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Shawn Fix of Sumpter arraigned for supporting terrorists, carrying gun

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor



Shawn Michael Fix, 38, of Sumpter Township, was arraigned Friday on state felony charges of providing support for terrorist acts and carrying a gun during the commission of a felony. He pleaded not-guilty.

His arrest was one of 13 arrests that came last Wednesday, Oct. 7, across the state as a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, target police, and overthrow the Michigan government before the Nov. 3 general election was disrupted by FBI, U.S. Marshals, and Michigan State Police.

Fix was being held at the Bellaire Jail in Antrim County and his arraignment was via Zoom.

Assistant Attorney General Gregory Townsend asked 86th District Court Magistrate Tammy Rodgers to set no bond or \$1 million cash bond. He said Fix was a part of the Wolverine Watchmen and assisted in the surveillance of the governor's vacation home.

He said the attorney general also agreed with his request for high bond.

"I consider this defendant, as well as the others, extremely dangerous," Assistant Attorney General Townsend said.

"They belong to a group, a militia group, called the Wolverine Watchmen. All these individuals were committed to violence to target government, government officials, politicians."

Defense attorney for the arraignment was Paul Jarboe who said his client has been employed for the past seven years as a truck driver and has had only one run-in with the law, a drunken driving offense in 2009.

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education held a ceremonial ground breaking on Oct. 8 to mark the beginning of construction of the Early Childhood Development Center on school property east of the high school and south of St. Anthony Catholic Church. From left are Darlene Loyer Gerick, board secretary; Amy Pearce, president; Susan Featheringill, vice-president; and Kelly Owen and Keith Johnston, trustees. The special ceremony was attended by the district's design team, including IDS, Granger Construction, Plante Moran CRESA, Haggerty School staff members, and local municipal officials. The facility for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children, financed by bonding approved by voters, is expected to open in September of 2021.

Parrott's trial on domestic violence charge set Jan. 14-15

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

35th District Court Judge James A. Plakas set a jury trial for Jan. 14-15 for 34th District Court Judge David M. Parrott on a charge of domestic violence.

Although the charge was generated in the 34th District Court venue, the case was transferred to the 35th District Court in Plymouth since Judge Parrott was a

sitting judge at 34th. He has since taken a leave from his bench and subsequently was removed by the Supreme Court until charges are settled.

Parrott lost a bid for reelection in the August primary and will no longer be a judge by the time he goes to trial.

On Monday afternoon, Judge Parrott was present with his defense attorney Heather Nalley for a pretrial exam before Judge Plakas.

Parrott is charged with domestic violence against his live-in girlfriend in his home in Van Buren Township on Feb. 8. She called 911 and VBT Police arrived at the home and interviewed her with body cam

recording the session.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Tara Hindelang told Judge Plakas that the two officers describing the injuries and body cam footage would not be admissible if the complaining witness does not come to trial.

"If the complainant appears at trial, it allows me to use police testimony and body cam," Hindelang said.

Nalley cited law indicating that would not be just automatic.

She said this complainant has a pattern of behavior when intoxicated and she lashes out. Nalley said the woman's statement doesn't correspond with what was found

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., at 10151 Belleville Rd. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 2 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 9 – Van Buren Public

Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Nov. 10 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority meets at 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, 7:30 p.m., new library

- Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 12 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., if needed.

Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

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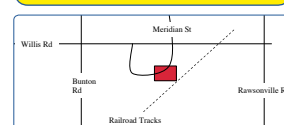
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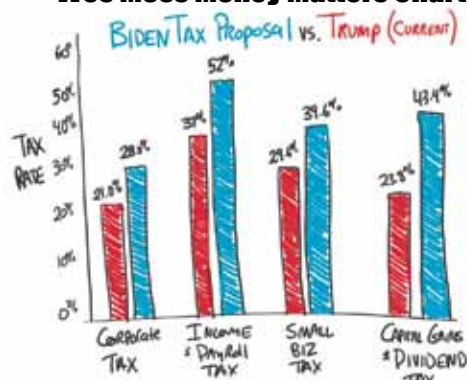
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Shawn Fix

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Jarboe said Fix lives with his fiancé and her three minor children whom he supports.

Fix was present in court via Zoom from the jail and he wore jail clothes with wide black and white stripes on them.

Magistrate Rodgers set bond at \$250,000 cash or surety, to be in line with the bond of two others arrested that had what Jarboe described as “fairly minimal charges.”

If Fix is released on bond, Magistrate Rodgers said he is to have no contact with Gov. Whitmer, stay 500 yards or more away from her workplace or residence, have no contact with the Wolverine Watchmen, and no contact with any terrorist, militia, or other similar group.

If released he would have to wear a GPS tether and stay under house arrest with exceptions for visits with his attorney or doctor. He is not allowed to leave the state of Michigan or possess weapons.

His probable cause conference is set for Oct. 21 and his preliminary exam for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at 86th District Court in Traverse City.

Magistrate Rodgers said his court-appointed attorney would be assigned the following week.

Last Wednesday night, Sumpter residents in the area of Clark Road, between Sumpter and Martinsville roads, reported some 13 police vehicles, including an armored vehicle, on Clark, along with a helicopter above, as a raid on Fix’s residence was effected.

Count 1 of the complaint from the State of Michigan states between Nov. 1, 2019 and Oct. 7, 2020, in Elk Rapids, Antrim County, MI, Fix “provided material support or resources to a terrorist or terrorist organization, to be used in whole or in part, to plan, prepare, carry out, facilitate, or avoid apprehension for committing an act of terrorism against the United States or its citizens, this state or its citizens, or a political subdivision or any other instrumentality of this state or of a local unit of government contrary to MCL 750.543k (1)(b). [750.543K1B]

This is a felony that could bring a sentence of 20 years and/or \$20,000 fine, plus reimbursing the government for expenses incurred from the violation.

Count 2 is Weapons – Felony Firearm. The complaint states “he did carry or have in his possession a firearm, to-wit: rifle, at the time he committed or attempted to commit a felony, to-wit: providing material support to a terrorist MCL 750.543K; contrary to MCL 750.227b. [750.227B-A]

This felony carries a sentence of two years consecutively with and preceding any term of imprisonment imposed for the felony or attempted felony conviction. There also is mandatory forfeiture of weapon or device. More than 200 state and federal agents



This photograph, originally published on Aug. 20, 2020, shows Trustee Rush holding a printed tally of votes from the tabulator. Election officials provided him with the printed tally. Surveillance video does not support an accusation that Trustee Rush removed the tally tape from, or moved, the tabulator.

Correction

Video Vindicates Trustee Rush

On Aug. 20, the *Independent* published this photograph taken from a surveillance tape showing Sumpter Township Trustee Tim Rush next to a tabulator holding a printout from the tabulator. The caption said that Toni Clark had accused Trustee Rush of moving the tabulator and removing the printout. Below the caption was a letter to the editor from Ronald Barrington Robinson that accused Trustee Rush of tampering with the tabulator and removing items from the machine in violation of federal law and “professional ethical standards.”

At a Township meeting on Aug. 25, the *Independent* reviewed the surveillance video and body-cam footage captured by the officer who responded to Mrs. Clark’s complaint. It turns out the surveillance video vindicates Trustee Rush. It shows

him approaching election officials at the tabulator shortly after the polls closed. An election worker printed out a tally of the results for Trustee Rush to review. By law, any interested person has a right to review the tally.

Trustee Rush is not seen on the video touching or moving the tabulator itself. Nor is he seen removing anything from the tabulator. He is seen picking up the printout, which the election worker had placed on a nearby chair for him to retrieve. After reviewing and photographing the printout, he returned it to the election official. He did this three times, once for each of the three election precincts housed in the community center. From what we now know, it does not appear that Trustee Rush violated any election laws.

Our coverage over the last few weeks has focused on the dispute between Trustee Rush and Mrs. Clark. We have tried to accurately report both sides of this dispute. For example, we reprinted the entire police report in our Aug. 27 edition after learning

that we had been misinformed that a report had not been prepared. In that same edition, we reported on criticism leveled against the precinct chairperson, as well as responses from Township officials a week later. But, on further reflection, we feel that we could have been clearer in our reporting: the original accusations against Trustee Rush are not supported by the videotape. We think it only fair and right to make sure that our readers are accurately informed of that fact as we approach Election Day.

Although Mrs. Clark continues to claim that she saw Trustee Rush move the tabulator and remove tape from it, the police department has reached a different conclusion. Chief Luke has issued Mrs. Clark a misdemeanor ticket for filing a false police report. Mrs. Clark is, of course, presumed innocent of the charge as this matter winds its way through the court system. The *Independent* will continue to follow this development in the 34th District Court in future editions.

Most of the men have no criminal history but now are facing life in prison.

Milford; and Pete Musico, 42, and Joseph Morrison, 26, who live together in Munith.

Bellar was arrested Oct. 7 in Columbia, S.C. and is awaiting extradition.

Others involved in the plot have federal charges: Adam Fox, 34, of Pottsville; Ty Garbin, 24, of Hartland; Kaleb Franks, 26, of Waterford Township, Daniel Harris, 23, of Lake Orion; and Brandon Caserta, 32, of Canton Township. Barry Croft, 44, of Bear, Delaware, was taken into custody in Delaware and was held by U.S. Marshals until he was brought to Michigan on Oct. 13 for a federal court hearing.

Five charged in federal court had their first court appearances on Thursday and are being held without bond.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Voting is essential for a good citizen

It takes work to be a good citizen in our great country and voting wisely is essential. Voters have been calling and writing us to get information on this candidate or that one as they are filling out their ballots for the Nov. 3 election.

Although the background information shared by local candidates has been published in past issues of our paper, people who didn't get that paper and don't use the internet to get to our web site desperately need the information. They want to vote and want to do it right.

We've been digging out past issues with the candidate information for those who come to the office. We are also directing them to the League of Women Voters election site at VOTE411.org.

Others report they are Googling candidates to find out about them before filling in their ballots. The list of those running for judgeships in Wayne County is daunting, until you notice there are 15 candidates in one section and you get to vote for 15. The State Supreme Court is a real choice and those candidates can be Googled for information.

After everything is decided and the absentee ballot is complete, another hard part comes: You have to sign it and get it to the clerk's office. Mailing it in is discouraged because of recent post office delays. You can carry it in yourself or just wait until election day and stand in line and vote in person. After the ballots are counted, we are required to live with our choices until the next election day.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Michigan Fireworks Club is going to test some fireworks from 5 to 10 p.m., this Saturday, Oct. 17, at 39701 Price Rd., in Van Buren Township. That's off Hannan Road just east of Lower Huron Metropark. Reportedly, they will be testing some new fireworks before their fireworks display for WinterFest. That big display will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. If there is a rain date needed, it will be the next day, on Saturday, Dec. 5, after the WinterFest parade.

At the Oct. 6 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, when the fireworks displays were approved, Trustee Reggie Miller said she thought it would be a good idea to let the public know about the Oct. 17 fireworks so they don't think the noises are gunfire.

Everyone agreed that would be a good idea, given the days we are living in.

Also, at that Oct. 6 VBT meeting, Clerk Leon Wright said his office is receiving multiple applications for absentee ballots from the same people.

He urged voters to send in only one application apiece for an absentee ballot. He said these applications are being sent to voters by various groups, but they should destroy or trash the extra applications, not send them in.

"You only get one ballot!" Clerk Wright stressed. He also said forging a signature on a ballot is a crime and they compare signatures with the Secretary of State.

When I asked about it, Sumpter Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick told me that the outdoor recreation area that was to provide low-impact laser tag and other activities



on 58 acres of vacant land on the north side of Judd Road, between Sumpter and Martinsville road is no longer being considered.

The project was discussed at the Aug. 13 Sumpter Planning Commission meeting and the property owners withdrew the request, he said.

That was property once owned by my BHS classmate, the late Ron Rounsifer, and he passed it on to his daughters at his death. They had appeared at an earlier planning commission meeting and they said they thought it was something their father would like for the property.

I was unable to attend that meeting, so I thank Tony for the report.

Those attending any Keystone Academy Charter School board meetings are invited to eat a free meal just before the meeting starts. You can keep on nibbling as the meeting progresses.

Anyone attending is invited to eat and all the food that is left over is consumed by teachers and staff the next day.

The food is delivered from various local restaurants and paid for out of Principal Jorvonna Drain's budget. She comes up with some really great menus.

Last Thursday, she served a wide array of Chinese food from China City and everyone there was full of praise for the dishes.

No other meeting I attend feeds the board

members and public attending. When I first started covering Keystone, I didn't think I should partake since it might influence my writing about the board.

One night I was hungry and joined in. My coverage wasn't affected. What the hey? Everyone else was eating, so I joined in and the rest is history.

Thank you, Jorvonna, and Keystone.

On Sunday, we've been told, there was a big Trump parade that started at North Edgemont Street just off E. Huron River Drive in the City of Belleville and headed to Five Points and then up Main Street, over the bridge, and to Michigan Avenue, Middlebelt and beyond.

There were 60-70 vehicles, mostly trucks and cars, with some motorcycles. They carried American flags, Trump flags, and those flags with a blue stripe in support of police. I saw it on Facebook where Reg Ion had posted it and then called him to ask about it. Just another sunny afternoon in Belleville.

Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter Township said Tuesday he, too, has had candidate signs taken from his property. There were two for Biden, and one each for Sheena Barnes, Jim Clark, and Debbie Dingell. More than annoying.



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Letters

Re-elect incumbents on District Library Board

Dear Editor:

By way of background, I had earned a degree in Library Science at the University of Michigan before I attended Law School, a degree also earned at the University of Michigan. With my library background, please understand that I have a deep interest in the library that serves our community. I believe our District Library has been well-served by the three incumbents who are currently running for four-year terms. Tanya Stoudemire, running for a two-year term, is unopposed (nonetheless, an excellent candidate in her own right). The three incumbents on the ballot whom I endorse for four-year terms are as follows

1. Joy Cichewicz
2. Alma Hughes-Grubbs
3. John Juriga

The development of our new library facility has been an orderly and thoughtful process, well planned by our current board. I enthusiastically support all three incumbents and ask you to do the same. Our community will be well served if they are re-elected.

Barbara Rogalle Miller, MLS, JD
Resident, Van Buren Township

Maybe sign stealers are jerks in general

To the editor:

In response to Ross E. Medos:

I appreciate you bringing yard sign thievery to everyone's attention, because I, too, have had numerous yard signs stolen from my yard in the five years I have been a Belleville resident.

The first sign stolen in 2016 was a Bernie sign, in 2017 someone stole a "Support Foster Parents" sign, then in 2018 someone stole an entire Coneflower plant out of my garden, and most recently on the evening of the first Presidential election someone stole my Biden sign.

Perhaps, Mr. Medos, it is not the Democrats stealing as you so assume – but jerks in general? Congratulations on being so divided by your party's hatred that you wrongly assume things. Maybe step back and look at what a little more kindness, empathy, and understanding of the world might do for you and your blood pressure.

Relax, man. It'll all be OK.

Loren Sanders
City of Belleville

We're reaching out for help with football team

Dear editor,

We are reaching out to the entire Belleville community asking for help for our local football team, which is one of the top teams in the state. As everyone knows, COVID has taken an effect on everyone including our football program.

We are asking for any donations, such as monetary gifts, bottled water, masks, and equipment for our football players. We would be grateful for any and all donations our community could give.

Our football program alone last year provided 15 scholarships to players out of Belleville High School. This year we lost our ability to raise funds through 50/50 raffle, concession stands, ticket sales, and gold card sales due to COVID. We are reaching out to our community for help for basic needs. Thank you for your time!

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Hand-deliver your ballot to your clerk's office

To the editor:

I just have a message to all voters. It's more advice. If you're voting by absentee ballot, bring your ballot (or have someone reliable bring it in for you) into your clerk's office where you're registered to vote.

Don't trust the post office to deliver your ballot in time. Outside ballot drop-off boxes can be tampered with, stolen, and even set on fire. Even though I'm laid up here at St. Joe's for an extended stay, I've made arrangements to have my ballot delivered to the VBT clerk's office.

Remember, your vote doesn't count if it doesn't make it to your clerk's office in time.

James Otzman
Van Buren Township

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Endorsement retraction for James Clark

Dear Editor:
RE: Retraction of endorsement for James Clark
as Treasurer

During the primary election, I gave my endorsement to James Clark for Sumpter Township Treasurer based on my many years of being acquainted with him. I thought Mr. Clark would be the right person for the office once my term has expired.

Recent events and his behavior have changed my perceptions. The unsubstantiated claims about primary election improprieties, the letter to the *Independent* stating money is missing from the township, and the baseless anonymous rumors coming from that direction have been very disturbing to me. It is not how I roll.

I do not know where "they" came up with this trash talk of missing money. Seems when I have attempted to contact Jim, his wife answers and she is his mouthpiece. Whether it is confusion, misinformation, or just a political ploy; it doesn't matter. I will not stand silent. My office is highly accountable and has a solid system of checks and balances in place. Sumpter can be assured its money is safe and fully accounted. Should he become our next treasurer, it is likely he will be highly reliant on me and my staff to get him up to speed; to the extent I am statutorily bound, we will fulfill that obligation for the benefit of the residents.

I am not sure what if anything has happened to Jim but either something has changed or I have been mistaken. I am not the only one that has made this observation. Whatever the case, I cannot in good conscience support James Clark for Treasurer and hereby retract my endorsement. While I am not fond of his opponent for the unfounded remarks he has made about me and my office, I understand that he is doing his handler's business. Sadly, I wonder if Sumpter has anyone fit to assume the office of treasurer when I leave.

Kenneth Bednark, Treasurer
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Obituaries



Branden Tyler Bearden

BRANDEN TYLER BEARDEN

(March 15, 1993 – October 4, 2020)

Branden Tyler Bearden, age 27, of Belleville, died suddenly on Sunday, October 4, 2020. He was born March 15, 1993, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of Barry F. Bearden and Vickie Stubbs.

Branden was employed as a HiLo driver for LKQ Keystone Automotive. He also was employed at the Pumpkin Factory for 15 years where he loved running the Haunted Hayride, which went along with his favorite holiday being Halloween! He was a health fanatic; always working out and eating healthy. He loved spending time outside doing things such as kayaking, riding his BMX bike, Motocross racing and riding his mountain bike; and all this was better if he was spending time with his fiancé, Paige. Branden will also be remembered for his artistic abilities, specifically sculpting.

Survivors besides his loving parents include his fiancé and love of his life, Paige Lohman; two siblings: Derek (Melissa) Stubbs and Kaylee Stubbs; grandparents: Patricia and Russell Black; very special uncle Ricky Stubbs; uncles: Timothy Stubbs and Mike Bearden; aunt Tammy Schwarz; special niece and nephews: Dakota, Deven and Kelsie Stubbs; special cousins: Kristina Richie, Annora and Raelynn Richie; and Paige's loving parents, Ron and Tricia Lohman.

Funeral service was held Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer-Logan Chapel, with Fr. John Kiselica officiating. www.janowiakfuneralhome.com



Bonnie Jane
(McEwen) Berg

BONNIE JANE (McEWEN) BERG

(May 17, 1928 – September 8, 2020)

Bonnie Jane (McEwen) Berg, age 92, died September 8, 2020 at Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford, Oregon.

She was born May 17, 1928 in Highland Park, MI to William and Susan (Ford) McEwen. She attended Fordson high school. She moved to Canton, Michigan in 1950 and married Bart "The Boss". She learned all about his businesses and raised five children who were in 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She was also a hostess, waitress and cook. She was proud to have the first all-electric kitchen in her husband's restaurant in Dearborn, MI. In 1958 Bonnie went to beauty school and then went on to be an instructor. She opened her own beauty shop and ran it for 20 years. When Bart got ill in the early 1980s, she closed the beauty shop and took over the sales of picnic tables and lawn swings-Bart's Rustic Lawn Furniture on Michigan Av-

enue between Beck and Denton roads. She had her son Lyle as a salesperson so she could make deliveries. She enjoyed her customers and was always honest in all her dealings. She was never a high-pressure salesperson. She'd invite you to stop by and chat on a swing. She believed in giving back. She loved people and her community. She said, "If you enjoy what you're doing, then you can be a success." She retired at the age of 82.

Bonnie also loved horses. In 1966 she joined Michigan Justin Morgan Horse Association and raised a few Morgan Horses. She especially enjoyed riding them with family and friends. She was also a member of the American Morgan Horse Association. In 1974 she became a charter member of C of C. In 1976 Bonnie became chairman of MJMH Association and remained so for 11 years. In 1987 she joined the Canton Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) and was awarded the Small Business Person of The Year award in 1988. She joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1990 and was the Chaplain. In 1994 she was awarded the Woman of Achievement award in the BPW. From 1992-1996 Bonnie was the Vice President of Canton Historical Society, where she was a member since 1970. She enjoyed it so much, that she was VP again 1998-2002 as well. She was honored in the National Register's Edition of Who's Who Honored Professionals. In 1996 Bonnie received the State of Michigan Special Tribute award and the Canton Chamber of Commerce ATHENA award, which celebrates the potential of all women and rewards business people who are also involved in their communities. It was also in 1996 that the State of Michigan Special Tribute also dedicated, honored, and thanked Bonnie for her devotion to others.

Bonnie was also a woman of faith. In 1990 she joined Denton Faith United Methodist Church where she was a Trustee, and Secretary to Methodist Women.

She is survived by three children: Karen (Dr. Michael Hertz) Berg-Hertz, Kenneth Berg and Barry (Kim) Berg; 6 grandchildren: David (Shannon) Hertz, Steven (Jess) Hertz, Morgan (Patrick) Durocher, Heather (Mike) Kerver, Hailey (Tony) O'Dell and Krista (Joe) Bilyeu; 7 great-grandchildren and one on-the-way, her younger sister Daryl (Wally) McEwen-Justus, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years Hagbard "Bart" Berg, two sons Lyle and Daryl, a sister Vivian Eskie, also her loving companion Mr. Kelly John Wheatley.

A Celebration of her life is being planned for Spring 2021 and will be announced in advance. Thank you for keeping Bonnie and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 area remains at 32

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code had been 32 since Sept. 10.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 673 on Monday, Oct. 12, up from 650 the previous Monday, Oct. 5.

On Monday, Oct. 12, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 408 positive cases, 17 deaths; City of Belleville, 181 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 84 positive cases, 1 death.

Obituaries



Cornell Mathis, Jr.

CORNELL MATHIS, JR.

(April 13, 1971 – October 3, 2020)

Cornell Mathis, Jr. lived a life dedicated to service to the community and family; never tired of doing good.

Born April 13, 1971 in Southwest Detroit to loving parents Jacqueline and Cornell Mathis Sr. Growing up in Ecorse, Michigan, Cornell graduated from Saint Thomas Aquinas High School (Southgate, Michigan) and forged a path that led him to Western Michigan University (WMU) and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (1994) and Master of Arts degree (1998) in Sociology. He also attended the University of Southern California and pursued a Master of Arts degree in Teaching (2011).

Cornell's passion for helping people continued as he started his career with Big Brother/Big Sisters of Greater Kalamazoo as a counselor. He also worked for a short time as a Corrections Officer for the Michigan Department of Corrections. However, for more than 20 years, Cornell worked in the financial industry and masterfully assisted individuals, families, and businesses achieve their financial objectives utilizing insurance, investments, mortgages, and business strategies. His work at several banks in Michigan as well as his work as an Independent Insurance agent for Nationwide solidified him as an expert in his field.

On October 3, 2020, Cornell joined his father, Cornell Mathis, Sr., and was welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He leaves a host of family and friends to celebrate his life: wife CaShawnda Range Mathis; daughters Morgan Lynette and Payton Korren; mother Jacqueline Mathis; sister Simone Bright (Alonzo); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Strolling Visitation – Thursday, October 15, 5-8 p.m.: O.H. Pye III Funeral Home (17600 Plymouth Road, Detroit, MI 48227). Service Live Streamed – Friday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.: YouTube (PyeFhch2). Interment: Westlawn Cemetery: 31472 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the PHILL Foundation, <https://PHILL.org>



Louie J. Kennedy, Jr.

LOUIE JAMES KENNEDY, JR.

(May 21, 1947 – October 7, 2020)

Louie J. Kennedy, Jr., age 73, of Belleville, October 7, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Linda Kennedy. Loving father of Gregory (Kristy). Dear grandfather of Alex, Avery, Ashley, Andrew, Emma and Eva. Dearest great-grandfather of Ayden, Landen and Aiyana. He is also survived by his dearest friend and caregiver Yvette Gorecki. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

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Kolin Kristopher Similo

KOLIN KRISTOPHER SIMILO

(November 23, 1998 – October 13, 2020)

Kolin Kristopher Similo, age 21, died early Tuesday, October 13, 2020. He was born November 23, 1998 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was a member of Romulus High School Class of 2016. He went on to graduate in the top 15% of his class in Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. He was a free spirit who loved people and had a heart for the homeless. A new adventure was always awaited. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI.

Kolin is survived by his father Kori (Emily) Similo of Romulus, MI, mother Lisa (Robert) Porterfield of Huntersville, North Carolina, grandparents William & Gloria Similo of Belleville, MI, four sisters: Evelyn and Madelynn Similo of Romulus, MI and Julia and Brooklyn Porterfield of Huntersville, North Carolina; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be 6-8 PM Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111(734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday, October 17, 2020 with visitation 10-11 AM at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, Belleville, MI. Rev. Robert J. White will officiate. Entombment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church and would be appreciated.

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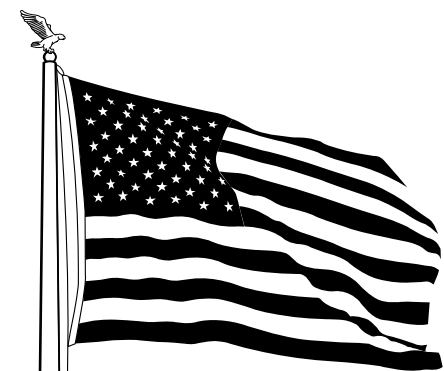
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Judge Parrott

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and she was making it out to be her client's fault.

After she sobered up, the complainant keeps saying, "Those things that I said happened, didn't happen," Nalley said.

Nalley said the complainant said she pulled down the drapes and cut her hand and the drapes hit her head.

When asked how long after the incident she said these things, Nalley said it was months afterward, and she retracted her statements with sobriety.

Nalley said the whole thing has been prolonged by COVID-19.

Nalley said the complainant had tried to make it look like her client was an "historic abuser of women."

She said the defense will use MRE 404.b for other bad-act evidence that shows when intoxicated she is impulsive, erratic, and violent. These types of behavior would come out with 404.b, she said.

She asked the Judge Plakas to allow this in evidence that is cumulative.

Nalley said the body cam relies on whether she would or would not appear.

Prosecutor Hindelang said this goes well beyond the scope. She said the complainant said "I didn't file a false report" when asked by the investigator if she wanted to drop the charge.

She is reluctant to go forward because she doesn't want to cause problems for his job, Hindelang said. She called 911 to stop the assault and she probably means she's scared and wants the abuse to end, Hindelang said.

Judge Plakas said everyone responds to stress differently and domestic violence cases tend to be "ugly and dirty" because it is between the parties.

"I have all the respect for the prosecutor's office, but on Fridays domestic violence cases are dismissed again and again and again" because the complainant doesn't testify, he said.

He said the prosecutor's office dug its heels in on this case and no complainant has shown up. He said to him a case is a living, breathing thing and he doesn't want to make decisions in advance.

"If she is not showing up and nothing is coming in" it's one thing, he said. If she testifies, he'll have to hear what she says and watch how she says it, he said.

"Some are artful when they testify and some are horrible at it," Judge Plakas said. He repeated the baggage that comes with these cases are "messy and dirty."

He said earlier in his career he prosecuted domestic violence cases because the prosecutor's office didn't want to do it and, "I got dragged into people's personal lives. It's very unpleasant."

Judge Plakas said reluctant witnesses happen every time he takes the bench, but he is willing to sign a witness detainer for those not willing to testify.

He complimented the defense attorney and the prosecutor: "It's good to see you argue zealously, yet in a respectful manner."

Hindelang said there was the 911 call that said David Parrott assaulted her. She said that the complainant is not partial to this thing and it's the State of Michigan vs. David Parrott.

Hindelang said at the first pretrial the complainant did appear at the courthouse, but she wouldn't come into the courtroom.

Hindelang said 404.b is not relative to the case here and she is not trying to enter Parrott's drunk driving arrest because it is not admissible.

"I don't know what will be said ... What will evolve from the questions," Judge Plakas said. "I won't say these things won't come in ... and every two seconds there will be a sidebar with me."

He said some cases are clean and swift and others are not.

"I'll listen to anything you want to say," Judge Plakas said to the attorneys. "I need to make my decision based on what comes out of evidence. When you need time to think, that's when it gets to be fun."

He said he remembered as a prosecutor pretending to pause to write things down when he really needed the time to think of a question to ask.

When they agreed they were ready for trial, Judge Plakas said selecting of a jury would be first, with some in the courtroom and some across the hall. He said all trials are on a Thursday and a Friday and there is only one trial a week.

The trial was set for Jan. 14 and 15. He presented a pretrial order for everything needed to the court by 10 days before trial, including list of witnesses, list of evidence, and jury instructions. If there

is video or audio as evidence, they are to contact the court IT person to make sure it is compatible with court equipment.

Glenn Shaw of VBT to fill vacancy on state redistricting commission

Glenn Shaw, 71, of Van Buren Buren Township will fill a recent vacancy on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission after he was selected in a random, computerized draw Sept. 23.

Shaw will serve as one of five politically non-affiliated or independent members on the 13-member redistricting panel.

He takes the place of James "Ed" Decker, who submitted a letter of resignation to the state "due to changes in personal circumstances." Decker said he believed he could not give the attention needed for the commission.

The commissioners will redraw Michigan's U.S. House, state Senate and state House boundaries ahead of the 2022 election after state voters in 2018 approved a constitutional amendment that shifted redistricting duties from the political party in power to an independent commission.

An independent accounting firm, Rehmann LLC, drew Shaw's name from the pool of 61 non-affiliated semifinalists. The remaining 106 semifinalists are Democrats or Republicans.

According to an analysis by *The Detroit News*, many of the 12 other residents selected to serve on the state's new commission have voiced independent views and made no political contributions.

Breanna Hanson enrolls at University of Findlay

Breanna Hanson of Belleville has enrolled at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, for fall 2020. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 17.

Hanson is pursuing a degree in animal science and a degree in equine business management. She is a graduate of Huron High School.

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Obituaries



JoAnn Brewer

JOANN BREWER

(September 18, 1958 – October 2, 2020)

JoAnn Brewer, age 62, of Belleville, MI, formerly of Atlanta, MI, passed away Friday, October 2, 2020 at her home. She was born September 18, 1958, in Highland, MI, daughter of Ralph Virgil and Patricia Mary (Armstrong) Campbell. JoAnn was a very artistic person. She loved listening to music and doing arts and crafts, especially airbrushing. She also was a very social person who enjoyed supporting her family through waitressing, most recently at Leo's Coney Island, Van Buren Township, MI.

JoAnn is survived by two sons: Brandon (Michelle) Brewer of Wayne, MI and Bruce (Crystal) Brewer of Westland, MI; two grandchildren Kaylee & Cameron Brewer; two sisters Brenda and Connie; also numerous friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents.

To honor her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, and would be appreciated.

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Two write-in candidates file in VBT election

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two Van Buren Township residents have filed as write-in candidates for the Nov. 3 election for four-year terms as township board members.

On Oct 2, Michael J. Kole, 13095 Linda Vista, filed as a Republican candidate for trustee.

On Oct. 7, James Chapman, 45122 Hull Rd., filed as a Republican

candidate for supervisor. He is also on the ballot for a non-partisan seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board.

These were the write-in filings as of Friday, according to VBT Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery. She said the deadline for write-in filings is 4 p.m., Oct. 23.

The ballots have already been printed, so these names are not on the ballot, but votes written in for the candidates that have filed will be counted.

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VBT raises water rate by 8.5%, sewer rate by 4.9% for 2021

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting, via Zoom, on Oct. 6 the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to raise the township's water and sewer rates starting Jan. 1.

Water rates will go up 8.5% and sewer rates 4.9%. The raise in rates was discussed for more than two hours during the recent board budget meetings and is considered necessary by the board.

For a household that uses 20,000 gallons a quarter, water rates will increase about \$20 per quarter, according to calculations by Water and Sewer Director James Taylor.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township met with consultants who did a \$30,000 in-depth study of water and sewer needs and a raise in rates was proposed to provide for long-term sustainability.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said the township gets water from the Great Lakes Water Authority and it charges the fee for the water and raises rates regularly.

Director Taylor said this year GLWA has a 3.1% rate increase for VBT and the new water rates are for more than that.

"We need the increase to operate our system," Taylor said, noting infrastructure is needed as the system ages. "Water rates pay for everything we do in water and sewer. There is no tax revenue. It's all from the rates people pay for what they use."

Taylor said there are programs to help people who can't pay for their water.

He said VBT's rates are still among the lowest in the area and the township's ranking depends where other municipalities end up with their rates for next year.

"We'll be near or at the bottom," Taylor said.

"We're a hair's breadth from the bottom," Supervisor McNamara said.

When asked to tell how the water tower helps keep the rates low, Taylor said since the tower went into full operation in 2012, it has reduced the township's water costs by \$1.5 million a year.

GLWA charges more for water drawn over the limits during the daytime, so less-expensive water is drawn at night and stored in the water tower for use during the daytime.

He estimated that the water tower cost \$8 million to erect and it has more than paid

for itself.

In other business at the hour-long, Oct. 6 meeting, the board:

- Approved a request by Clerk Leon Wright to use up to \$15,000 of the \$19,400 grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for \$100 per person hazard pay for his poll workers. He said he has 123 workers now and may get up to 150 by election time. Clerk Wright said he has learned that the City of Detroit is paying poll workers \$600 a day and some of his former workers are going there. He said most communities are using hazard pay for poll workers;

- Held a public hearing on the 2020 Amended and 2021 General Fund Budgets, the 2020 Salary Wage Schedule, Special Revenue Funds, and the 2020 Amended and 2021 Proposed Water and Sewer Budget, with no members of the public speaking. The budgets will be up for approval at the next township board meeting on Oct. 20;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Doug Peters to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire Aug. 12, 2024;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Peter Creal to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2023;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Byron Kelley to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2023;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Medina Atchinson to the Planning Commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2023;

- Approved a Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club for a display from 5 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 17

from 39701 Price Rd. This is to test new fireworks to be used at the Dec. 4 fireworks display for Winter Fest;

- Approved a Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club for a display at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4, from the (closed) Denton Road bridge for Winter Fest;

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 10-06-20 (1) to allow and create regulations for single family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acres as permitted by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District. This is recommended by the planning commission; and

- Heard Clerk Wright thank Barbara Zysk-Berman of the League of Women Voters who came to work for him for a day on the election. He said as of Oct. 6 the township had sent out 9,472 absentee ballots and received 2,578 back. He said the number they have sent out is close to 50% of the township's registered voters and there is still time to request an absentee ballot. He asked absentee voters to send in their ballots as soon as possible. The state has granted the opportunity to start prepping the ballots the day before the election, but they can't tabulate votes until election day. Getting the prepping done ahead of time will help a lot, he said.


Registration open for Zoom District Library meeting with Malerman

Registrations are now being taken for a Belleville Area District Library Zoom meeting with best-selling Michigan author Josh Malerman.

The event will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22. Registration is required and the number of participants is limited. An email address is required to register.

Malerman will discuss his new book, "Malorie," the sequel to his New York Times best-selling book "Birdbox," the inspiration for the Netflix film of the same name.

His talk will be given using Zoom, a virtual/video meeting service. It will require set up on your computer or device. Please visit this link for <https://zoom.us/KellySkinner> Adult Services Librarian
Belleville Area District Library



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 The Belleville Central Business Community
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 For Age Groups
Infant-3 years, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 13 & up
And Family
Prizes for Winner and Runner-Up!

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More Letters

Endorsement of Don LaPorte for trustee

Dear Sumpter Township residents:

I enthusiastically and whole heartedly endorse Don LaPorte for Sumpter Township Trustee. In all the years that I have known him, I have come to admire his strength of character and passion to serve his community. He does not compromise his beliefs and is always willing to hear out both sides.

His dedication to equality and fairness is best exhibited in his work with the men and

women of the Fire and Law Enforcement departments. Whether it's taking time out of his day to check in on the officers patrolling the streets or to be first on the scene at a fire or medical emergency.

Don has deep ties within his community having lived in Sumpter Township since he was five years old. Every time I've spent time with Don, everywhere we go, he goes above and beyond to reach out to everyone, whether it's a wave, a handshake, or to ask them about what is going on in their lives. He makes you feel like you've known each other for years even it it's your first experience with him.

Regardless of your background or beliefs, you can rest assured that Don LaPorte will serve his community with compassion, honesty, and unwavering dedication.

Richard Asadorian
Ypsilanti

VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD



The first Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation Virtual Photo Challenge winner is Nastaran Shokoohi. The photo was taken at Lower Huron Metro Park on Oct. 5, 2020. The Virtual Photo Challenge is still under way and a winner will be chosen each week until Oct. 31. To submit your fall photo, email photo to Communications@vanburen-mi.org. Add your name and location of the photo in the body of the email.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Monday, Oct. 26** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville

• **Sunday, Nov. 1** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

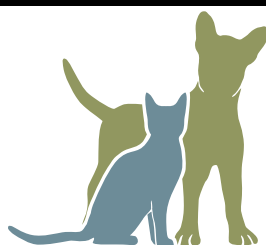
• **Wednesday, Nov. 11** – Veterans' Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, put on by VFW 4434 and PLAV 167.

• **Thursday, Dec. 3, to Sunday, Dec. 6** – Winter Fest put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce with Friday-night fireworks, pop-up shops, crafts for kids, casino night, pancake breakfast, animal show, entertainment, Jingle Bell Run and Saturday night parade.

• **Sunday, Dec. 6** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

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VOTE TO RE-ELECT KEVIN MARTIN FOR VBT TRUSTEE ON NOVEMBER 3RD

Endorsed by UAW Region 1A CAP Council, Metro Detroit AFL-CIO, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, IBEW Local 58, Iron Workers Union No. 8, State Senator Erika Geiss, State Representative Alex Garza, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haldous, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd and VBT Clerk Leon Wright. U.S. Navy Veteran, 43 year GM employee and UAW member.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Congratulations to Michael Sleiman and TrueWellness Pharmacy on Belleville Road (next to HR Block) as they celebrate their official grand opening on Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy snacks and refreshments, and grab a free reusable tote bag, while supplies last. While you're there, enter to win a free prize drawing for an Echo Dot. TrueWellness Pharmacy offers competitive pricing, holistic medications, free delivery, protein and fitness supplements, and discounts for senior, public safety, military, and veterans. Get a coupon, too, for 20% off OTC with one or more transferred scripts. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays closed. Visit www.truewellnessrx.com and call (734) 391-8549.

You have until Oct. 23 to enter the Belleville Central Business Community's Virtual Monster Mutt Walk Costume Contest. Simply request an application at jfayemillard@att.net and mail it with \$10 to the CBC at 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI. 48111. They're also collecting cans and dry dog and cat food, with the proceeds going to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter. Award medals will be given in categories: Scariest, Cutest, Best Mutt, and Family. Email your photos to jfayemillard@att.net and call (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Genisys Credit Union and Tucker Insurance.

Yankee Air Museum presents Halloween Spectacular on Saturday, Oct. 31, for an afternoon of learning and exploration, candy station visits, photo opportunities, tours, and more. Get a goodie bag and an activity to take home, too. Costumes are encouraged with three sessions available: 10-a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., and 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free for adult members of the museum, \$15 per adult non-members, and \$1 for children. Tickets will give you an hour in the hangar, and an hour in the museum. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts Virtual Art Show 2020 has extended its entry deadline to Oct. 25. The 11th-annual event will award cash prizes (\$25-\$200) in four categories: 3-D/Upcycled, 2-D, Photography, and Children Ages 6-16. The cost is \$20 for adults 17 and over and good for up to three entries. Children/teens, 6-16 years, is \$10 for up to three entries. Applications and payments can be mailed to BACA, Art Show 2020, P.O. Box 1654, Belleville, MI 48112. Apps are available for pickup here at the Independent office during regular business hours, Belleville District Library or online at www.bacart.org. Visit them on Facebook too.

The Belleville Tigers Varsity Football team continued its dominance over teams in the Kensington Lakes East Division with a 68-0 victory at Westland John Glenn on Oct. 9. Belleville improved to 4-0 on the season with two conference games remaining, both at home: against Livonia Franklin on Oct. 16, and Livonia Churchill Oct. 23. Go Tigers!

Come back next week for top scarecrows in the City of Belleville's Annual Scarecrow Contest as we'll feature pics of the winners in four categories: Business, Adult Organization, Youth Organization, and Family / Individual. The announcement will be made at next Monday's City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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His time of life on earth may close.

Today is yours, tomorrow – who knows?
Your time of life on earth may close.

Ella D. Knopf, 1976

Editor's Note: John Knopf of David C. Brown Funeral Home shared this poem written by his mother in 1976 about the unexpected death of a dear friend. He said she thought it might help others if we printed it in the *Independent*. She read the poem we printed a couple of weeks earlier by a reader and remembered this one that she wrote.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Belleville that the PRIMARY ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following offices will be on the ballot:

Office of the President of the United States
United States Senator
Representative in Congress 12th District
Representative in State Legislature 21st District
Members 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 11th District
Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District
Judge of 3rd Circuit Court
Judge of Probate Court
Judge of 34th District Court
Board of Trustees Wayne County Community College 9th District
Local School Board
Belleville Area District Library Board Members

STATE PROPOSALS:

Proposal 20-1 A proposed constitutional amendment allowing money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spend.

Proposal 20-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriate for parks?

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Walmart Small Business Saturday Marketplace set for Oct. 17, 24, 30, 31

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The plans for a Small Business Saturday Marketplace sponsored by Walmart were unsnarled by Van Buren Township after Walmart thought it was located in Belleville in making its plans.

The four Saturdays of the marketplace

were scheduled to start on Oct. 10, but the dates had to be readjusted so Walmart could go before the VBT planning commission on Oct. 14 for approval.

Although the meeting is being held after the *Independent* goes to press this week, the marketplace plans are expected to be approved with some stipulations.

The permit materials needed to be updated to reference Van Buren Township and its Township Supervisor in addition to, or in place of, references to the City of Belleville and its Mayor.

Under the zoning ordinance, temporary uses that operate for more than seven consecutive days or two consecutive weekends require planning commission approval.

Small Business Saturdays will include free booth spaces for tent retail sales by local businesses and food trucks which will occupy 17,300 square feet of the existing Walmart parking lot at 10562 Belleville Rd. and be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 17, 24, Oct. 30 and 31.

Andrew Klungland, Director of Demos & Retailtainment for Walmart in Bentonville, AR, authorized the event on Walmart property in an Oct. 2 letter.

He said a third-party agency, Momentum Worldwide, will be on site managing the activation and will begin set-up one day prior to the event in preparation.

Dan Power, VBT director of planning and economic development, said the applicant indicates that the site plan and event design were created on current CDC guidelines, including limiting the occupancy to 50 persons, requiring face masks, using contactless sales transactions, and routing restroom usage to the Walmart indoor restrooms.

Power said the applicant must adhere to any State of Michigan Executive Orders that remain in effect, including capacity limits, social distancing, and sanitation measures as required.

In its presentation to the commission, Walmart said it is playing host to a fun, safe and inclusive experience that will boost small business success. "By using Walmart's large parking lots ... the common goal will be to support and enhance revenue and visibility for our local businesses impacted by COVID-19 ..."

The promotional material also said, "Each of our Small Business Saturday Marketplaces will feature a changing and rotating line-up of local businesses and local food truck, celebrating and representing the spirit and generosity that embodies the very core of our hometown."

"Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half."

— Gore Vidal

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Thursday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI. This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election. Test will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Verna Chapman
City Clerk

Posted: October 12, 2020
Publish: October 15, 2020

City of Belleville Public Notice

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LOCAL PETITIONS:

Petition #1 For the City Council of the City of Belleville to adopt an ordinance to provide for the number of Marihuana Establishments.

Petition #2 For a Charter Amendment to regulate Marihuana Establishments within the City of Belleville.

Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal (renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan be increased by 2 mills for a period of six (6) years from 2022 through 2027 to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the November 3, 2020 general election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election is Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Verna Chapman
City Clerk

Publish: October 15, 2020

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE/YARD SALE

MULTI-FAMILY SALE. Oct. 16-18, 9am-4pm. 48637 Willis Rd. Adult & kid clothing, baby stroller, dishes, exercise bike, area rugs, household items, car ramps & much more. 10/15

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Oct. 13 – Chelsea Cummings
Oct. 14 – Jessica Thompson
Oct. 18 – Cyndy Jones
Oct. 21 – Matthew Kubit

Do you or someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish as soon as possible.

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Published October 15, 2020

Keystone Academy going back to five days a week in classrooms

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keystone Academy Charter School will go back to teaching in the classrooms for five days a week starting Monday, Oct. 26.

Principal Jorvonna Drain said classes will be moving from the hybrid model, with two full days a week She said just two families decided to go virtual from the hybrid instead.

Principal Drain said she expects more families will be moving from virtual to full-time classes on Nov. 30, the day after Thanksgiving vacation and the beginning of the second trimester.

She said parents like the safety measures of the hybrid and full-virtual, but they are excited about five days a week.

"They like their children getting educated by certified teachers," Drain said.

"It's a song without end," Drain said, referring to her request to change, again, the school calendar.

She had taken off half days and early releases from the calendar at the September board meeting and now she has added back the half days and early releases and changed parent-teacher days.

The last day of school is June 10.

The school board unanimously approved the new school calendar at its regular, in-person meeting Oct. 8. Board member Darren Hickonbottom and National Heritage Academy representative Andrew Roth were present virtually by Google Meet.

The school board also changed its meeting schedule that was revised at the last meeting to make sure board meetings were in line with when state reports needed to be approved for submittal to the state.

The state has determined "monthly" is fine for state reports on the educational program under COVID-19 and so the board went back to its original schedule, except the June meeting will be on the third instead of the tenth to avoid the last day of school.

The next board meeting is Nov. 12 at the school.

In other business at the one-hour-and-21-minute meeting on Oct. 8, the board:

- Approved the quote of \$4,374 obtained by NHA for a 10'x16' galvanized steel Tuff Shed to be installed next to the school building to store athletic equipment and tables used in the gymnasium. Board members thought it should be placed on a cement slab because of the wet ground in that area and so added \$2,000 to the original approved expenditure of \$5,500;

- Approved allocating \$900 for school store items. Drain said this is an annual request to stock the store so students winning school cash by positive behavior can buy a wide variety of items to use;

- Reconfirmed Keystone's Delivery of Instruction Method, to be submitted to the state;

- Approved Drain's request for \$3,200 total for the 2020-21 school year to be used as stipends for teachers who make yearlong commitments, including Culture Club, National Junior Honor Society, PTO representative, and Team Leads for field trips, grade-level activities, Washington, D.C. trip, Mackinac Island trip, and sixth-grade camp. NHA covers the taxes for the stipends;

- Heard Drain say that Keystone is not adding or removing any grades for the 2020-21 school year. Roth said some NHA schools may want to make this revision;

- Heard Roth report the ESSER funds for use over two years are being used entirely in the first year to buy hardware for students having difficulty connecting to WiFi by providing WiFi hot spots, along with digital connection to online

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Keystone

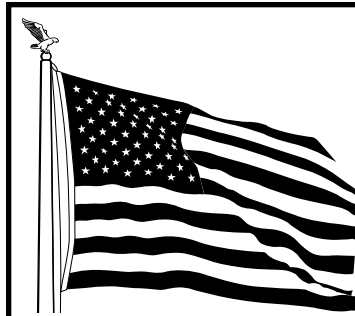
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resources. He said NHA has purchased a lot of Chromebooks, between 60,000 and 75,000. Also, \$11,000 of the funds will be used for cleaning. He said the ESSER funds are part of the CARES Act passed at the federal level which is allocated through the states;

- Approved the rollover request of \$12,066.63 in board funds to the new budget. Roth said NHA is revising its budget timing for the new year because the method of teaching is so much in transition. They may have to wait until the January meeting to approve the 2020-21 budget; and
- Heard Drain report that in recognition of National Custodian Day on Oct. 2, the Keystone staff and students showered the schools three custodians – Tabitha, Gary, and Deb -- with appreciation and filled their buckets with all their favorite things;
- Was informed three students won a raffle at the school store last year and got

to redeem their prizes recently. Winners were Zoey Daneker, Lakin Sweat, and Kylie Ion;

- Learned Keystone is looking for a second-grade teacher after a teacher left a position; and
- Learned the new middle school playground equipment has been ordered and there are possible install dates for the week of Oct. 26 or Nov. 2.



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THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SPECULATIVE BUILDING DESIGNATION FOR BUILDING #4 AT THE CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTION CENTER NORTH LOCATED AT 42040 ECORSE ROAD.

THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SPECULATIVE BUILDING DESIGNATION FOR BUILDING #5 AT THE CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTION CENTER NORTH LOCATED AT 42040 ECORSE ROAD.

BOTH BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25. THE FOLLOWING PARCELS IDENTIFY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25 WHICH TOTAL 293.81 ACRES.

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TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING, THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING DATE (POSTED 3 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 20, 2020) WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT <https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

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#1: 83-008-99-0002-703

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0002 702; COMMENCING AT THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E; TH S90D 00M 00S E 350.00 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2 AND CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N00D 24M 19S W 1614.16FT; TH N18D 42S 09M W 1114.86FT TO THE CENTER POST OF SAID SECTION; TH S 89D 59M 43S E 2156.75FT ALONG THE E-W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 1670.03 FT; TH N90D 00S 00M E 180.74 FT; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 480.00 FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 180.74 FT; TH S00D 14M 07S E 459.99FT; TH N90D 00S 00M W 743.35FT ALONG A LINE 60 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH N 00D 14M 07S W 15.00FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 935.80 FT ALONG A LINE 75 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2; TH S 00D 33M 03S E 75FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 120.09 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND SAID CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD TO THE PLACE OF BEG. BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SEC 2 AND CONTAINING 114.10 AC OF LAND

#2: 83-008-99-0037-701

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0037 000; COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; TH DUE N 60 FT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; TH N89D 37M 00S W 483.07 FT ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N89D 37M 00S W 60 FT ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; TH N00D 09M 30S E 459.99 FT; TH S89D 37M 00S E 60.00 FT; TH S00D 09M 30S W 459.99 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 AND CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

#3: 83-008-99-0014-701

02S 10 TO 13 PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N 89D 37M 00S W 60.00 FT AND DUE N 1726.00 FT FROM SE COR SEC 2 - TH N 89D 59M 56S W 599.08 FT - TH N 00D 14M 07S W 264.01 FT - TH S 89D 59M 56S E 598.36 FT - TH S 00D 23M 30S E 264.01 FT - POB. 3.63 AC

#4: 83-005-01-0034-301

02A34,T2 LOT 34 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC BEVERLY ST 86FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-6.02 - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N8 DEG 33M 32S W 60.04 FT FROM E 1/4 SEC 2 -- TH S00DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT - TH N87DEG 59M 49S W596.58 FT - TH N00DEG 12M 11S E 19.52 FT - TH S 89DEG 33MIN 32S E 596.13FT TO POB 0.38AC

#5: 83-005-01-0033-300

02A33 LOT 33 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#6: 83-005-01-0032-300

02A32 LOT 32 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#7: 83-005-01-0031-300

02A31 LOT 31 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#8: 83-005-01-0030-300

02A30 LOT 30 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#9: 83-005-01-0029-300

02A29 LOT 29 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#10: 83-005-01-0028-300

02A28 LOT 28 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#11: 83-005-01-0027-300

02A27 LOT 27 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#12: 83-005-01-0026-300

02A26 LOT 26 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#13: 83-005-01-0025-300

02A25 LOT 25 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC GERBSTADT ST 60FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR

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Michigan Fireworks Club members to hold training on Oct. 17

By Alysha Albrecht

VBT Communications Specialist

On Oct. 6, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved a fireworks display permit for the local Michigan Fireworks Club.

The permit is required for a scheduled training of club members which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. on private land off Price Road near Hannan in Van Buren Township.

“Trainings are a chance for members to use the electronic controllers, wire the fireworks and fire the controllers,” said MFC President and township resident Joshua Edwards. “This gives us enough time to test stuff during the daylight, which is safer for the new guys, and we’ll do a little mini show at night with some electronic firing and hand firing.”

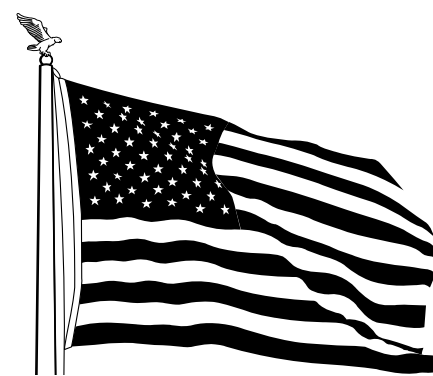
MFC is in compliance with township fireworks ordinances and the permit has also been approved by Township Fire Marshal David McNally. This is the first request by the club for a training shoot to be held in Van Buren Township.

“Training also allows us to try some new effects that we wouldn’t want to test in a show,” said Edwards.

The Michigan Fireworks Club is a non-profit organization, established in 2018, providing safe and fun training opportunities to members on safely handling professional-grade fireworks. Each member is required to undergo a background check with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), attend eight hours of classroom education, and have live fireworks training, plus pass a written test. A continuing education requirement is needed every three years and members are certified by Pyrotechnic Guild International (PGI).

“Almost all of our members live in Van Buren Township and it’s my home, as well,” said Edwards. “We all love fireworks and wanted to donate our time to do something nice for the township.”

Upcoming Michigan Fireworks Club shows include the Friday night fireworks at the Winterfest on Dec. 4 and the Belleville Area Yacht Club show around the Fourth of July. To become a member or learn more about MFC visit www.MichiganFireworksClub.com.



School Board meets in public once again, reinstates voting policy

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education met in person at the Belleville High School Commons, free at-last of state restrictions that kept them meeting by Zoom since COVID-19 struck last spring.

After Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order that allowed for virtual school board meetings, the policy to require members to be physically present to vote was suspended and they voted via Zoom.

On Monday the board voted unanimously to reinstate its policy that board members had to be physically present to vote.

The board also voted to revert to its original wording in Policy 5460 that says: "For subject areas and courses in which a final examination is used as the assessment for successful attainment of the subject area content, a grade of C+ or better is required."

It had been changed to: "While our COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan is in effect, the subject areas and courses in which a final examination is used as the assessment for successful attainment of the subject area content, a grade of D- or better is required." This was now removed.

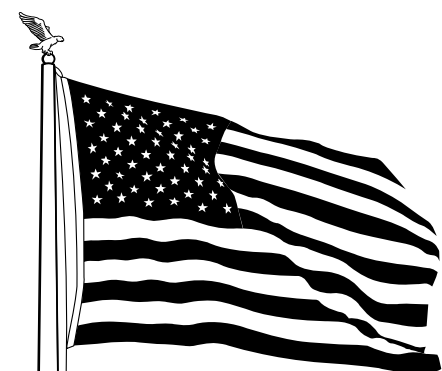
In other business at Monday's regular meeting held in person at Belleville High School Commons, the board:

- Approved terminations for teachers: Diana Anguilm of Rawsonville Elementary, retired after 15 years, as of Sept. 8; Kevin Krug, administrator at Owen Intermediate, retired after 31 years, as of Sept. 30; and Melissa Michel of Belleville High School, who left after two years for another job opportunity as of Sept. 25;

- Approved resignation of two non-instruction staff members: Frank Murphy of Owen Intermediate, after one year of service, as of Sept. 14, with no reason given, and Keith Schenavar of Administration Building as of Oct. 30 after two years of service for a job opportunity;

- Approved hiring Laverne Ellis as a district floater paraprofessional, as of Sept. 28; and BreAnne Small for McBride Middle School as a paraprofessional as of Oct. 7; and

- Heard school presentations for educational programs at McBride Middle School and Rawsonville Elementary School.



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#14: 83-005-01-0024-300

02A24 LOT 24 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#15: 83-005-01-0023-300

02A23 LOT 23 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#16: 83-005-01-0021-300

02A21 LOT 21 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#17: 83-005-99-0004-000

02CD1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1238.38FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.41FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2906.08FT TH WLY 146.57FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2900.27FT POB 9.75 AC

#18: 83-005-99-0005-000

02CD2 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1091.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.40FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2900.27FT TH WLY 146.95FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2888.72FT POB 9.73 AC

#19: 83-005-99-0006-000

02CD3 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 865.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 226.20FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2888.72FT TH SWLY 228.34FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2859.43FT POB 14.93 AC

#20: 83-005-99-0007-000

02CD4 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 733.96FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 131.82FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2859.43FT TH SWLY 133.44FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2835.85FT POB 8.62 AC

#21: 83-005-99-0010-000

02D5B PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 148.18FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2246.62FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 7.64 AC

#22: 83-005-99-0008-000

02C5 D5A PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT AND N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 557FT TH NELY 151.88FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 589.23FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 1.95 AC

#23: 83-005-99-0009-701

02CD6A,F2,G1,H2,N1B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC AND NW 1/4 SEC 02 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG AT THE CENTER OF SEC 02 - - TH S89 59 43E 585.78 FT- TH N00 09 17W 2810.89 FT- TH S76 27 50W 343.74 FT- TH S00 44 50E 239.30 FT- TH S76 27 50W 287.49 FT- TH S00 45 56E 938.11 FT- TH S89 38 26W 482.12 FT- TH S18 42 08E 1565.47 FT TO POB - 44.41 AC

#24: 83-005-99-0009-002

02CD6B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 2 T3SR8E BEG N0DEG 18M W 2424.26FT FROM THE CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 18M W 239.30FT TH N76DEG 54M 40S E 286.70FT TH S0DEG 18M E 239.30FT TH S76DEG 54M 40S W 286.70FT POB 1.58 AC

#25: 83-008-99-0006-701

02S1,T1 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2518FT FROM SE 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 111.29FT - TH N88DEG 02M 30S W 596.58FT - TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 127.68FT - TH S89DEG 37M E 596.55FT POB 1.64 AC - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89 DEG 33S W 60.04 FT AND S00 DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH S00 DEG 12M 11S W 7.21 FT - TH N89 DEC 33M 32 S W 596.13 FT - TH N 00 DEC 12M 11S E 23.48 FT - S 87 DEG 59M 49S E 596.58 FT TO POB 0.21AC - K - 1.85

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âCHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 93103961148 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Fire Marshall McNally, Planning and Economic Development Director Powers, Mckenna and Associates consultant Krishnan, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of Twenty-Five (25).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of

September 15, 2020, Prepaid List of September 17, 2020, Prepaid List of September 24, 2020., Prepaid List of October 1, 2020, Voucher List of October 6, 2020, Approval of the reappointment of Doug Peters to the LDFA with a term to expire 8-12-2024, Approval of the reappointment of Peter Creal to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire 10-01-2023, Approval of the reappointment of Byron Kelley to the Planning Commission and the BZA as an alternate with a term to expire 10-01-2023, Approval of the reappointment of Medina Atchinson to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 10-01-2023, Approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club for a display on October 17, 2020 from 39701 Price Rd. and approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club for a display on December 4, 2020 from the (closed) Denton Rd. bridge.] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Wright moved, Frazier seconded to open the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.to receive public comment on:

- The 2020 Amended and 2021 General Fund Budget(s).
- The 2020 Salary Wage Schedule.
- Special Revenue Funds

1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
2. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
3. Landfill Fund
4. Belleville Area Museum
5. 9-1-1 Service Fund
6. Federal Forfeiture Fund
7. State Forfeiture Fund
- The 2020 Amended and 2021 Proposed Water and Sewer Budget.
- Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- No public comment was received.
- Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** The Clerk’s Office has received 9,472 requests for absentee ballots and has currently received 27% (2,578) back, A new ballot drop box has been installed inside the front entrance, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Fire Prevention month, Clerk Wright thanked Ms. Barbara Zysk-Berman from the League of Women Voters for her election assistance, voters interested in voting via absentee ballot still have time to request it, return your ballots

as soon as possible so we can start processing the day before the election recently approved, if you have already received a ballot there is no need to continue to send in additional applications, forging a signature on a ballot or ballot request is a crime, food trucks will be at in the Walmart parking lot October 17, 2020, and the consecutive three Saturdays, this is an outdoor event to promote local small businesses, household hazardous waste day will occur on October 10, 2020 from 9a.m. to 2p.m. in the east parking lot of U.S. Ecology (49350 N. I-94 Service Dr.). The free one-day drop off event is for Van Buren Township residents only. For a list of acceptable items visit the website at www.vanburen-mi.org or call 734.699.8926, and a ground-breaking ceremony for the Early Childhood Development Center will occur on October 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. between Belleville High School and the bus garage on the back property purchased by the school district from the Catholic church.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved; Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-06-20(1) to allow and create regulations for single family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acres as permitted by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Martin moved; Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2020-17 the 2021 Water and Sewer Rates Fee Schedule.

Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to utilize grant funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to provide an additional \$100.00 hazard pay for each election worker. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The May, June, July and August 2020 Budgetary Reports were received by the Board of Trustees. The public may review and/or obtain a copy of each report by contacting the Clerk’s Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Martin seconded to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: October 15, 2020

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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#26: 83-008-99-0021-701
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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 409 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 4:
0108 – misc. complaint, Oak Ln.
0220 – assist other dept., E. Walden Dr.
0525 – larceny, Robbe Rd.
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.
1129 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Park Estates
1327 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1439 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1656 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1717 – civil matter, Water’s Edge Ln.
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hickory Woods
1745 – animal complaint, Maurice Dr.
1934 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1936 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2029 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial Rd./Savage Rd.
Monday, Oct. 5:
0037 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0945 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1006 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1010 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.
1049 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1059 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1309 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1320 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1450 – disorderly, Elwell Rd.
1537 – civil matter, Locust Dr.
1628 – larceny, Barnwell Dr.
1644 – private property impound, Industrial
1816 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hawthorne Ct.
2012 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2045 – domestic, Sheldon Rd.
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0211 – hospice death, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0637 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0938 – found property/child, Walden Blvd.
1125 – larceny, Robson Rd.
1130 – fraud, Sawgrass Ct.
1338 – neighbor trouble, Hardwood Dr.
1525 – dumping complaint, Colonial Rd.
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1557 – assault & battery, N. Woodbury Dr. / S. Woodbury Dr.
1621 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1726 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1731 – harassment call, Park Estates Dr.
1757 – threat, Spruce Ln.
1833 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1927 – assist other dept., Ironwood Dr.
2100 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
2109 – disorderly, Sylvia Dr.
2139 – property damage accident, Southport Apts.
2147 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.
2220 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2315 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, Oct. 7:
0657 – unattended death, Haggerty Rd.
0935 – malicious destruction of property, Marlowe
0946 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1212 – mental subject, Andover Dr.
1326 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1340 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1452 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Sheldon Rd.
1600 – malicious destruction of property, Western
1608 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
1735 – assault & battery, Colony Ln.
1818 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1823 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1851 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1900 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1906 – assault & battery, Andover Dr.
1922 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2109 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 8:
0035 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0223 – hospice death, Brookside Dr.

0301 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
0520 – threat, Fret Rd.
1002 – family trouble, Farm Rd.
1037 – civil matter, Robson Rd.
1308 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1348 – property damage accident, Capitol Hills
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1631 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1706 – fight, Ecorse Rd.
1732 – fraud, Sonrisa St.
1942 – unauthorized driving away of auto, McBride Ave.
2041 – noise complaint, Chaney Ave.
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2131 – noise complaint, Chaney Ave.
2153 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, Oct. 9:
0003 – traffic offense, WB I-95/Haggerty
0017 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Schooner Dr.
0605 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.
0835 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
0902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr.
0923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville/RR tracks
1119 – misc. complaint, Riggs Rd.
1128 – assist other dept., Basswood Cir.
1144 – retail fraud, Rawsonville
1232 – narcotics crime, Williamsburg
1254 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1321 – ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.
1330 – animal complaint, Maurice Dr.
1336 – civil matter, Estates
1603 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
1615 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1626 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1736 – juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.
1857 – personal injury accident, Belleville / Walmart
1924 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1949 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1959 – motorist assist, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2127 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
2136 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2202 – fight, Brookview Dr.
2235 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Saturday, Oct. 10:
0003 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0020 – shooting, Park Estates Dr.
0329 – disorderly, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
0503 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0727 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.
0748 – shooting, Morton Taylor Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0849 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0934 – suspicious person/vehicle, Merle Ct.
1011 – shooting, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
1045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cherry Ln.
1047 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Exchange
1114 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1141 – parking complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
1218 – threat, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1329 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1357 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr.
1407 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1417 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1633 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1649 – domestic, Daisy Blvd.
1729 – disorderly, Daisy Blvd.
1848 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1921 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr
2055 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
2121 – shooting, Oak Ln.
2125 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
2224 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lacy Dr.
2247 – noise complaint, Townplace Suites
2249 – noise complaint, Brookside Dr.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 210 traffic stops, 126 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 4:
1051 – vehicle lock out, Sumpter Rd.
1405 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
Monday, Oct. 5:
0439 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0522 – private property/property damage accident, W. Wabash Ave.
1601 – personal injury accident, Denton Rd./Main
1721 – breaking & entering, Menlo Park Dr.
1851 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0123 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 7:
1134 – property check, High St.
1203 – unattended death, Henry St.
1553 – noise complaint, Potter Dr.
1821 – fight, N. Liberty St.
1952 – assault & battery, Charles Ct.
2359 – intrusion alarm, Anaheim St.
Thursday, Oct. 8:
1253 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./N. Liberty St.
1346 – road hazard, Angola St./Robbe St.
Friday, Oct. 9:
0458 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0958 – parking complaint, Estrada Dr.
1400 – civil matter, Main St.
1605 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd.
1938 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
Saturday, Oct. 10:
0008 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2042 – follow up by officer, W. Wabash Ave.
2242 – neighbor trouble, Potter Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 39 traffic stops.

Sunday, Oct. 4:
0903 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1038 – larceny, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1331 – noise complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1447 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.
1714 – animal bite, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1743 – suspicious circumstances, 24000 bl. Elwell
1746 – traffic complaint, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1946 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Oct. 5:
1044 – property damage accident, Judd/Elwell
1201 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
1211 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1321 – citizen assist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
1937 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2130 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
2246 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2352 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0936 – larceny, 54000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1153 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1314 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1322 – mental health call, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1429 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Willis
1544 – suspicious circumstances, 18000 bl. Savage
1552 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1635 – civil Matter, Rusti Ln.
1721 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 7:
0332 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0503 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
0702 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0721 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1028 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1221 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1447 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Bontekoe Dr.
1721 – ORV complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1806 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2014 – larceny, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 8:
0033 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0535 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0615 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.
0646 – civil matter, Virginia St.
0959 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1041 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1121 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

1219 – traffic complaint, Willow Rd./Schrock
1322 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1335 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
1734 – shots fired, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1736 – larceny, Greenmeadow Dr.
2214 – traffic complaint, Carleton West Rd. / Willow Rd.
2224 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
Friday, Oct. 9:
0808 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1002 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1018 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
1124 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1250 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1337 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1717 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Odyssey
1737 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Elwell
1807 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1910 – civil matter, 47000 bl Willow Rd.
2223 – suspicious circumstances, Brookview Dr.
2323 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 10:
1306 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1530 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1612 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1833 – neighbor trouble, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1838 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2353 – noise complaint, Clark Rd./Judd Rd.
Also, on this week’s log are 46 patrol checks, 35 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

VBT police seek man who defecated in box, put on shelf at Meijer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township police are seeking a man who entered the VBT Meijer store at 10:35 p.m., Sept. 27, and defecated in a cardboard box which he left on a shelf in the toy department.

On the way to the toy department he stole merchandise from the electronics department, said VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy. The man left in a light-colored Ford Escape.

Lt. Bazzy said Meijer employees found the box and called police. VBT put the picture of the man on its Facebook page to reach out to the public for help in identifying the subject. Meijer corporate officials were shocked and objected at first so the posting came down. After a discussion and agreement with Meijer the posting was put back up, Lt. Bazzy said.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact VBT Police Detective Harrison at (734) 699-8930.

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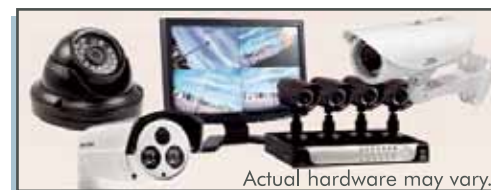
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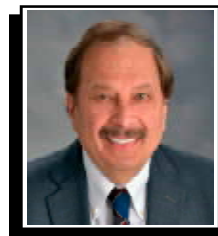
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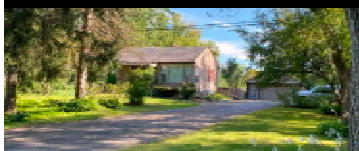
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