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Photo courtesy University of Michigan

The University of Michigan rowing team competed in the seventh-annual Michigan Classic against the men's club team on Friday, completing the 2014 fall season on Belleville Lake. The event pitted eight men's varsity eight crews against six women's eight crews and the women's first varsity four crew. In near darkness, the men's "B" crew finished with the fastest time of the day, crossing the finish line with a time of 12:34.8. The top women's varsity eight crew, the 1V8 finished with the fourth-fastest time at 13:01.5. The rowing team's next competitions are Feb. 14-15 against UCF and Tennessee in Orlando, FL.

School Board puts Sinking Fund renewal on May ballot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A renewal of the Sinking Fund millage of 1.13 mills for seven years will go before school district voters in the May election.

The current millage expires in December 2015.

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board unanimously approved the millage renewal be put on the ballot.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said there is nothing different than the current seven-year millage.

He said it was being proposed for May because if it didn't pass, it will give the district time to determine why voters rejected it and time to rework it by the November election.

He said they do not intend to keep presenting the same proposal to voters until they pass it.

It will cost \$6,000 to \$9,000 to have the election if nothing else is set for that date.

Treasurer Sherry Frazier said the public

should remember that the Sinking Fund repairs the buildings and does "heavy lifting" for maintenance.

"It reduces the burden on the general fund," added Secretary Kevin English.

Trustee Scott Russell asked if it was the exact same language as the 2008 proposal to voters and Van Tassel said it was.

The ballot language will be:

Millage Proposal

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Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$1.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive. This levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year

shall be approximately \$1,715,961 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

In other business at the hour-long meeting on Nov. 10, the board also:

- Approved the June 30, 2014 financial audit report presented by Taylor Morgan with an "unqualified opinion," the highest. The auditor said there were 5,137 students in the 2013-14 school year and state aid was \$7,372 per student. The fund balance is 12.38% of the total budget and the state average is 8.22%. He said fund balances under 10% are said to be "in distress";

- Approved amendments to the \$46,395,792 budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Revenue changes reflected \$312,000 more from the state because the district has 42 more students than anticipated and \$321,000 less from the state because of a reduction in retirement reimbursement previously budgeted. Also there is \$50,000 less in legal fees because expulsion and suspensions are now being handled by Van Tassel and Director of Human Resources Shonta Langford-Green. Also, \$30,000 budgeted for interest on borrowing was not needed because the larger fund balance made borrowing not necessary. Also, there was \$83,000 less needed than budgeted because

of net reduction in utilities/maintenance;

- Discussed the plan to assign \$1,120,000 of the \$5,589,929 fund equity to football turf replacement (\$100,000), school bus replacement (\$450,000), text book adoption (\$200,000), and reserve for declining enrollment (50 students, \$370,000);

- Approved recalling paraprofessionals Denise Armatis and Paula Brown for positions at Haggerty School;

- Approved termination of Rebecca Herrin, a teacher at McBride for 1.5 years as of Oct. 22, for other endeavors;

- Approved the hiring of Jasmine Bates as a teacher at McBride as of Nov. 3; and

- Heard Treasurer Frazier ask, once again, for a survey to be done to determine how many students do not have computers at home to do their homework. She said from talking to parents and students at the public library, there is a need. She suggested the district may need to open up the computer lab at night for parents or students. Board president Brent Mikulski said the district's computer people may have that data. He suggested they review the data they have before doing a survey. Van Tassel said Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction, will be meeting with the technology committee. He said they will start with the committee and bring information back to the board.

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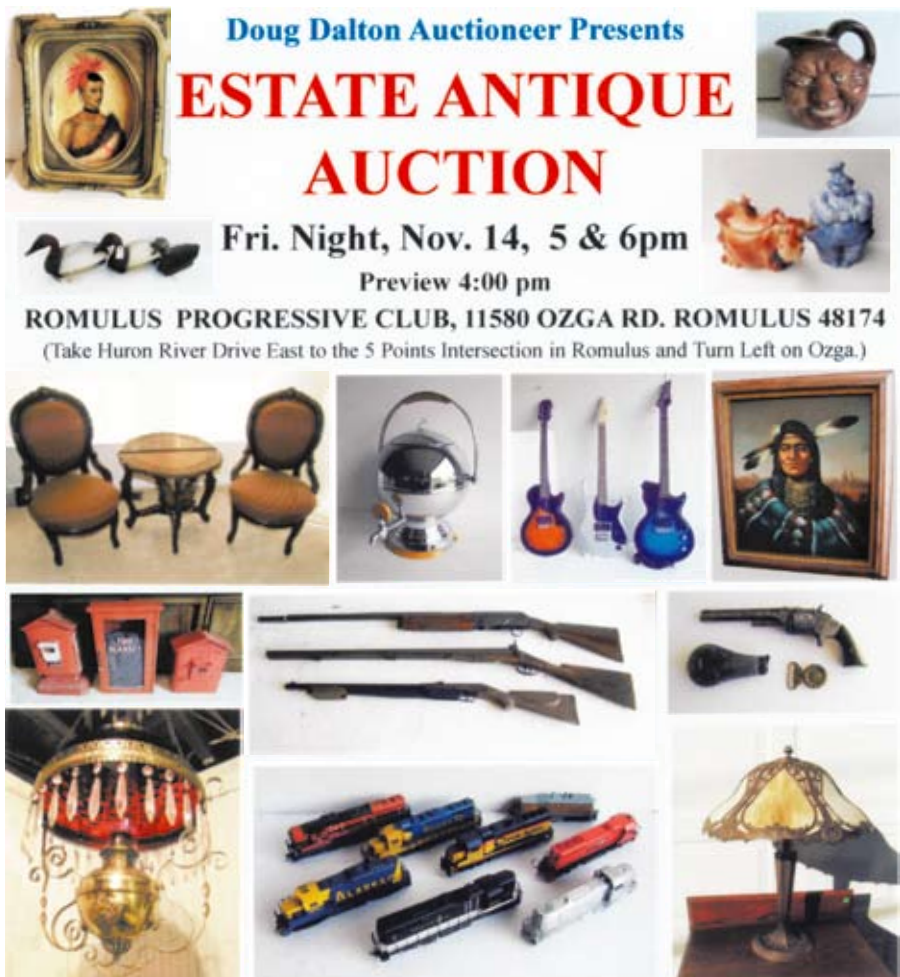
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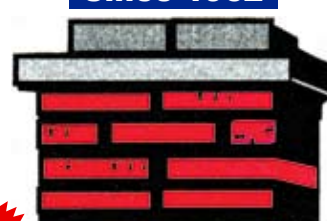
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Keystone school board discusses dropped plan to expand building

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

With a light agenda at the Keystone Charter Academy school board meeting Oct. 9, the board members discussed the recent announcement that next year's proposed expansion of its building and program has been cancelled.

Board members were answering questions on a prior-approval National Heritage Academies checklist for the 2015-16 school year. NHA runs Keystone Academy.

They asked NHA representative Chris Caulk why the proposed expansion of the Keystone program and the Keystone building by one classroom per grade had been abandoned.

Caulk said the numbers don't call for it, referring to the waiting list for seats in the

school. Currently, a total of 176 are on the waiting list and 774 are enrolled.

Often, families sign up at several charter schools to be sure their students get in somewhere and then choose the one closest to their home when the student is selected.

Caulk said officials thought about expanding Keystone, but then decided other schools were more in need of expansion.

"NHA is making the decisions," Caulk said as the board peppered him with questions.

"It's kind of disappointing that it isn't at least K-5," said Trustee Bill Johnson, noting that the waiting list for K-5 is from 12-41 per class, while the 6-8 grade waiting list is small.

Board President Vesta Losen said it would be good to have one extra classroom

for grades K-5.

"Kids don't care, but parents cry when their kids aren't chosen," Losen said, in describing experiences at the annual drawings for class seats.

It was noted that one of the reasons the waiting list is down is because there are so many NHA schools in the area.

Principal Keturah Godfrey said parents have told her that other public schools with high schools have told parents that if the students aren't in that school by the eighth grade they will be ineligible for high school sports.

Godfrey said when Keystone students leave the school they do well. In sports some have started first string JV and then went from first string to varsity, when that's allowed.

Losen said one student who studied music at Keystone went to Belleville High School and became first chair.

Godfrey said some students left because of the turnover in the middle school staff. She said, however, the change was great and brought in new vitality to the teaching crew.

Godfrey said she pulled her child out of Keystone and put her in school in Taylor,

where she lives. If you want to get in the high school there, you had to jump ship early, she said.

Losen said sports are a major thing and Keystone students are getting a lot of sports. She said starting at fifth grade, Keystone boys and girls get cross country, soccer and basketball, plus cheers and volleyball for girls. This is all after school, although there are gym classes in school, she said.

In other business at the Oct. 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, as required by new state legislation. Godfrey said the paramedic on staff is the emergency response officer for the school. It was noted schools now have to have 10 fire drills a year;

- Approved the Best Practices Incentive Program for 2014-15;

- Learned that on the official Count Day on Oct. 2 there were 759 students, with 15 absent, for a 98.06% showing. Also, NHA now is serving 54,365 students – 97.2% of expected capacity – an increase of 3,411 over last year; and

- Was advised there is a new academic specialist and a new office administrator.

Court Watching:

Zachary Hark pleads guilty to embezzlement from O'Reilly's safe

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Zachary Allen Hark, 18, pled guilty to a charge of embezzlement on Oct. 29 before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley.

It was the day for his pretrial exam, but he agreed to the plea deal. The charge of embezzlement greater than \$200 was dismissed with his guilty plea to embezzlement of an amount less than \$200.

Hark told Judge Oakley that on Oct. 12, his manager at O'Reilly's left the safe open and he reached in and took money out of the safe.

Hark said he is a May graduate of a high school in Ohio where he earned a 3.4 grade point average. He has lived at Bellridge apartments in Van Buren Township for two months and is a student at MIAT College of Technology. He had worked at O'Reilly's for a month, but has lost his job.

Hark told the judge that he had spent 15 years at his previous address.

Judge Oakley asked if O'Reilly's got their money back and Hark said, "I tried to repay, but they wouldn't accept it."

Judge Oakley said he should pay the court the \$200 restitution to O'Reilly's and the court would give it to O'Reilly's.

Judge Oakley put Hark on six months of probation and if there are no further problems the charge will be dismissed. Hark was ordered to spend four days on the court work program and pay \$400 in court fines.

VBT Officer Jeff Gueli was the officer in charge of the case.

Byron Lee Donahee

Byron Lee Donahee, 19, was facing an exam on charges of possession or sale of weapons (Taser) and possession of marijuana on Oct. 13 in Belleville, but he waived his exam and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., Nov. 12.

His court-appointed attorney was David Lankford and the officer in charge of the case was Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham. Donahee is out on \$5,000/10% bond and his bond was continued.

Bobby Lee Brandon

Bobby Lee Brandon asked Judge Oakley for a court-appointed attorney to defend his charges of assault and battery and domestic violence in Van Buren Township. He said he has been working at Meijer's for two weeks and earns \$200 a week.

After Brandon talked to the prosecutor, Judge Oakley determined he was capable of hiring his own attorney.

Brandon told Judge Oakley he is moving to Kalamazoo to separate himself from things here.

Judge Oakley granted him a six-week adjournment and continued his bond. Brandon will be due back at 34th District Court with his attorney at 9 a.m., Dec. 10.

Karren Arronrobe Couch

Karren Arronrobe Couch, Jr., 22, pled guilty to driving while his alcohol level was .17 or more in Sumpter Township on Sept. 20. Actually, he said it was .24. His driving while license suspended charge was dismissed.

Bond was continued and he will be back for sentencing. Sumpter Officer Danielle Buccellato was in charge of the case.



The Multi-Level Girl Scout Troop 20414 based at Savage Elementary spent May 31 making blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need. The Junior Girl Scouts from the troop organized the event as the final step in earning their Bronze Award. The Cadettes guided them in their planning endeavors and the Brownies joined them to make the blankets. Each girl who participated donated 3-6 yards of fleece material. In total, 64 blankets were completed and were presented to Project Linus on June 6 at the troop's Bridging and Award presentation. The girls are very appreciative to the staff at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College District for providing them with a large room and lots of table space. In the back row, from left, are Carolmae Boyer, Ashna Patel, Sara Hadcock, Avery Fields, Avni Patel, Mya Rafferty, Taylor Pryor, A'nya Morrison, and Cheyenne Wilson. In the center row, from left, are Alexis Satterfield, Amira Yarbrough, Marina Gerick, Sophie Harkle, Sa'mia Walker, Sophia Melidosian, Alyssa Melidosian, Elizabeth Foote. In front, from left, are Madilyne Oddy, Kylie Satterfield, Kendall Deegan, Niama Yarbrough, Kayt Lamothe, Savannah Rambow, Madison Logan, and Dasha Igonin.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Thanks, veterans, for protecting our country's freedoms

This year it seems to be the "in" thing to honor local veterans. And, that's good.

Official proclamations marking November as veterans' month were passed unanimously in Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville.

In Sumpter, the designation is forever. In Belleville it's just this year, but with a promise to re-do the proclamation every year. Van Buren Township passed a similar resolution a couple of years ago, for forever honors in November.

Keystone Academy always has a special program on Veterans Day when the students bring in their relatives who are currently serving or are veterans. It's a big day. Lots of pictures on the walls.

September Days senior center has regularly honored veterans and this year it's on Thursday, Nov. 13. That, too, is a heartwarming, uplifting occasion.

Last Saturday, the Moose Lodge, in its new location in the former PNA Hall in Sumpter, put on a spaghetti dinner to honor veterans. Brown Funeral Home presented \$1,000 checks to the VFW and PLAV, money raised by their motorcycle event on Memorial Day.

Some years there have been few events to honor veterans around Veterans' Day. This year there were a lot, with some local vets even going up to Canton on Nov. 11 for yet another event.

We join in with everyone else to thank those who have served and who now serve to protect our freedoms. We're grateful.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Although the prosecutor's office told me Tom White's plea was "guilty" to the 20 felonies, now it has been changed on the court website to *nolo contendere* or *no contest*, which is treated as a guilty plea for sentencing.

A "nolo" plea is used when the defendant cannot recall his criminal actions (sometimes due to intoxication) or his traditional verbal guilty plea would be used in a potential civil law suit.

The defendant is treated by a sentencing judge in the same as if he was convicted via a guilty plea or trial verdict.

Tom White has several civil cases waiting for him once the criminal case is over.

Also, the court web site currently lists White's sentencing as Feb. 3, while the prosecutor's office told us and the victims that it will be Feb. 4. When it gets closer to that time we'll double check, since it probably will be changed again.

One of our readers said a person with a thick foreign accent called him on the phone and said he had warrants out for the man's arrest. Of course, if the senior citizen gave them his credit card number and paid them money, he would be safe. The man said the phone number for the caller, who said he was in Atlanta, GA, was actually an 855 area code, which is Cambodia.

The senior citizen said he keeps getting these calls and once he was told to push zero if he wanted a supervisor. So, he pushed zero and a lady who spoke very good English came on. But, her area code also was Cambodia. He said he told her that she was a scam and she said she wasn't.



He just hangs up now. Our reader says his daughter is getting calls from the IRS these days, as well. You recall those complaints over the past few months. IRS has stated they NEVER call you and communicate by certified mail.

I am saddened to hear of the Nov. 5 death of former *Macomb Daily* photographer David Posavetz. When I lived in Romeo and worked part time for *The Detroit News*, Dave and I had a great old time covering the same events in northern Macomb County.

One time, I represented the *News* as a driver in an ostrich race at the Macomb County Fair and David took my picture – an action shot of me driving the ostrich to a winning finish. He blew the shot up to 8"x10" size, put a stamp on the back, and addressed it only to "Romeo Rose." There was no other address. I assume he mailed it in Mount Clemens. In a couple of days my mail carrier delivered it. Cool.

I remember David with fondness. RIP

I spent Friday doing my part in the judging of the Wisconsin Press Association contest. Members of the Michigan Press Association volunteer to judge and then (ah, the joys of computers) we do so by internet. Other states provide judging for the MPA contests. It works out very well.

The reading of all those stories and headlines and editorials encourages the judges (including me) to do better on their

own newspapers, which is a plus, as well.


There were interesting stories about feces flinging (cow chips), a pot-bellied pig tied to the front door of a bar in the middle of the night ("This little piggy went home"), and lots of stories on the environment, including a law suit against a city council that approved fracking and a school district's charter school that featured environmental classes (Green) and graduated students skilled in a variety of areas. That kind of reminded me of our BHS New Tech classes.

Shelly Brown Chudzinski and her 2-year-old son Seth were visiting Hillside Cemetery just before Halloween to decorate Lucky Luke's little grave. Luke died a little over a year ago.

Shelly took a picture of Seth by a tombstone and then paused to say a prayer over her other son's grave, when the 70-pound tombstone apparently tipped over on Seth. Shelly pulled the stone off him, but Seth's femur had been cracked.

Seth has been in a huge cast ever since, but has been dragging it around with no problem. If you'd like to send Seth a card of encouragement, send it in care of Brown Funeral Home.





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Letters**'You did not report
the facts accurately'**

To the Editor:

It was disappointing to read your summary of the discussion related to restricted parking in the Harbour Pointe subdivision, at the Nov. 3 City Council meeting.

Here are some of the key points that you did not report:

1 - The citizens voiced concerns related to the safety of the residents that this change (Traffic Order 14-3) will have.

By making the effective width of the road wider ... they anticipate faster traffic and an increased injury risk to ALL ... especially children. In essence, this change will have a negative impact on Public Safety.

2 - Residents asked for the criteria that was used to make this change ... the Council offered no explanation other than "feelings".

3 - Residents asked if this was going to expand to a city-wide Resolution to ensure the "safety" of ALL residents ... no Council response was provided.

4 - Residents asked if they could submit a petition to rescind the Resolution. They were told no ... and that is when it was suggested by the "offensive" and "vociferous" resident, that the only way to rescind, was to replace the Council.

It is clear that emergency vehicles and fire trucks already "fit" (can drive on roads) and have done so for 22 years. This proposed change only allows them to drive faster. The need for emergency response, which happens a few times a year, has to be measured against the increased risk of faster traffic of ALL vehicles that will occur 24 hours a day ... 365 days per year.

Science shows that wider roads equals faster speeds, which equals increased risk for both injuries and the severity of said injury. Does the City want to

increase the risk to residents? Has the City fully considered the ramifications of this change? If this resolution is not rescinded, I can only pray that no one (especially my 5 grandchildren that live in the subdivision) is injured due to this oversight by the City Council.

Additionally, you report that "After they left the meeting, other residents of the subdivision said that the man who was so offensive lives in the second house into the subdivision, uses his driveway for a patio and parks his vehicles in the street".

I ask you ... how is this newsworthy? Why is THIS reported and the important safety concerns omitted? Is it illegal or inappropriate to socialize with neighbors in your driveway? How is the house that I live in, important or relevant to the discussion?

The bottom line? You did not report the facts accurately, you slanted the article to paint the concerned residents as offensive and did not report the legitimate concerns and questions as expressed.

Not what I would expect from an objective, honest and thorough reporter.

Shame on you.

Jeffrey Harris, BA, MBA, CIA
Harbour Pointe Resident

Editor's Note: This letter is a surprise, since Mr. Harris and his group said at the city council meeting that they don't read the local paper, so they don't get city notices. They said they read only *The Detroit News* and the *Ann Arbor News*, and those papers hadn't mentioned anything about the Harbour Pointe parking change. Mr. Harris asked to have his boldface words as submitted and we have complied with his request.

Thank you, Voters! The City needs your help!

To the voters of the City of Belleville:

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More Letters

We could still use a few more 'wants' items

To the Editor:

The "Christmas for Kids" project that the community has been working on is going to go a long way to give the 11 American children and their families a wonderful Christmas.

People have been so good to donate to the cause. We could still use a few more essential items. I'm sorry, but with the economy as it is I have been indicating that we are doing "needs" and because of the economy, there isn't much room for "wants."

Maybe someone reading the paper will see that we could use some "wants" items. Anything you care to donate will go to the four local families and their children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Obituaries



Paul Charles Cilia, Jr.



PAUL CHARLES CILIA, JR.

(February 2, 1929 - November 3, 2014)

Paul Charles Cilia, Jr., age 85, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, November 3, 2014 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI. He was born February 2, 1929 in Detroit, MI, son of Paul Carmel & Florence Theresa (Tomczak) Cilia. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. Paul retired as a manager from Ford Motor Company's Dearborn/Rotunda facility after many years of loyal service. He was an avid Ham Radio operator; his handle was K8TKK. Paul had his private pilot's license and was very passionate about flying.

Mr. Cilia is survived by six children: Gregory Allen (Sharon) Cilia of Burke, VA, Curtis Edward Cilia of Canton, MI, Cheryl Ann (Herman) Kozub of Northville, MI, Susan (Roger) Cilia-Smith of Norton Shores, MI, Lu Ellen (Rick) Luch of Georgetown, KY and Cathy Jo (Dave) Thomas Kernersville, NC; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and two on-the-way. He was preceded in death by his parents, also his wife Marie Theresa (Reiner) Cilia on May 5, 1991.

Visitation was 1-8 p.m. Thursday, November 6, 2014 with a 7 p.m. Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Visitation was 10-11 a.m. Friday, November 7, 2014 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville with an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

KEITH EDWARD CARNAHAN

(October 31, 1930 - October 18, 2014)

A memorial service for Keith Carnahan will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at Bethany Bible Church, 810 East Huron River Drive, Belleville. Keith died in Florida, but had deep roots in Belleville.

REBA JEAN MAYO

(July 23, 1985 - October 27, 2014)

Age 29 of Van Buren Township. Won many medals on Special Olympics team. Survived by father Duane Mayo, three sisters, three brothers, grandmother. Oct. 30 at Sumpter Township Chapel of Janowiak Funeral Home.

RUTH ANN GRACE ULRICH

(March 28, 1929 - November 6, 2014)

Age 85 of Lansing. Survived by sons Terry and Robert; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband V. Clifford Ulrich. Service was Nov. 11 at David C. Brown Home, Belleville.

SAMUEL 'SAM' PARKS

(January 2, 1933 - November 3, 2014)

Age 81 in Oklahoma City, OK. Survived by wife Judyann, sons David and Brian, daughter Vicki Montgomery of Belleville, a brother and three sisters. Funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

GLORIA I. STANFIELD

(June 29, 1946 - November 3, 2014)

Age 68. Survived by her children Dan and Cynthia, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters. Service at Stark Funeral Home, followed by cremation. Donations appreciated for arrangements.

More Letters

Beware of who is changing your oil

To the Editor:

I change my vehicle's oil and this story may have you double thinking your next oil change.

On the evening of Oct. 28, I received a panicked call from my neighbor. She was at Gulf Oil change, at Five Points, getting an oil change.

She had just pulled out of Gulf Oil and noticed her oil light was on. She immediately pulled back in and told them something was wrong. The attendant informed her it wasn't that. It had to be something else (no fault of his, right?). He looked under the hood and began using a hammer on the engine. She asked what he was doing and he said he was fixing it. This is when she called me. She knew that wasn't right.

When I got there he was still using a hammer trying to remove the filter. I've done a lot of oil changes and never used a hammer and this guy is supposed to be an oil change specialist. I made a suggestion and noticed his relief when the filter released. But by this time the cover was wrecked and he told us he'd have to order a new one. It would be available on Oct. 30. I told her she needs to get receipt to document this damage. When she went back she asked and he refused. He gave her the damaged part and told her that this is her proof. Really? That could be from

anywhere at any time, since he wasn't going to document anything.

The story should have ended there, lousy service and rudeness by someone who doesn't want to take responsibility, but no. And, by the way, my neighbor is a senior citizen. Perhaps he thought he could take advantage and push her around. So then, on Nov. 2, she went to church and stopped by on her way home. After she left, I noticed a trail of oil in my driveway, so I went to her house. In her driveway was a pool of oil under her van. The checked the oil level and the stick showed none.

We decided towing it to the dealership was the best thing to do at this point. The dealer found not only the wrong filter, but the wrong filter cap had been put on. After the dealer replaced these they had to pressure wash the oil off her van as a result of the leakage. Oil was under the wheel wells, on the fenders and the doors.

In my opinion, this shouldn't have happened. Her vehicle is less than a year-old Chrysler minivan - something an oil technician should have been VERY familiar with. I think they took advantage of this senior, and she was without her van for three days. Imagine if this had been a family's only mode of transportation and they weren't able to have it towed and serviced.

When she asked who owns Gulf Oil, to try and get some satisfaction, she was stonewalled. Unbelievable! They did give her a refund (cash, no paper trail), but admitted no wrong-doing. So much for shopping local.

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More Letters

Thanks to the people for voting for me on Nov. 4

To the Editor:

I want to thank the people of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Township for voting me in as trustee for the Belleville Area District Library on Nov. 4.

The fact that I came out as top vote-getter in this particularly contested race is especially gratifying. With that distinction, I realize, comes a special responsibility to bring the wide ranging perspectives of this diverse community to bear on the decisions the library board will make. This is a responsibility that I look forward to and will enjoy. I am eager to find new ways to get your input.

It is important for our community to rally around quality library services, the kind of information resources that benefit all of our people -- the young as well as retirees and older residents.

Improvements in our library will pay rich dividends to our quality of life in the Belleville area, but the community must buy-in to what is done and feel that the costs are affordable. I embrace the challenge of continuing to run our existing library at the highest possible level while helping to fashion an appropriate plan for us to move into the future.

Finally, while I personally appreciate the service of all the outgoing board members, I want to particularly acknowledge the contributions of Joseph Monte to the library board. I am certain that he'll continue in the lifetime of service he has given to this community. I am among the many who are particularly thankful for his efforts on behalf of the Belleville Area District Library.

With gratitude,
Sharon C. Peters, Trustee-Elect
Belleville Area District Library

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Court Watching:

Correction: Tatanisha Reed is attorney, not defendant in case

A story that needs correction was never seen in print in the *Independent*. It was at the end of a long Court Watching story that was put on the *Independent* website on July 24. The original court report was so long that it couldn't all fit in the paper, so we cut it off. The whole report, however, was put on the website.

The brief report in question read: "Tatanisha Reed, 41, was due for a preliminary exam on July 16. She was arrested in Van Buren Township and charged with delivering/manufacturing drugs and driving while license suspended. Officer in charge is Detective Jeff Gueli."

We recently received an irate letter from TaTaNisha Reed, who is an attorney, demanding \$10,000 because she was embarrassed by the report. It was dated Sept. 14 and said, "The damage to my reputation is irreparable." Later she said was she representing a male client at 34th District Court that day.

Obviously, there was either an error in the docket or I misunderstood something I copied from the docket. Besides the money, Reed demanded, "a retraction by you [sic] newspaper of equal size and print and on a page equal to that of the one in which the false publication was made."

I apologize for embarrassing Ms. Reed and misidentifying her. It was an honest mistake for which I am very sorry.

Rosemary Otzman, Editor

BHS presents 'Don't Drink the Water' on Nov. 20, 21, 22

The Woody Allen comedy, "Don't Drink the Water," will be presented by Belleville High School students at 7 p.m. Nov. 20, 21, 22 at the high school auditorium.

The box office opens at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for students/seniors.

'Snowflakes & Stars' concert set Dec. 13 by Community Chorus

The Belleville Community Chorus has set its annual winter concert for 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

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Garden Fantasy on Haggerty Road in Belleville will be holding a **Thanksgiving Centerpiece Class** on Saturday, Nov. 22 at both 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at their location just north of I-94. The cost is \$20 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 699-7370. The business will also be holding its annual **Holiday Open House** that same weekend (Sat., 9-5, Sun., 10-5) where you can save on holiday decorating items and get 15% off your purchase if you bring in a bag of canned goods for the area's needy.

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• **Thursday, Nov. 13** – Van Buren Township Board discusses 2015 budget beginning at 8:30 a.m. until noon in board room (second day). Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• **Monday, Nov. 17** – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m., closed session only. Also, VBT Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 18** – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Nov. 20** – Tentative 7 p.m. meeting of Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 13** – Everyone is invited to the Veterans' Day Luncheon at 11:15 a.m. at VBT September Days. Lunch donation is \$2.25. Asked to sign up by Nov. 10, 699-8918. Guest speaker is Master Sgt. Alfonso King, U.S. Air Force (ret) Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

• **Thursday, Nov. 13** – Homegrown Knowledge presentation at the Belleville Area District Library begins at 7 p.m. It's a travelogue by Joy and Rick Cichewicz of their trip to Cuba. "Yes, we can travel there!" they report.

• **Saturday, Nov. 15** – Deer Widows' Bazaar at Ypsilanti Moose Lodge, 5506 Stony Creek Road. Lunch sales 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Vendor and Craft Show, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Members, guests, and public welcome.

• **Sunday, Nov. 16** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Wednesday, Nov. 19** – The Elder Law & Advocacy Center offers a free legal presentation for persons 60 years of age and older, family members, and persons caring for older adults. Starts at 10 a.m. sharp at September Days senior center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Call or sign up at the center, 699-8918.

• **Thursday, Nov. 20, Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22** – Belleville High School will present "Don't Drink the Water" at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. each night. Directed by Michael Gearn and Larry Koch.

• **Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23** – St. Anthony Boy Scout Troop 793 Annual Wreath Sale, after all masses in front of the school entrance at 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. \$17 to \$29. Cedar roping is \$38 for 60 feet.

• **Sunday, Nov. 23** – There's a bottle drive for the BHS boys lacrosse teams from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BHS Parking Lot and Victory Park.


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19th-annual Festival of Holiday Trees set for Nov. 18 - Dec. 27

The Belleville Area Museum is preparing for its 19th-annual Festival of Holiday Trees when community organizations, individuals, and businesses display decorated trees or wreaths at the museum.

Museum Director Katie Dallos is hoping that you will take part in this event which has become a focal point of the community's holiday celebration.

"Not only does this program beautify the museum during the holidays, it also serves as an excellent advertisement for businesses," Dallos said.

This year the festival will run from Tuesday, Nov. 18 through Saturday, Dec. 27.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical holiday theme or one which is representative of the organization. Past themes have included an old-fashioned Christmas, Santas, gingerbread men, strawberries, and patriotic (red, white and blue).

Entries can be submitted in one of three categories: floor-size artificial tree; table-top artificial tree (maximum 3 feet); or artificial wreath (with a sturdy wire attached for hanging).

Dallos said they ask that all trees and wreaths have lights, which adds to the beauty of the display. She asked those with an entry to bring their own long extension cord labeled with a name.

Dallos asked for entries to bring supplies for their own artificial tree, including a tree stand, lights, decorations, tree skirt, and a decorative sign which displays the name of the organization.

In addition to displaying a tree, people are invited to donate a fully decorated tree for auction. The Silent Tree Auction has proven to be a way to raise money for museum-sponsored programs and events.

This year's auction will run from Nov. 18 - Dec. 16. Trees will be available for pick up beginning Wednesday, December 17.

If interested in participating in the Silent Auction, contact the museum at 734-697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

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Birthdays

Nov. 6 - Allen Smolen
Nov. 19 - Bob Magnes
Nov. 30 - Michael Coleman

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Nov. 2:
0148 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0552 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
0747 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service dr
0841 – miscellaneous complaint, Bayshore Dr.
0924 – dumping complaint, N. Woodbury
0940 – larceny from auto, Denton
1028 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.
1131 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
1319 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1352 – juvenile complaint, Merriman
1520 – assault & batter, Oak Ln.
1624 – suspicious person, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2101 – noise complaint, Brookside/Rock Creek

Monday, Nov. 3:
0010 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
0635 – water leak found, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0909 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0944 – larceny, Samuel Barton Dr.
1110 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1123 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1249 – private property accident, Haggerty
1321 – larceny, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1515 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1757 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Woodbury Dr.
1759 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1821 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
1836 – missing person, Daisy
1854 – disturbance, Ecorse Mobil
2001 – indecent exposure, Village Green Ln.
2159 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
2218 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.

Tuesday, Nov. 4:
1145 – robbery alarm, Arborview Ln.
1253 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1401 – assault & battery, N. Woodbury
1823 – fraud, Kent Dr.
1852 – personal injury accident, I-275/Ecorse
1855 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1942 – operating while intoxicated, Michigan / Belleville
1952 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2047 – intimidation threat, Westlake
Wednesday, Nov. 5:
0029 – property damage accident, Menlo
0227 – noise complaint, Parkwood
0913 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1159 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/I-94
1216 – larceny, Greenwood Dr.
1623 – harassment call, Bradley Dr.
1651 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Archwood Dr.
1742 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1918 – assault & battery, Winding Pond Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 6:
0038 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0534 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – private property accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1358 – private property accident, Belleville
1700 – shots fired, Morton Taylor Rd.
1751 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94
2144 – shots fired, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
Friday, Nov. 7:
0353 – operating while intoxicated, BP Belleville
0430 – missing person, Oak Ln.
0820 – assault & battery, Ecorse/Haggerty
0823 – property damage accident, Bemis/Haggerty
0849 – larceny from auto, W. Huron River Dr.
1048 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1133 – intimidation threat, Park Estates
1402 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1409 – disorderly conduct, Coolidge St.
1433 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1455 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville
1637 – shots fired, Oak Ln.
1644 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1731 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1756 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1759 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2034 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
2219 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
Saturday, Nov. 8:
0200 – larceny from auto, Hamilton St.
0229 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0235 – noise complaint, Rogers Ave.
0838 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0910 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0917 – larceny from auto, Hamilton St.
1243 – larceny from auto, Hayes
1420 – private property accident, Vernon St.
1422 – miscellaneous complaint, Bayshore Dr.
1430 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1459 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1655 – hospice, Cranberry
1731 – loitering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1820 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
1901 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft Rd.
1902 – juvenile complaint, Harmony Ln./Sunrise
1908 – malicious destruction of property, Beacon Trl.
1910 – larceny from auto, Hamilton St.
1944 – larceny from auto, Hayes
2118 – malicious destruction of property, Pinewood Ln.
2149 – noise complaint, Westlake
2155 – malicious destruction of property, S. Service
2257 – assault & battery, Borgman Ave.
2317 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 167 traffic stops, 18 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 2:
0145 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0626 – missing person, Potter Dr.
0928 – follow up, Estrada
1305 – agency assist, E. Thornhill Ct.
1435 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1535 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia ave.
2042 – serve warrant, Light Tower Ct.
2315 – suspicious vehicle, S. Industrial Park Dr.
Monday, Nov. 3:
1119 – agency assist, E. Columbia Ave.
1602 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1933 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
Tuesday, Nov. 4:
0133 – agency assist, Loza/E. Huron River Dr.
0159 – sexual assault, Belle Villa
0418 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
0607 – motorist assist, W. Columbia/Church St.
1319 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1438 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1501 – background investigation, Main St.
1643 – motorist assist, Church/Roys
1734 – property damage accident, S. Industrial Pk.
2200 – follow up, Belle Villa
2202 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2215 – follow up, Ecorse
2255 – property damage accident, Menlo Park Dr.
Wednesday, Nov. 5:
1019 – civil matter, Wexford Ave.
1307 – information, S. Edgemont Ave.
1349 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1621 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1827 – property damage accident, Savage/Sheldon
1833 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1946 – suspicious vehicle, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2258 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2343 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
2352 – follow up, Ecorse
Thursday, Nov. 6:
0423 – agency assist, Shell
0900 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0920 – background investigation, Main St.
1113 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia
1119 – agency assist, Second St.
1128 – motorist assist, Sumpter
1638 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1951 – parking complaint, Bayou Grill

2051 – agency assist, Main St.
2156 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2330 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
Friday, Nov. 7:
0528 – intrusion alarm, Santa Clara St.
1009 – property damage accident, 5 Pts Minimart
1419 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1421 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.
1534 – fight, Menlo Park Dr.
1612 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
1803 – operating while intoxicated, S. Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2020 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2140 – suspicious person, South Middle School
2154 – miscellaneous complaint, Bell Cove Ct.
2155 – suspicious person, Main St.
Saturday, Nov. 8:
0311 – suspicious vehicle, Oakwood
0557 – E-911 cellular, W. Columbia Ave.
0910 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
1317 – disorderly conduct, N. Liberty St.
1552 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2122 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2126 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2142 – suspicious situation, Main St.
2300 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2323 – noise complaint, Bayou
Also on this week’s log are 50 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 2:
0500 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0523 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
0853 – family trouble, Vermont
1145 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1229 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1438 – property damage accident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1653 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1722 – warrant arrest, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1732 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1814 – warrant arrest, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1844 – warrant arrest, out of township
1908 – disorderly person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2228 – subpoena service, out of township
2302 – fire dept. assist, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2304 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Monday, Nov. 3:
0311 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville
1018 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1155 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1305 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1459 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming

1514 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1620 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, California
1924 – suspicious vehicle, Clark/Savage
2052 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2248 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Tuesday, Nov. 4:
0034 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0143 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0242 – warrant arrest, out of township
0807 – missing person report, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0837 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis / Rawsonville
0851 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0932 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1007 – breaking & entering report, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1245 – civil dispute, Tulip
1437 – traffic hazard, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1553 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1555 – civil dispute, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1918 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2042 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oregon
2154 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty
2257 – abandoned vehicle, 48000 bl. Timber Park
Wednesday, Nov. 5:
0740 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
0953 – trespassing complaint, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1359 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1443 – accidental damage report, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1704 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1834 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1846 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2042 – suspicious vehicle, Oregon/California
Thursday, Nov. 6:
0829 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1020 – well-being check, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1355 – recovered property, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1505 – suspicious vehicle, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1818 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2322 – mental health commitment, Tulip
Friday, Nov. 7:
0146 – subpoena service, Wyoming
0744 – recovered property, Carleton West/Willow
1133 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1432 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1902 – parking complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2323 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 8:
0842 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0947 – warrant arrest, 3800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1255 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1522 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
2341 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty
Also on this week’s log are 12 follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 163 patrol checks, and 37 traffic stops.

City of Booville Police Car



Photo courtesy of Richard Smith
Belleville Police Cpl. Kris Faull shows off the “Booville” version of the new Belleville police car. The special markings were on the car for one night only: Halloween.

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Boy Scouts to serve pancakes, sell wreaths in fund raising Nov. 22, 23

Boy Scout Troop 793 of St. Anthony Catholic Church will be fund raising the week end of Nov. 22 and 23.

On those two days, after all masses, they will be selling wreaths in front of the school entrance.

Wreaths of all sizes, centerpieces, and cedar roping will be available.

Also on Sunday scouts will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes at St. Anthony's Cafeteria from 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$6 for adults, with children 6 and under eating free. The breakfast includes three sausages, milk/juice or coffee. Extra sausage is 25 cents each.

"We thank you for your support in helping us to provide a quality program for the boys now and in the future," said Scoutmaster Frank Sobecki.

"We hope that everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you at our wreath sale."



Fernando Campos and Rena Xuereb of Belleville proudly announce their daughter, Ana Victoria Campos, 23, third-year law student at Wayne State University has won the Miss Malta 2015 pageant, where she was judged on appearance, poise and ability to answer questions. Ana is a 2012 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and 2008 graduate of Belleville High School. She is president of the law school student body and works at the Attorney General's office. Ana will graduate in the spring.

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