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Bloody steer dragged on Judd Road when floor of trailer fails

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Sept. 19 at around 2 p.m., Suzanne Jones was heading to her Judd Road home in Sumpter Township when she saw drag marks on the roadway.

She was coming west on Judd Road from Martinsville Road heading to her home west of Sumpter Road. The drag marks started before Martinsville Road and went on for more than a mile.

Soon, along with the drag marks, she saw hunks of fresh meat.

A horse trailer was stopped at the four-way stop at Judd and Sumpter roads and police made drivers go through the party store parking lot to get around the blocked corner.

She saw in the back inside of the trailer the two back legs of a black horse and a tail that was waving slowly back and forth in the wind. Pieces of meat were everywhere, she said.

She was told that the steer and horse were being taken to be slaughtered when the floor of the trailer fell out. She said there were long trails of blood on the asphalt and the Sumpter Fire Department was trying to hose off the blood.

The injured animals were placed in a nice trailer to continue their ride. Jones said they were not dead.

"I don't want that to happen to any other animal," Jones said. "I know they were being taken to slaughter, but that is no excuse for them to be tortured like that."

"Trailers should be inspected," Jones said. "When you see the outside of a trailer is badly rusted, you wonder what does the floor inside look like."

Jones said she was willing to work to require inspections of trailers to carry animals.

She said there are lots of people in rural Sumpter Township who have horses and other animals. And, while some of the trailers are fine, some are in bad repair.

Also, Jones wants the driver to be charged with something, at least animal cruelty. She said he must have felt the dragging as he drove along and probably wouldn't have stopped if it weren't a four-way-stop intersection.

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke said the driver was cited for spilling his load, a misdemeanor with a penalty of \$500 and or 90 days in jail.

Chief Luke said the police officer's report of the incident states that the driver was hauling a trailer containing a bull he was transporting to a slaughter house. According to the report, the driver said that he heard a loud thud and stopped to find that the animal's legs had broken through the bottom of the trailer and were dragging on the pavement, causing injury to its hooves/legs and resulting in quite a bit of blood loss on the roadway.

The animal was subsequently transferred to another trailer for transport and the Sumpter Township Fire Department was called out to wash down the blood on the roadway, Chief Luke said.

Jones said there were two animals and she certainly knows what a horse looks like. Her coworker said he saw the horse's front legs on the floor of the trailer, so maybe the horse didn't fall through like the steer did. She said she will never forget the black horse tail waving back and forth in the wind.

Nelson Po sues Sumpter Twp. over raid on his business

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday, Nelson Po filed a law suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against Sumpter Township, Sumpter Detective

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Photo by Madison Hess

The crowning of the Belleville High School King and Queen will take place Friday at the Homecoming football game at halftime. The members of the BHS Queen Homecoming Court are, from left, Sarah Jeng, Carolyn King, Julia Iacob, Lauren Rainey, Cailyn Quinn, Morgan Valdahl, and Ashley Everett.



Photo by Amanda Greene

Members of the Belleville High School King Homecoming Court are, from left, David Date, Nigel Beaton, Kamali Clora, Gavin Schultz, Demeatry Brooks, Noah Wyatt Borgdorff, and Brendan Davenport.

Correction: Clarita Po's attorney misidentified

The last name of Clarita Po's attorney was misstated on page 13 of the Sept. 22 *Independent*. We apologize for the error. Her attorney is Ronald Reese Ruark, with offices in Canton.
Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



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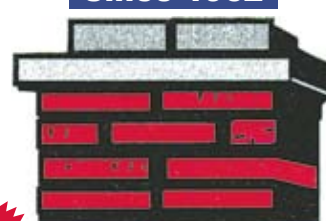
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Seated from left at the Sept. 21 candidate forum were Darlene Loyer Gerick, Victor DeLibera, Simone Pinter, David Peer, Keith Johnston, and Susan Featheringill. Moderator was Paula Bowman, vice president of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters.

Six of eight school board candidates participate in forum

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Six of the eight candidates in the Nov. 8 election for Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education participated in the League of Women Voters public forum Sept. 21 at Belleville High School.

Current school board members Brent Mikulski and Kelly Owen, who are seeking reelection, did not attend the forum, but sent one-minute opening statements which were read by League member Virginia Belinski after the other candidates had given their opening statements.

Mikulski's statement said his mother had died and family was celebrating her life that evening, so he could not attend the forum. Owen said could not attend, but gave no reason.

Lots were drawn before the hour-long forum began to determine where the

participating candidates would sit at the table in the Belleville High School Commons.

From left were Darlene Loyer Gerick, Victor DeLibera, Simone Pinter, David Peer, Keith Johnston, and Susan Featheringill.

Moderator Paula Bowman, vice president of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters, read nine questions presented in writing by members of the audience and screened to make sure they were not repetitive and made no attacks.

Each candidate answered each question, rotating the order so that a different one spoke first after each question. At the end everyone gave a closing statement, with Gerick, DeLibera, Pinter and Featheringill indicating they were on a slate and asking voters to elect them together.

Former board member Peer said he decided to run for the board after former

board member Johnston suggested they run together.

Questions included what each would do differently than the present board; if they supported returning to Robert's Rules of Order for board meetings; how to restore trust and transparency to the school board; whether former School Supt. Michael Van Tassel should continue to be used as a consultant; how to get more minorities in school leadership; what would you do if you start to notice a mass exodus of teachers; improving teacher evaluation process; if the budget is tight would you eliminate art, music, library, and gym; and what do you perceive to be the role of the school board.

All the candidates present agreed that the district did not need former Supt. Van Tassel as a paid consultant, which was part of his separation agreement.

Peer said a simple, "No," and Johnston said he wasn't needed.

Featheringill said it would be detrimental to the new superintendent to have the old superintendent coming in the back door when he isn't needed.

Gerick said there was no reason to have him involved and De Libera said he didn't know what the contract said.

Pinter said there was absolutely no reason to have the former superintendent involved. "He should have no say-so in this district. We've lost too many good teachers ... Let him go on his way."

The meeting was recorded and will be put on the League's web site at www.lwvnorthwestwayne.org. Also, candidates have been invited to take part in the online voter guide that also will be printed out and be distributed at the Belleville Area District Library.



This 16" diameter pipeline being buried in the right of way next to a buried 1953 pipeline was seen Sunday west of Haggerty Road, near Robson. It is part of the Wolverine Pipeline that carries gas and fuel oil from Chicago to Detroit. Thirty-five new miles of pipeline now are being installed between Freedom Township in Washtenaw County and Romulus, where it will connect to an existing pipeline. The new pipeline goes right through Van Buren Township from Rawsonville Road on the west to Hannan Road on the east.

Wolverine Pipeline gives report on its work in VB Twp.

Wolverine Pipeline employees Brian Wilson, area supervisor for the east side of the state, and Lewis Krauss, attorney and right of way specialist, gave a report on the pipeline work in Van Buren Township at the VBT Board of Trustees meeting Sept.

20.

Wolverine is adding a second pipeline next to the one that's been in place since 1953. It also is clearing the trees from the right of way so aerial surveillance can be done weekly. This aggressive clearing

started in 2010. He showed pictures of how tree roots grow around the pipes and cause corrosion.

It's the tree cutting and trench digging that is bringing dismay to residents along

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Van Buren Twp. DDA questions Aerotropolis cost

Representatives of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis will be attending the 5:30 p.m., Oct. 25, meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority to provide an update on their services.

The DDA can hardly wait.
At the DDA's meeting Tuesday afternoon, DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said, "We pay \$25,000 annually and what do we get?"

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs spoke in support of Aerotropolis and said now that they have hired a full-time director, things will change. They used to have someone who also had another job, she said.

Atchinson said he has seen things tailored to Romulus, but not Van Buren Township.

"I think return on our investment is terrible," agreed DDA member Helen Foster.

It was explained the DDA pays for the township to belong to Aerotropolis.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland pointed out VBT is right in the middle of the Aerotropolis area between Willow Run and Metro airports.

"To spent that kind of money for something we get nothing for?" Atchinson asked "I'm all for it if it's beneficial to the township."

"Let's see if they can convince us that something good is going to happen," said DDA member Robert Bechtel.

Taxpayers are interested in that, too.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The following message was emailed from Van Buren Township to the *Independent* and two dozen other mailboxes on Friday: *Good Afternoon,*

To clarify the recent posting and cancellation of a Special Board of Trustees -Town Hall Meeting. The meeting was posted in error due to a misunderstanding of the posting request.

The Town Hall Meeting will occur at Fire Station #2 - 7981 Belleville Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on September 29, 2016, however, it was not intended to be a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

I apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

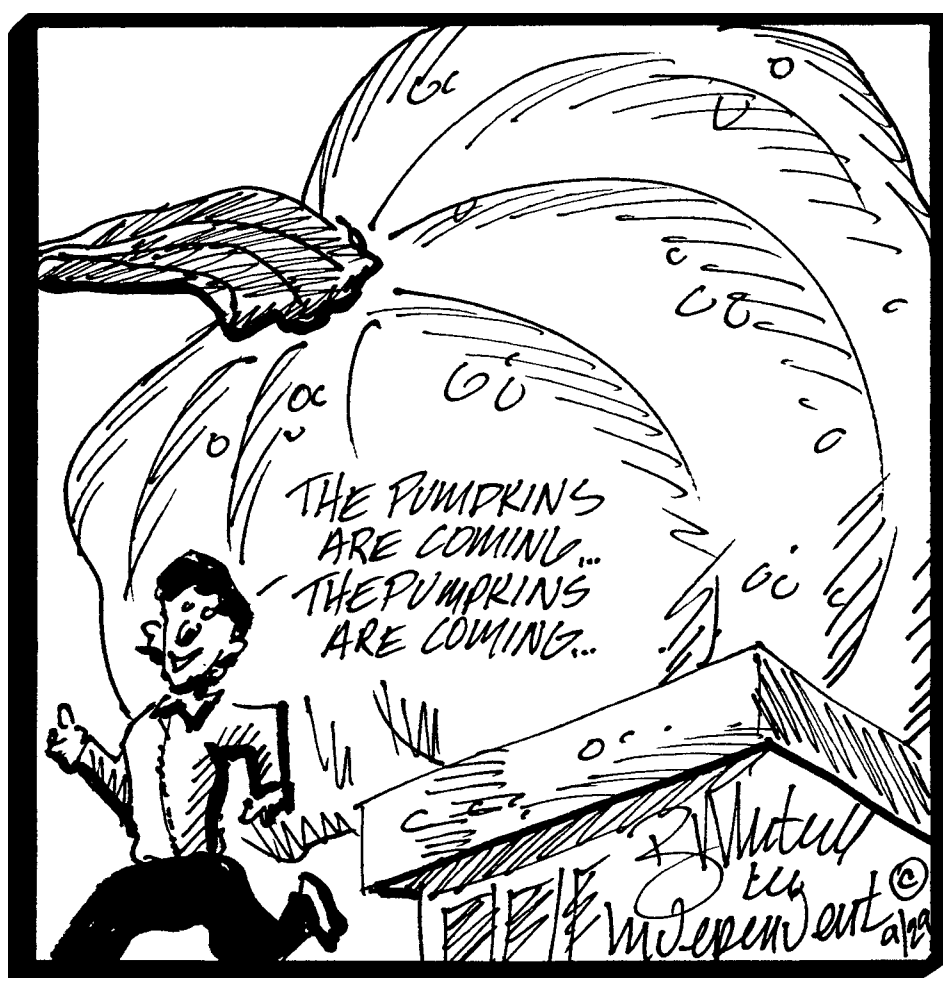
*Joanne Montgomery
Deputy Clerk/FOIA Coordinator*

Millie Baker celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with a large crowd of well-wishers. Millie told me that just she and her late husband Bob started together and had three children. "And this is what happened," she said, spreading her arms to the more than 30 family members surrounding her.

A report on her party will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Independent*.

A reader said he put a Trump sign in his front yard at Harbour Pointe subdivision in Belleville and it disappeared. He searched for it and found it all broken and torn up on a nearby street. He asked his friend for another sign and found they all were gone.

He ordered four from Amazon and said if all of those are stolen, he'll put up a sign saying, "If you want more Trump signs you can order them on Amazon."



Somehow I recently was sent a memo by email from Van Buren Township, dated Aug. 7, 2013. It was to the board members from Supervisor Combs, with the subject: Woodland Meadows/Waste Management.

It read, "Enclosed are copies of all correspondence received to-date from Attorney McCauley regarding the Woodland Meadows Landfill. Attorney/Client privilege applies to these documents; therefore they are not subject to FOIA.

"Please bear in mind that at this point, the information is confidential and needs to remain so until such time that Waste Management and the VBT Board agree that the information is to be released to the public."

Well, that's interesting. I know at one time there was word going around that Waste Management was going to change its golf course into another landfill. I wonder if that's what this was about.

Sure is interesting when I get strange, three-year-old emails.

I received a call Tuesday morning from James Chapman and he said heavy machinery was at the Riggs House and it looked like demolition was due to begin. I went out about an hour later (it was deadline day) and no one was there and nothing was happening. I went back to work to get this week's paper on the presses.

At last week's candidate forum put

on by the League of Women Voters for the school board candidates, before the meeting they were talking about saving the Riggs Heritage House and what could be done. Most of those expressing themselves agreed that the township should sell the house and an acre of land so the house could be restored – and get put back on the tax rolls. They agreed the new owners should be given extra time to bring the building up to code.



It would be nice if the new board made the decision whether or not to destroy the 149-year-old brick house rather than the outgoing board members, who can just turn and walk away.

Betty Fleming of Belleville was explaining what her husband Ray told her about the Changing of the Guards at Arlington Cemetery. He was there on a Talons Out Honor Flight to honor his service in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War.

He told her it was explained to them that the Honor Guards do not talk at all, but that they would scuff their heels as their way of honoring the veterans present. And, they did.



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Letters

Animals should never be put in rusted trailer

To the Editor,

No animal should have to suffer the horrifying consequences of a rusted-out horse trailer as they did last Monday afternoon, Sept. 19.

Those poor animals. There are marks from their feet at least a mile down Judd Road. The driver only stopped because of the Stop sign at Judd and Sumpter. There were pieces of this cow all over the road. The horse was standing on the road in a stream of blood inside of a bottomless trailer.

We need a law for these trailers for yearly inspections to safely transport horses and cows and I pray the person is charged for the cruelty of this ordeal. The cow and horse didn't matter or he would have stopped 'way before he got to the Stop sign. They should never been put in this mess of a trailer.

Suzanne Jones
Sumpter Township

Heart-felt thanks to Higgerson, Monge

To the Editor,

Just wanted to give a heart-felt thank you to Jim Higgerson and Marie Monge of Higgerson and Neal Funeral Home.

We lost our precious mother on Sunday, Sept. 18, and were devastated and lost. My sister Angela, my niece Tracy, and I all walked into Higgerson and Neal Funeral Home on Monday morning, Sept. 19. We were greeted by Marie Monge. Marie immediately assisted us with making all of the funeral and cemetery arrangements with incredible patience and compassion.

From the moment we first met Marie to the time of our mother's burial Marie and Jim Higgerson guided us through one of life's most devastating times.

Jim and Marie went above and beyond for our family in too many ways to mention. Meeting Jim and Marie will always be one of my family's biggest blessings in our time of need.

Jim and Marie are both exceptionally wonderful people with their unwavering patience, understanding and compassion.

My family and I now consider Jim Higgerson and Marie Monge close friends.

Sincerely,
Gary Missant
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Why does VBT need a public safety millage?

To the Editor:

Why does Van Buren Township need a public safety millage?

This is a two-part answer. First, the Van Buren Township's Public Safety Department consumes all of the 4 mills dedicated to public safety and additionally uses over 4 million dollars out the general fund. YES that means public safety is depleting the general fund by at least 4 million dollars a year. This annual consumption cripples the general fund and stifles the township's ability to dedicate funding to debt, growth, or unforeseen matters. For years our inadequate way of funding the Public Safety Department has worked because the general fund adequately covered our debt obligations.

To address the multi-million dollar Visteon Bond Debt, Van Buren Township draws money from the LDFA. In 2019 the LDFA tax capture will not have enough revenue to cover the Visteon Debt Payment, which at that time the general fund will have to cover the balance.

Secondly, the Van Buren Township current Public Safety Millage expires at the end of 2016. This means that after 2017 our Public Safety Department will not have any dedicated funding. The 4 mills will expire and your YES VOTE for the 6.5 mills will proceed. That means you are voting for a 2.5 millage increase. Your YES VOTE will allow our community to maintain our public safety services, minimize the depletion of our general fund, and enable us to meet our debt obligations. Please go to www.supportvbps.com where you can find additional information and calculate how your YES VOTE will impact your taxes.

On behalf of the VBT Supports Public Safety Committee we certainly thank you for continuing to make this community a safe place to live work and play.

Adam Byrd
VBT Supports Public Safety Committee
Supporter

Nice to see patching, filling at Farmer Jack

To the Editor,

So nice to see, finally, the improved parking lot and entrance and exit to the old Farmer Jack area. They did a nice job patching and filling in the holes. They did a fantastic job.

I tried unsuccessfully on three different occasions by writing to the *Independent* about the problems. I guess I didn't know the right person. Thank God, it finally got done.

Concerned Citizen
Charlie Crispell
Sumpter Township

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-- Yoda

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Obituaries



Doreen "Mary" Missant

DOREEN MARY MISSANT
 (May 26, 1926 - September 18, 2016)
 Mrs. Doreen "Mary" Missant passed away September 18, 2016 at her daughter's home in Belleville. She was born May 26, 1926 in Norfolk, England, the daughter of Christiana (Bell) and Hubert Sutton.
 She met and married Arthur H. Missant who was serving in the United States Army in England during WWII. Mary is what is called a "War Bride." At the age of 21 she and Arthur moved to the United States with their first born child, Carol.
 Mary was very creative and took painting classes and even taught arts and crafts at a Senior Center. Her other interests were ceramics, gardening, cooking and spending time with her family. Her greatest love was her family. She would love nothing better than to have her family gathered around her.
 She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in 1980 and two brothers, Albert and Bert.
 Mary is the adored mother of Carol (Jerry) Ellis, Linda (Donnie) Lepper, Gary (Linda) Missant and Angela Missant. Beloved grandmother of Tracy, Michael, David, Shannon, Christopher, Sarah, Brooklyn, Mandy and Hailey; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Margaret who resides in England.
 A private family service was held at Otisville Cemetery on Tuesday, September 20. Arrangements were entrusted to the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI. 737-697-9400
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JUNE HENRY
 (June 1, 1934 - September 21, 2016)
 Age 82, a longtime Belleville resident. In keeping with June's wishes, a simple burial has been arranged at Soop Cemetery in Van Buren Township. No public services are planned at this time. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

ALFRED 'JAB' LEE
 (December 31, 1947 - September 24, 2016)
 Age 68 of Sumpter Township. Survived by wife Weltha, daughters Hope and Brandy, three grandchildren, brothers, and sisters. Service was held Sept. 27 at Janowiak Funeral Home Sumpter Chapel.

MARY E. LEWANDOWSKI
 (March 5, 1931 - September 24, 2016)
 Age 85, of Belleville. Survived by daughters Barbara, Debra, and Ann Marie; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Cremation rites held. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



David Richard Voakes

DAVID RICHARD VOAKES
 (May 16, 1966 - September 22, 2016)
 David Richard Voakes, age 50, died suddenly on September 22, 2016.
 David is the loving partner of Karen Therrien of Belleville for five wonderful years; beloved father of Brandon (Angel Perez) Baker-Voakes of Romulus; dear son of Barbara (the late Roy) Baynton of Belleville and the late Robert Voakes (d.2015); cherished brother of Robert (Stacy) Voakes of Arizona and Rebecca (Paul) Sigeti of Arizona. David is also survived by his grandson, Brandon, Jr., numerous aunts and uncles and many extended family and friends.
 Born on May 16, 1966 in Phoenix, Arizona, David spent most of his life in the Belleville area. Music was his passion! He was the lead singer of G.T.S. (Good till Sunday) & Code 3. He also loved studying the history of rock & roll. Retiring from National Tile Co. after seventeen years of service, he enjoyed special times with family and friends.
 A celebration of life service was held at 6 p.m., September 27, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Diabetes or the American Heart Associations.

Widows on Wednesdays (WOW Group) starting

The Widows on Wednesdays (WOW Group) started meeting Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, two blocks east of the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

This is an open-forum group and will be going on for at least 10 weeks or longer, per demand.

Jacqueline Dalzell, Grief Support Coordinator, invites widows to, "Come share your stories and support other widows after the deaths of their husbands."

Anyone who has lost her husband is welcome regardless of where the funeral was held. This group is free. Call Dalzell with any questions or to RSVP at (734) 697-5090.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Sept. 29 - The previously announced special 7 p.m. meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at Fire Station #2, 7981 Belleville Road is cancelled. A town hall meeting will still be held at that time to give a presentation on the 6.5 mill public safety proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot and to answer questions from the audience and get input from residents on the millage.
- Monday, Oct. 3 - Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. meeting to hear the financial options for the proposed street/ road project.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 10 - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

More Letters

Thanks for donations to Cub Scout bottle drive

To the Editor:

On Aug. 20 our Cub Scout pack 924 hosted a bottle drive in the parking lot of The Lunch Box in Belleville as we have on a few occasions now to help generate funds for our pack. We cannot thank the *Belleville-Area Independent* community, family and friends enough for your generous donations.

We would also like to thank Rodney and his staff at The Lunch Box for their help and allowing us to set up there. Your contributions help us provide the scouts with awards they earn during our scouting year as well as projects they work on and any other fun activity we do.

Our pack meets in the cafeteria of Rawsonville Elementary School every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and if you have a young boy between the grades of 1st and 5th that would like to join the scouts, we would sure like to hear from you. If you have a boy interested, please contact our Cub Master Danielle at dhiemstra3@gmail.com.

Thank you, again.

Kevin Farr

Cub Scouts Pack 924

Thanks to all who support music series

To the Editor,

The Music Lakeside Committee would like to extend thanks to all the businesses and community members who supported us throughout the 2016 season. With the support of these individuals and businesses, we were able to put on nine concerts with record attendance at almost all of them!

Our sponsors for the concert series include: Advanced Auto Repair, Atchinson Ford, Attorney Barbara Miller, Belleville DDA, BYC, Egan's Pub, Hobo Press, Tom and Ilene Hazen, Tucker Agency, Unlimited DJ, and Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller. We also need to thank the Belleville First United Methodist Church for their willingness to be our rain location.

We also want to thank all those who attended or supported our Soiree held on Sept. 9. This is our primary fundraiser and the proceeds from this event will enable us to bring you great concerts during the summer of 2017. Again, we need to thank our local businesses who supported this event: BYC, Angel Food Catering, Sweet Cream Bakery, and a special thank you to Colette and Brian McClinton (Garden Fantasy on Main) for the beautiful décor and flower arrangements!

Our greatest thanks go to all the people who attended our concerts and the soiree, those who purchased 50/50 tickets, and those who donated to and participated in our silent and live auctions at the soiree. Your generosity makes all this possible.

We are looking forward to another great concert season next summer! We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact us through the websites listed below. Continue to watch for updates on our Facebook pages or our websites www.musiclakeside.com and www.bacaart.org.

Ken Voigt, Chair
Music Lakeside
Belleville Council for the Arts

Thanks for help with Back to School Fun Day

To the Editor:

Thanks to everyone who supported our Back to School Fun Day. The Sumpter Township Deputy Clerk, the Sumpter Police Department, the Sumpter Fire Department. Thank you to our sponsors Ace Hardware, Art's Appliance, Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones, Sumpter Market, JBA Trucking, the Rotary Club of Belleville, Sumpter Collision, the Spiritual Church of Israel, Linda and Marvin Graber, Willow Party Store, McDonald's of Belleville, Arby's of Belleville, Taco Bell of Belleville, Walgreen's of Belleville, Princess Wall Portraiture of Walled Lake.

Also, thank you to all the children and their families who attended. You helped to make our event a very successful event. I would like to give a special thanks to all our members who assisted before, during, and after the event.

Karthea Murry Hanible, president
Sumpter Progressive Civic League

Many concerns about city of Belleville

To the Editor,

I have issues and questions for you. I know many people don't like me and what

I stand for, but I am always honest and do what I feel is best for everyone-not just for me.

Why did you remove 25 miles per hour speed limit signs on Main Street? Last night I saw some signs that were back up on Main going East to West. But, the West to East signs are gone. What happened to the resolution that put them up many years ago?

Traffic is speeding on South Street in and out of town. I asked Chief Berriman September 2015 to put up the sign that reads the mile per hour a person is traveling as well as the speed limit. It never happened.

I have people who visit my shop from other countries, states, cities, etc. and they call me to ask, where is South Street? There are four or five Sumpter Road signs at Five Points and one wee little South attached to a Sumpter sign tucked in the corner and way up high for the birds to see by the Marathon Station at the intersection. Can't we have a South Street sign because Sumpter Road begins at the rail road tracks?

Why do we only have two DPW workers and the part time director? What about their raises and vehicles as well as equipment? What about the retirement benefits?

We have had a Parks and Recreation Board for years but no budget/activities. Our children need more than the Easter and Halloween events. Why not organize and make it a real pleasure to live in Belleville besides paying taxes? What is it going to take? The residents would like to see improvements upon events and everything that could be entertaining for the children.

Why do we have a part-time police chief? We all pay a good share of taxes. How many police vehicles do we have? How many police officers?

I would challenge this Council to begin actively recruiting new and supporting already-here businesses. Is the DDA working on rebuilding the City?

If necessary, I will go door to door to get petitions signed in order to promote some of these issues and suggestions, if need be. I can be reached at (734) 697-9376.

Thank you,
Kay Atkins, Belleville

Editor's Note: This is the letter Atkins read to the city council at its Sept. 19 meeting. She requests it be printed.

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More Letters

Response to editorial on VBT and Belleville

To the Editor,
This is in response to the Sept. 8 *Independent* editorial: "Van Buren Township doesn't like to be called Belleville."

The concern is not we, "Don't like to be called Belleville," because we have forged a historically wonderful relationship with the City of Belleville. We are an interdependent force whose success thrives on each other.

Lines are drawn all the time, but not always to separate two things but more so to distinguish one from the other. History will tell you that in 1905 when Belleville established itself as a village it separated from Van Buren Charter Township which was founded in 1837. These facts explain why the land and structure of the first

Township hall built in 1875 still belongs to Van Buren Charter Township, known to most today as the Belleville Area Museum (BAM). The largest inland lake in Wayne County resides in Van Buren Charter Township; known to most since 1926 as Belleville Lake.

To clarify, Van Buren Charter Township spoke about their branding during a strategic planning session in which members of the Board of Trustees were assigned to different tasks. Branding the Township is not only about name recognition, but education. Nearly 30,000 residents live within the 36 square miles of Van Buren Township, they vote in Van Buren Township, pay taxes here and their children attend the Van Buren Public School system. The citizens should know where they live.

Yes, Visteon changed their address to Van Buren, as should every other business that is located here. Why? Because who delivers the community mail? The United States Post Office located in Van Buren Charter Township. So yes, we are concerned when our only prestigious community college celebrates their 50th Anniversary on live television for millions to see potentially worldwide and they say, "Located in Belleville." Several marketing avenues are being reviewed to brand Van Buren. It takes a village, or in this case a township, and our leaders play a key role in fostering the local pride, so we are going to be taking a few pages from the Michigan Township Focus September edition. We have the idea, we are going to get creative, plan ahead and spread the word that you are

not in Belleville but to emphasize that you live, work and play in Van Buren Charter Township.

Leon Wright, clerk
Van Buren Township

St. Anthony golf outing was complete success

To the Editor:

The St. Anthony Men's Club Golf Outing held on Aug. 7 was a complete success.

The winners of the event were Rick and Eric Stempien. The winner of the putting contest was Gordon Wilamoski. The women's closest to the pin was Joyce Rochowiak.

After the outing, the golfers were treated to a dinner of chicken and ribs with all the trimmings and a salad and dessert.

Thank you to all the sponsors who helped make the event a success: A&W Belleville, Jack Demmer Ford, Atchinson Ford, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Benito's Pizza & Willis Market, Canton Sports, Discount Pools & Spas, David C. Brown Funeral Home, DeBucks Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, Express Tire, Edward Jones Investments Belleville, Frosty Boy, Garden Fantasy on Main, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Meijer's Belleville, Mark Chevrolet, Salisbury Landscape, Sumpter Collision, US Ecology, Western Wayne County Community College, Blade's Hair Salon, Cocoa Beach Tanning Salon, KP&T Auto Service, R.K. Automotive, Design Line Embroidery, Village Barber Shop, DiPietro and Day Legal Services, SMC Products, Great Clips, Belleville Hardware, Happy's Pizza, Becky & Jessica Day Care, Twisted Rooster, Pete Pitzen, Fellows Creek Golf Course, Pepsi Cola.

Special thank you to Brian Brown and his staff at Fellows Creek for all their help, Adam Wisniewski from Pepsi for all the refreshments, Ted and Debbie Wisniewski, Matt Cosgro, Mickey Dore, Leonard and Antoinette Szweda and Pete Pitzen for all the volunteer work putting this event together.

St. Anthony Men's Club
Belleville

Angels among us help seniors in trouble

To the Editor:

In the last few weeks I had the pleasure of attending the "original" Rosie the Riveter, first at a private ceremony with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell at Willow Run Bomber plant, now Yankee Museum and at Belleville Library for a video and presentation by Mrs. Phyllis Roullier.

Both events were well attended and much information was shared by Mrs. Roullier of how women helped win World War II by working long hours building airplanes, one every 55 minutes!

Belleville has so much history if only you talk to the seniors.

Angels are Still Around!

On a recent Tuesday, September Days seniors started out to an evening of fun and food to White Lake, however our van died at a busy intersection of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. The transmission failed and the van couldn't go forward or backward. Thus we were 13 souls stranded by the side of the road.

Lucky enough an "angel" came to our rescue who happened to be a mechanic, he pushed us to a safe place at Jimmy Johns. A replacement van from Parks and Recreation was called and 13 souls from September Days were safely rescued.

However, we did not make our reservations to White Lake Inn. All was not lost as we dined at Carrabba's nearby in Canton. A big thank you to the staff of Carrabba's for wonderful service and great food.

Advice, if you hear strange noises coming from your vehicle ... don't drive it, park it and get another van! A special thank you to our driver Melvin who realized the situation and took another direction rather than going by the freeway.

Can someone out there get the Seniors a new van?

P.S. Yes there are angels among us.

Marian Caldwell
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Ray Fleming read "letters from home" on the return flight. These were "thank you for your service" letters from loved ones, family members, students, and military members. He was given a Talons Out Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to honor his service in the Korean War.

Ray Fleming takes Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ray Fleming of Belleville was overcome with emotion as he told how a little girl shook his hand late in the evening on Sept. 10, looking him in the eyes and saying, "Thank you, veteran. Thank you for saving my country."

"It was an overwhelming experience, something every veteran should have," said Fleming, who turns 86 on Oct. 1.

He refers to the Talons Out Honor Flight he took from Kalamazoo Airport to Dulles International Airport and back that day that ended up with a big celebration and parade at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Although their flight was late returning and the festivities didn't start until after 10 p.m., their route was lined with families with babies and little girls reaching out to shake the veterans' hands and thank them personally for their service.

"I was just beyond honored," Fleming said. "I was speechless. I told the people of Kalamazoo that I didn't know how to act. I've never been honored like that before."

"Our wish is that every Korean and World War II veteran experience this," said Ray's wife Betty. "This was more than he ever, ever expected. It was done with such dignity."

The Talons Out Honor Flight is the Southeastern Michigan hub for the national Honor Flight Network. They fly World War II and Korean War veterans from in and around Southeastern Michigan to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor, at no cost to them.

Ray said the all-volunteer organization operates on generous donations. The Talons Out Honor Flights run about three times a year at a cost of about \$93,000 each.

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"It's a spectacular trip from beginning to end," Betty said.

Ray Fleming served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1956. He was on a destroyer for four years as a Boiler Tender Second Class. His job was below decks where the noise was really loud. That noise affected his hearing.

Ray's daughter Patty Ruggio read a story about the Honor Flight a year and a half ago and filled out the application for her father. Patty's husband Ron Ruggio, a Navy veteran from the Vietnam War, accompanied Ray on the trip as his companion.

At a full sit-down dinner for about 150 in Kalamazoo on Friday evening, Ray said he got to meet a lot of veterans. In the morning his flight took off, carrying about 32 WWII vets and 36 Korean vets.

Fleming said the plane got a water salute from a fire truck as it took off in Kalamazoo, as it landed in Washington, and then as it took off and landed again. It was spectacular, he said.

After landing in Washington, the vets were loaded onto deluxe buses and escorted by four motorcycles and a police cruiser, "just as if we were President of the United States." They cut right through the heavy traffic and went through red lights, "like we were heroes," he said.

The veterans were taken to the WWII monument, to those for the Korean and

Vietnam wars, and more, with a total of eight different monuments. They also were in the front row of the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

There were vets from Nevada and New Mexico as well as Michigan at the Arlington ceremony.

"They kept feeding us and making us drink a lot of water," Fleming said, noting the temperature in Washington was 93-95 degrees that day. Their escorts insisted all the vets ride in wheelchairs.

On the way back, after a full day, someone called out, "Mail call. Mail call," and presented piles of letters to each veteran. Mail call was what servicemen looked forward to and so this was extremely touching, Betty said.

The letters were from members of each veteran's family – children and adults – and from perfect strangers, all thanking them for their service.

Betty said some woman wanted to make a lap quilt for each veteran on this trip and

she completed 30 and died in July before her project was complete. Her daughter wanted to complete her mother's project so she got help through her church and each veteran received a lap quilt in honor of that woman.

Families with World War II and Korean veterans may check out the local Honor Flights web site to get an application for their veteran at: <http://talonsouthonorflight.org>.



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- **11-4pm Harvest Market in the 4th Street Square**
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- **12-3pm Music by Joyous Noise in the Belleville Area Museum**
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The 2016 Belleville High School Equestrian team paused for a picture after Sunday's meet at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The team now is heading to its second regional meet in the last three years to be held in Mason, MI, Oct. 1 and 2. The group is a five-rider C Team for MIHA District VII. From left are Emily Walrath, 11th grade; Katelynn Tripp, 10th grade; Gina Robakiewicz, 12th grade; Madison Hess, 10th grade; Jenna Budd, 10th grade; and Melissa LaForest, a coach for 23 years.

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Wolverine

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the route.

Wilson said Wolverine is a transportation service company and doesn't own the product that flows through the pipe. It was started in 1952 and has 67 employees. The corporate office is in Portage.

The pipes go from Chicago into Detroit on the east side of the state and north in the west side of the state. Wilson said 300,000 barrels a day flow through the pipes, two-thirds of what Michigan consumes.

Currently they are transporting gasoline and diesel fuel.

He showed a map of Van Buren Township and how the pipeline runs from Rawsonville Road on the west and heads through the metropark towards Metro Airport in Romulus on the east.

He said the company is under intensive federal and state regulations. He said they talk to townships along the way, letting them know what is going on. He said information can be found at www.wolverinepipeline.com.

Wilson said they try to update public awareness and he urged residents to call Miss Dig at 811 if they are going to do any digging with equipment near the pipelines.



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Powers of Attorney

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The last article in this series will describe the process of probating an estate and will appear in the October 13, 2016 edition. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 734-718-8574 or amy@amyeversolelaw.com.

Damage causes corrosion, a big enemy of the steel pipes.

He said Wolverine is big on preserving wetlands and works with the MDEQ.

Wilson said "smart pigs" are required to be used inline every five years to check out the pipelines. He said three-fourths of the valves on the pipelines are controlled electronically from Portage.

Krauss said the company works on emergency preparedness and response. They will be having their annual spill drill to see how prepared they are to contain a spill. It's a tabletop experience and they invite local groups to participate.

He said the easements through people's subdivisions and homesteads have a perpetual right. He said he would be glad to look at people's easements to help

them understand, but he cannot give legal advice.

Wilson said the pipes are wired and this takes all of the corrosion out of the pipe. He said the pipe that was laid in 1953 was made of virgin steel mined in the U.S. He said steel will last forever if you provide the cathodic protection.

Dwight Snodgrass of Country Pond subdivision said, "Our land is totally destroyed. Over 100 trees have been removed from the property."

"There's not anything you can do," said Trustee Reggie Miller, who also lives in Country Pond subdivision. "They have the right."

Supervisor Linda Combs said, "They have all their ducks in a row ... and it is

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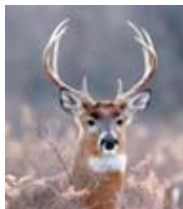
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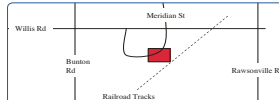
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The Belleville High School Equestrian Team and Leo's of Belleville have teamed up for a Dine-to-Donate fundraiser event today, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. where a portion of the proceeds will go to the team. Must present their flyer, which will be available at the restaurant. Call (734) 697-1000.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Belleville Area District Library sets public forums

The Belleville-Area District Library has set the following public forums to share information and answer questions on the millage proposals for a new library on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. All forums begin at 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Belleville High School mini-auditorium
- Wednesday, Oct. 5 – Van Buren Township Hall, Denton Room
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Po sues Sumpter

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John Toth, and Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan.

He claims conversion, stating the defendants converted, stole, extorted, and/or confiscated Po's personal property on Aug. 16 when they raided his home and medical marijuana business on Harris Road.

On Sept. 16, Po's wife Clarita filed suit against the same defendants about what happened to her as a result of that raid.

Their attorney Ronald Reese Ruark said a third, major law suit is coming for a violation of Civil Rights.

The most recent suit, 16-0122180-NO, states Po, 67, is a medical marijuana caregiver in Sumpter Township and has six patients, including himself, and six State cards for these patients.

The suit states even though Po is not licensed with Sumpter Township to grow medical marijuana, Po entered into a Deferred Prosecutorial Agreement with Sumpter which allows him to grow medical marijuana in Sumpter without a license.

In the Agreement, Sumpter agreed to allow Po to grow medical marijuana in the township without a township license in exchange for \$40,000.

The suit said the township police, led by Detective John Toth, raided his property at

about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 16, although they knew Po grew medical marijuana at the property pursuant to the Agreement.

The suit claims the search warrant was fraudulently procured from the 34th District Court by Det. Toth and Sumpter Township.

The suit states, "The search warrant obtained by the government states that '[t]he township has agreed to forgo the suspended license with the understanding that Po diligently pursue moving the marijuana grow out of the residential zone into the industrial zone.'" This search warrant is Exhibit A.

The search warrant states that the government can seize, secure, tabulate, and make return according to the law the following property and things:

"A tabulation of how many marijuana plants are at this location and in the event there are more plants a [sic] then [sic] allowed under state law, **all illegal marijuana**, marijuana equipment, money, computer equipment related to marijuana, and all items related to marijuana trade."

Po was raided for allegedly growing marijuana in excess of the legal limit allowed.

The suit claims that on Sept. 8, Sumpter Police Officer Elizabeth Egerer served Po with a drug asset forfeiture Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit, 23 days after the raid.

Po refused to sign the Notice, as counseled by his attorney.

In the suit it is alleged that as of Sept. 23, Sumpter Township has not promptly filed forfeiture proceedings in Wayne County.

In the suit it states the property seized has a fair market value of over a million dollars and that Sumpter Township is attempting to steal property from Nelson Po that has nothing to do with medical marijuana. Exhibit B is the list of 91 items listed for forfeiture.

Among the items Sumpter is extorting from Po, the suit states, are Rolex watches, wedding rings, televisions, three automobiles, several bottles of Dom Perignon, and other items that do not fall under provisions of the search warrant.

The first count, Conversion, states Po is allowed to grow 72 medical marijuana plants and police destroyed them. Also, the defendants had no right to take the personal property and assets of Po.

Po demands the return of all his personal property, including the cash, his 2016 Porsche, a red 2014 Chevrolet pick up, his black 2015 pick up, several televisions, 10 LED light fixtures, 14 Magnum hoods, 30 ballast, 48 video cameras, a video surveillance system, and other items.

Count 2 is Violation of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act that states that any paraphernalia or licit property that is possessed as allowed under this act shall not be seized or forfeited.

Po wants all his property back and/or a judgment amount of one million dollars, including compensatory and punitive damage and double and treble damages allowed under Michigan law, together with costs, interest, and attorney fees.

A jury trial is demanded.

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Keystone Board signs brief for Supreme Court on transgender law suit

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Keystone Academy Board of Directors agreed to sign a professional educators' amicus brief on a case that may be going before the U.S. Supreme Court.

At the board's regular meeting Sept. 8, board president Vesta Losen explained the procedure.

Losen reminded board members that on June 23 they approved a motion to take a stand on transgender bathroom issue with the Alliance Defending Freedom.

The first of several federal law suits highlighting this issue is now being considered for review by the U.S. Supreme Court, she said.

In *GG v. Gloucester County School District*, a student is relying upon the U.S. Department of Education's directive to demand access to facilities reserved for members of the opposite biological sex.

A friend-of-the-court brief is being prepared to inform the Supreme Court about the challenges faced by professional educators. The brief will highlight the dilemma educators face when seeking to protect the privacy, safety, and dignity of all their students; advocate for authority to resolve challenges for transgender students on a case-by-case basis (without prescribing any single method); and request the Department of Education to avoid making sweeping changes without getting the input required by law.

Alliance Defending Freedom lawyers are filing the amicus brief and asks that as many educators as possible sign the online document.

Losen said people involved in education are asked to visit www.SignYourSupport.com/educators to learn more and to sign up if they support it by Sept. 20.

There is no cost to the signers and the only information shared with the Court is the name, title/credentials, and state of residence. All other contact information, including email, is provided in case the legal teams need to contact the signer in connection with an amicus brief.

"I know other teachers and other board members will be happy to sign this," Losen said. "It's all on line."

She said the idea is to get 3,000 persons and board members to sign before submitting it to the Supreme Court.

The representative of Bay Mills Community College, which authorized chartering of Keystone, said he has two boys and two girls and he definitely is in favor of keeping boys in the boys' locker rooms and bathrooms and girls in the girl's locker rooms and bathrooms.

"Young children are being taught there's nothing wrong with it," Losen said. "I don't want to see it here, in our state, or in our country."

"I am going to contact others in education," Losen said. "Children's welfare means a lot to me."

In other business at the Sept. 8 meeting, the board:

- Heard Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey announce that Keystone is full with 779 students. Also, there is a full staff with the exception of Oliver Rodriguez's music position. Godfrey said he wanted to have a band and he got a band job elsewhere. She also reported TGA golf for younger students is starting up, along with the chess club and other activities

- Received a report from National Heritage Academies comparing Keystone's 2015-16 state academic scores with adjoining districts. Keystone shows higher proficiency in all categories over the Van Buren Public Schools, Lincoln Consolidated School District, and statewide scores. "We outperformed other districts and the state," Godfrey said. As far as the MSTEP results recently received, she said, "We're proud of our results... We feel we've done very well";

- Heard Jeff Henders of NHA report that Keystone academic results are great but academic performance in schools across the state is declining because of the state changing the tests. He said teacher turnover is more because as the economy grows, other schools have money to pay our teachers. "There's a lot of competition now for teachers," he said. Godfrey said it is frustrating to say goodbye to teachers, when she and the teacher are crying and hugging and, "We can't give them \$15,000 more a year and Ann Arbor has more per-

pupil funding";

- Approved \$3,000 for the Token Economy – School Store project and \$9,000 for the athletic program. Godfrey said students get tokens for positive behavior support and once a trimester the store is open all day to redeem the tokens. She said very few students do not participate; and

- Learned a new member will be joining the board after agreeing to volunteer coach so there won't be a conflict of interest by receiving pay from Keystone while serving on its board.

The next Keystone board meeting is 6 p.m., Oct. 13.

Gov. Rick Snyder signs landmark medical marijuana legislation

On Sept. 21, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a three-bill package to clarify the state's voter-approved medical marijuana law that was adopted in 2008.

"This new law will help Michiganders of all ages and with varying medical conditions access safe products to relieve their suffering," Snyder said. "We can finally implement a solid framework that gives patients a safe source from which to purchase and utilize medical marijuana."

House Bills 4209, 4827 and 4210 sponsored by state Reps. Michael Callton, Clint Kesto, and Lisa Posthumus Lyons, respectively, will give local governments the authority to regulate the location and number of medical marijuana provisioning centers, allow marijuana-infused products, such as lotions and tinctures for patients who would rather not smoke or consume marijuana, and create a "seed-to-sale" tracking system to ensure that any marijuana being dispensed to patients has been tested for safety. The bills are now PA 281-283 of 2016.

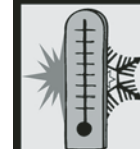
The bills have been worked on in the Legislature, both in the current term and last term, with a variety of stakeholders and patient advocacy groups. They are supported by the National Patient's Rights Association, the Michigan Epilepsy Foundation and Michigan Parents for Compassion.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 29** – Come to the Van Buren Township Fire Hall #2 on Belleville Road at 7 p.m. for a town hall meeting to find out all about the upcoming 6.5 mills for public safety question that will be on the Nov 8 ballot. Get all your questions answered by members of the committee supporting the millage. Public discussion encouraged.

• **Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2** – It's the 2016 Huron Applefest in New Boston. Lots of activities, including craft show at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109

Craig Street.

• **Saturday, Oct. 1** – It's Oktoberfest time at the Van Buren Eagles, 6-11:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat dinner featuring three soups, three meats, and wide assortment of German side dishes including red cabbage, German potato salad, Spaetzle, and more, plus dessert. Full cash bar, German beer, Shotski. Open to the public. Tickets \$17 in advance; \$22 at the door. Information: Ginger or Keith Bruder, (734) 461-2498.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – Right to Life Lifespan is holding a Life Chain from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Main Street at Five Points in downtown Belleville.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – Dave B. and Friends perform 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, Oct. 4** – Van Buren Township Deputy Public Safety Director for Police, Jason Wright, will talk about public safety at 10 a.m. at Belleville Presbyterian Church's Martha Mary Café in the Educational Building at 1190 Belleville Road. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 5** – Widows on Wednesdays (WOW Group) meets at 10 a.m. at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive. Free. (734) 697-5090

• **Wednesday, Oct. 5** – The Belleville Area District Library Board invites you to a 7 p.m.

public forum at the Denton Room in the Van Buren Township Hall to get information on the Nov. 8 ballot proposal for a new library.

• **Saturday, Oct. 8** – Harvest Fest starts at 11 a.m. on Fourth Street with events at the museum and library, including a petting farm and pony rides. Music by Joyous Noise, a Nickel Dig at 2 p.m. in front yard of the museum, and Harvest Market 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square.

• **Sunday, Oct. 9** – 18 Strings 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.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 12** – The Belleville Area District Library is holding a public forum at 7 p.m. in the Sumpter Township Hall board room to explain its ballot proposal in the Nov. 8 General Election and especially the plans for a Sumpter media center.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 12** – Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston 48164, (734) 654-9020. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

• **Thursday, Oct. 13** – "Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe" is the subject of this month's Homegrown Knowledge presentation at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Dorene Mroz and Jeff Vernon will tell about popular Halloween treats of the past and the Golden Age of Candy. Free. Refreshments served.

• **Saturday, Oct. 15** – It's a free Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Van Buren Township residents only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at US Ecology East parking lot, 49350 North I-94 Service Drive.

• **Saturday, Oct. 15** – Bring your dog in costume to the Monster Mutt Walk in downtown Belleville from 1 to 3 p.m., put on by the CBC, with the help of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. They'd like to see the people participating in costume, too.

• **Saturday, Oct. 15** – Huron Valley Ambulance 35th-annual Fall Festival, 1-4 p.m., at its main campus, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. Free food and drinks, music, lawn games, photo booth, CPR demonstrations, free blood pressure check, Andy the Ambulance, pets to adopt from Huron Valley Humane Society, collecting non-perishable goods for Food Gatherers, and more.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Sumpter
Wayne County, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The November 8, 2016 General Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Township of Sumpter for the purpose of consideration of proposals and nominating candidates for the following office(s):

PRESIDENTIAL: President and Vice President, **CONGRESSIONAL:** District Representative in Congress, **LEGISLATIVE:** District Legislative Representative, **STATE BOARDS:** Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University. **COUNTY:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner. **TOWNSHIP:** Sumpter Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustees. **JUDICIAL:** Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent (Partial Term), District Judge of the Court of Appeals Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position (Partial Term), **DISTRICT:** Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court Incumbent Position, **LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Board Member, **DISTRICT LIBRARY:** Board Member.

PROPOSALS:

LIBRARY PROPOSAL:

Belleville Area District Library I: Proposal to borrow the sum of not to exceed fourteen (14) Million Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of the amount 0.75 mill for a maximum of twenty (21) years beginning in 2017, **Belleville Area District Library II:** District Library Operation Millage Proposal 0.75 mill for twenty (20) years beginning 2017.

PROPOSAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (Van Buren and Huron School Districts): Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency 2.0 mills for six (6) years beginning 2016 (RESA District members)

PROPOSAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Van Buren Public Schools Operating Millage Proposition Exempting Principal Residence and other Homestead Property 20 mills for eight (8) years beginning 2017

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 pm.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the Township of Sumpter you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also change their address in the following matters:

In Person:

- At the Township Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Sumpter Township Clerk
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 461-6201

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Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2016 Election is Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

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More Letters

Things on my mind: VBT, FMAR, taxes

To the Editor:

I see our local politicians are busy worrying about important things, like how to pay millions in a few years, world hunger, global warming. Sorry, I meant they spend their time concerned about how to get a new zip code for Van Buren Township, what the local Ford dealer says on his commercials, how a local community college bills itself. Clerk Wright I know is taking valuable township time trying to correct these many problems. My tax dollars at work. Folks, Belleville is not a bad place. Why, I know 2-3 fine people who live there. Don't we have better things to do with our time?

Speaking of people who should have better things to do. Gentle ladies, please read no further. I don't want your fair eyes to read the dastardly things that are happening at FMAR. Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue. What, you say? No kibble with bits for the dogs? No meow with the mix for the kittens? Worse. They dare, oh say it ain't so, to built the equivalent of a car port to protect the dogs from the weather without a mechanical engineer drawing it up. Now if this was West Bloomfield, I would expect that people would do such a

thing as not get plans. But we must show these folks who's the boss. Why work with people who spend 24/7 taking care of throw-away animals? Just so they can help more animals from the township.

And last, but far from least. Our school board. Once again they want to take my money and give it away. What you say? Give it to people like those fine folks in Detroit who stole thousands, were sent to jail, but claimed to be a hero for doing it? Well, yes. Give it away. After all, we have way too much. We built a new school that they told me would be all that was needed to create better test scores, sports teams that would make other teams quake in their shoes. I expect to live another 20-30 years. I do wish they would hurry so I can see it happen

That's all, folks.

Vic Franzoi
Van Buren Township



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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE,
WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:**

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the City you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At your City or Township Clerk's office, or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any Secretary of State Branch office located throughout the State during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some office of the Commission for the Blind.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
(734) 697-9323 ext. 7010
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City/Township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

1. APPLICANT IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.
2. RESIDENT OF BELLEVILLE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS.
3. CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS are available at the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election is Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the City Clerk's office.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: September 29, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Proposed New Library Public Forums Wednesdays at 7 pm

October 5, 2016: Van Buren Township Hall (Denton Room)
October 12, 2016: Sumpter Township Hall (Board Room)
October 26, 2016: Wayne County Community College District,
Western Campus

Learn about the library's plans to build a new library in downtown Belleville and to open a satellite media center in Sumpter Township. More information can be found at: www.belleville.lib.mi.us/building-program.

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Wolverine

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now taking place.”

Attorney Krauss said when they go into the communities it is a little tense, but, “We need to hear feedback.”

When Clerk Leon Wright asked what area

of Wildbrook does it go through, Krauss was not sure, but he said it is a horizontal drill in Country Pond.

Snodgrass said at Wildbrook it is right at the entrance of the subdivision and a 50’ wide area is disturbed. Then it runs west through Country Pond.

“It looks like a road. It’s horrible,” he

said.

Krauss said they will work with the property owners and if there was a manicured front lawn they will put that back.

“But you can’t replace the trees,” Trustee Miller said, saying there should be a financial remedy to the residents.

“The point of that is we have the rights to do this for safety,” Krauss said.

John Delaney asked about contingencies for drains and James Chapman said the Huron River goes out to Lake Erie and asked how many feet under the river do they drill.

Wilson said the pipe thickness is almost doubled for the line that goes 10 feet under the river. He said there are block valves on each side of the river and they can be shut to isolate the river if there is a problem.

They said they would do a similar presentation at the Ypsilanti Township Hall at 4 p.m., Oct. 4, before their regular meeting.

In other business at the Sept. 20 meeting, the board:

- Removed from the agenda proposed approval of the VBT Policies and Procedures Manual and the VBT Salaried Employees Benefits Manual.;

- Heard members of the audience speak on the new DPW trucks, the 13.5 mills that are on the ballot in November, support for the public safety millage, Riggs Heritage House preservation, police towing costs, the need to make the public aware of the local heroin problem with two siblings being lost on the same day, a prediction that the public safety millage will fail because of the tsunami coming with the Visteon bond, and a request to put off demolition of the Riggs house until the new board takes over after the election; and

- Heard Supervisor Combs say the contract has already been awarded and signed for the razing of the Riggs house. Trustee Miller asked: “Nothing can be done? This house will be taken down?” Combs replied, “Yes.”

Public Notice

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Wayne

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of

**NYLA SHAWNTELL KIRRAH TAYLOR
16-110887-NC**

To all interested persons whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the 3rd Circuit Court in the Coleman A. Young Building, Two Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, before the Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Room 1519, for the following purpose:

Name change from Nyla Shawntell Kirrah Taylor to Nyla Kirrah Britton

September 6, 2016
Felicia Ann Britton, petitioner
9276 W. Walden
Belleville, MI 48111 (248) 979-4747
Publish: Sept. 29, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Administrative Assistant / Benefits Coordinator Sumpter, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and an audience of sixteen (16). Supervisor Combs requested the following amendments to the Consent Agenda: Removal of items #6 [Approval of the Van Buren Township Policies and Procedures manual] and #7 [Approval of the Van Buren Township Salaried Employees Benefits Manual].

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended [Work Study Session Minutes of September 6, 2016, Closed Session Minutes of September 6, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016, Prepaid list of September 15, 2016 and the Voucher list of September 20, 2016]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the results of the survey recently conducted. Copies of the survey are available at the Supervisors office, and on the Township website: www.vanburen-mi.org.

Representatives of Wolverine Pipe Line Co. provided a presentation focusing on safety and accident prevention. The company has begun work in the community to install a second, adjacent, pipe line in the existing right of way. For more information visit their website at www.wolverinepipeline.com.

NON AGENDA: Resident comments included: concern regarding Township towing and impound vendors’ fees, reminded residents to watch for children entering and exiting school busses, obey traffic speeds and laws, support for the Public Safety millage, opposition to the Public Safety millage, preservation of the Riggs house, displeasure with the process of approval to purchase three trucks for the building and grounds department, requested community assistance in addressing the heroin epidemic affecting our country and accused the Board of “willy nilly” spending. Clerk Wright announced a savings of \$473,362.00 in health care costs realized over the past year by the implementation of the Ameriplan health care reimbursement account and the employee mandated 10% health care co-pay. He assured the public that all spending is closely monitored, thanked Directors for staying within their budget and cited numerous years where departments came in under budget.

Miller moved to put this [discussion on the demolition of the Riggs house] on the next work study so it can be looked at further. Motion received no second. Motion Failed.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Publish: September 29, 2016



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte. Excused absent: P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 22 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

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

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept Fire Department General Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2016 and July 10, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling \$945,085.59. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Absent: P. Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Don Rochon Car Show and Demolition Derby September 18, 2016

B. Sumpter Fest Update

C. T-Rex Arms Ribbon Cutting Ceremony August 26, 2016

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Planning Commission continually staying active

B. Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana Zoning Text

C. Portable Storage Container

D. Motion by Bates supported by Swinson to approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney’s Report-Young:

A. First reading of Amended Dog Ordinance

B. Recreation Plan Expires in November 2016

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Attorney’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response:

A. Sharon Peters (Chairman of Belleville Area District Library Board) Presentation

11. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the First Reading of the Amended Dog Ordinance 5-F Regulation of Dog Ownership, Licensing and Regulations pertaining to Dangerous Animals. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to approve the Recommendation from Planning Commission to Deny Rezoning of 5278 Oakville Waltz Road from Agricultural to Light Industrial. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to approve for the Library Board to hold a Public Forum on October 12, 2016 at the Township Hall Board Room at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to purchase 15 Helmet Mounted Flashlights from Time Emergency Equipment at the cost of \$1,649.25. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Interview Committee of John Morgan,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. and Maria Beaudrie to interview candidates for Payroll Clerk Position. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to advertise for a full time clerical position. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve for Library Committee to use DPW Office Building at 23465 Sumpter Road as Media Center if November Library Millage is passed. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to approve five (5) members of Parks & Rec. to attend the Michigan Festival and Events Association Convention on November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2016 in Kalamazoo. Covers Registration and Housing not to exceed \$2,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by Bates, supported by C. Hoffman to approve advertising for Bids: (1) Parking Lot Drains at Fire Station #1., (2) Fixing section of sidewalk on south side (North Entrance) of Fire Station #1. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements:

A. September 11, 2016 Fire Department Chicken Broil

B. State Representative Bill LaVoy

14. Open Floor:

A. Sumpter Progressive Civic League:

1. Thanks to Board Members, Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffman and Sumpter Township Fire Department and Sumpter Township Police for helping with the Back to School Family Fun Day.

2. Possible Recreation for Children of Sumpter Township at the Community Center

B. Matt Ban:

1. Thanks to Attorney Young and Township Board for the Dangerous Animal Ordinance.

2. Wayne County Commissioner Haidous on correction of Wayne County and Washtenaw County.

C. Mary Ban:

1. Thanks to Bill LaVoy for coming to Sumpter Township Board Meeting

2. Thanks to Police Department and Don Swinson for reporting cracked and leaning Pole located at Willis and Lohr Road.

3. Drivers passing at double yellow lines

4. Sherwood Pond reopened

5. Glad the Dog Ordinance is being updated

D. Ronald Barrington Robinson

1. State of Michigan Treasurers Office and Michigan Attorney Generals Office

2. Board Meetings being edited?

3. Thank you to Bill LaVoy

4. Warrants printed out for the residents

E. Virginia Belinski

1. Ice Cream Social August 24, 2016

15. Adjournment: Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:15. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on August 23, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: September 29, 2016

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 428 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 18:
0130 – disturbance, Riggs Rd.
0134 – noise complaint, Moms Dr./Robson Rd.
1038 – family trouble, N. Cumberland Dr.
1211 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1536 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1640 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1823 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1906 – personal injury accident, Bemis / Rawsonville
Monday, Sept. 19:
0620 – assault & battery, Birch Dr.
1214 – malicious destruction of property, Fay Dr.
1456 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1510 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1612 – malicious destruction of property, Marlowe
1648 – fraud, Liberty Ln.
1901 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
2038 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
2228 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
Tuesday, Sept. 20:
0117 – suspicious person, Happy’s Pizza
0326 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.
0714 – neighbor trouble, Walden Blvd.
1000 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1008 – noise complaint, Zachary St.
1147 – family trouble, Rose Blvd.
1355 – malicious destruction of property, Fourth St. Mall
1358 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1441 – ordinance violation, Dellor St.
1504 – ordinance violation, Dellor St.
1548 – property damage accident, Denton Cemetery/ Michigan Ave.
1615 – property damage, Belleville BP
1639 – fraud, Nautica Dr.
1656 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1706 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1823 – fight, Belleville
1841 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2022 – fight, Quirk Rd.
2126 – neighbor trouble, Wildflower Ct.
2324 – property damage accident, Ecorse BP
2347 – disorderly conduct, W. Archwood Dr.
2357 – weapons violation, Ecorse/Haggerty
Wednesday, Sept. 21:
0156 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
0320 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
0612 – harassment call, Woodbury
0757 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0941 – harassment call, Belleville
0955 – assist citizen, Denton/Hillside Cemetery
1136 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1233 – private property incident, Parkwood Manor
1303 – private property accident, COSTCO
1307 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1324 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd
1347 – breaking & entering, Mantauk Ct.
1357 – family trouble, Barnwell Dr.
1507 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1517 – disorderly conduct, Valero
1555 – breaking & entering, Wildbrook Dr.
1607 – property damage accident, Savage / Haggerty
1703 – animal bite, Revere Dr.
1941 – noise complaint, Woodbury Dr.
2013 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 22:
0728 – private property accident, Lake Villa Dr.
0805 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0822 – child abuse, Maple Dr.
0858 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1159 – ordinance violation, Belmont Dr./Briar Dr.
1354 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1433 – private property accident, Taco Bell Rawsonville
1550 – disorderly conduct, Michigan Ave.

1818 – suicide or attempt, Van Buren St.
1837 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1959 – suicide or attempt, N. Woodbury Dr.
2210 – assault & battery, Bak Rd.
Friday, Sept. 23:
1044 – assault & battery, Rose
1132 – property damage accident, Quirk/I-94 N. Service Dr.
1210 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Hannan Rd.
1212 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1403 – fight, Thornwood Dr.
1419 – property damage, Anna Dr.
1554 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1554 – assist fire dept., EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1746 – abandoned auto, Tompkins St.
1817 – abandoned auto, Arthur/Jackson
1910 – PPO violation, W. Archwood Dr.
2138 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2156 – PPO violation, Oak Ln.
2233 – fraud, W. Archwood Dr.
2240 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2325 – suspicious person, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.
2351 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2353 – suspicious person, Hardwood Dr.
Saturday, Sept. 24:
0254 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0411 – property damage accident, Andover Dr.
0616 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Speedway
0741 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
1016 – assault & battery, Oak
1035 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1039 – assault & battery, Savage Rd.
1205 – fight, Lighthouse Dr.
1221 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Bridge
1246 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1330 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1435 – property damage accident, Tyler/Quirk
1457 – property damage accident, Pebblebrook Dr.
1617 – mental, Mobil
1644 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
1730 – suspicious person, Grace Lake
1752 – fight, Solitude Ln./Stonebridge Dr.
1834 – suspicious situation, Westlake Cir.
2003 – suspicious situation, I-94/crosswalk
2046 – noise complaint, Haggerty Sub. Park
2058 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
2236 – shots fired, S. Bellridge Dr.
2324 – noise complaint, Parkwood Manor
Also on this week’s log are 73 traffic stops, three of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 18:
0012 – domestic assault, W. Columbia Ave.
0219 – disturbance, Wexford Ave.
0223 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0938 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1200 – civil matter, Church St.
1348 – **malicious** destruction of property, South St. / Davis St.
2124 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
Monday, Sept. 19:
1302 – property damage, E. Huron River Dr.
1907 – property damage, E. Waterbury Ct.
2001 – larceny, Main St.
2005 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, Sept. 20:
0008 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
0324 – domestic assault, Church St.
1027 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1253 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Edgemont
1346 – abandoned auto, E. Columbia Ave.
1427 – information, Main St.
1432 – malicious destruction of property, Fourth Street Mall
1442 – vehicle lock out, N. Liberty St.
1650 – background investigation, Main St.
1725 – trespassing, Main St.
1825 – agency assist, Belleville Rd.
2026 – suspicious person, N. Liberty St.
2113 – assist fire dept., Second St.
2256 – fight, Carmell St.
Wednesday, Sept. 21:
0226 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1318 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1400 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.

1621 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1659 – civil matter, Benito’s
2116 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Sept. 22:
0630 – suspicious situation, Denton/Hillside
0814 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.
0817 – juvenile complaint, Henry St./South St.
0938 – narcotics crime, Owen St.
0951 – suspicious vehicle, Astor
1001 – agency assist, Astor
1226 – assist fire dept., Owen Intermediate
1601 – unattended death, Menlo Park Dr.
1621 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1639 – private property accident, Main St.
1817 – lost property, Main St.
1942 – welfare check, W. Waterbury Ct. / Victorian Ln.
Friday, Sept. 23:
0536 – suspicious situation, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0758 – property damage accident, High/Main
0855 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1141 – harassment call, S. Liberty St.
1455 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1614 – private property accident, Lunchbox
1658 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2000 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Saturday, Sept. 24:
0233 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0401 – suspicious vehicle, Church St.
0418 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0715 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0845 – neighbor trouble, W. Columbia Ave.
1040 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1224 – PPO violation, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1250 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1326 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1453 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1810 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
Also on this week’s log are 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 18:
0147 – property damage accident, Wear/Haggerty
1146 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1531 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1926 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2012 – family trouble, Redwood
2104 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2224 – warrant arrest pickup, out of township
Monday, Sept. 19:
0132 – death investigation, Creekside
0226 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Wear
0559 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1132 – animal bite, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1353 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1406 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
1442 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1546 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1745 – recovered stolen property, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2222 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.
Tuesday, Sept. 20:
0254 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0932 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0953 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1040 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1043 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1253 – suspicious person, Willow/Martinsville
1337 – suspicious person, Judd/Sumpter
1525 – property damage accident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1546 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1627 – well-being check, Nevada
1746 – alarm, 17000 bl. Davenport Dr.
1810 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
Wednesday, Sept. 21:
0133 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1042 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1201 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1245 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1316 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1340 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1352 – harassment complaint, Nevada
1536 – suspicious person, Bemis/Martha Ln.

1554 – runaway juvenile, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd
2029 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2133 – mental health commitment, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2249 – fire dept. assist, Utah
Thursday, Sept. 22:
0215 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Weimer Rd.
1154 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1219 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1316 – found property, Judd/Sherwood
1627 – fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1638 – reckless driver, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1854 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2027 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2032 – threats complaint, Carriage Ln.
2124 – suspicious incident, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
Friday, Sept. 23:
1255 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1340 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1418 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1628 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1646 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1655 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
1735 – neighbor dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1745 – mental health commitment, Nevada
1755 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1857 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1907 – mental health commitment, California/
Wyoming
2150 – suspicious person, Edgewood
Saturday, Sept. 24:
0430 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1003 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1328 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1512 – suspicious incident, California
1752 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1924 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma
1950 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sherwood
2055 – suspicious vehicle, Montana
2119 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2258 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Also on this week’s log are 21 follow-up investigations, 41 miscellaneous details, 112 patrol checks, and 30 traffic stops.

St. Anthony Men’s Club sets Autumn Dance, raffle for Oct. 15

Dinner and raffle tickets are now on sale for the St. Anthony Annual Autumn Dance and the Men’s Club 48th annual raffle and everyone is invited.
The dinner-dance is set for 6:30 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Father Folta building behind St. Anthony Catholic Church. Tickets are \$25 per person.
The raffle has a grand prize of \$5,000, with second and third prizes of \$125 and fourth through eighth prizes of \$100. Tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100. The drawing will be at the dance between 9 and 10 p.m., but you do not need to be present to win.
For dinner or raffle tickets contact: John Zaroff, (734) 578-8315; Eric Christopherson, (734) 770-2716; Pete Pitzen, (734) 699-8563; Garden Fantasy, (734) 699-7370; or any Men’s Club member.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak
Superintendent,
Van Buren Public Schools



Well...we just finished our first month of school. This is my favorite time of year! When I think of fall, I picture the leaves changing, new bulletin boards, clean notebooks, shiny shoes, and developing relationships. Everything is fresh and exciting. There is an anticipation in the air and expectations of establishing a new routine. It is the true "New Year" for educators.

That first year in education is even more special. This year, in Van Buren Public Schools, we have seven first-year teachers. I remember my first year like it was yesterday. My own classroom, students, parents, and the daunting task before me.

Here's to Ms. Kitchen, Ms. Hale, Ms. Kole, Ms. Nagy, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Barrett, and Mr. Swietlik; may your first year be full of support, joy, frustration, and learning. We are here for you.

For decades, there has been a teacher shortage in various parts of the country (especially in the Southwest). It has now reached Michigan. Between 2008 and 2014, college education programs in Michigan have seen a 52% drop in enrollment.

In fact, there is a critical shortage list published by the State each year. Currently, teachers of world language, early childhood education, many career tech classes, special education, and substitute teachers are listed.

In my experience, it is very hard to find science and math teachers, as well. The number of qualified candidates have been shrinking each year. This once "honorable" profession has been raked across the coals in a very public manner.

Politicians put our students in the middle of their issues in order to catapult themselves into office. It feels like we are often a pawn in their game. The real experts (professional teachers) are deemed as unfit, ill-prepared, uncaring, and irresponsible by these politicians who need an educational platform on which to run. They are counting on the fact that we all want "better" for our children and by painting the current system as "broken" they appeal to your parental responsibilities.

As all professionals do, we are always looking to learn, grow, and find better ways of doing our craft. Teachers of today work harder, put in longer hours, and are asked to do more for society than ever before.

In Michigan, most make less money than they did 5 years ago. In a time of high tuition costs and high college debt, becoming a teacher is not as viable as it once was.

In my short time here, I have met some truly wonderful educators. It is easy to get caught up in the work and forget what an impact teachers have on the lives of our students. As teachers, we will never know the true significance of our work.

You all probably have a teacher that you have been meaning to contact to thank for going an extra mile, inspiring your career choice, or just for listening one day after school. Go ahead and pick up the phone; it will make someone's day.

Vote **"YES"** November 8, 2016 VAN BUREN TWP PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE

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- ✓ **MAINTAIN LOW EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES.**
- ✓ **MAINTAIN LOW INSURANCE RATES.**
- ✓ **MAINTAIN PAYING ONE OF THE LOWEST MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES IN WAYNE COUNTY AND HAVING SOME OF THE HIGHEST PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.**

Our Neighboring Communities Local Tax Rates

Community	Local Tax Rate (Mills)*
City of Westland	18.8823 Municipal Mills
City of Belleville	18.1260 Municipal Mills
Ypsilanti Township	14.9681 Municipal Mills
City of Romulus	13.5579 Municipal Mills
Canton Township	10.9000 Municipal Mills
Van Buren Township	7.4144 Municipal Mills (Proposed)
Van Buren Town EXPIRED	4.9144 Municipal Mills (Current)
Sumpter Township	4.7904 Municipal Mills

*Millage rates given reflect ONLY municipal rate
(Excludes the rates of all other taxing jurisdictions, i.e., county, schools, etc.)

Data Sources:

-2015 Apportionment Report, Charter County of Wayne
-Washtenaw County 2015 Apportionment Report

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44035 S I-94 SERVICE DR, VAN BUREN BELLEVILLE LAKE! - FULL BRICK HOME, 3 Bedroom (Possible 4th), 2 Baths, 1,845 Square Feet, Basement, Two Enclosed Porches, Two Kitchens, Stoves, Refrigerators and Living Rooms. More than 1 Acre, 65 Feet of Lake Frontage, 2 1/2 Car Garage And Much More. The Most Affordable Home on Belleville Lake. \$259,900.

BELLEVILLE LAKE



43989 S I-94 SERVICE DR, VAN BUREN PROFESSIONALLY DESIGNED for Optimum Living and Lakefront Enjoyment. Features 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Two Fireplaces, Two Kitchens, Central Vacuum, 1.63 Acres with more than 182 Feet of Lake Frontage with Newer Seawall, 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage Plus Large Heated Workshop. \$624,900

BRICK - 2 GARAGES



19137 SUMPTER, SUMPTER BRICK RANCH FEATURING 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and More to See! 1,500+ Square Feet, Open Kitchen - Dining Area, Large Entertainment Room, 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage PLUS an Extra 1 1/2 Detached Garage, Paved Street, City Water and City Sewer. Live in the Country just Minutes to Shopping and Expressways. \$150,000

ORIGINAL OWNER



12540 BECK, VAN BUREN NATURE'S BEAUTY SURROUNDS this Full Brick Ranch with Walkout Basement in THE Preferred Location. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, Family Room with Fireplace, Central Air and Four Seasons Room. Large Barn & Near Belleville Lake. Built with Quality, Fine Design and Pampered with Loving Care \$219,900

UPDATED CLASSIC DESIGN



6315 DENTON, VAN BUREN CLASSIC LINES AND TIMELESS DESIGN. Impressive and Updated 4 Bedroom Victorian Home with Wrap Porch Master Bedroom with Fireplace, Hardwood Floors, Basement, High Energy Efficient Furnace and Updating Everywhere. 2 1/2 Car Garage PLUS Bonus Second Home w 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$194,900

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD



6208 WESTERN, VAN BUREN SUPER AFFORDABLE 3 Bedroom Brick Home with Style and in a Great Neighborhood. Central Air, Vinyl Windows, Hardwood Floors, Extra Clean. This Home has been gently placed on a Large 95 x 326 lot (almost 3/4 Acres) plus 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage with Rear Workroom and more. \$126,900

3 LOTS - BELLEVILLE



242 CHURCH, BELLEVILLE TRIPLE LOT AND CHARACTER-RICH with original details. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Larger Kitchen, Impressive Formal Dining Room with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Hardwood Floors and Basement. This home includes, Big 3 Car Garage, Rear Deck & Fish Pond. NOW \$229,900.

HURON TOWNSHIP



21239 OTTER, HURON TOWNSHIP LIVE THAT COUNTRY LIFE just minutes from everywhere. Great location and Updated, This Huron Township Country Home offers 2 Bedrooms, 1 Newer Bath, Newer Furnace, Newer Vinyl Siding, Side Deck, Shed, on 2.37 Acres of Green Grass, Trees and Wildlife. Priced at \$134,900

UPDATED AND 2+ ACRES



23260 KARR, SUMPTER IMPRESSIVE AND UPDATED 4 Bedroom 2 Bath Ranch with Granite Counter Tops & SS Appliance. Large Living Room with Fireplace, and Hardwood Floors. Formal Dining Room Master Bath with Jetted Tub and Separate Shower. Central air and ceiling fans, Attached Garage, Shed and on 2.2 Acres. \$209,900

EASY LIVING & 1 ACRE



20700 GENTZ, HURON TOWNSHIP EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED AND MORE! Updated with Fresh Paint and New Carpet. Large Huron Township 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Ranch featuring Family Room, Formal Dining Area, Master Bedroom with Huge Queen Size Master Bath. 2 1/2 Car Garage, Large One Acre Yard, Huron Schools and Paved Street. \$134,900.

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
VACANT MCKEAN 11+ ACRES \$85,000
RAWSONVILLE & JUDD 78 AC \$400,000
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
VACANT KARR ROAD 5 ACRES \$35,000
26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$35,000

25817 SUMPTER RD. 97 ACRES \$20,000
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000
45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500
ELWELL ACROSS FRM 29300 10AS \$59,500

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 TO \$40,000
49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000
VACANT SUMPTER 7.46 ACRES \$30,000
VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES \$450,000
WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$25,000
BOHN NEAR DUNN 5 ACRES \$29,000

BELLEVILLE
337 MAIN & PEARSONS 83X165 \$79,500
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
739 SAVAGE PAVED ST 1.02 ACRES \$35,000
47441 MARTZ ROAD 17+ ACRES \$176,000
VACANT BOG ROAD .55 ACRES \$29,750

VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$30,000
VACANT BOG RD 12.83 ACRES \$129,000
6422 GILMORE 82X165 LOT WITH WATER AND SEWER PRICED RIGHT AT \$19,500
BOG ROAD 2.74 ACRES \$47,500
5900 DELLOR 1.81 ACRES \$31,000



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