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Court Watching:

Dudek to teach young drivers about distracted driving

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keith Dudek has been sentenced to teach young drivers about the perils of being distracted while driving -- since he knows first-hand it can be fatal.

On Aug. 24, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green sentenced Dudek to 100 hours of community service at a victims' location and ordered that a part of that service be telling those in Segment One of driver's education about the dangers of being distracted while driving.

Judge Green pointed out that her 16-year-old daughter was sitting next to her on the bench to witness the sentencing, since she just started driver's training classes.

On July 27, Dudek pled no contest to the civil infraction of operating a vehicle causing death. Judge Green set sentencing for Aug. 24, so the victim's family could be present and speak before the sentence.

On Oct. 13, 2015 Dudek was driving his company box truck on the I-94 North Service Drive when he reached down to pick something up from the floor. That's when he struck and killed Vonda Sue Wieczorek, 57, who was walking along the side of the road with her 25-year-old son Jack Anthony ("J.J.").

Before sentencing, defense attorney Murray Duncan said, "This gentleman has never been in trouble before."

Judge Green agreed that it was a "horrible, horrible accident."

During investigation of the death, Van Buren Township police had obtained Dudek's cell phone records and found he had not been using his cell phone during the accident.

"You take your eyes off the road for one moment and this can happen," attorney Duncan said.

With community service, Dudek can tell

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Thursday afternoon, a crew was at the 149-year-old Riggs Park Heritage Farm House, at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road. Crew members said they were getting ready to remove asbestos from the house so it could be razed. The house was built in 1867 by Loren Riggs, a member of the pioneer Riggs family, and much of the materials for the building were hauled by horse and wagon from a place on Wayne Road just outside of Romulus. According to the history book "Water Under the Bridge," one of the most distinctive features of this home is the cupola on the roof. Over the generations, the Riggs children and grandchildren have scurried up there to look out as dinner time approached, so that they could call out to the mothers preparing the meals that the men were returning from their day in the fields. The historic house was part of the property given to the township in the deal to build Country Walk subdivision. The township considered making a mini Greenfield Village there and moving other old homes from the township to the site. Riggs Park and a walking trail was established. The township put up a new roof on the house and fencing, but never moved forward on renovations. On Thanksgiving 2013 the barn behind the house burned and the $30,000 the township got in insurance money is being used to demolish the house.

Court Watching:

Cahill bound over to face murder charges at circuit court Sept. 7

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Charles James Cahill, Jr., 49, of Sumpter Township, who has a long list of drunk driving convictions, waived his preliminary exam on Aug. 31 before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley and was bound over to circuit court.

He is scheduled to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m. Sept. 7 to face charges in the death of a 12-year-old girl in a traffic accident.

Cahill is lodged in the Wayne County Jail without bond on charges of murder in the second degree, operating while intoxicated causing death, operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended causing death, and driving with open intoxicants in the vehicle.

He also is labeled a habitual offender and if found guilty of the charges he faces life in prison.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Reynolds, who had requested the preliminary exam date be postponed until Aug. 31, reported he finally has all the evidence requested, including the accident report from the Michigan State Police

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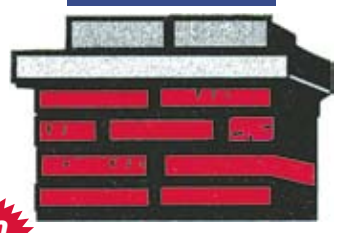

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Court Watching:

Judge Parrott sentences co-pilot who tried to fly airliner after drinking

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John McGuire, 50, an American Airlines co-pilot who pled no contest to a misdemeanor charge of operating a plane while intoxicated, was sentenced by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on Aug. 24.

Judge Parrott sentenced him to 12 months of reporting probation (at a cost of $50 per month), a 45-day suspended jail sentence (which would be reinstated if he didn't comply with probation rules), $700 in fines and costs, alcohol screening determined by the court's probation department, and 48 hours of community service within 120 days.

McGuire's attorney said his client lives in Pennsylvania and so he would like to have the probation in that state. Judge Parrott agreed, as long as the 34th District Court retained jurisdiction over it.

Judge Parrott relied on the seven-page police report on the incident.

His attorney said McGuire has been a pilot for 35 years and has a passion for flying. After the incident, he enrolled in 78 days of inpatient treatment and has had intensive outpatient treatment, attending 2-3 AA meetings a week and taking breathalyzers four times a day.

"He wants to make sure he's good to fly," his attorney said. "That's his passion, his goal."

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor said if McGuire fails to comply, he would finish his term in jail.

Judge Parrott said the course of treatment McGuire has taken is very relevant to the sentence. Judge Parrott said, of course, he is prohibited from controlled substances and alcohol and he should share the details of his treatment record with the probation department because they don't want to duplicate.

"Good luck to you," Judge Parrott said to McGuire.

It all started March 26 when McGuire was scheduled to fly American Airlines Flight 736 from Detroit Metro Airport to Philadelphia at 7 a.m.

When McGuire arrived at the airport TSA employees reported to the airport authority that he smelled of alcohol and appeared to be drunk. McGuire went to the cockpit to begin his pre-flight checks. At about 6:30 a.m., he was taken into custody by the Wayne County Airport Authority.

McGuire was given a breathalyzer test by the airport authority and he failed the test, blowing .081 blood alcohol content. A

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The renovation of the Developmental Services office at the Van Buren Township Hall opened for business after being under construction all summer. The area houses the Water & Sewer, Buildings & Grounds, Planning & Economic Development, and the Downtown Development Authority offices. A series of offices, exactly the same in size, with glass walls and doors, lines the back wall and the rest is an open-office concept. Cost, shared by the different departments, totaled $300,000 to $400,000. The clerk's office also had a slight makeover.

Sumpter denies rezoning Oakville Waltz property for marijuana

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Aug. 23, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to deny rezoning of 5278 Oakville Waltz Road from Agricultural to Light Industrial.

This denial was recommended by the township planning commission at its July 14 meeting.

The commission cast a unanimous vote against the request for conditional rezoning of a vacant parcel in an agricultural area so the new owners can grow medical marijuana.

The 13 acres of property at 5278 Oakville Waltz Road is zoned Agricultural and the request was to rezone it Light Industrial. The property is not far from the Crosswinds Marsh county park.

A lengthy public hearing was held on the rezoning on May 12 and then a decision was tabled by the commission. Commission members were disappointed that township attorney Rob Young wasn't at the May 12 hearing for consultation and that's one of the reasons they tabled their decision.

The township's planning consultant Matthew Lonnerstater of Carlisle Wortman Associates, presented a nine-page analysis of the situation in May, but did not make a recommendation.

Attorney Young did attend the June meeting and spoke to the commission on the proposal, but the petitioner was not present. At the July meeting Young wasn't present but the petitioners were.

The property owner wants to put up a stand-alone pole barn on the vacant property in order to grow up to 72 marijuana plants to service six patients (including himself), as allowed by state law.

Under the current township Medical Marijuana Ordinance, stand-alone medical marijuana caregiver facilities are only permitted within Industrial zoning districts.

Within the Agricultural and other residential districts, marijuana facilities are permitted as a home-business that is secondary and incidental to residential use. Because the applicant does not intend to live on the property, he has requested to rezone the property to Light Industrial and offered several voluntary conditions.

The conditional rezoning states that the parcel will be used only to grow and distribute medical marijuana and no other uses. If the ownership of the property is transferred or the applicant fails to commence operations within three calendar years, the property will revert to its previous AG zoning.

The owner said they plan triple-layer purification and exhaust from a 16' roof to combat odors.

Speaking for the applicant --180 Group, LLC – at both the May and July meetings was Travis Copenhaver, an attorney with Pollicella & Associates. Pollicella operates Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan and Small Business Legal Services.

Copenhaver said his client purchased the property in late October, 2015, after determining this property met the zoning requirements in the township ordinances. Then, he said, the township amended the

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Van Buren Twp. doesn't like to be called Belleville

At Tuesday's work/study meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees Clerk Leon Wright brought up the issue of people referring to Van Buren Township as BELLEVILLE.

He said he thought the township should work to market itself as Van Buren Township. Other board members agreed.

Apparently, it was all set off by Supervisor Linda Combs' assistant Lianne Clair who sent Combs an email over the Labor Day week end after she saw a big promotion on TV for Wayne County Community College in BELLEVILLE, when it actually is in Van Buren Township. Combs sent a copy of the email on to other board members and to Michael Dotson, head of the local WCCC campus and also chairman of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority. Clerk Wright said they are having a major problem with a large college saying it's in Belleville and also an automotive business that is going on TV saying it's in Belleville, when it isn't.

"I like buying from Atchinson Ford and I'll continue to buy from them and I like WCCC," Wright said. "I think we need to put a collaboration together with our businesses" to promote Van Buren Township.

Resident John Delaney said in 2007 Visteon changed its address from Belleville to Van Buren Township and then went bankrupt. Board members laughed, but wondered about it.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The owner of the Shell station at I-94 and Belleville Road said the young man referred to in last week's paper was mistaken about his credit card getting scanned at his gas station. The young man said his new credit card has a chip and the owner said his station can't use cards with chips and cards have to be swiped. He said his station isn't quite ready for chips.

He said after that young man complained, VBT Police came and checked the pumps and inside the station and there were no scanners.

He said the gas station at the corner of Ecorse and Haggerty had a scanner and police came and removed it. He said the owner didn't know someone had put it on.

He said his crews are watching everything inside and out and are checking the pumps to make sure no devices are put on to get their customers' information.

He said there was a report about his station before, but police and state officials came and checked and found nothing wrong.

He said the young man simply made a mistake about his gas station.

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We received the following by email from Brenda Barenscheer over the week end: "In 1979, my husband and I lived in Harbour Club Apartments; they were called Lemontree Apartments at that time. We were moved out of our unit because the bricks on the outside of the building had separated from the wall and had to be re-attached. We were in the guest apartment for about a week, and then terminated our lease shortly after the construction. The quality of the buildings was poor then, and it doesn't seem to have improved. We were not surprised to read that an entire wall had collapsed."

She refers to the picture on last week's front page of all the bricks falling off a wall at Harbour Club Apartments.

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My son, Jim, said it is interesting to note that the brick on the Riggs house on today's front page looks perfectly healthy compared to the brick on Harbour Club Apartments on last week's front page.

I got a call from someone saying the Harbour Club brick is old. Well, it's not as old as the 149-year-old Riggs house.

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There's a rumor going around that a 7-Eleven will be built on the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Third streets in the city of Belleville. Last Thursday, I asked City Manager Diana Kollmeyer about it and she said she had heard the rumor, too, but there have been no requests to the city about such a project.

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How nice to see West Columbia Avenue open at Five Points after several weeks of allowing only one-way traffic. There are still details to finish off, but the roadway was open to two-way traffic on Sunday evening when I was returning from the Bugles Across America event at Horizon Park. And, more importantly, the roadway was fully open to all the traffic for the first day of school on Tuesday.

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We were informed that Maricelle, the little, one-and-a-half year old pit bull-terrier mix featured in last week's "Orphan of the Week" column from Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, has found a forever home. I think last week's column was the second time she was featured in that space looking for someone to love her.

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At Tuesday's Belleville City Council meeting (held a day later than usual because of the Labor Day holiday), two members of the BYC assured council members that the BYC now, officially, was the Belleville Yacht Club. The club was able to buy the name from the owner of Johnny's Grill, who had owned it for years.

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I was informed that the new Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak sent an email to all employees after the opening of school on Tuesday praising them for their work to get school under way and welcome the students. He was warm and encouraging in his praise.

He had a caveat for the transportation department, saying things were always confusing on the first day of school for the buses.

This is a nice change for the employees.

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Letters

Victor DeLibera for School Board

To the Editor:

I am running for school board because I believe we need new leadership in place to create meaningful and lasting change for our students and teachers. I firmly believe I can have a positive influence on the issues that have plagued our district for the last few years.

I am happily married and we have three children in our school district. My family is firmly planted in Van Buren Township. I am a director on the VBT Downtown Development Authority, a trustee for the Belleville High School Band Boosters, a volunteer for our local Boy Scout Troop and a past president of my homeowners' association.

I am not in this campaign alone. There are four of us running together: DeLibera, Featheringill, Loyer-Gerick and Pinter. We are four strong, successful, and capable people who are willing to truly sacrifice for our schools and this community. I can think of no better, nobler place to effect real change than the school board and cannot envision embarking on this journey without these three people.

That is why I am asking you to vote for all four of us on Nov. 8.

Victor DeLibera, Van Buren Township

Susan Featheringill for School Board

To the Editor:

I would like to announce my candidacy for the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. My husband, two daughters, and I are all graduates of Belleville High School. Two of our five grandchildren are school age and they attend McBride Middle School. Therefore, Van Buren Public Schools is an important part of the community for me. My educational background is a strong asset for being a school board member. I have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Cleary College and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University. My school district work experience started over 30 years ago at Van Buren Public Schools and I retired as Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations from Taylor School District. With all of these years of school work experience, I am prepared to use this experience to be a valuable member on the board of education.

I am running with three new candidates because we have the vision, the qualifications and the experience to make a difference in our schools. I hope you will vote for Featheringill, DeLibera, Loyer-Gerick, and Pinter. Thank you for your support on Nov. 8, 2016.

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Darlene Loyer Gerick for School Board

To the Editor:

I would like to introduce myself to the Van Buren Public School community. My name is Darlene Loyer Gerick and I am running for Van Buren School Board. I have been a resident of the Belleville area my entire life (minus the college years). I am a 1985 graduate of Belleville High School. I am a parent of a future 2023 BHS graduate.

If you have been involved in Little League (BALL or VBALL) within the last 20 years, Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer (now the Belleville Tigers Youth Football and Cheer) within the last five years, or Girl Scouts within the last six years, we've probably crossed paths. I'm the one with the camera in my hand.

I have been an active member of the community my entire life and now I want to be an active member of our schools. This is my town and I care about it and these are the schools I grew up in and the schools my husband, Ron and I are raising our child in.

Please vote for me, Darlene Loyer Gerick, this Nov. 8 for Van Buren School Board. I am running with De Libera, Featheringill, and Pinter and I hope you will vote for them as well.

Darlene Loyer Gerick, Van Buren Twp.

Simone Pinter for School Board

To the Editor:

I decided to run for school board because I could no longer watch our current school board mismanage our school district. My husband Larry and I have lived in Belleville for 36 years. We have three kids who all went to our schools and we have five grandkids. I am retired from our family business - Pinter's Flowerland and Greenhouse.

I have been extremely active in our community over the years with fund raisers for various organizations and charities including "Relay for Life" and I am a proud supporter of our brave United States Veterans. Ask anyone who knows me. I will always fight for what is right and we need a new school board.

That is why I have decided to run with three other people and we are hoping you will vote for all of us (Pinter, DeLibera, Featheringill, and Loyer-Gerick) on Nov. 8.

Simone Pinter, Van Buren Township

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Obituaries

Ronnie Lynn Gillis

RONNIE LYNN GILLIS
(July 30, 1967 – September 1, 2016)
Ronnie Lynn Gillis, 49, of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on September 1, 2016, where he took his last ride with Jesus. Ronnie was born July 30, 1967 in Dearborn, Michigan. He was the son of Ronnie Lee Gillis and Marion Rose (Christopher) Gillis.
Ronnie loved spending time with his wife, children, family, and friends. He was very involved in his children's schooling, band performances, coaching and playing soccer with them. He loved riding his motorcycle and was active in the H.I.M. motorcycle ministry for Christ. Ronnie also enjoyed playing video games, softball, and bowling.
To cherish his memory he leaves his wife of two years Carol Ann Gillis of Romulus; his parents Ronnie Lee and Marion Rose Gillis of Romulus; one daughter Amanda Marie (Nicholas) Gillis of Belleville; one son Randy Lee Gillis of Belleville; his first wife Tammy A. Gillis of Belleville; one brother Richard L. Gillis of Newport; one sister Elizabeth L. (Glenn) Robbins of Romulus; along with five nephews Michael, Glenn, Bobby, Tommy, and Ryan; five stepsons Christopher Lee Owens, Aaron Lee-Anthony Mullins, Brandon Allen Mullins, Travis Wayne Mullins, and Dustin James Mullins; and five grandchildren.
Friends gathered from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday September 5, 2016, at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd. Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 941-9200. The funeral service took place on Monday at 3 p.m. with Shepherd Jesse Taylor and Under-Shepherd Russ Sands of the H.I.M. Motorcycle Ministry for Christ, in Taylor, Michigan.
Those who wish may contribute to the Go Fund Me Account at https://www.gofundme.com/2n9jcuec. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net .

Dudek sentenced

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others what can happen, Duncan said.

Judge Green said this can be a very important conversation with young drivers.

Other details of the sentencing included 18 months of probation, $1,000 in fines and costs, a driving class, and a psychiatric evaluation to see if there are any other issues.

The victim's husband of 29 years, Jack W. Wieczorek, was given a chance to speak before sentencing, although Judge Green said she knew he couldn't say much because of the civil suit he has brought against Dudek.

"I can say it was an accident," Wieczorek said. "But, I drove a truck for 16 years and never injured anybody. I'd like to see more awareness."

With Wieczorek in the courtroom were his son and his attorney. Dudek's family also was present in the courtroom.

Judge Green gave Dudek a chance to speak, but said he probably shouldn't because of the law suit. Dudek's attorney said his client is truly sorry and this was an accident.

Judge Green said she expects restitution in the case to be settled by the law suit.

"I can always revisit it after the civil suit, but I don't see that likely to happen," she said.

Co-pilot sentence

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pilot is not allowed to fly with more than .04 BAC. Romulus City Police Department was notified and officers gave McGuire a second breathalyzer, which he also failed, blowing .05.

McGuire was arrested for drinking before his scheduled flight. But that charge was updated to operating an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol. Flight 736 was cancelled.

Allen McKinley Marbly

Allen McKinley Marbly, 28, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound him over to face his arraignment on the information on Sept. 7 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. He is charged with assault by strangulation and aggravated domestic violence on Aug. 6 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of $10,000/10%. VBT Officer in charge of the case is Det. Mark Buxton.

Marbly's court appointed defense attorney David Lankford told Judge Parrott that his client is employed by a contractor doing work in Columbus, Ohio and the judge said that it was all right to go to work in Ohio.

Amy Suzann Fink

Amy Suzann Fink, 47, waived her preliminary exam and was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for a Sept. 7 arraignment on the information. She is charged with fleeing an officer in a vehicle-4th degree, operating while license suspended-2nd, operating a motor vehicle without security (insurance) and unregistered vehicle.

She is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Det. Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

Anthony Lee McDaniel

Anthony Lee McDaniel, 30, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on Sept. 7. He is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd in Van Buren Township on Feb. 28, 2015.

McDaniel posted $2,000 cash/surety bond. Court appointed attorney Lankford is defending him.

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More Letters

Welcome back, school starts this week

Welcome back, everyone,

This week we begin the 2016/2017 school year and extend a warm welcome to all students and staff. Whether your student is starting preschool, entering their senior year, or somewhere in between, the beginning of the school year is an exciting time for everyone. We look forward to the plans our staff has for the students this year.

Thank you to all of the district staff and community volunteers who helped prepare the buildings and classrooms for the return of the students. We appreciate and value the assistance of all who support our students throughout the year.

On behalf of Administration and the Board of Education of the Van Buren Public School District, again, we welcome you back for what is sure to be a remarkable school year.

Hope everyone has a year filled with learning, making friends, and having fun.

Brent Mikulski, president
Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education

Join 'Moms in Prayer' for children, schools

To the Editor:

Concerned about your children and their schools? Moms in Prayer International is a ministry that organizes women to pray for one hour a week for their children and schools.

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Call Susan Walker at (734)-250-0485 or see www.momsinprayer.org for more information.

Susan Walker
Belleville

BACA's Music Lakeside Soiree is Friday

To the Editor:

With Labor Day now in the past so, too, is the 2016 Music Lakeside Summer Concert Series. The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) delivered another incredible season of fantastic music performed by some of the area's greatest bands, musicians, and vocalists. With record-breaking attendance week after week, it is clear this has become a well-loved and eagerly anticipated musical event series each year. Whether relaxing on blankets, in lawn chairs brought from home or perhaps a boat ride that makes an extended stop to enjoy the tunes residents and visitors young and old are finding out what a true little gems our park, lake and downtown are.

This coming Friday, Sept. 9, plays an integral part in determining the 2017 lineup of bands and performers. BACA's Fourth-Annual Music Lakeside Soiree will take place Friday at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC), 831 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, from 7 p.m. – midnight. This fundraiser is essential for BACA to continue presenting these free and family friendly concerts in our community for all to enjoy. Tickets are just $50/person and include an open bar, assorted hors d'oeuvres, music by The PLANET D NONET "a down & dirty little swing band from Detroit," live and silent auctions featuring numerous pieces of original artwork, a Fender guitar, a classic leather motorcycle jacket, fun & unique raffles, and many other incredible offerings. And, of course, a great time will be had by all while raising money for what has become an eagerly anticipated musical series throughout the summers.

Tickets are still available at: the Belleville Area District Library, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy on Main, the BYC Clubhouse and at the door Friday evening. We invite you to be a part of this worthy and fun-filled evening while we party the night away and raise funds for this great series. We hope to see you at the BYC. For questions please call (734) 347-0430 or visit www.bacaart.org.

Sincerely,
Becky Hasen
Belleville

Oktoberfest to be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 1 at VB Eagles

Live music by Die Fahrenden Musikanten and an all-you-can-eat German menu will be featured at the Van Buren Eagles Oktoberfest from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

The meal includes three soups, three meats (including Beef Rouladen), and a wide assortment of German side dishes including Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Spaetzle and more. There also is desert, a full cash bar, German beer and Shotski.

The event is open to the public with tickets $17 per person in advance and $22 at the door. Tickets are available at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road.

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In honor of Sept. 11, the Belleville Leo's Coney Island will be donating 10% of their sales all day this Sunday to the Van Buren Township Fire Department. See their ad in today's paper for exciting specials and discount coupons. Also they've expanded their entertainment line-up, adding a magician every Thursday evening, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. It's a cute story, according to Kim, manager of the dayshift. While waiting on a large group of customers at a special get-together, one individual was showing off tricks at the table, which had everyone, including the wait staff, entertained. Kim took note and approached the individual, and abracadabra, he's now a regular at Leo's and follows up clown and face painting Mondays and live music Tuesdays. Great story.

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Today's insert features Van Buren Public Safety Family Fun Day coming up on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to Walgreen's on Belleville Road. There will be tons of activities, including kids fingerprinting, a clown, face painting, food and refreshments. The township's fire safety trailer will be on-site, including a fleet of police and fire vehicles, marine and motorcycle units, and more. The event is free.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will present the 4th-Annual Music Lakeside Soiree tomorrow evening, Sept. 9, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the BYC on Huron River Drive. Tickets are $50 each and available at the BYC, Garden Fantasy Florist on Main, and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. The event is a fundraiser for the annual, free summer concert series held at Horizon Park. Call (734) 357-8000 and visit www.musiclakeside.com .

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The public is invited to the Belleville Chamber of Commerce's ribbon-cutting ceremony this Saturday at Platinum Luxe Beauty Co. at 301 Main Street here in Downtown Belleville. The 5 p.m. ceremony will be followed by giveaways and refreshments.

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The Belleville Tigers football team (1-1) will follow up last week's 15-0 loss to Dearborn with its first home game of the season, tomorrow evening against Dearborn Fordson at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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More Letters

Thanks to all who came to ice cream social

To the Editor:

Thank you to all of the "Ice Cream Aficionados" who showed up this past Wednesday for the Belleville Area District Library's Ice Cream Social. While I have to admit I was a bit concerned about having a good turnout when the clouds opened up just an hour before the event was to begin; all my concern was "washed away" as soon as I saw patrons filling the Program Room. It was great to see so many of the familiar faces of the library's supporters and just as great to see all of the new faces who patronized the event.

While I am sure many were "all about" the dessert aspect of the evening, everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening had the opportunity to see the conceptual renderings of the proposed new building for the downtown area "up close and personal". Our Director Mary Jo Suchy also set up a computer in the children's area showing a video overview of the proposed project. On hand throughout the evening were BADL board members, BADL staff, and a representative from the office of the architectural firm who were all ready, willing, and able to answer questions and provide additional information regarding the scope of the conceptual design for the new downtown building.

I would like to personally thank the Friends of the BADL, who graciously sponsored this event plus the board members and the staff who assisted before, during, and after the event. Special thanks to both Noelle and Diana, the young ladies with the smiling faces who passed out the ice cream. An addendum to Wednesday's successful event was the "sweet surprise" for patrons who were in the library on Thursday. Director Suchy offered the last couple dozen cups of ice cream to patrons who were in the library late that afternoon, which must have been a welcome treat considering how hot and humid it was that day. Director Suchy ROCKS!

Once again, thank you to all of you who helped to make the BADL's Ice Cream Social a success!

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Dawson, Belleville Area District Library Board Trustee

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"America's Best Real Estate Agents" ranks more than 12,000 residential real estate professionals based on their excellence in real estate sales during 2015. All numbers are independently verified by a third-party in order to ensure accuracy and report integrity. This group of highly successful real estate sales agents represents less than 1% of all real estate practitioners in the United States.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or $20 million in sales volume in 2015. Silvenis closed 111 transactions in 2015.

Glenn Silvenis

"It is a pleasure to see Glenn Silvenis rewarded for his hard work and dedication," said Magnus Sublett, chief executive officer, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "Glenn is an excellent real estate professional who is extremely committed to his clients."

"I am honored to be ranked as one of America's Best Agents," said Silvenis. "This recognition reflects my commitment to providing my clients with exceptional service and real estate expertise."

Homegrown Knowledge series to feature 'Royal Wedding in India'

The Belleville Area District Library's Homegrown Knowledge series will present "A Royal Wedding in India" at 7 p.m.. Thursday, Sept. 8.

Debbie Jackson will share a very special experience: a royal wedding in Rajasthan, India. As an invited guest, she experienced firsthand the customs and rituals of this special occasion.

During her talk, she'll share photos and stories from her trip, and the Friends of the Library will provide snacks. Free.

Beginning Meditation Workshop

In another library offering, instructors Hugh Danville and Jim Whiteside of the Still Mountain Buddhist Meditation Center will lead students step by step through beginning insight meditation and related mindfulness practices.

During the six-week course, students will practice the skills necessary to guide their own meditation experience. Though the class is intended for participants with no previous meditation experience, continuing meditators who wish to review the basics may also benefit.

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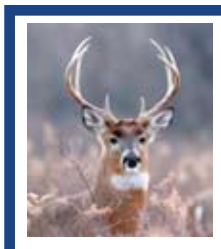

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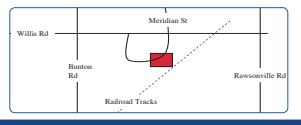

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Dear Valued Citizen:

Several dedicated members of the business community, concerned residents – maybe even your friends or neighbors – some Van Buren Township Board Members and the leadership of the police and fire departments have formed a committee to explore ways to promote the upcoming Public Safety Department millage proposal. This millage will be used for service so that when we need them, our police and fire emergency responders are there. This millage will also ensure funding for 9-1-1 emergency dispatch, animal control and ordinance enforcement services.

This millage is for our safety – every day.

Collectively, our goal is to garner your support – a Yes vote – for adequate funding of public safety service. The Secure Public Safety Millage Committee hopes you will agree that the emergency response service to which we are accustomed must be available – every day. We seek support for emergency response services we value and our fire and police personnel are required by law to provide.

Is public safety important to you? If so, you or anyone who might want to contribute to this effort is encouraged to mail suggestions and donations to the Secure VBT Public Safety Millage Committee at P.O. Box 2204, Van Buren Township, MI 48112. Financial contributions will be used to cover media expenses for publicizing this worthwhile endeavor, thereby explaining the choices we have to make as informed taxpayers. Our current millage expires Dec. 31, 2016.

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Secure VBT Public Safety

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You're invited to another HCMA meeting

To the Editor:

We are nearing the end of master plan development for Lower Huron Metropark. We appreciated all the feedback received from stakeholders through our previous public meeting and online survey, and have incorporated those opinions into our planning process.

Your input is important to us again at this second meeting, where we will present proposed projects and ideas for inclusion in the finished plan, and ask for your reactions.

Saturday, September 17, 2016
10-11:30 a.m. - Turtle Cove
No RSVP required

This meeting will include a brief presentation as well as time for questions and feedback. You are encouraged to bring your children/grandchildren, as we plan to have an activity in which they can participate.

Thank you in advance, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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Sumpter Board

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ordinance and new wording retroactively disqualified the applicant's property from getting a license.

At the July 14 meeting, Copenhaver said, "If we don't get rezoning, we can't grow marijuana."

He said rezoning is only the beginning. His client would have to seek a license under the Medical Marijuana ordinance in the township and seek all the permits necessary.

"If not done according to your rules, we can't grow marijuana," Copenhaver said. "My client is trying to be as responsible as possible… Instead of coming in in the darkness of night and building the facility, they came in and said 'Hello, we're here. We want to work with you. We want to grow plants.' All we want to do is grow medical marijuana to help patients who are suffering."

Trustee Matthew Oddy, the township board's liaison to the commission, referred to proposed state legislation that would allow processing of edibles and asked if this facility would be processing edibles if that became legal.

The petitioner said, "Just cultivation is all we seek."

Copenhaver said if the laws proposed at the state level go through, the five different tiers would come back to the municipality to manage.

"If edibles are approved, we would have a hard time keeping edibles from them," Oddy stated.

Attorney Copenhaver had a short discussion with this client and then said, "You can't suggest conditions [under the state conditional zoning regulations], but we can change our proposed conditions."

He said his clients agree that they would not be allowed to process edibles, if the law changes.

Commission chairwoman Jane Stalmack read two letters against the rezoning submitted to the township on May 24. They were written by Jamie Good of Martinsville Road and Cindy Good of Oakville Waltz Road.

"I deeply respect concerns of the concerned citizens," Copenhaver said. He said they researched the ordinances in Sumpter and after his client purchased the property the ordinance changed. He said construction was started by a contractor by mistake. They were warned by the township and stopped, he said.

"If my clients could live on the property, they could grow medical marijuana without a problem as a valid use," Copenhaver said. "But no one lives on the property."

Kevin Hall of Oakville Waltz Road said he does not want a grow facility right next to his property where his grandchildren play.

Jamie Good said he is not opposed to medical marijuana, but opposed to this rezoning. He said, as Oddy had stated, as the state law changes it would be very hard to say no once the township approved this.

"All my clients want to do is grow medical marijuana to help people," Copenhaver said.

Commissioner James Clark noted the petitioners live in Ypsilanti. He asked why they didn't grow the marijuana there.

The petitioner said under the rules in Ypsilanti Township, where they live, there are only so many spots authorized and they have been snatched up so there is no available property.

"They want a place safe, secure, private, discreet…" Copenhaver said.

"Ypsilanti is already in the business," Commissioner Clark said.

"The State of Michigan is already in the business," Copenhaver said. "These individuals only are going to cultivate plants." He said they want a place to do it that doesn't take up place in their home.

"I wouldn't want 72 plants in my basement," Copenhaver said. "I use my basement."

When they were asked how they would get the marijuana to the users, Copenhaver said the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act limits transfers from the caregiver.

"Three of my patients are homebound, so I have to deliver to their homes," the petitioner said. The others can be delivered anywhere."

He said he lives in Ypsilanti Township and there he can grow only 12 plants for five patients.

"Why not build here?" Stalmack said, pointing out then there would be no problem for them to grow.

"We have homesteads," said the petitioner.

Oddy said this is a commercial venture on an AG lot and a commercial venture is not allowed in AG without a homestead.

"I would respectfully disagree," Copenhager said.

"If you became a resident, you could grow 72," Oddy said.

"We're only asking for a conditional rezoning," Copenhager said. "This is our first of many steps… We're here to seek compromise … not legally challenging … for state-protected conduct. We just want to grow marijuana."

Commissioner Jay Bardell made the motion to recommend the township board deny the rezoning and the motion was seconded by Clark. Although not all the commissioners said "aye" out loud, there were no "nay" votes.

The rezoning recommendation was sent on to the township board for the final vote which occurred on Aug. 23.

In other business at the township board's Aug. 23 meeting, the board:

• Approved the first reading of the amended dog ordinance 5-F Regulations of Dog Ownership, Licensing and Regulations Pertaining to Dangerous Animals;

• Approved the district library board to hold a public forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at the township hall board room to disseminate information on the ballot proposal;

• Approved allowing the library committee to use the DPW office building at 23465 Sumpter Road as a media center if the November library millage is passed;

• Approved the purchase of 15 helmet-mounted flashlights from Time Emergency Equipment at a cost of $1,649.25;

• Approve appointing a committee of John Morgan, Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr. and Maria Beaudrie to interview candidates for a payroll clerk position;

• Approved advertising for a new full-time clerical position;

• Approved five members of Parks and Recreation Commission to attend the Michigan Festival and Events Association Convention Nov. 3-5 in Kalamazoo at a cost for registration and housing not to exceed $2,600;

• Approved advertising for bids for parking lot drains at Fire Station #1 and fixing section of sidewalk of Fire Station #1;

• Was reminded the annual Fire Department Chicken Broil and Corn Roast will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Sept. 11 and the Don Rochon Memorial Car Show and Enduro Demolition Derby is Sept. 18;

• Agreed to contact the planner and find out how much it would be to start working on an update to the Recreation Plan which has to be updated every five years;

• Heard a report from State Rep. Bill LaVoy; and

• Heard Mary Ban ask Rep. LaVoy if there is any move to rescind Common Core and LaVoy said there is no move to do so, but there is discussion.

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"I am proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of all the students, staff, and families that got us to this point," said Lincoln High School Principal Nicole Holden. "Thank you to our school board and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District for their support. I'm honored to be part of the Lincoln family and excited about this accomplishment."

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Cahill bound over

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and the autopsy report from Washtenaw County. He said he was ready to go to circuit court.

Cahill's court-appointed attorney David Lankford assured Judge Oakley that he had explained everything to his client and Cahill agreed with his recommendation to waive the preliminary exam and go directly to circuit court for trial.

The Detroit News reported that the parents of the 12-year-old killed in the crash, Victoria Mack, have announced they will be suing Cahill and the unnamed person who loaned him the GMC Yukon that he was driving. The parents, Darlena Savage and Garry Mack, who were in the 34th District Court on Aug. 31, are represented by Renette Jackson and Danien Woods.

The charges stemmed from the 8:18 p.m., July 27, accident at the corner of Willis and Martinsville roads. Cahill reportedly was northbound on Martinsville at more than 80 mph when he collided with a minivan with Victoria in the back seat.

She was cut out of the vehicle by Sumpter fire fighters and airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she died July 30. There had been no report of any injuries to the two women and two other female children, ages 2 and 3, who were also in the minivan, but, *The Detroit News* reported there were two other injuries.

Stuffed into Judge Oakley's jury box on Aug. 31 were camera crews from Channels 7, 4, and 2, along with a photographer from the News. Two other reporters plugged their equipment into an electrical outlet in the courtroom.

A large group of family members were also in the courtroom. After Judge Oakley accepted the waiver to bind Cahill over and Cahill was returned to the court lockup, the family left the courtroom with most of the reporters in the room hurrying after them.

Cahill's driving record shows 12 prior drunk driving convictions even though his driver's license had been revoked by the Secretary of State in 1990.

Victoria was a student at the Ann Arbor Magnet School in Detroit and would have been a seventh grader this fall.

A GoFundMe page was set up in hopes of raising $5,000 for funeral expenses and it was closed down after $13,615 was donated. Services for Victoria Denise Mack were held Aug. 6 at Word of Truth Baptist Church, Detroit. Funeral arrangements were by Clora Funeral Home, River Rouge, with interment in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Nelson S Po

Nelson S Po, 67, of Sumpter Township had his probable cause conference adjourned to Sept. 28 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

His attorney Ronald Ruark asked for the adjournment on his client's charge of delivering/manufacturing 5-45 kilograms of marijuana (or 20 to 200 plants) on Aug. 16 in Sumpter Township. Po was given a personal recognizance bond of $10,000 at his arraignment.

Po indicated a plea bargain was being discussed. If he is found guilty of the charge, Po faces seven years in prison or a $500,000 fine. Sumpter Township Detective John Toth is the officer in charge of the case.

James Glenn Hubert

James Glenn Hubert, 60, was present for his probable cause conference on Aug. 31 before Judge Oakley. Hubert's attorney, Michael Vincent, said they would return for Hubert's preliminary exam on Sept. 7.

Hubert is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on April 8 in Sumpter Township. Sumpter Officer Danielle Buccellato is the officer in charge of the case.

James Forrest Chapman

James Forrest Chapman, 56, was present for the pretrial exam on a reversal of a charge that Judge Oakley had dismissed. After the Wayne County Prosecutor's office had appealed the dismissal, a circuit court judge had reinstated the charge against Chapman for refusing to give a DNA sample after being arrested by Van Buren Township Police.

Chapman's attorney John Day asked for the exam to be adjourned until Sept. 21 because he would like to try to consolidate this case with a similar case against Chapman already at circuit court for refusing to provide a DNA sample.

Judge Oakley said the case was reinstated because the circuit court judge said there had been an "abuse of discretion" by Judge Oakley, but that judge provided no comment on what was wrong.

"I don't know what to do with this case," Judge Oakley said, indicating if given the chance, he is likely to make the same decision again.

"Hopefully, I won't see you again," Day said, referring to having the case consolidated with Chapman's cases already before Judge Margaret Van Houten that have a final conference on Sept. 30 and a jury trial set for Oct. 26.

Melissa Dawn Goble

Melissa Dawn Goble, 52, was scheduled for her probable cause conference. She will be present for her preliminary exam on Sept. 7. Goble, who is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of $20,000/10%, is charged with being in possession of less than 25 grams of narcotics or cocaine in the city of Belleville on Aug. 21. Officer in charge of the case is Jeff Wickham.

Joshua Kavon Patton

Joshua Kavon Patton, 28, was present for his preliminary exam, being brought from the Wayne County Jail where is lodged on $10,000/10% bond. His court-appointed attorney David Lankford said he had recommended Patton waive this preliminary exam and be bound over to circuit court on the home invasion 2nd charge in VBT on Aug. 8. Patton appeared not to understand Lankford or agree with him and Lankford requested a competency hearing. This was granted by Judge Oakley and Patton will be back sometime in the future after being interviewed by doctors.

Lankford said they have been unable to contact the victim, but victim Ada Williams, the grandmother, was in the courtroom. She went off to talk with the officer in charge of the case, VBT Det. Ken Toney.

Robert Dale Cannon

Robert Dale Cannon, 45, was present for his probable cause conference on two counts of carrying a concealed weapon in Van Buren Township on Feb. 15. His retained attorney David Bogard said one count had been dismissed by the prosecutor and Cannon was waiving his upcoming preliminary exam on the other. Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information Sept. 14. Cannon is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Det. Toney is the officer in charge of the case.

Michael Earl Dunn

Charges against Michael Earl Dunn, 46, were dismissed without prejudice, meaning they could be reinstated in the future. Dunn was present for his preliminary exam on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, weapons-felony firearm, and domestic violence in VBT on Aug. 12. He had been free after posting bond of $10,000/10%. Officer in charge of the case was VBT Det. Ken Toney.

William Calvin Hunt

William Calvin Hunt, 51, was scheduled for his probable cause conference on Aug. 31 on a charge of first degree retail fraud on Jan. 3 in VBT. He is scheduled for preliminary exam before Judge David Parrott on Sept. 7.

Melinda Heather Meriweather

Melinda Heather Meriweather, 35, was present for her probable cause conference on a charge of delivering/manufacturing a non-narcotic controlled substance on June 12, 2014 in VBT. She was free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Meriweather chose to waive her upcoming preliminary exam and was bound over for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on Sept. 14. Officer in charge of the case was VBT Det. Mark Buxton.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Payroll/Building Clerk Employment Position

The City of Belleville Clerk/Treasurer's Office is accepting applications/resumes for a full time clerical position. Job title is Payroll/Building Clerk. Successful candidate will have working knowledge of payroll procedures, customer service, and will be expected to have experience with general office work including use of Microsoft office computer products. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Michigan Driver's License. Applications will be accepted until September 23, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. Applications available at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 8 –** "A Royal Wedding in India" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of its ongoing Homegrown Knowledge series. Debbie Jackson is the presenter.

• **Thursday, Sept. 8 –** Free class on family history research begins at 6:30 p.m. and will run for six Thursdays through Oct. 13, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. For personal enrichment and to share with the family. For information or to reserve a place in the class, call Kathy Bailey, (734) 461-6133 or (734) 660-1971 or kbailey@gmail.com .

• **Friday, Sept. 9 –** It's movie night at Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis Road, Belleville. At 7 p.m., the movie "War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon" begins. For more information, call (734) 716-6407.

• **Friday, Sept. 9 –** The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents its fourth-annual Soiree to earn money for its annual summer lakeside music series at Horizon Park. The lavish party is at the BYC at 831 East Huron River Drive from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $50 each and are available at the door, at the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Flowers, and Belleville Area District Library.

• **Saturday, Sept. 10** – Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 270 E. Huron River Dr., is holding a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are welcome to stop by.

• **Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11 –** Annual Citywide Yard Sales in the City of Belleville. No permits needed on those days.

• **Sunday, Sept. 11 –** Jay Frandson performs with Dick Johnson 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, Sept. 14 –** 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, Sept. 15 –** Help Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue raise funds to expand their no-kill shelter by attending a spaghetti dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Rd., Ypsilanti 48198. Adults and kids over 13, $10; kids 12 and under, $6; kids 2 and under eat free. Extra money is needed for the project because of new rules by Sumpter Township.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17 –** Van Buren Township Public Safety Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Walgreen's grassy field, 10276 Belleville Rd. Free. Family activities include parents receiving a free CD carrying their child's fingerprints, digital photograph, and other identifying information. Also police and fire officers and their equipment, food and refreshments, face painting, Dee-Dee the Clown, HVA Andy the Ambulance, and more.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17 –** Belleville High School Alumni Reunion starts at 2 p.m. at the BHS Commons with a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is 5-8 p.m. Cost is $20 per person and RSVP and payment is due by Aug. 27, with cost going up to $30 each thereafter. Make all checks payable to: BHS Alumni Reunion and mail with your name, guest, BHS Class of, and class seating preference to your class representative. Include your mailing and email addresses and your phone number.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17 –** Willow Country Fair is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston 48164. Gifts and crafts, lunch, baked goods, white elephant, fresh vegetables, and more.

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Fall Storytimes starting soon at Library

The Belleville Area District Library announces its fall Storytimes. All require registration at the Library Circulation Desk any time the library is open. Sign up, before all the slots are full.

FALL "FAMILY" STORYTIMES -- 5-11 years old on Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 12 - Oct. 17

TUESDAY "TODDLER TIMES" STORYTIMES -- for kids ages 2-4, Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Sept. 13- Oct. 18

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Boys in grades 1-5 are invited to join Cub Scout Pack 793 at St. Anthony

Boys in grades 1-5 are invited to join Cub Scout Pack 793 at St. Anthony Church for many fun and challenging activities, including an annual Pinewood Derby, camping, hiking, giving back to the community, and more.

Pack 793 will be meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Sept. 14 in the St. Anthony Parish Hall.

All boys in grades 1-5 are welcome.

For more information, contact Jaclynn Behrendt at (734) 740-2856 or behr123@gmail.com .

BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

• Thursday, Sept. 8 - Girls Varsity Golf, 3 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive 6 p.m.

• Friday, Sept. 9 -Varsity Football, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 12 -- Boys JV Soccer, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer, 5:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13 -- Boys Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m.; Girls Freshman Volleyball 5:30 p.m.; Girls JV Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Volleyball, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 14 -- Boys JV Soccer, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer, 5:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 15 -- JV Football, 6:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m.; Girls Freshman Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.; Girls JV Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Volleyball, 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Sept. 17 -- Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, 10 a.m.

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.."
– Ronald Reagan

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 498 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 28:
0653 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Anna
06082558 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0719 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Florence
0743 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Anna
0754 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Haggerty
0825 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Anna
0917 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Sadie
0917 – larceny from auto, S. Sadie Ln.
1014 – breaking & entering, Maude Ct.
1025 – assault & battery, Freedom Way
1207 – larceny from auto, Florence Ln.
1232 – disorderly conduct, S. Bellridge Dr.
1242 – property damage accident, Chaney Ave.
1246 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
1604 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1652 – larceny from auto, Maude Ct.
1722 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1738 – fraud, Sheldon Rd.
1808 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2226 – sexual assault, Jackson St.

Monday, Aug. 29:
0139 – noise complaint, Ecorse
0655 – larceny, Hoeft Rd.
0831 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1112 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1201 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
1210 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1223 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1304 – larceny from auto, Sondra Dr.
1236 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1406 – breaking & entering, Coolidge St.
1415 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1504 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
1541 – intimidation threat, Rawsonville
1738 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Martz
1844 – harassment call, Haggerty/Coolidge
1959 – neighbor trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.
2213 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
2350 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 30:
0823 – assault & battery, Outer Dr./Rogers Ave.
1053 – larceny from auto, E. Sadie Ln.
1309 – property damage, Lancaster Dr.
1514 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1838 – harassment call, Michigan Ave.
2104 – harassment call, Salem Ct.
2115 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2257 – fraud, Hull Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 31:
0019 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
0913 – breaking & entering, Martz Rd.
1014 – fraud, Venetian Ave.
1040 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1130 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake
1157 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd.
1207 – private property incident, S. I-94 Service
1306 – private property accident, Taco Bell / Rawsonville
1453 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1647 – private property incident, Maple Dr.
1656 – fraud, S. Woodbury Dr.
1726 – trespassing, Rose
1903 – overdose, Morton Taylor Rd.
1918 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
2139 – disturbance, Lighthouse Dr.
2227 – private property accident, Michigan Ave. / Winchester St.
2310 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2355 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 1:
1010 – neighbor trouble, Savage Rd.
1020 – fraud, Holly
1125 – larceny from auto, Belleville
1143 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1413 – breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.
1444 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1521 – dumping complaint, Red Oak
1540 – retail fraud, Belleville
1615 – assault & battery, Wayside
1630 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
1723 – family trouble, Briarwood Ct.
1813 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd.
1932 – fraud, Denton Rd.
2006 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
2043 – fight, Gilmore St.
2321 – disorderly conduct, Ayres Ave.0021

Friday, Sept. 2:
0137 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
0657 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1034 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1137 – vehicle repossession, Haggerty Rd.
1249 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1347 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1412 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd
1448 – retail fraud, Belleville
1654 – animal bite, Haggerty Rd.
1817 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.
2106 – sexual assault, Haggerty Rd.
2217 – harassment call, Ventura Dr.
2256 – suicide or attempt, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 3:
0021 – fight, Michigan Ave.
0424 – assault & battery, Savage Rd.
1429 – malicious destruction of property, E. Sadie
1725 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1827 – lake complaint, Belleville Sand Bar
1941 – private property accident, Patty Ln.
1954 – disorderly conduct, Victoria St.
2005 – disturbance, E. Archwood Dr.
2128 – noise complaint, Martinsville / Bemis
2149 – disorderly conduct, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
2346 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty

Also on this week's log are 92 traffic stops, with 10 of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 28:
0038 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0056 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0123 – assist citizen, Clarence St.
0240 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
0831 – abandoned auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1218 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
1247 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
1410 – malicious destruction of property, Owen St.
1524 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1546 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1550 – traffic hazard, Main St./Liberty St.
1812 – civil matter, Main St.
2050 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Aug. 29:
0110 – parking complaint, Oxford
0116 – suspicion us situation, Church St.
1116 – disorderly conduct, Sumpter Rd.
1323 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Belleville Rd.
1526 – fraud, Main St.
1733 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1743 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1816 – welfare check, Santa Clara St.
1948 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2250 – suspicious situation, Church St.
2312 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 30:
0105 – assist citizen, Carmell St.
0108 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0111 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0609 – breaking & entering, Clarence St.
1239 – breaking & entering, W. Columbia Ave.
1243 – court duty, S. Wayne Rd.
1313 – vehicle lockout, Secretary of State
1406 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.
1601 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1654 – abandoned auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1824 – traffic complaint, Potter Dr./Clarence St.
2007 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2057 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
2157 – suspicious vehicle, Loza Ln./Potter Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 31:
0145 – parking complaint, Anaheim St.
0903 – code enforcement, Belleville Bridge
1035 – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.
1109 – ordinance violation, Belleville Bridge
1308 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1451 – assist citizen, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1536 – prison transport, Main St.
1843 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1901 – civil matter, Henry St.
2039 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
2047 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
2114 – traffic complaint, Victorian Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 1:
1605 – suicide or attempt, Belle Villa Blvd.
1743 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
2010 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2020 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
2125 – civil matter, Henry St.

Friday, Sept. 2:
0140 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0200 – intrusion alarm, Owen
1005 – property damage accident, Main St. / W. Columbia Ave.
1133 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1327 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1407 – intimidation threat, South St.
1453 – animal complaint, Victoria Park
1508 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1620 – vehicle lockout, Chase Bank
1850 – information, Church St.
1928 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
2152 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2333 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Liberty St.
2348 – disturbance, Henry St.

Saturday, Sept. 3:
0042 – suspicious vehicle, Owen St.
0642 – civil matter, Henry St.
0852 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
1446 – agency assist, Venetian
1504 – civil matter, Main St.
1541 – assist fire dept., N. Abderdeen Ct.
1817 – hospice, E. Thornhill Ct.
1958 – harassment call, Victorian Ln.

Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 28:
0821 – runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1246 – assist other agency, out of township
1320 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1545 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1552 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1605 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1703 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2002 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2224 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2248 – assault, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Aug. 29:
0009 – warrant arrest pick up, Willow/Rawsonville
0702 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Judd
0916 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0949 – civil dispute, Virginia
1133 – missing recovered, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1226 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1243 – fire dept. assist, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1300 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1314 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1325 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1543 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1626 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1627 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2051 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
2217 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2224 – animal complaint, Dunn/Sumpter
2230 – suspicious incident, Edgewood Dr.
2335 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 30:
0512 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.
0611 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
0930 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
0933 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1257 – flee and elude, Sumpter/Willow
1341 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1504 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1713 – reckless driver, Sherwood/Willis
1758 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1929 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2132 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 31:
0248 – property damage accident, Arkona / Haggerty
0515 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1051 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1110 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1745 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Elwell
2316 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 1:
0941 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1123 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1138 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 – missing recovered, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1431 – assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
1524 – disorderly person, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
1543 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1608 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1617 – assault, Wayside Dr.
1723 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1832 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1854 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2002 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2245 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.

Friday, Sept. 2:
0539 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1019 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis
1052 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1056 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1114 – fraud complaint, Wayside Dr.
1225 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1255 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1404 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1656 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1805 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1854 – assist other agency, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2217 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz

Saturday, Sept. 3:
0043 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0228 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Wear
1053 – larceny, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1132 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1445 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
1612 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1613 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1823 – citizen assist, Waltz/Willow
2036 – ORV complaint, Wear/Clark
2127 – suspicious incident, Nevada
2128 – suspicious incident, Wyoming
2231 – well-being check, First St.

Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 90 patrol checks, and 22 traffic stops.

Armed robbery at BP gas station at Ecorse and Haggerty on Sunday

A black male wearing all black clothing and a ball cap pulled a silver handgun on an employee at the BP gas station at the corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads on Sunday morning.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain said in the early morning hours a suspect came to the counter to purchase a package of gum and then produced the weapon and demanded cash.

The employee emptied the register and the suspect fled the store with about $1,000 in cash and fled on foot towards the Burger King parking lot and left in an unknown vehicle.

Director Laurain said the suspect is to be considered armed and dangerous and any information on this robbery is to be reported to the VBT Police Detective Bureau at (734) 699-8930.

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• Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, September 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 20 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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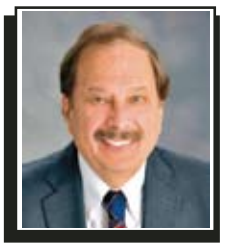

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