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January is Belleville Free Admission Month at Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum is continuing its highly successful Michigan Neighbors program by announcing all Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township residents receive free admission during the month of January.

The normal admission price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors, active service personnel, students and all others. Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township residents need only to show their valid driver license or State of Michigan identification to gain free entry.

Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, Van Buren Township, at Willow Run Airport.

“The Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren communities have been loyal friends of Yankee Air Museum from the very start. We are extending the Michigan Neighbors initiative to them in recognition of this tremendous support,” said Kevin Walsh, executive director. “Our exhibits have changed and they’re better than ever. In fact, we received a pristine Douglas A-4 Skyhawk on Dec. 1, and it is on display now. This is an amazing airplane.”

Walsh said he is delighted by the number of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township students who come to the museum and he hopes the free admission program will encourage even more. He says the exhibits have never looked better and the docents are eager to greet people who are interested in aviation. There are interesting restoration projects under way in the exhibit gallery through which people can learn more about aircraft, technology and museum science.

“With school back in session after the holiday break, it’s an ideal time for parents to plan a visit to Yankee Air Museum” said Walsh. “Our docents, many of whom are veterans, are looking forward to a great turnout and guiding the kids to flying the simulators and enjoying the interactive computer activities.”

Walsh also said adults enjoy learning more

about their local aviation history, especially related to the World War II era when many of their ancestors were involved with the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

He said the Museum’s displays, movies, and artifacts about the mass production of B-24 Liberator Bombers are a tribute to Ford Motor Company innovation as well as women in the industrial workforce.

“In the months ahead, we’ll be recognizing other Michigan Neighbors in the area, but for now, we want the people of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township to take a 10-minute ride, and discover a cool museum ‘in the backyard’ with national historical significance,” concluded Walsh.

Sumpter Planners table Medical Marijuana zoning amendments

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Dec. 8 regular meeting, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission tabled proposed revisions to the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance at the request of township attorney Rob Young.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said he spoke with Young and, “He wants us to table this one more time.” Young was not present at the meeting.

Trustee Oddy said Young wants to make sure the proposed additional language doesn’t conflict with the new state law.

Oddy said in the future the township will be looking at approving or disapproving provisions of the new state law. He said many municipalities will be looking at the money marijuana establishments would bring in, since it will cost \$5,000 each for them to apply.

He said but there is uncertainty at how much money comes back to the township.

Oddy said they will look at this before the

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Photo courtesy of Officer Jeff Wickham

On Dec. 15 at about 12:39 p.m., Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham pulled over to the side of Church Street because a Southfield Police Officer (who lives in Belleville) was out of her police vehicle looking up. He asked her if she was flagging him down and she said she wasn’t. She was watching an American eagle flying over Horizon Park. Officer Wickham said he isn’t a bird watcher, but he watched the magnificent bird fly over the park and lake and snapped a few pictures with his cell phone to share with others. If the photo is blown up very much it becomes pixelated.

Canton to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, “Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” on Monday, Jan. 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed

by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

This year’s keynote address, “Be the Difference” will be presented by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L. Merritt.

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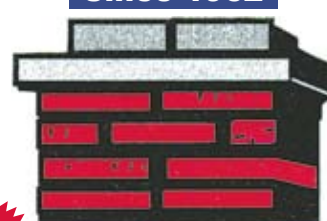
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VBT public hearing on 2017 budget included ideas on landfill funds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Nov. 29, the newly elected Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held its first official meeting after being sworn in on Nov. 18.

It held a public hearing on the proposed 2017 general fund budget, the 2016 amended general fund budget and budgets for special revenue funds.

No member of the public commented on the budgets, which were then approved, slightly revised, at the Dec. 6 regular meeting.

The budgets had been prepared by former Supervisor Linda Combs' office and she decided to have the new board vote on the budget, rather than the outgoing board.

That meant the new trustees – Sherry Frazier, Kevin Martin, and Paul White – spent part of Thanksgiving Day and that week end studying the budget that was new to them and they will have to vote on. Supervisor Kevin McNamara and his executive assistant Dan Selman had gathered the information to study and to share, and made department directors available to answer questions.

At the beginning of the Nov. 29 meeting, Trustee White congratulated Supervisor McNamara for gathering the budget information for himself and the new trustees so they could make informed decisions when they vote.

Among the issues discussed in the three-hour work/study session on Nov. 28 and the public hearing on Nov. 29 were the Waste Management landfill tipping fees that are being used to balance the general fund budget.

Trustee White pointed out the township has \$10.6 million in total revenue noted on the budget and \$15.5 million of total expenditures.

Supervisor McNamara said the expenditures include three years of retroactive pay for the recently approved contracts. He said the township is not growing to bring in more taxes and they have only added three new employees in the whole township.

"It's been a challenging project," said Trustee Frazier. "The budget was dropped on us over the last week. I appreciate the directors getting information to us and Supervisor McNamara.

"We had a lively discussion yesterday over three hours," she said. "I did glean information and whether I agree with that or not I don't know."

Frazier said the trustees are stewards of the tax money.

Trustee White said the budget shows

Van Buren Township Raises Resolution 2016-13 2017 Salary & Wage Schedule

	2016 Total	12/1/2016	Total	3% Increase	Due 1/1/2017
Supervisor	81,491				86,000
Clerk	78,700		78,700	2,361	82,606
Treasurer	80,200		80,200	2,406	82,606
Trustees	15,351		15,351	461	15,812
Executive Assistant					50,000
Assessing Coord.	64,828		64,828	1,945	66,773
Residential Appraiser					35,360
Dep Clerk	66,896		66,896	2,007	73,129
Dep Treasurer	75,853		75,853	2,276	78,129
Adm Asst/Benefits Coord	48,720		48,720	1,462	50,182
Human Resource Director					66,000
Public Safety Director	99,932		99,932	2,998	102,930
Depty Dir PS-Police	76,125		76,125	2,284	78,409
Depty Dir PS-Fire	81,200		81,200	2,436	83,636
PS Adm Asst	46,284	47,476	47,476	1,424	48,900
Dir Planning/Eco Dev.	71,050		71,050	2,132	74,000
Dep Dir Planning/Economic Dev.	62,930		62,930	1,888	66,000
W/S Director	72,116		72,116	2,163	74,279
W/S Superintendent	57,693		57,693	1,731	59,424
B & G Superintendent	57,693		57,693	1,731	59,424
Acct Coord	64,269		64,269	1,928	66,197
Park/Rec. Director	61,753		61,753	1,853	63,606
Dep Dir Park/Rec.	46,360	47,476	47,476	1,424	48,900
Sen. Director	50,435		50,435	1,513	51,948
Sen. Coordinator Salary	35,000		35,000	1,050	36,050
Museum Dir	37,669		37,669	1,130	38,799
IT Director	69,519		69,519	2,086	71,605
PS IT Coordinator	58,397		58,397	1,752	60,149
W/S GIS Coordinator	52,780		52,780	1,583	54,363
Cable Director	45,675	47,476	47,476	1,424	48,900
DDA Director			73,266	2,198	75,464
DDA Assistant			49,735	1,492	51,227
PART TIME EMPLOYEES:					
Executive Assistant			30.45	0.91	31.36
Part-time assessing					13.00
Conf Secretary			13.39	0.33	13.72
Independent Contract - assessing	39,996 /yr				
Senior Dept Part-time			10.15	0.25	10.40
Cable Staff			15.00	0.37	15.37
Board of Review	120/day				

\$10.6 million in revenue and the revenue basically has been stagnant over the past several years and the expenditures have grown.

He said the plan is to take \$4 million from the landfill fund, making the fund the lowest ever.

"I totally disagree with the deficit," said Clerk Leon Wright. "We don't report the landfill fund as revenue. We show significant deficit, but use what we have to balance it ... There was a shortfall in public safety and voters passed the extra millage ... in 2018 when we start receiving those funds, we'll have a balanced budget."

Clerk Wright said VBT has always balanced the budget with landfill funds since 2008. This year there are \$3.5 million in tipping fees.

"I agree we're in the red in 2017, even though we're not in the red," Clerk Wright said.

"We're in the red in 2017," said Supervisor McNamara. "We need \$1.99 million in 2017."

"The landfill is a revenue stream for the township and I asked why it wasn't labeled as such," Trustee Frazier said. "We do get revenue from the landfill."

"We're going to put it in the books the way it should be," Supervisor McNamara said. "This really has nothing to do with the budget today. We got a millage increase. We are deficit spending: \$4 million comes in for police and we spend \$8.5 million for police."

"We're still \$1.3 million short and are dipping into the general fund fund

balance," White said, adding this budget is \$4.87 million short.

Supervisor McNamara said by June he will get advice from financial experts on how to treat the landfill funds. He said this can be considered a "budget request."

"False information is being given to my constituents," Clerk Wright said. "If I think it's wrong, I'll say so."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said the landfill fund was not to be used to support the budget and was to do projects for the township. She said in around 2008 the board started the special revenue fund because that it allowed the landfill funds to be kept as a special fund.

She said the audit shows it combined with the general fund. She cautioned that

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Ordinance change could sell city hall

Belleville Councilman Tom Fielder said if the council passes the new zoning ordinance amendment it would enhance the "saleability" of city hall.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council approved the word changes and sent the amended ordinance to the planning consultant to put it into its final format. It is expected to be approved at the Jan. 17 meeting.

The move to step back from requiring two-story buildings in the downtown B-2 district came after Davenport Brothers said they wanted to build on the vacant site at 337 Main Street – and they wanted to build a single-story building.

Fielder said the move to allow single-story buildings to be built downtown is not a "single issue ... It's a 10-year evaluation that maybe we need to do something different."

Fielder said the city has been putting money into the city hall building that "is not useable by anyone but us." He said the appraiser said there is value to the city hall site for a one-story building.

In the past, Fielder had said businesses looking at the prime site at 5 Points backed off after learning a two-story building was required.

Jeff Vernon said from the audience that for the past three years Fielder talked about selling city hall every December, but this year he delayed until January. Vernon asked if the city had someplace to move.

"We own property," Mayor Conley replied without further comment.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last week we reported a bit about the Dec. 26 fire in a warehouse at 41199 Van Born, between Haggerty and I-275.

The VBT Fire Department responded to an 8:45 a.m. fire alarm. They found one of the units in the big warehouse was full of smoke. The sprinklers had gone off and had pretty much put out the fire, but the smoke was very thick.

Fire Marshall Dave McNally said there was a small row of Ethan Allen furniture – about 2-1/2 feet wide by 15 feet long – that was due to be delivered on Dec. 28. It burned. Nothing else. He suggests the loss may be from \$8,000 to \$9,000.

The rest of the furniture in the warehouse was covered with plastic and may have been protected from the sprinklers. But, the smoke was thick.

Romulus Fire Department was called on a mutual aid run and that helped fire fighters cover both sides of the warehouse unit.

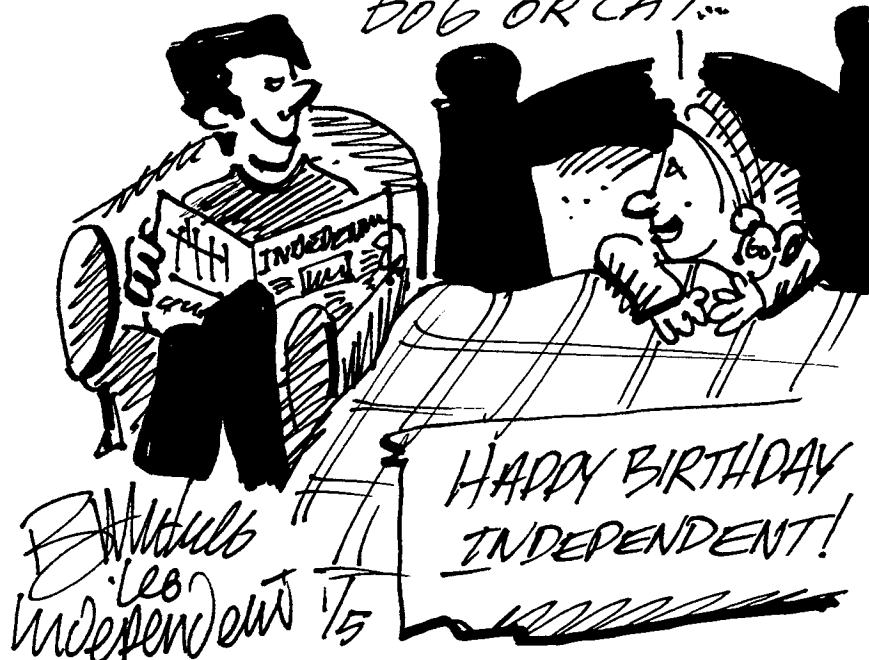
I was told Ethan Allen sells furniture from that warehouse. One of the fire fighters said he told them to call the *Independent* so people will know.

On the same day, Dec. 26, there was a Van Buren Township fire call about a fire in a stove. It seems someone was automatically cleaning the oven, but had left some pots and pans inside. The high temperature of the oven-cleaning ignited something. Problem is: the oven is locked when it is at such a high temperature.

Someone may have decided to clean pots and pans along with the oven, but that's not a good idea.

One of our local readers dropped by to

AND AFTER YOU READ EXTRA THINGS I KNOW, SKIP RIGHT TO THE ORPHAN OF THE WEEK AND LET ME GUESS IF IT'S A DOG OR CAT...



pick up a paper on Friday and reported that while he and his wife were in Florida recently they heard a quick blurb on the radio that Sumpter Township Police were selling marijuana. That's all they heard and never heard anything about it again.

"Is that OUR Sumpter Township?" his wife asked and that's what he asked us.

We told him to read the paper. A story was in the Dec. 15 edition.

Lee Foster sent us a link to the Dec. 15 story the *Los Angeles Times* did on his son David Foster, a 7'3" center on the D-Fenders basketball team -- the Lakers' NBA Development Team Affiliate. The family lived in Belleville until David finished eighth grade at South Middle School at age 13. They now live in California. David is 28 years old now and married with two sons. His hope still is to play in the NBA.

"He loved his teachers there and even was on the basketball team, although he was never good enough to get much playing time," Lee wrote of David's years at South Middle School. "We all miss Michigan and our Belleville home," Lee wrote.

Here's a link to the story for those who remember the Fosters.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/nba/la-sp-nba-d-league-20161215-story.html>

Members of the Riggs Family want to extend a "thank you" to the anonymous

donor of the red bricks recently placed on Riggs' graves in the old part of Hillside Cemetery. They are assuming the bricks are remnants of the 149-year-old brick Riggs Heritage Farmhouse that was torn down in October by Van Buren Township.

We hear that Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman slipped on the ice on the sidewalk at city hall and bumped his head on the cement before the DPW could get to work. Chief Berriman always comes in so darn early. He said he is fine, adding there are others who might not agree.

On the police scanner on Sunday morning we heard the report of a Sumpter Township mother finding her 27-year-old son dead of a heroin overdose. So sad. Heroin is so prevalent in this part of the state.

Richard Lee Van Der Voort, BHS class of 1954 and former Sumpter resident, alerted me to his most recent book that is on Amazon. "The Year Elvis Died" is a semi-autobiographical novel set in Nashville. Richard now lives in the Philippines.

A link to the listing on Amazon is: <https://goo.gl/TgUf1f>. He has another book on Amazon, too: "Charlie's Choice."



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Letters

Sherry Frazier should resign from a position

To the Editor:

I was surprised to learn recently that Sherry Frazier apparently intends to continue to serve simultaneously as trustee of both Van Buren Township and Van Buren Public Schools. I believe that this presents insoluble conflicts of interest, because the township collects taxes for and runs elections for the district.

The law itself (Incompatible Public Offices Act 566 of 1978) is ambiguous re this particular conflict, so questions about its application are settled by court cases and by official guidance from the State Attorney General. The statute requires that, in determining if an incompatible situation exists, courts examine the purpose and function of each position to determine whether the exercise of the powers of one office would prevent the proper fulfillment of the duties of the other by resulting in: "(1) the subordination of one public office to another; (2) the supervision of one public office by another; or (3) a breach of duty of public office."

Opinion of the Attorney General No 7156 (June 1, 2004)

The Attorney General opined that the offices of **township clerk and member of a board of education** of a local school district became incompatible on Jan. 1, 2005, which was the effective date of amendments to the Michigan Election Law requiring townships to contract with school districts to run their elections. Although the opinion asked for referred specifically to township CLERKS, it noted that the possibility of disagreement over legitimate election costs "presents an issue of competing interests between the township [not just the clerk] and the local board of education." Van Buren Township runs VBPS elections.

Opinion of the Attorney General No. 6234 (July 10, 1984)

The office of **trustee of a charter township and the office of member of a board of education** of a school district are not incompatible unless the charter township and the school district in question undertake negotiations for or enter into a contract with each other. One example of a potential **contractual relationship between the township and the school district that would render the two offices incompatible is an agreement for the collection by the township of summer taxes for the school district.** Van Buren Township (among other entities) collects summer taxes for VBPS.

Oakland Co. Prosecutor, supra, Wayne Co. Prosecutor v. Kinney, 184 Mich.App. 681 (1990)

The IPOA seeks to prevent "any suggestion that a public official is acting out of self-interest or for hidden motives because of a conflict between the two offices of the public official." To determine whether a conflict exists, "the salient question is not whether the public official will be affected, but **whether there exists the possibility that actions in one office will be influenced by the other position held by the public official.**" **Merely abstaining from official actions to avoid an incompatibility does not remedy a breach of duty under the statute. Rather, vacating one of the offices is the only solution to the problem.**

While the incompatibility of these offices has been clarified by AG and court opinions, Section 15.184 of the statute (Injunction or other judicial relief or remedy) prescribes that "The attorney general or a prosecuting attorney may apply to the circuit court ... for injunctive or other appropriate judicial relief or remedy. However, this act shall not create a private cause of action." That means that enforcement relies on challenge in court by either the AG or the County Prosecutor — both of which seem unlikely in this case. Instead, we must rely upon Mrs. Frazier to do the right thing and choose which office she wishes to continue to hold, while resigning from the other seat.

Martha Toth

Editor's Note: Martha Toth was vice president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education when she announced her resignation before her term was up to move out of state. She had served 25 years. Her resignation necessitated the school board having to fill Toth's seat with a temporary board meetings for three meetings to fill out her term. Trustee Sherry Frazier said Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright checked with the state to see if her serving in the two trustee positions was incompatible and he told her he was advised it was not incompatible.

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To the Editor:

Leah Hardy 4.000 GPA Semester 1 @ U of M Ann Arbor. 2016 BHS Valedictorian!

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Mike Hardy

Proud Owen, BHS and Michigan Dad

Editor's Note: For her first semester's work at the University of Michigan, Leah received an A+ in Intro Anthro, an A in Gen Chem Lab I, A in Gen Chem Lab II, an A in G Chem & R Princ, A+ in Writing & Academic Inq and an A+ in First-Yr. Soc Sci Sem, Epidemics: Past, Present, and Future for a Term Total GPA: 4.000 and a Cumulative Total GPA: 4.000.

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almost \$500,000 of the landfill fund has to pay for the fire station on Hull Road and other land.

"EQ tipping fees are included in the general fund," White pointed out.

"We'll get a professional opinion on this and I'll present it to the board," McNamara said.

"I can show since 2002 the landfill fund has balanced the budget," Wright said.

Frazier said the township has a lot of important things facing it like the pension shortfall and the Visteon bond.

McNamara said the health care shortfall is estimated between \$9 million and \$15

million.

"Visteon's the one to be afraid of," McNamara said.

"It's crazy for the new board to vote on this budget," said Wright, who was also a member of the old board that prepared the budget. "It should have been put in place in September or October... We've got four years to think about it."

White said historically the budget was left

for the new officials to approve. He said it is good for the new officials to understand the budget. He again voiced his concern about spending landfill dollars.

"We are responsible for getting the best bang for the buck for our taxpayers," White said.

Frazier said the holiday season is not the best time to have public hearings on the budget because people are busy. She

said it should be moved up a month and McNamara said he had no problem with that plan.

At the end of the meeting, Clerk Wright gave a thank you to Bob and Marie Krouse for maintaining flags at all the township cemeteries for the past two decades. The Krouses were not present for the honor and did not know about it until the *Independent* told them five days later.



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Darinka Z. Briggs

DARINKA Z. BRIGGS

September 2, 1932 - December 24, 2016

Darinka Z. Briggs, a long-time resident of Ann Arbor, MI passed away December 24, 2016 at Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville, MI. She was born September 2, 1932 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the daughter of Vojislav and Milica Zigic.

She emigrated to Canada in the late 1950s then to Michigan in the early 1960s. Darinka was a scientist, an artist and an adventurer. She worked in the Department of Geology at the University of Michigan, published several papers together with her late husband, Dr. Louis I. Briggs, Jr. and traveled to geological sites throughout the U.S. and South America. She was a lifelong member of several professional organizations including more than 55 years with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). She was also a prolific painter with hundreds of landscape and abstract paintings throughout her Ann Arbor home, including a painting entitled "Mediterranean" that she donated to the University of Michigan upon her late husband's death. She taught herself to play guitar and harmonica, and so family vacation trips often included music and singing. Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" and Mary Hopkin's "Those Were the Days" were two of her favorites.

Most of all, she loved driving her car and spending time with her beloved German Shepherds, whether frequenting Michigan's parks and lakes, New York's Adirondacks Mountains or North Carolina's Outer Banks. Despite numerous physical challenges in later years, she rarely complained and instead was known for her quiet presence, her love of good food and for her many hats that she liked to wear.

Darinka was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Ljiljana Mamuzic of West Lafayette, IN. She is survived by niece Bojana "BJ" Mamuzic (San Antonio, TX) and cousins Ruzica Peric (Jackson Heights, NY) and Dragomir Peric (Belgrade, Serbia).

Final interment at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor following a private graveside service. The family wishes to thank the Staff at Cedar Woods Assisted Living and Pat Lange, NP for their kindness and many years of help and support. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley (Ann Arbor, MI) or to the Michigan Chapter of the Veteran Support Center (Canton, MI).

LYLISS FREDERICK

(December 15, 1915 - December 25, 2016)

Age 101, of Taylor, a former resident of Belleville, passed away on Christmas Day. Survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 2 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Gregory Joseph Griffin



GREGORY JOSEPH GRIFFIN

Gregory Joseph Griffin of Belleville Michigan passed away unexpectedly December 12, 2016 at the age of 63.

Greg was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Ruth L. (Young) Griffin and Felix Griffin. Greg served 23 years in the United States Air Force and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He was extremely proud of his accomplishments while serving his country. He retired after serving tours in Vietnam and Desert Storm. Greg spent the last 12 years as a professional truck driver. He said he always thought it would be fun to travel around the country in a big rig. Greg was a fun-loving man; always doing his best to lift people up with a great sense of humor and to enliven and lighten the mood. Greg was a huge hugger and you knew when you had been hugged by him. Greg loved his children and grandchildren so very much. He talked about them all the time with much love and pride.

Greg is survived by his loving wife and soulmate Nichole Griffin; cherished daughters Rheame Griffin in England, Felicia Soltero in Minnesota, Le-Keisha Griffin and Ivette Griffin Jr. in North Carolina. Grandchildren Renee', Alicia and Delilah. He is also survived by his sister Cheryl Griffin; Aunt "Mamaree" Aundree Young; his cousins Watson Young Jr. (Betty Lou), Aundree Young, Ransom Young, Leonard Young and Anthony Young (Mary); as well as many special nieces, nephews and cousins. Loved by so many close friends that he considered family.

Greg was predeceased by his parents Ruth L. (Young) Griffin and Felix Griffin and his uncle, Dr. Watson Young.

As Greg's wishes were for cremation, there will be no funeral or viewing.

There will be a celebration of Greg's life in the spring. Greg did not like the cold.

If you wish to send condolences, cards are requested. Greg loved cards.

Greg's co-workers and friends, at AD Transport, have established a Memorial Gofundme page to help with his final expenses. To view or comment or contribute go to: www.GoFundMe.com/Greg-Griffins-Memorial-Fund.

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Andrea Marlene Kelly

ANDREA M. KELLY

May 30, 1951 - December 27, 2016

Andrea Marlene Kelly, age 65, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a courageous battle with diabetes and lung cancer. She was born May 30, 1951, daughter of Naomi (Mulliniks) Wickline. She graduated from South Lyon High School. She was a former member of the Sumpter Goodfellows. She enjoyed time with her friends and family. She loved playing Bingo, bowling and was a talented artist, drawing and painting.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by her husband Richard Harold Kelly; daughter Christina Marie (Crude) Martin of Romulus, MI; son Stanley Walter Lojewski, Jr. of Toledo, Ohio; three grandchildren; sister Nancy (Bruce) Secor of Jackson, MI; two nephews and three nieces Doug Secor, Carrisa Secor, Sarah (Jim) Caruso, David Rigsby and Julie LaPeer. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a sister Sena Joyner in 2004.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A gathering will be held 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Ridge Road Church of Christ, 1770 Ridge Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, 943 River St., Ypsilanti, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Jenette Ruth Antieau

JENETTE RUTH ANTIEAU

(February 15, 1933 - January 02, 2017)

Jenette Ruth Antieau, age 83, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, January 2, 2017 at her home. She was born February 15, 1933 in Inkster, MI, daughter of Daniel John & Irene (Rose) Antieau.

She is survived by four children, Randy William (Connie) Harris of Texas, Janna Lynn (Dave) Greca and Nathan Jon (Shari) Antieau, both of Belleville, MI, and Neil Bryant Antieau of North Carolina; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; also a brother David Raymond Antieau of Redford, MI.

Jenette was preceded in death by her parents, including her mother Irene Hubert-Slocum on Oct. 9, 1996, sister Evelyn Elaine Ainsley, also a brother Daniel Antieau.

She lived in Belleville for 50 years, coming from Garden City, MI. She was a member of the North Ridge Baptist Church and enjoyed teaching Bible study. She had a great devotion to her grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Jim Walker officiating. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Asia Harvest and would be appreciated.

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



Kelli Renee' McLaren

KELLI RENEE' McLAREN

April 26, 1970 - December 26, 2016

Kelli Renee' McLaren, age 46, of Belleville died Monday December 26, 2016 in Belleville Michigan. Kelli was born April 26, 1970 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Stephen and Regina McLaren.

She will be remembered for her love of reading, worshipping the Lord at Metro Baptist Church, and being the best chocolate milk making Aunt Ducky to her nieces and nephews that she adored. Survivors include her father, Stephen McLaren; siblings: Michelle and Nick English, Matthew McLaren, Kyle McLaren; nieces and nephews: Travis and Alison English, Grant and Cara English, Lily McLaren, Evan McLaren, Bradley McLaren, Tyler McLaren, Trinity McLaren, Chayce McLaren, and Olivia McLaren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Regina McLaren. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 N Interstate-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 at 5:30 p.m. with Pastor John Vaprepsan officiating. A dinner followed the service at Metro Baptist Church.

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JEAN MARIE WIEDERHOFT

January 6, 1923 - December 27, 2016

Jean Marie Wiederhofs, 93, of Belleville, Michigan, died Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born January 6, 1923, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mrs. Wiederhofs was employed as a sales consultant with the Young's Dress Shop in Ypsilanti. She is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti and will always be remembered for her love of flowers and spending time at the Lake.

Survivors include two daughters: Nancy (Paul) Nemeth and Judy (Donald) Samworth; grandchildren: Jeffrey Nemeth, Traci Beckley, Christina Tennyson, and Marty Samworth; great-grandchildren: Bailey, Brock, Alexi, Braylin, and Zain Tennyson, Paige and Brady Beckley, Nixon and Grayson Samworth. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Wiederhofs and her brother Donald Bender.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home Inc., "Where Families Come First."

MILDRED C. RICHMOND

(February 15, 1921 - December 19, 2016)

Age 95. Formerly of Belleville, died in Florida. She is survived by sons Leland, Melvin and Robert Richmond and daughter Debbie Belcher. A memorial service will be announced in the future.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Jan. 9 - Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. Also, organizational meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., at the Belleville High School Commons (cafeteria)

• Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT regular meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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I hope that you have had a great start to 2017 and value all of the gifts that 2016 brought you.

Personally, 2016 was very good for me. An exciting new job, the time with and the health of my family and friends highlighted my year.

It is the season for resolutions of promised activity, breaking vices, and bettering yourself.

Typically, January ends in disappointment and returning to your old ways. I am hoping that you will cherish the small victories and value the defeats as necessary parts of the grand journey you are on.

Allow yourself to feel good about what you did accomplish (for however long) and then start up again. It is not about the three days that you cheated on your diet but the 28 days that you kept to it. You've got this!

As we sit here with a whole year ahead of us, I hope that we realize what a gift Time truly is.

We rush through our days running the kids from activity to activity, cramming more into our week than is really possible.

Are we really missing out on something if we slow down? Or are we missing out on something if we keep at the breakneck pace that we have established for ourselves? We do not know what tomorrow may bring, so let's enjoy where we are today.

I would like to officially thank Brent Mikulski, Kathy Kovach, Martha Toth, and April Crawford for their commitment to the students of our community. They each stepped up to make our schools a better place by volunteering a lot of time, energy, and ideas. It has been appreciated!

With that, I will also welcome Simone Pinter, Susan Featheringill, and Keith Johnston onto the School Board. We are looking forward to making the District a haven for curiosity, innovation and excellence.

If any of you are interested in taking part in a community forum on creating new

learning opportunities for our students, please email your name and affiliation (parent, community member...) to superintendent@vanburenschools.net .

We will be having a few meetings in the next couple of months that will help shape our school district.

Thank you all for the wonderful first six months of my tenure in Van Buren Public Schools. I am very grateful for the warm welcome and support that I have been shown.

Sumpter Plan

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township decides whether to opt in or opt out of approving marijuana establishments for Sumpter.

Planning consultant Chris Atkin of Carlisle Wortman said he is at his office in Sumpter Township two days a week and this week there were two drop-ins and one phone call on marijuana facilities.

He said one wants to put up a multi-million-dollar indoor growing facility in an Industrial zoned site.

"I told them to wait," Atkin said.

Oddy said he read that they are going for more enforcement in Colorado because the black market has exploded. He said there is a 25-28% tax on marijuana there and it's cheaper to buy it on the black market.

He said now in Colorado a caregiver can grow 99 plants and the state is looking to reduce that to 12.

Oddy said people are starting to "ramp up" in Michigan in advance of when the new law takes effect in December 2017.

At the Dec. 8 meeting, the commission also:

- Heard Akers announce that there is a request for a solar farm in the northern part of the township which he will announce to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its Dec. 13 meeting. He said there is a request for a 20-year lease of property, with option for another 20 years. Akers said his firm worked on similar solar farms in Augusta Township and Monroe Township; and

- Discussed an example of an Administrative Site Plan Review Ordinance that Atkin worked on for another, larger community. "It's quite robust," he said.

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Court Watching:

Defendant's court date adjourned until Jan. 18 so attorney can negotiate

On Dec. 28, defense attorney Murray Duncan asked 34th District Court Judge David Parrott for an adjournment for a few weeks so he can negotiate with the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor to get a felony charge pled down to a misdemeanor for his client.

Amy Jo Plots, 49, is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd time and driving while license suspended in the city of Belleville on March 21.

Duncan noted since it was the holidays, "This week nothing will get done."

Judge Parrott adjourned Plots' probable cause conference to Jan. 18 and her preliminary exam to Jan. 25. She had posted her \$1,000/10% bond and Judge Parrott continued her bond.

Judge Parrot suggested she get evaluated by the probation department to see if she was eligible for a special alcohol program and Duncan agreed to the immediate evaluation.

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville officer Jeff Wickham.

Jovon Jacob Craig

Jovon Jacob Craig, 19, was present by video from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference on Dec. 28. He is charged with two counts of larceny in a building in Van Buren Township on Nov. 28.

His court-appointed attorney Andrew Moxie said Craig had a hold on him for another charge and Macomb County also had a charge.

No bond was indicated on the paperwork and Judge Parrott determined his \$500 bond was posted on or about Dec. 1, but when he failed to appear for court on Dec. 14, his bond was forfeited.

Moxie said Craig was due to appear before Judge Brian Oakley and his bond was forfeited because Judge Oakley was unaware Craig was in jail on another charge.

Judge Parrott reinstated Craig's bond.

Craig waived his upcoming preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for a Jan. 4 arraignment on the information.

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Yankee Air Museum's Jan. 14 gala fundraiser to honor Jack Roush

The hot ticket in 2017 is sure to be "The Blast that Builds," Yankee Air Museum's gala award dinner and fundraising event.

The museum is heating up the night on Saturday, Jan. 14, with the presentation of its highest honor, the Visionary Award, to legendary aviator, racer, and industrialist Jack Roush.

The event is being held in the executive jet hangar of Active Aero Group, 2068 E Street, Belleville, MI, 48111 on the east side of Willow Run Airport.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle afterglow in what will be a "blast" of a party.

Tickets to this semi-formal, black-tie optional event are \$450 per couple.

Tickets are available at www.YankeeAirMuseum.org or by calling (734) 483-4030.

"We changed everything in planning our sixth-annual gala," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of Yankee Air Museum. "For the first time, we are holding our signature event outside of our museum, because, with recent major acquisitions, we are out of space. And we want to make

sure we honor Jack Roush by having his plane and historic cars on display."

Walsh said the entire format of "The Blast that Builds" is designed to be a spirited, fun party devoid of keynote speeches and lengthy award presentations. He says it's going to be a blast and with proceeds going to renovate the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant, future home of Yankee Air Museum, it's "The Blast that Builds."

"Jack Roush is a natural recipient of our most prestigious Visionary Award," said Walsh. "He is a past board member, ardent supporter of our flyable aircraft and the Save the Bomber Plant campaign. The timing is perfect for Jack, whose Roush Fenway NASCAR racing team is in the off-season preparing to kick off the 2017 NASCAR racing in Daytona."

Walsh added that in addition to a cocktail reception, dinner and the award presentation, the evening will be kept lively with two comedians forming Jack Ridley's Comedy Castle afterglow. He says the ambience of the hangar and the glitz of a formal affair create an irresistible occasion for a blast people will long remember.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 495 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 25:

0041 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0201 – disturbance, E. Archwood Dr.
0225 – disturbance, Maple Dr./Oak Blvd.
0258 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0556 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1910 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2130 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2227 – noise complaint, N-I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, Dec. 26:
0007 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0057 – assault & battery, Pond Bluff Dr.
0939 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1027 – vehicle repossession, Richards Run
1033 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1041 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1321 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1903 – property damage accident, Endicott St.
2212 – property damage, Van Buren St.
2214 – larceny, Monroe Ct.
2241 – disorderly conduct, Oak Ln.
2306 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 27:

0842 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
0906 – water leak found, Quirk Rd.
0949 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1104 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1307 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
1530 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1539 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1737 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
2036 – private property accident, Kmart
2126 – disorderly conduct, Bradley Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 28:

1028 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1056 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1123 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1156 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1156 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1541 – suicide or attempt, N. Cumberland Dr.
1729 – fraud, Stratford Dr.
1743 -- property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1826 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1843 – armed robbery, Wendy’s
2214 – overdose, Country Walk Blvd.
2232 – vehicle repossession, Florence Ln.

Thursday, Dec. 29:

0004 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0552 – missing person, Denton Rd.
0753 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1123 – abandoned auto, Cedarhurst Dr.
1401 – private property incident, Vernon St.
1456 – fraud, Thornwood Dr.
1503 – hold-up alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1517 – abandoned auto, Forestdale Dr.
1626 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1942 – missing person, Estrada
2002 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.
2140 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake
2218 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville Rd.
2227 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2242 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.

Friday, Dec. 30:

0153 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
0239 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0830 – vehicle repossession, E. Archwood Dr.
0932 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Briarwood Dr.
0936 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1147 – water leak found, McBride Ave.
1314 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1338 – malicious destruction of property, Borgman
1808 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1853 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1857 – disorderly conduct, Van Buren St.

2132 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Water’s Edge Ln.
Saturday, Dec. 31:
0240 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0315 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.
0327 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
0705 – noise complaint, Michigan Ave.
0834 – larceny from auto, Lighthousee Dr.
1144 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.

1358 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1441 – water leak found, Bemis Rd.
1633 – felony assault, Crowley Ave.
1713 – agency assist, Rawsonville/Martz
1913 – disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.
1937 – larceny, Lincoln St.
2023 – operating while intoxicated, Valero
2044 – shots fired, Beacon Trl.

Also on this week’s log are 189 traffic stops, which includes 62 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and bypasses.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 25:

0133 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0228 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1547 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Dec. 26:

0036 – parking complaint, Dos Rios St.
0055 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0551 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
0922 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1046 – vehicle lock out, Andrew’s
1108 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1110 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1123 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
1214 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 27:

0151 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0541 – vehicle repossession, Carmell St.
0903 – intrusion alarm, Owen
0959 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Santa Clara
1116 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Santa Clara
1140 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1240 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1611 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1817 – suspicious situation, E. Huron River Dr.
1957 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
2352 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Wednesday, Dec. 28:

0116 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
0126 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0153 – property damage accident, Bedell St.
0900 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.
0908 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1040 – noise complaint, Santa Clara St./Menlo Park Dr.

1101 – warrant arrest, I-94/Michigan Ave.
1112 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1434 – motorist assist, Main St.
1721 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1720 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
2036 – follow up, Belle Villa Blvd.
2055 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 29:

0213 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
0302 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd. /Michigan
0831 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1507 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1943 – missing person, Estrada
2331 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Dec. 30:

0626 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
0840 – suspicious situation, Santa Clara St.
0932 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1017 – fraud, Main St.
1046 – agency assist, S. Edgemont Ave.
1300 – missing person, Estrada
1746 – suspicious situation, Biggs Ave.
1933 – operating while intoxicated, S. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 31:

0009 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Bay Pointe Dr
0021 – domestic assault, Church St.
0103 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
0234 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0250 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.

0522 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St.
0850 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
1107 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1500 – suspicious situation, Main St.
1624 – all other traffic, Higginson & Neal
1818 – civil matter, Carmell
1923 – suspicious situation, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2155 – disturbance, High St.
Also on this week’s log are 27 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 25:

0116 – animal complaint, Willow/Sherwood
0327 – fireworks complaint, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0857 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1110 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1218 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1225 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1323 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1747 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1841 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Dec. 26:

0019 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0043 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0158 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0912 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0940 – fire dept. assist, Wayside
1051 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1852 – civil dispute, Montana
2029 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 27:

0020 – breaking & entering, Rustic Ln.
0041 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0136 – alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0139 – down wires, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0743 – alarm, Alaska
0849 – animal complaint, Texas
1149 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1619 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Carleton West
1638 – civil dispute, Judd/Sumpter
1910 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2339 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 28:

0252 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0445 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0718 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0748 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0905 – fire dept. assist, California
1150 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1629 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1749 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1756 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz/Elwell
2109 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2149 – fire dept. assist, Washington
2318 – suspicious incident, Judd/Martinsville

Thursday, Dec. 29:

0206 – recovered vehicle that was driven away without authorization, Sumpter/Judd
1134 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1219 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1237 – larceny, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1348 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1412 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1431 – civil dispute, Timberlane
1436 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1556 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1613 – civil dispute, Timberlane
1633 – civil dispute, Montana
1637 – family trouble, Timberlane

Friday, Dec. 30:

0847 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0847 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0900 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0936 – malicious destruction of property, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1307 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Harris
1322 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1403 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1442 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1554 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 31:

0010 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0129 – citizen assist, California
0616 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0619 – malicious destruction of property, Arkona / Clark
1159 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1238 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1615 – ORV complaint, Sumpter/Arkona
1758 – personal injury accident, California / Colorado
1914 – well-being check, Birch
2056 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
2255 – assist other agency, out of township
2313 – juvenile complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 147 patrol checks, and seven traffic stops.

Teens Using Drugs: What to know and what to do about it

Young people who are harmfully involved with alcohol/other drugs need help, and the helpers need the right knowledge and tools. The “Teens Using Drugs: What to Know and What to Do” series provides helpful, hopeful, practical information for families of substance-involved teens.

“Teens Using Drugs: What to Know and What to Do” is a free, ongoing, two-part education series.

Part one provides information on understanding substance-abuse problems and recognizing when a young person may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drugs. Part two provides information on what does and does not help when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include separate sessions for teens and for adults and a talk by a young person in recovery from substance addiction.

The February 2017 series will be presented from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 7, (part one, What to Know) and Tuesday Feb. 14 (part two, What to Do).

Programs are presented at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, in the Exhibition Room on the first floor.

The series is free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, students and people who work with teens are all welcome, and families are encouraged to attend together if they would like to. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is also provided.

The “Teens Using Drugs: What to Know and What to Do” series is sponsored by Dawn Farm, and co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Public Schools, the Livingston and Washtenaw Regional Coordinated School Health Program Advisory Team, and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Greenbrook Recovery Center. The programs are presented by Dawn Farm Youth and Family Services therapists.

For more information phone (734) 485-8725, e-mail info@dawnfarm.org or see <http://dawnfarm.org/programs/teens-using-drugs/>.

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Public Notice

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF
A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATION
FOR TREATMENT AND STORAGE ACTIVITIES
Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant
January 5, 2017**

Persons requiring assistance with receiving this information in a language other than English should contact Ms. Kimberly M. Tyson at 517-284-6574 or tysonk@michigan.gov.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP), hereby gives notice that Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant (MDWTP) submitted a hazardous waste management facility operating license application (Application) to the DEQ on October 31, 2016. The Application was submitted pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The Application is for an operating license to continue hazardous waste storage and treatment operations at MDWTP located at 49350 North 1-94 Service Drive in Belleville, Michigan.

MDWTP accepts solid and liquid hazardous waste generated at off-site facilities. Hazardous wastes are stored in containers or vertical tanks prior to treatment. MDWTP primarily treat hazardous waste through chemical stabilization and chemical oxidation. Treated waste is shipped off-site to another facility for disposal. The Application is required because MDWTP's existing operating license will expire on October 31, 2017. Ms. Sylwia Scott is the contact person for the facility and can be reached by telephone at 734-699-6294 or sylwia.scott@usecology.com.

The DEQ is reviewing the Application to determine if the proposed activities comply with all state and federal hazardous waste facility licensing requirements. The review will consist of the DEQ evaluating the proposed activities, facility and disclosure information, proposed engineering design plans and specifications, hydrogeological characteristics, an environmental assessment, storage and treatment methods, and procedures for closure of the regulated units. If the Application is found to be incomplete, the missing information will be requested from MDWTP. As soon as the information is provided, the DEQ will proceed with the technical review. This review will consist of an in-depth evaluation of the information required to be in the Application. Based upon this review, the DEQ will propose to issue or deny the operating license. Prior to a final determination, a public hearing will be held regarding the tentative decision.

Comments on the Application must be sent to Ms. Tyson at the address below by February 20, 2017.

The Application is available for review online at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq> (click on Waste; Hazardous Waste; Hazardous Waste and Liquid Industrial By-Products Management; and under Facility Operating Licenses click on Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant Hazardous Waste Management Operating License Information); at the Van Buren Charter Township, Clerk Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan (contact Mr. Matthew Best at 734-699-8913); at the DEQ, Southeast Michigan District Office, Warren, Michigan (contact Mr. Michael Busse at 586-753-3839; bussem@michigan.gov); at the DEQ, OWMRP, Constitution Hall, 4th floor South, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Ms. Kimberly M. Tyson at 517-284-6574; tysonk@michigan.gov); and at the U.S. EPA, Land and Chemicals Division, RCRA Branch, Mail Code LR-BJ, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois (contact Mr. James Blough at 312-886-2967; blough.james@epa.gov).

To receive future DEQ notifications concerning the facility, please submit a written request for placement on the MDWTP facility mailing list to the address below. Comments or questions regarding the facility should be addressed to Ms. Kimberly M. Tyson, Hazardous Waste Section, Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection, Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

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Arts Council teams up with VBT Recreation Dept. for new art classes

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has teamed up with the Van Buren Township Recreation Department to present three new art classes running in January and February.

• **Kids Art Club: Artists' Pets** will be taught by BACA President Mendi Russell. It will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7 through Feb. 11. In this class elementary-aged students will learn about famous artists, along with different art media, while receiving step-by-step instruction to create beautiful pieces. Cost is \$50 per student, with a \$10 material fee.

• **From Potatoes to T-Shirts** will be taught by Ken Voigt from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. Participants ages 12 to adult will be

able to use their designs to make greeting cards, posters, art prints, and t-shirts using a variety of techniques ranging from printing with a potato to serigraphy. No previous experience is needed. Cost is \$35 per student, with a \$15 material fee.

• **Digital Photography** will be taught by Chris Hardy from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 12 through Feb. 16. Participants ages 16 and up will learn digital photography from the basics to actual photo critique. Learn skill technique and workflow. Cost with \$90 per student with a \$10 material fee.

Classes will be held at the Van Buren Township Recreation Department, 46425 Tyler Road. Call (734) 699-8921 for more information.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Account Clerk

Department: Clerk's Office

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: December 21, 2016

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$16.12

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$17.14

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$18.15

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Account Clerk in Elections.

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Township Clerk or their designee, the employee will be responsible for a variety of general office and clerical functions including those tasks relative to the voter registration and electoral process as defined by law. Preparing and maintaining records, files, purchasing duties, verbal communication and written correspondence within the Department and may assist the accounting staff in accomplishing accounting functions of the Township.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
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