for many years. He usually has a supply of U-Haul trucks out in front. We loved the dog he used to have and then, when that dog died, we waited patiently for Harold to get another dog.

Then, he got Baxter, a darling, energetic, bouncy puppy who loved to chew on my arm and coat and whatever else he could get. He's also a jumper.

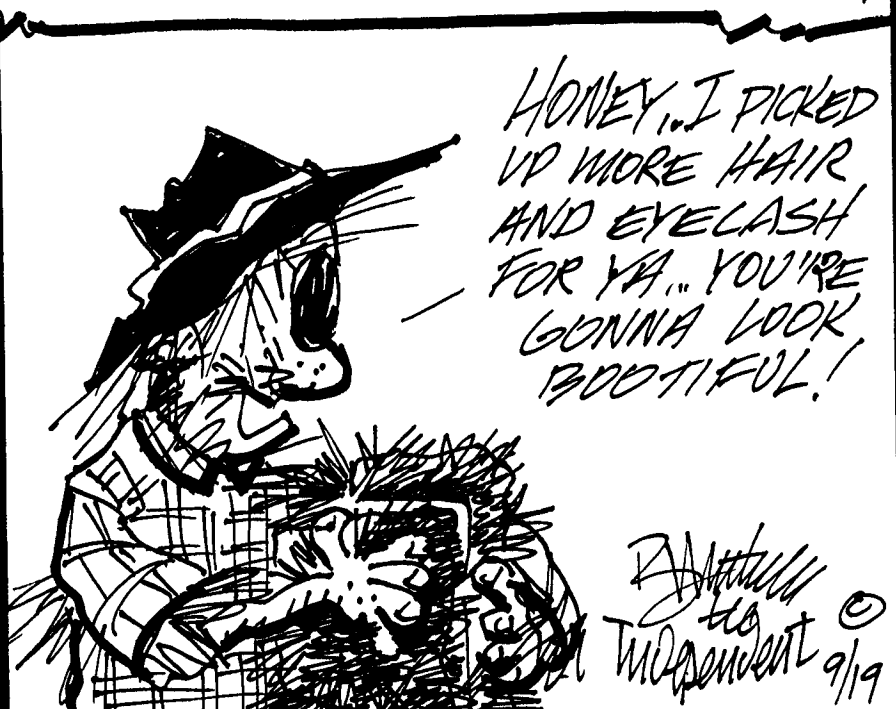
When we delivered papers last Thursday, Harold told me a story about what had happened the night before. Harold lives in downtown Detroit. He said he had taken Baxter out for a walk and they were waiting for the elevator in the lobby to go home when Baxter jumped up and pulled the fire alarm.

Harold said the building evacuated, in the rain, and the fire trucks came. It was very embarrassing, to say the least.

Mary Ban from Sumpter said she and her husband agree with the Belleville businessman written about in the last issue. His comments were about how his address in Belleville has been changed to Van Buren Township by the post office and no matter what he does firms trying to deliver to him say he has no such address as Belleville and won't deliver. And, customers are waiting for parts to be delivered so they can get their vehicles repaired.

"The man has messed up the whole system," Ban said, referring to Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright who changed the designation of some of the addresses in the 48111 to Van Buren Township. And when he did, almost two years ago, the

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whole system went awry and people in Sumpter and the City of Belleville also were dubbed Van Buren Township and have had troubles ever since with their insurance, driver's licenses, and deliveries – a lot of problems with deliveries.

Ban said she knows for sure that some of last year's Christmas cards to her were not delivered. But, she is concerned about other things, such as the 2020 Census and the demographics of voting. Will people in Belleville or Sumpter be considered voters in Van Buren Township? Or, residents of the township for governmental counting?

It is annoying to be called Van Buren Township when you aren't. Van Buren, Belleville, and Sumpter are all in the 48111 zip code so how could this be such a mess?

The VBT Public Safety Family Fun Day last Saturday in Menards south parking lot was so well-attended they ran out of hot dogs by noon and had to buy more to serve until they closed at 2 p.m.

Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said they bought 400 hot dogs to serve free and people were lined up for a free hot dog at 10 a.m. when they opened.

He said next year he'd like to have cider and donuts to give out. He said he really likes cider and donuts.

It was a pleasant, sunny day and the kids were out enjoying all the police and fire stuff, the bounce house, the free popcorn and free fingerprinting and especially the K-9 cop.

Some people even took a ride 'way up into the air in the fire department's ladder truck.

David Mandell of Van Buren Township called to tell us the picture of the sunflowers in last week's paper reminded him of how sunflowers always follow the sun. He said in the afternoon they are facing west and by morning, when the dew is on their petals, they are facing east for the sunrise.

On Monday morning, there were those wondering why people were sitting in chairs near Willow Run Airport at 2 a.m. Turns out it was the strike of the General Motors facility across the street. The strike started at midnight.

We see that Doug Brown is going give a presentation on "Photographing Harry Truman" at the 7 p.m., Oct. 10, Homegrown Knowledge presentation at the Belleville Area District Library.

I first got to know Doug when he was curriculum director for the Van Buren Public Schools. He is always out and around with his camera and has been for years. He told me when he was in the military he took pictures of President Truman. This will be a great history lesson for everyone that attends.



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Letters

We should never forget evil attack of 9/11

To the editor:

I would like to thank Bob Mytych for calling me and asking me to say a few words in regards to the 911 Memorial last Wednesday. Also, thank you to the owner of the Lunch Box for hosting the event. Rodney and his team provided food and beverages for all the Firemen, Policemen, First Responders and the VFW that were there, along with those who represent our community. Thank you.

May we never forget the evil attack that took place on 911, 18 years ago. The attack was felt throughout our country and around the world. "May we never forget" should be the ongoing motto for all true Americans.

For, without that thought, those who weren't yet born at that time would probably never know, if it was left up to the main stream media and ongoing education system. i.e. It's been said that some education programs are currently trying to remove the "Holocaust" that happened between 1941 and 1945, saying that it "never happened." There are people still alive that lived through that horrible event in history. It did happen. Just like Pearl Harbor and other battles.

In closing, I'm thankful for the community in which I live, the state, and the nation, as well. It is one nation under God with liberty and justice for all. Those who HATE our country should not be leading our country!

Pastor Doug Valentine
Faith Assembly, 894 Huron River Dr.
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Thank you for help with Lakeside Art Show

To the editor:

We would like to thank all of those who helped to support the 7th-Annual Lakeside Art show on Saturday, Sept. 14, including artists, shoppers, and those who helped spread the word, set-up, or clean up.

This has become a fun local event to support our artists and the arts while doing something positive for the community.

Kudos to artists Jaci Dolan, Kim Ensich, Jean Morris, Angela Cory, Tim Marsh, Sonya Luna, Sharie Cannon, Beth Courey, Linda Stephens, Michele Montour, Barbara Yerace, Diane Matz, Steve Paulsen, Rachelle Guernsey.

Our special thanks to Donna Collins, Becky Hasen, Kim Tindall, Cindy Smith, Rick Dawson, Steve Jones, Justin and Travis Juriga, Tim Miller, Ken Voigt, and Jim Wagner.

John and Debbie Juriga
Belleville

"Out of clutter, find simplicity."
— Albert Einstein

Thank you to Sumpter Drumming Class

To the editor:

This is to Mary Ann and all the fabulous people in the Sumpter Thursday Morning Drumming Class.

Writing a letter to this newspaper (because EVERYBODY reads it!) was the only way I could think of to reach all of you to thank you for the incredibly warm "Welcome Back" reception that you gave me when I returned to teach cardio drumming.

The cake, flowers, gifts, and card were so sweet and generous and I was truly touched.

I can't thank all of you enough and to show my appreciation, I promise to make the drumming routines much more difficult. (Just kidding – sort of.)

Love you all,
Nancy Moore
Canton Township

Don't forget First Step Baby Shower is Sept. 21

To the editor:

First Step Baby Shower Benefit will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at Trinity Episcopal Church located on Belleville Road and South I-94 Service Drive. Ladies 17 up are invited to attend an informational program featuring speakers from First Step and guest speakers with information on recognizing abusive relationships and what to do about it.

Please bring a new baby item unwrapped to the shower. First Step has been fighting abuse for women for over 45 years. This shower is sponsored by Toasty Toes Blankets/Carstill Wagon Publishing. Each year a shower is given for the benefit of First Step in order for them to keep helping infants, toddlers along with their mothers, by people like you bringing/giving baby items.

Our Shower Project started five years ago collecting socks and expanded to baby items, including car seats, high chairs and, of course, diapers, baby bottles and clothing for infants to toddlers. We want to thank each of you for your help for the last five years.

If you have not given your gift, you may bring an unwrapped, new item to the Baby Shower Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville across from Burger King.

The event time is 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is a FREE EVENT. First Step would like to see as many ladies as possible attend this program.

Marian Caldwell, Event Coordinator
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Marcella Ann Ivan

MARCELLA ANN IVAN

(April 4, 1926 -- September 16, 2019)

Age 93, of Belleville, died peacefully at her residence, early Monday morning, September 16, 2019.

Marcella is the beloved wife of the late Frank (d.2016); loving mother of Patricia (Gary) Smith of Belleville, Kaye (Edward) Connolly of Florida, Faye (Mark) Wilkinson of Belleville, Gregory (Valerie) Ivan of Belleville and Richard (Brenda) Ivan of Belleville; cherished sister of Raymond (Virginia) Memering of Belleville, Elmer (the late Louise) Memering of Florida, Yvonne (the late Raymond) Deeds of Hamburg, Robert (the late Mary Lou) Memering of Brooklyn and Edmund (Dian) Memering of Belleville. Mrs. Ivan is also survived by her fifteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and many loving extended family and friends.

A devoted parishioner of St. Anthony's church and later St. Stephen's Church, Mrs. Ivan had a strong faith in Jesus and his blessed mother. When she was not proudly working for the United States Post Office as a letter carrier, Mrs. Ivan enjoyed being at the lake house in the Irish Hills, joke telling and being with her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, September 19, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston. The rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Visiting hours were arranged for Wednesday from 2-8 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734)-697-4500. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Stephen's Church. www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

Thanks for supporting Family Fun Day

To the editor:

Thank you to everyone who supported our 4th-annual Back-to-School Family Fun Day. The Sumpter Township Police Department and Sumpter Township Fire Department. We would like to thank our sponsors Fox Auto Parts, Sumpter Collision, Ace Hardware, Sunoco Gas Station on Sumpter Road. We would also like to acknowledge individual donors A. Slaughter, Barbara Miller, E. Phillips, and L. Mixon. We would also like to thank the children and parents who attended. You helped to make our event very successful. I would like to give special thanks to all our members who assisted before, during, and after the event.

Karitheia Murry Hanible, president
Sumpter Progressive Civic League

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 19** – Bunco, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Friday, Sept. 20** -- Karaoke at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Saturday, Sept. 21** – Baby Shower for First Step set from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Baby items needed for organization that cares for abused women.

• **Saturday, Sept. 21** – The Belleville VFW Post is celebrating its 75th anniversary at 1 p.m. with the dedication of a 105mm Howitzer in the front yard. Digger Odell, the last living POW in Michigan, will be

present.

• **Sunday, Sept. 22** – September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Waco Band. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Sept. 22** – Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Thursday, Sept. 26** – Free class on how to "Clean Up Your Inbox" is at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. No computer or device required for this demonstration-only class. Information: (734) 699-3291.

• **Friday, Sept. 27** -- Karaoke at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

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Obituaries



John D. Jones

JOHN D. JONES

(March 13, 1929 -- September 12, 2019)

Mr. John D. Jones, age 90, of Canton, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully at his home Thursday morning, September 12, 2019. He was born March 13, 1929 in Litchfield, Illinois, son of Lee & Dolly (Bandy) Jones.

Mr. Jones enjoyed farming and horses. He grew corn, wheat and beans and raised Clydesdale horses. He was always busy rebuilding or restoring something, from cars and tractors, to boats and motorcycles. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a long-time member of Rotary International.

John is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Virginia (Koch) Jones; six children (Debby (Steve) Rennells of Belleville, MI, Larry (Cathy) Jones of Boyne City, MI, Wayne (Shelly) Jones of Ann Arbor, MI, Mark (Cyndy) Jones of Milan, MI, Tammy (Bill) Osier of Belleville and Scott (Angie) Jones of Belleville; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and ten siblings. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

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Ronald Joseph Yurchak

RONALD JOSEPH YURCHAK

(August 21, 1942 -- August 28, 2019)

Ronald Joseph Yurchak was born August 21, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this world peacefully at home in Van Buren Township on August 28, 2019, at the age of 77. He was preceded in death by his mother Agnes Yurchak Collado, fathers Leopoldo Collado and John M. Hunadi, and brother Leopoldo (Sonny) Collado.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Beverly (Cox) Yurchak; daughters Angela (Mark) Kirkpatrick and Amie (Brian) Summers; son Allan (Laurie) Yurcak; eight grandchildren, Amber, Lauren, Chloe, Zach, Athalya, Travis, Awbree, and Andrew; and two great-grandchildren, Flynn and Scarlett.

Ron was an Army and Air Force Veteran with over 10 years of service and deeply loved his country. He had a passion for politics, airplanes, Little League baseball, his beloved Detroit Tigers, as well as Facebook and coffee. He retired after 30 years of employment with Delta Airlines and enjoyed breakfast gatherings with his Delta brothers and sisters.

He was a Christian man who enjoyed reading scripture. When it became difficult to read on his own, he enjoyed being read to by close friend Mac Black.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. A celebration of his life and memorial service will be held from 1 p.m. to ? on Saturday, September 21, at 44017 Harmony Ln., Van Buren Township.



Greta Lois Snyder

GRETA LOIS SNYDER

(July 8, 1945 -- September 10, 2019)

Greta Lois Snyder, age 74, passed away September 10, 2019. She was born July 8, 1945 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Eben D. and Evelyn (Price) Smith.

Greta was originally from Belleville and moved to the Jackson area in 1979. She was a graduate of Belleville High School, Class of 1964. At Belleville High School, she was a majorette in the marching band and member of the synchronized swimming team. Greta was retired from Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Plant, where was a member of UAW Local 898. She loved to sew, her flower garden, and swimming in her pool. Greta loved and held her family dearly and will be missed by all.

Greta is survived by her children; Carla (Tony) Gibson of Belleville, Mark (Candy) Mercer of Horton, Craig (Ronda) Snyder of Cement City, and Rachelle Smith of Lake City; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and another due in October; 4 step-daughters; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; sister Nancy Trevorrow of Lake City; and her beloved dog, Bug.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son David A. Mercer; husband William A. "Bill" Snyder; and nephew Jeffery C. Trevorrow. Funeral service was held 1 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2019 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. Visitation took place from 11 until time of funeral service. Burial took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com.



Sandalan Armstrong

SANDALAN ARMSTRONG

(August 22, 1951 -- September 10, 2019)

Ms. Sandalan Armstrong, 68, of Van Buren Township passed away on September 10, 2019. She was born on August 22, 1951 in Garden City, Michigan, a daughter of Rex and Veronica (Ruby) Morris.

Sandalan is survived by her two loving sons, Shawn (Amy) Armstrong and Blaine (Darlene) Armstrong. Adored grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Roxanne Dildine. She was preceded in death by her sister Margaret "Peggy" Weise.

She lived in Van Buren Township most of her life. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, cooking for her family, and enjoyed doing her crafts, especially ceramics and painting.

Visitation was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville 734-697-4500. A funeral service in Sandalan's honor was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the funeral home. Pastor Drex Morton officiated. The family greeted guests one hour prior to the service. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 23 -- Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 -- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 -- Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 30, -- Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 1 -- Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 7 -- Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

ARLENE LOIS GARRY

(April 8, 1937 -- September 15, 2019)

Age 82, of Belleville. Survived by four children, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren. Service is 11 a.m., Sept. 20, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Viewing 2-8 p.m. Sept. 19.

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More Letters

Reply to recent 'Mueller Book Club' letter

To the editor:

In a recent publication, I found a letter to the editor entitled "What Our Mueller Book Club learned" signed by Ms. Zysk-Berman of Sumpter Township.

Ordinarily, I would not spend one minute reading, let alone answering, a letter that at the very onset begins with an apology. But now, I feel I must put my best effort forth and "set the record straight."

Donald Trump was duly elected to the office of President of the United States in 2016. I'm quite sure, Ms. Zysk-Berman, THIS VERY FACT is your "stumbling block" and the foremost reason you (and your so-called club) are "blowing in the wind."

Years of investigations, unimaginable cost to the taxpayers and still there are those of you losers who CANNOT and WILL NOT accept defeat. When a temperamental child loses an argument and won't concede a loss, there follows a reprimand or punishment of some sort. Perhaps, in today's culture, wherein lies, biased opinions, identity and factual omissions are common, the pitiful result is a generation mocking their elders. For shame! One need not ask WHY because the desperation you and your "report" have clearly demonstrated is politically motivated. I can't begin to imagine how unhappy and disappointed you are; it must be painful and totally lacking peace of mind!

Let's get some FACTS straight. I will attempt to write the following FACTS plainly, truthfully, and simply, so that children as well as adults may learn – once and for all. I'm sure you will agree, especially when we have learned the "Report" was NOT Mueller's report, inasmuch as he often could NOT reply to questions directly quoted from the report. After watching every minute of the investigative hearing on TV, I must conclude that I have only sympathy for a man who had dedicated so much to our nation and now, as someone said: "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." I

am sorry to see such a display of cowardice and intimidation on the part of the majority leadership.

Over and over again, the questions directed to Mr. Mueller were so contrived as to make one point – Trump's collusion with Russia to win the election. NOT SO! The truth – finally: THERE WAS NO COLLUSION!

In fact, it's very difficult for me to believe that former President Obama had nothing to do with it! Any claims of Russian influence came directly from and through the media supporting a goal of: "STOP TRUMP AT ANY EXPENSE!"

"Obstruction" – The questioners really thought they had a case against President Trump. The conclusion: "NO evidence to support an indictment; NO decision." What an embarrassment to Congress – this entire misleading, expensive, circus it has been!

So now, the "losers" are again seeking to IMPEACH President Trump. On WHAT basis? There is NONE!

Finally, Ms. Zysk-Berman: I sincerely hope you find some peace after spending so much time on your opinions of the "Mueller Report" and, further, just out of curiosity, have you ever seen a rainbow? A sunrise over the water? A "welcome-home" to a veteran? A U.S. flag waving in the breeze?

Do you see anything positive and beautiful? Perhaps, your wasted efforts as emphasized herein, could be better served in providing a community service, volunteering within the Police or Fire departments, offering assistance to schools, churches, etc., etc. Join me, please. LET'S THINK POSITIVE – and – to start: LOVE THY NEIGHBOR.

Finally, GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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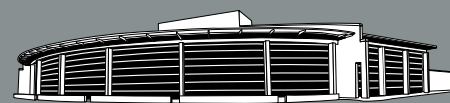
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Debbie and John Juriga, and Becky Hasen, at right, with the help of Kim Tindall and Cindy Smith (not pictured), held a garage sale at the Jurigas' during the citywide yard sale. Proceeds totaling \$2,262 were donated to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church to help feed the hungry in the community.

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Thank you to garage sale for food closet

To the editor:

A HUGE thank you goes out to John and Debbie Juriga, Becky Hasen, Kim Tindall, and Cindy Smith for all their hard work and efforts at hosting a garage sale on Sept. 7 and 8 at the Juriga home in Belleville. Items were donated by many members of the community and ALL the proceeds were donated to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church. Their successful efforts

raised \$2,262!

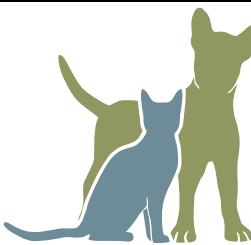
This amount was taken to our local Meijer store located at 9701 Belleville Rd. on Sept. 13 and placed on a Simply Give card. Because it was also "Double Match Day", Meijer donated \$4,524, for a grand total of \$6,786.

The Emergency Food Closet volunteers and clients appreciate all of the efforts to help the hungry in our local area. We hope our community will continue to patronize the Belleville Meijer store and their heritage of giving which supports local food pantries.

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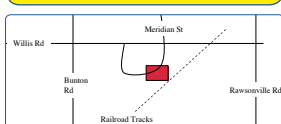
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The cost of the project will be levied upon the properties draining to the North Branch Big Swan Creek, located in Ash Township in Monroe County; Huron Charter Township, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Charter Township in Wayne County; and Augusta Charter Township in Washtenaw County.

At the meeting, the board will determine the sufficiency of signatures on the petition, go over the route of the intercounty drain, and will determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the intercounty drain is practicable.

Public comment will be received at the meeting from anyone owning lands liable to an assessment or whose lands will be crossed by the drain, or any municipality affected. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting.

For more information, contact Elmeka Steele, Wayne County Drain commission, 400 Monroe St., Ste. 400, Detroit 48226, (734) 259-4825.

The required public notice on this hearing was published in the *Belleville-Area Independent* on Sept. 5.

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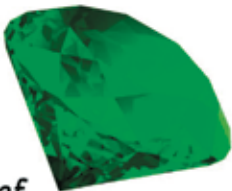
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GospelFest featuring Dany Page is coming to the pavilion at the Sumpter Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is free and sponsored by the Sumpter Progressive Civic League

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Congratulations to the Belleville High School Varsity Football team as they improved to 3-0 with a 49-20 victory over Dearborn on Sept. 13. This Friday the Tigers host Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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At the Sept. 10 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Richard Pollman of the National Weather Service presented signs to Sumpter Township announcing the township is StormReady. From left are Sumpter Trustee Tim Rush, Pollman, Public Safety Director Eric Luke, and Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk.

NOAA recognizes Sumpter Township as StormReady

Officials from NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) have recognized Sumpter Township as a leader by naming it among the agency's "StormReady" communities. NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"StormReady encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations and public awareness," said Richard Pollman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the NWS weather forecast office in White Lake. "StormReady arms communities with improved communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property – before and during the event."

The nationwide community preparedness program uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle local severe weather and flooding threats. The program is voluntary and provides

communities with clear-cut advice from a partnership between the local NWS
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weather forecast office and state and local emergency managers.

StormReady started in 1999 with seven communities in the Tulsa, OK, area. There are nearly 3,000 StormReady sites in the United States. Sumpter Township became the first unincorporated township in Michigan to be granted the StormReady designation.

On Sept. 10, Sumpter Township hosted a StormReady award ceremony as part of the township board meeting. At the ceremony the NWS weather forecast office in White Lake presented a recognition letter and special StormReady signs to township officials.

The StormReady recognition will be in effect for three years when Sumpter Township will go through a recertification process.

To be recognized as StormReady, a site must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public;
- Create a system that monitors local weather conditions;
- Promote the importance of public readiness through multiple outreach efforts; and
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

"The United States is the most severe weather-prone region of the world. The mission of the National Weather Service is to reduce the loss of life and property from these storms, and StormReady will help us create better prepared communities throughout the country," Pollman said.

Sumpter board approves changes in building fee schedule, applications

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township has approved new fee schedules and application documents for the Building Department that raises some rates and reduces some.

At the Sept. 10 regular meeting the board approved the documents as presented by Trustee Tim Rush. The documents had been tabled at the Aug. 27 meeting for more information.

Trustee Don LaPorte pointed out the new \$275 fee for new construction would save the resident money. Trustee Rush said a 1,500 square-foot home would save \$150 for electrical under the changes.

Trustee LaPorte said some charges went down and one went up by \$3.

Rush said they had compared Sumpter's rates with surrounding communities to come up with these fees. Included in the packet of information were comparisons with Huron, Ash, Monroe, and Van Buren townships.

According to a memo in the packet, in January, the department restructured the way inspections for resale/rental permits are conducted, to provide services to the residents beyond what could be provided with the old method of performing resale inspections.

Originally, the building inspector would perform one initial inspection, detailing the required fixes to the seller or home-buyer and would then perform a final inspection after the fixes had been made.

Now they have all four trades performing initial inspections with the building inspector performing the final, to ensure all fixes have been made. It is with this in mind that the fee has been raised from \$150 per permit by an additional \$75 per permit, in order to more adequately cover the cost of each inspector going out to the home in question.

In other business at the Sept. 10 meeting, the board:

- Approved \$17,549.99 more than was allocated (including contingency) for the \$140,635 Willis Road Sanitary Sewer Lining Program being done by Inland Waters Pollution Control, Inc., of Detroit. The work was expected to be done within seven days, but the project required more than seven shorter installations with multiple mobilizations and additional labor, traffic and bypass requirements. There reportedly were extraordinary ground conditions, heavy ground water, and high flows. The township's consulting engineer Ryan Kern of Hennessey explained the work and said this is phase one of the project. He said they also went in and grouted all the

manholes that were leaking because of the high-water table. Kern said all the work was done by mid June. Trustee Matthew Oddy said he would like to see change orders come in during the project, not so far after it is done;

- Heard township attorney Rob Young report on his activities over the last month, including seven hours spent on the lease and development agreement for the branch library. He said the branch library will be finished by the end of October and it will benefit the entire community. Young also thanked Trustee Rush for his efforts to get the township Skyready, with "relentless updates, sometimes twice a day";

- Heard Trustee Oddy say he would like to have the board work on the issue of pay for employee Erica Campbell, which has not been settled. He also asked Young to push Nationwide for pension accounts that should be sent to each employee, not just reporting to the township. He said it's been eight months since pension accounts became a problem;

- Heard Mary Ban again speak about the uncut brush that is making intersections unsafe. She also said she sent a message to the head Washtenaw County engineer asking them to widen Rawsonville Road as they did from the freeway to Huron River Drive. She said between 3 and 5 p.m. traveling the road is a public safety hazard because of all the traffic. It needs to be widened and a turn lane put in, she said. She also asked for a handrail to be put on the step outside the side door. She said it's a high step and she was unsteady using it and Jewell Butler almost fell there;

- Heard former Treasurer Peggy Morgan say she talked with a representative of Comcast who told her they have standard lines that come in, not HD, and haven't done anything different to cause reception problems for the township's government access channel. Morgan said he told her he didn't want to come to a township meeting and be in between the township and who they hired to put in the new system. He said they just let the township access the system and don't do anything else. He also said residents can have their lines checked. Morgan said the humming on the township cable channel is terrible. In commenting on the pension problems, she called it, "a big mess that Scott [Holtz] got us into and there's no hope of getting us out of it soon..." Attorney Young said Holtz opted not to pay the fee, when the pension account was transferred to MERS, which brought on the present problems. "I didn't think when he proposed it that it had anything to do with the board," Morgan said.

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of fun with a four-wheeler at Grace Lake recently. He said the sod has been torn up and tire tracks go up and down the stairs of the office building, but there is no major damage to the concrete.

He said he considered putting up a barrier, but then he would be blocking himself out. He said the fence on the trail is kept three-fourths closed so walkers would be able to enter.

Delaney said the signs say the trail closes at dusk and Medlen agreed, saying they could have the guards close it up at night. "We don't want to stop people from using the trails," Medlen said.

He said he has been considering putting in a mini fruit orchard or a co-op community garden, which wouldn't go in place for two or three years. He said he thought people could walk along the lake, take an apple or a cherry and eat it.

LDFA chairman Michael Dotson said he

will hook Medlen up with the Michigan State Master Gardeners, the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association, and others that use Wayne County Community College for their meetings. Medlen agreed he will need to know about the soil and other things.

Dotson said the LDFA's marketing subcommittee could get together to plan things to be promoted at Grace Lake for the year.

Medlen said maybe the Boy Scouts could be involved, as had been suggested in the past.

Delaney said they could have meetings in January and March to put the feelers out. "There's a lot of opportunities on your site," Dotson said.

In other business at the half-hour meeting on Sept. 10, the LDFA unanimously approved changes to the by-laws after they were reviewed by township attorney Patrick McCauley. The bylaws will be sent back to the township board for final approval.

McCauley had looked at comments made by the township board of trustees during a work/study session on July 16 and sent a memo. The main questions had to do with the duties outlined for the chairperson.

"I don't understand what the questions were," said Delaney. "Our bylaws are innocuous ... not really big changes ... It's a housekeeping thing."

Dotson thanked Dan Selman, now the township's representative to the LDFA, for bringing the recommended bylaws to them.

"I appreciate you bringing this to closure," Dotson said. "I appreciate everyone looking out for each other, so we get it right."

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said board members thought the LDFA was reaching out for more power.

"They read too much into it," Supervisor McNamara said.

"It's a good document, good changes, more precise," Dotson said.

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The quarterly book sale for February is cancelled. Notices will be published for the spring book sale.

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City Council sets Oct. 21 meeting to discuss public safety special assessment

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A 6 p.m. public information meeting has been set for Monday, Oct. 21, by the Belleville City Council to discuss the proposed 2-mill special assessment for public safety on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The meeting will be held at the Belleville High School Commons and then the regular 7:30 p.m. council meeting will follow.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, that lasted just seven minutes, the council also:

- Approved the sixth-annual BHS Newtech Zombie Walk/Run from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Oct. 19, starting at High Street. The approval includes closing High Street from Main to Roys, and also

closing the Main Street parking lane on the southwest side from High to the Denton Road Bridge. The event is co-sponsored by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority;

- Agreed to put on the next meeting's agenda the Doane's Landing \$81,721 change order request for payment from C&R Lakeside Landscape for 29 linear feet of cantilever wall at a cost of \$67,706; 7 linear feet of 15-foot panes for \$6,625; wall removal for cantilever return, which includes excavator \$3,700 and labor \$1,575; and footing removal, crain down time two hours at \$746 per hour \$1,492, air hammer \$173, and labor \$450. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the contractor ran into a few issues as the project got under way.

The elevations were different as the wall extended toward Belleville Road so the sheets had to be moved in to be driven in properly. Also, when driving the cantilever panels near the transition, a giant piece of concrete was discovered that stopped the sheet from being driven so the dirt had to be removed so the concrete could be removed. "In an effort to keep overages down, we hauled the dirt to the DPW yard and we will use as much rip rap as we have in the yard," Rutherford said in a memo to the board; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$1,873,425.41 and the following purchases

in excess of \$500: \$98,333.33 to C&R Lakeside Landscape (payment 2 of 3 per contract price) for seawall replacement; \$1,914 to Hennessey Engineers for plan review/inspection of Scott Jones' project (from escrow account); and \$1,740 to Crawford Door for replacing rotted wood garage door on the DPW building.

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1. No quotes are received
2. A single quote is received, and/or
3. Quotes seem unreasonably high

RFQ Response Directions

Quotes must be received in a sealed envelope by September 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., mailed or hand delivered to:

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Police LT. Gannon and approximately 9 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda with the following edit; New Business Item 11., B tabled until the Regular Board Meeting on September 10, 2019. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte supported Bednark to approve the warrant total of \$388,121.39. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Swinson, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: A. SumpterFest, approximately \$7,600., working on a finalized amount.

B. Don Rochon Memorial Car Show, September 15, 2019, registration at 9:00 am.

C. Annual Turkey Shoot, (4) Sundays in October, 2019.

D. Working on Parks & Recreation Building addition information.

E. Gabby's Games, many volunteers from Parks & Recreation, all day effort and supported the STPD.

Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Reported a scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals review on August 29, 2019 of (1) case for consideration of side set-back on Lohr Rd.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. 12 Sumpter Seniors traveled to Detroit to Feed the Homeless on August 13. Great job and coordination to our Caring Citizen Karen and Lettie & ALL. (Poster Board with Photos on the Back Table)

B. Cardio Drumming will be Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm starting September 10. One-time membership fee to use the available equipment.

C. Upholstery class will begin September 11 at 2pm and an evening class at 5:30. All is welcome for the eight- week sessions. Wanda Watkins has over forty years of experience to assist with any furniture endeavor even car/boat seats.

D. September 13, 14 & 15 will the Rummage Treasure Sale \$10 per table all is welcome to sell or buy.

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

10. Board Response:

A. A report on Gabby's Games, provided by Det Sgt Toth and Det Sgt Ashby, on the event coordination and support by the STPD, Parks & Recreation, local businesses and the community. 167 Children attended the activities on Friday, August 23, 2019.

B. Supervisor Morgan talked about his attendance at the Gabby's Games event and how proud he was of the event, the attendees, the community and the large numbers of volunteers and township professionals who provided effort to this very successful and meaningful event.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the resignation of Firefighter Anthony Spitznagel. Motion carried.

B. **Tabled** - Consider final approval of the Building Department fee schedule and application documents updates.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve for RFQ for 24' X 20' addition to the Parks & Recreation building using Wayne County Grant/Parks & Recreation. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve working with Point and Pay for accepting credit/debit card payments. Transaction fees to be paid by payee. Transaction fee is 3% or \$2.00 whichever is greater. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the Township Website Redesign Committee recommendation to select TOWN WEB as the selected service provider to complete the Township Web project and host support for a period of 3 years at \$5,487 for year one, and \$2,988 for each of years two and three. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Subcontractor Recommendations for the Sumpter Township Satellite Library/Media Center submitted for consideration by Hennessey Engineers and C & S Construction Management. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

A. Trustee LaPorte advised of the immediate need for Firefighter Candidates, encouraging applications and referrals.

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

14. Closed Session

At 7:26 pm, Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to move to Closed Session; pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law. Roll call vote; Yay; Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Nay; None. Motion unanimously carried.

At 8:00 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to open the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Attorney's recommendation as advised during the Closed Session. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
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School Board

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handled. A monthly stipend of \$70 is proposed. Supt. Kudlak said the item will be on the next board agenda;

- Approved the annual eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., May 20-22, by motor coach. Cost to students is \$676, by way of scholarships, fund raisers, and self-financing;

- Heard a presentation by Special Projects Coordinator Jane Stalmack on the Summer Reading Camp, for K-4 students in need of extra help with reading, held July 22 to Aug. 15 at Tyler Elementary. This is the third year for this program and this year there were 137 signed up. Of that, 87 had 75% or better attendance. This year there were three school buses to pick them up and deliver them home, a mid-morning snack, and lunch, as well as STEM activities. Everything was free. Stalmack said 68% of the students improved their scores;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Samantha Banas of Owen Intermediate, as of Aug. 21 after two years of service; Michael Sherman of Rawsonville Elementary as of Aug. 22, after three years of service; Heather Fischer of Owen Intermediate as of Aug. 22, after two years of service; and Stacy English of Edgemont Elementary as of Aug. 28, after six years

of service;

- Approving hiring counselor Valarie Foulks for Owen Intermediate as of Aug. 28; and teachers Sabrina Pierre-Isaac as online instructor at Belleville High School; Talton Hall for Rawsonville Elementary teacher as of Aug. 28; Mark Scarbrough for Owen Intermediate for music teacher as of Aug. 27; Janeen Mendal for Haggerty ECDC as GSRP teacher as of Sept. 3; Amanda Mitchell as an Edgemont Elementary teacher as of Sept. 3; Laura Fleming as an Owen Intermediate teacher as of Sept. 3; and Jaclynn Behrendt for Tyler Elementary teacher as of Sept. 6;

- Approved the resignations of bus drivers Kenyetta Melton as of Sept. 1 after less than a year of service; Julia Thorn as of Sept. 10 after three years of service; and Lora Hullum as of Sept. 6 after two years of service;

- Approved the hiring of Lawanda Wilson as a bus driver as of Aug. 20; and paraprofessionals Kaleena Bauer for McBride Middle School as of Aug. 28; Marie Punnet for Owen Intermediate as of Aug. 28; Mary Leake for McBride Middle School as of Aug. 28; Linda Dyer for Owen Intermediate as of Sept. 3; and Kelly Williams for the district as of Sept. 10;

- Heard Ginny Gearn ask from the audience about the status of Yvette, who has been an outstanding technical director

for the drama put on by students in the fall and the musical put on in the spring. Gearn said auditions for the drama should have taken place this week but didn't because they have no technical director. Kudlak said Yvette wants to be full-time staff member to put on two plays. "She is fantastic and puts a lot more hours in than paid for," Kudlak said, noting they do not have money for a full-time position. Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said the money is there for a part-time position and, "before her, somebody else did it." Kudlak said the problem is that she needs full time. He said he checked to see what other schools do and, so far, it is a part-time position. He said BHS Principal Stacey Buhro is checking with other high schools. Gearn said the district almost lost her last year because another district wanted her but she wanted to stay with Van Buren. Kudlak said maybe one of the people she trained in the past or another teacher could do it;

- Heard Williams report that the paving at Rawsonville Elementary is done and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned and he and the principal are invited. Also, the media centers at Owen and McBride are done and the soffits at Savage are complete, with the exception of the punch list;

- Heard Madyun report the district has a Pride Athletics program for every employee and are looking at self-defense, CPR, basketball, and step counting;

- Heard Kudlak report there is no budget from the state, as yet. Also, the number of

Kindergartners enrolling is up this year although the birth rates are down. The School of Choice students are about the same so this means Van Buren is capturing more of its own Kindergartners;

- Heard board member Darlene Loyer Gerick report that her daughter Marina has officially been approved for her Girl Scout Silver Award. Marina had put on the Benches for Belleville project to earn the award. Gerick said the project continues;

- Went into closed-door session to discuss possible reinstatement of Student 18-19-010 for the 2019-20 school year. The student was expelled during the 2018-19 school year and came forward for consideration of reinstatement after the expiration of the expulsion period. The recommendation from the District Reinstatement Committee after it met with the student and parent on Sept. 6 was before the board for consideration. After the board went into open session again it voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

BHS Class of 1959 sets 60-year reunion

The Belleville High School Class of 1959 has set a 60-year reunion at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11, at Johnny's on the Lake, in Belleville. Food is \$15 per person. At 6:15 p.m. there will be a car caravan to BHS for a football game, with tickets free. Kick-off is at 7 p.m. The Class of 1959 will sit together and be recognized at half-time. Seats will be reserved. RSVP by Oct. 5 to: Bev Pink Brooks, bevdon1234@aol.com; Pat Sullens, Pmeek34@comcast.net; or Will Horchem, woh224@yahoo.com.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On September 25th, 2019, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1992	FORD	PU	2FTEF25Y2NCA53720	19-14768
2001	BUICK	4D	1G4HP54K91U258112	19-14878
2000	BUICK	4D	2G4WF5512Y1134804	19-14925
2005	GMC	PU	1GTEC14VX5E329484	19-15189
2001	FORD	PU	1FTZX17281NB28281	19-15594

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2007	CHRYLER	4D	1C3LC66K27N569627	19-12158
2015	KIA	4D	KNAFX4A68F5419609	19-13868
1999	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JF5243X7276098	19-14330
2006	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNDA23P76S539310	19-14363
2003	BUICK	4D	1G4HR54K33U186935	19-15310
2006	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDDT13S262128658	19-15709
2004	HONDA	4D	2HKYF18554H510151	19-13187
UNK	JOHN DEERE	LM	M0L180J504164	19-11648
1964	FORD	2D	4K47F184321	19-15826

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,

Published: September, 19th, 2019

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 451 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 8:
0049 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.
0232 – family trouble, N. Timberview Dr.
0233 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0317 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Timberview Dr. / Heatherfield Blvd.
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage
0414 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0715 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.
1039 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
1040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
1102 – assist other dept., Brandi Dr.
1156 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1230 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1329 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1458 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1504 – mental subject, E. Adams
1606 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1639 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
1900 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1927 – road hazard, Mott/Dellor St.
1935 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2151 – assist fire dept., S. Sadie Ln.
2233 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
2248 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.

Monday, Sept. 9:
0649 – hospice death, Fret Rd.
0708 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.
0922 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0954 – hospice death, Buchanan St.
1106 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.
1520 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1608 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1704 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1723 – trespassing, Lighthouse Dr.
1744 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.
1828 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1913 – follow up by officer, Denton Rd.
2040 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
2140 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
2140 – disorderly, Belleville
2206 – welfare check, Basswood Cir.
2224 – noise complaint, Westlake

Tuesday, Sept. 10:
0028 – larceny, Outer Dr.
0115 – noise complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
0133 – domestic, Outer Dr.
0326 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.
0634 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1228 – hospice death, Haggerty Rd.
1300 – larceny from auto, Sylvia Dr.
1532 – trespassing, Ryznar Dr./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1542 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1601 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1626 – harassment call, Winding Pond Dr.
1656 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1721 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1810 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1817 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. / Denton Rd.
1841 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
1846 – suicidal person, Outer Dr.
1922 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
1948 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1951 – missing person, Florence Ln.
2119 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
2124 – property damage accident, Haggerty
2124 – mental subject, Maurice Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:
0018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
0037 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0110 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

0633 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1022 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct. / Monterey Dr.
1043 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1154 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1243 – fraud, Jackson St.
1310 – private property impound, S. Bellridge Dr.
1408 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1410 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1508 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1621 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1646 – malicious destruction, Independence Ln.
1715 – family trouble, Winchester St.
1753 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Adams
1839 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1921 – noise complaint, Quirk Rd.
1932 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Circle
2002 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2010 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
2048 – threat, W. Huron River Dr.
2059 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
2110 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2234 – miscellaneous complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2357 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville/I-94

Thursday, Sept. 12:
0003 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0315 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0810 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.
0816 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
1126 – trespassing, Cobblestone
1305 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1309 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1400 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1404 – domestic, Water’s Edge Ln.
1452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
1546 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.
1608 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1640 – property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl
1657 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Martz Rd.
1738 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1858 – domestic, Daisy Blvd.
1926 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
1953 – assault & battery, Bak Rd./Hull Rd.
2030 – road hazard, WB Michigan Ave./bypass
2034 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
2244 – property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass

Friday, Sept. 13:
0350 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl. / Basswood Cir.
0531 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0726 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0846 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
0958 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1155 – found property/child, Wabash Rd.
1209 – animal complaint, Oak Ln.
1249 – miscellaneous complaint, Oak Ln.
1321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1401 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1408 – animal complaint, North Shore
1413 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1426 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1438 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1649 – property damage accident, Chandler
1933 – disorderly, Hardwood Dr. / Empire Ct.
1935 – property damage accident, Bog Rd.
1937 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.
2242 – noise complaint, Ponderosa Trl. S.
2254 – assault & battery, E. Hospital Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 14:
0705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Belleville
0807 – assist other dept., N. Liberty
1027 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1410 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1450 – larceny from auto, Forestdale Dr.
1450 – overdose, Parkwood Dr.
1703 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1736 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
1824 – neighbor trouble, Chloe Ct.
1830 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

1847 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
1948 – suspicious person/vehicle, Crowley Ave.
2000 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2003 – breaking & entering, Wildbrook Dr.
2012 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2146 – shooting, Lohr
2216 – noise complaint, Barnwell Dr.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-275/Ecorse
Also on this week’s log are 139 traffic stops, with 38 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 8:
0709 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1056 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor
1827 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2330 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Monday, Sept. 9:
0046 – welfare check, Savage/E. Columbia Ave.
0125 – domestic, Loza Ln.
0733 – property damage accident, Main St.
1348 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1918 – vehicle lock out, Sumpter Rd.
1920 – hospice death, W. Wabash Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 10:
0001 – mental subject, Main St.
0638 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1156 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2032 – welfare check, E. Columbia/RR tracks

Wednesday, Sept. 11:
1313 – vehicle lock out, Main St./Fourth St.
1718 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
2325 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 12:
1217 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia

Friday, Sept. 13:
0944 – miscellaneous complaint, Light Tower
1730 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Fifth
2018 – malicious destruction of property, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 14:
0504 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0726 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
0733 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St. / W. Wabash St.
1010 – malicious destruction of property, Santa Clara St.
1226 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2048 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
2144 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada Dr. / Belle Villa Blvd.
2220 – larceny from auto, South St.
Also on this week’s log are 34 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 8:
0016 – missing recovered, Bemis/Rawsonville
0248 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
0843 – fire dept. assist, Willis/Rawsonville
0908 – fire dept. assist, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.
0929 – trespassing complaint, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0950 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1532 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1534 – trespassing complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1759 – subpoena service, Carriage Ln.
1813 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1835 – flee & elude, Willis/Haggerty
1936 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Sept. 9:
0634 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1223 – animal complaint, Wear/Sumpter
1251 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1518 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1946 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
Tuesday, Sept. 10:
0305 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Sherwood

0344 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0501 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0902 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0904 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1019 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1347 – breaking & entering, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1610 – warrant arrest pick up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1808 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1844 – warrant arrest pick up, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
2005 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2235 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:
1215 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1346 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1412 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1556 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1629 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1755 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2134 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2228 – traffic hazard, Willow/Sumpter

Thursday, Sept. 12:
0157 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Willis
0536 – traffic hazard, Willow/Haggerty
0550 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

0946 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1018 – warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1057 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1103 – dumping complaint, Birch
1210 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1526 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1623 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

1631 – down wires, Haggerty/Willis
1909 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2219 – mental health commitment, 26000 bl. Karr

Friday, Sept. 13:
0017 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0718 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
1148 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1502 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1691 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1623 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1626 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1931 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1947 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1952 – recovered vehicle that had been driven away without permission, Timberland Dr.
2042 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2343 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 14:
1000 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1010 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1527 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1547 – threats complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1816 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Karr
1850 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2015 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2103 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2221 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2227 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2315 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 43 patrol checks, and 38 traffic stops.

Birthdays

Sept. 21 – Reg Ion
Sept. 23 – Megan Holmes
Sept. 27 – Becky Ross
Sept. 28 – Andrea M. Moore, Kevin Moore, Kathy Belinc

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League of Women Voters sets candidate forum for Belleville City Council

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has two opportunities to help Belleville voters make educated decisions in the November election: an Oct. 2 candidates' forum and a non-partisan Voter Guide.

The League will host a candidates' forum in the mini-auditorium of Belleville High School on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There are four candidates running for two positions on the Belleville City Council.

Filing for the four-year seats on the city council are Jack Loria, Kelly Bates, and Ken Voigt. Aafrika Poole filed as a write-in candidate and she has been invited to speak, as well.

Mayor Kerreen Conley was the only one

filing for mayor.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the League's email address: lwvmail@yahoo.com up until Oct. 1. The forum will be filmed and the link will be available on the League's website (LWVnorthwestwayne.org) within days after the event.

Beginning Sept. 25, Belleville voters can also access the League's non-partisan, on-line voter guide at VOTE411.org. By typing in their address, a voter can view and compare responses to questions. A print version of the voter guide will be available at the Belleville Library by the second week in October.

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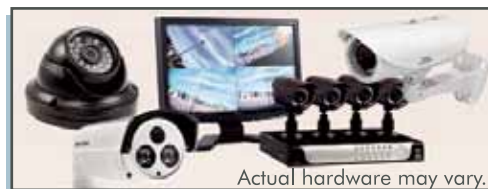
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