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Costco seeks approval for tax abatement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Representatives of Van Buren Township have been meeting with the State of Michigan, Wayne County, and Vantageport (Aerotropolis) to get Costco Wholesale to choose VBT as the location for its tenth depot in the nation.

Costco now plans a 347,720-square-foot building on a 71.56-acre site at the Canton Township border on the west side of Belleville Road, north of Van Born.

And, it is requesting a 50% tax abatement on its real property for eight years, which totals a \$393,152 abatement, and 50% on its personal property for eight years, which totals \$24,208.53.

Costco's building will not be a store or a warehouse, but a distribution facility where 200 trucks per day will enter, load up, and leave, with 95% in and out the same day, according to Peter Kahn, Assistant Vice President of Real Estate for Costco.

He said the operation would run from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., with most of the trucks in and out before noon. By 3 p.m. there is no activity, he said.

Kahn was present for the April 14 work/study session of the VBT board of trustees when the project was discussed.

The new depot will include a dry depot, wet depot, office, engine room/electrical room, and guard booth. There will be lots of loading docks.

He said typically Costco likes to build from the ground up, noting their depot people are "a persnickety group."

That's the answer Kahn gave when Trustee Phil Hart asked if there wasn't an existing vacant facility in the township that they could use.

He said the jobs will include nine management/professionals at a \$80,600

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Photo courtesy Belleville Central Business Community

Bunnies everywhere

On Saturday there was a long line of children waiting to have their pictures taken with Flop E. Bunny without charge at the gazebo in Victory Park in Belleville. Here, Anneliese Collins, 3, is held by her aunt Rachel Shevrovich, both of Belleville. The annual event was put on by the Belleville Central Business Community and the City of Belleville and featured candy hunts and a visit by the Belleville Fire and Police departments, so the children could climb on the equipment.

Library Board sets May 1 session about DNR site

A 7 p.m. meeting at the library has been set for Thursday, May 1, by the Belleville Area District Library Board to announce the latest information on the DNR lakeside property, the proposed site for a new



library. On April 12 Sumpter Township children greeted the Easter Bunny at a free party and egg hunt at Graham Park, put on by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.

library.

At a special meeting Tuesday in Sumpter Township the board passed all the legal paperwork necessary to put the library's bond issue and operating millage on the Aug. 5 ballot – both for 20 years.

Tax proposals are for 1.08 mills the first year for the bond and 1.0 additional mill for the operating expenses – that is in addition to the 0.7 mill taxpayers already pay for operation of the present library.

VBT OKs rezoning for Clark gas station

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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It looks like Joseph Nasser is finally getting his wish.

For more than 10 years Nasser has been seeking permission from Van Buren Township officials to upgrade his tiny Clark gas station on the corner of Hull and Sumpter roads.

At the township board's April 15 meeting, the board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an amendment to the township zoning ordinance for a Rezoning with Conditions. There was no discussion on the subject.

After the second reading of the ordinance, presumably at the township board's May 6 meeting, the approval will be finalized.

That rezoning is for about 1.01 acres also known as 15400 Sumpter Road. It will be rezoned from C (local business) that doesn't allow a gas station to C-1 (general business) that does.

In 2006 the state authorized a new form of rezoning -- Rezoning with Conditions -- where the applicant restricts allowed uses on the property in perpetuity through a contract with the township.

Nasser prepared a contract and the VBT Planning Commission voted unanimously on Jan. 22 to recommend its approval by the township board. It finally got to the board for action three months later.

Nasser will have to come back to the planning commission for site plan approval.

The Clark gas station was built in 1967 and is 400 square feet on 1.01 acres.

Nasser bought the place in 2003 and has been asking the township for permission to upgrade it ever since. The township always said no.

The size was a problem, so he tried to buy some of the farmland surrounding the station, but was unsuccessful.

In 2000 the township changed the previous zoning that allowed a gas station there (C-1, general business) to a zoning that doesn't (C local business). That put the site into non-compliance and while he could continue to operate, if the place

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Costco

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salary (these will be employees from other facilities so they are experienced); eight clerical/service at a \$42,600 salary; 73 operators at a \$42,600 salary; and 20 laborers at a \$31,200 salary.

When it's time to hire they will open an office on site, put up a sign, pass out applications, and hold interviews, he said.

Off-site improvements will include a new traffic signal, improvements to Belleville Road, and a new access driveway and sidewalk.

The project requires a rezoning from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial) and that was the topic of the public hearing to be held April 23 before the planning commission.

Costco is working with Wayne County about adding a traffic light at the intersection of Belleville Road and its entrance road.

Costco also has a request before the board of trustees for Real and Personal Property Tax Abatements.

The tax abatement issue is scheduled to be on the agenda of the May 6 township board meeting.

Costco plans to invest \$40 million in real property and \$4.088 million in personal property for a total of more than \$44 million.

It is asking to set up an Industrial Development District and for an eight-year tax abatement of 50% on the real and personal property tax to the township.

VBt Assessor Linda Stevenson said the estimated township tax on the real property each year would be \$98,288 and times eight years equals \$786,304. Half of that is \$393,152.

Stevenson said the personal property tax may go away altogether in 2016 if the voters pass the state ballot proposal in August.

Supervisor Linda Combs said the Costco representative wanted changes to the tax abatement agreement and the paperwork was sent on to township attorney Patrick McCauley.

McCauley told the board he's talked to the Costco attorney and he will bring the changes to the board. He said the township's standard agreement has wording that allows for changes.

"It's untypical to change [the agreement] ... with the exception of Visteon," said Trustee Phil Hart.

McCauley outlined the requested changes having to do with what taxes Costco has to pay if they vacate, audit changes, and state tax appeals.

Kahn said they want to start construction this summer and open next spring. He said it takes them 6-8 months and, "We're pretty quick."

He said the construction managers will be from Chicago and they will go out for bids from local contractors.

Clark station

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burned down he couldn't rebuild a gas station.

At a public hearing Jan. 23, 2013, Nasser said VBT Planning and Economic Development Director Bryce Kelley told him to wait until the South Side Master Plan was done in 2010, so he did. Then, Kelley left his position.

Kelley's successor Dan Swallow "had compassion" according to Nasser and said to go through Wayne County, so he did and got plot approval from the county and a sewer permit from the county and VBT.

After a 2009 public hearing, Swallow said he would confer with Nasser to see if he wants to move forward with a rezoning request with conditions, but Rezoning with Conditions was not mentioned at the early 2013 public hearing.

But, that's exactly what brought his success – the Rezoning with Conditions provision that was signed into law in Michigan in 2006.

Nasser and the present VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Arthur Mullen brought the 6-page request to the planning commission, which unanimously approved it on Jan. 22 after a public hearing the month before.

It then went to the township attorney for review and got to the board for approval on April 15.

Nasser's Rezoning with Conditions proposed seven conditions, including paving from the middle of Sumpter Road west for 210 feet of Hull Road along the north border of the gas station property; building a gabled roof building made of brick and stone all around the present building, matching the fire station design across the street; closing the north driveway on Sumpter Road to leave just one curb cut on Sumpter; leaving the gas canopy in its current location; and stating the location is only going to be a gas station/convenience store site -- forever.

Carol Kuzara, a backdoor neighbor to the property, spoke against Nasser's plan, as she has every time he has come up with a plan for the project over the years.

She said she believes the interpretation of the state law on Rezoning with Conditions is that the conditions need to be more strict.

"I have been burned severely by the township on the property next to me ... and this becomes another thorn in my side," Kuzara said.

At the public hearing Dec. 11, Kuzara went over the items in Nasser's plan and commented on each provision, including reduced setbacks.

She said friends feel the township is going to do whatever it wants to do and she is wasting her time in opposing this.



Photo courtesy of Toby Leis

On April 15, the driver of a car southbound on Belleville Road suffered a seizure and crashed his vehicle into a double fence in front of Armstrong's Funland, just north of Tyler Road, destroying 75-100' of the fencing. Funland's sign was also torn up. Owner Leonard Armstrong estimates damage at from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The driver, who suffered a small cut on his hand, got out of the hospital on Thursday, April 17, and came by Armstrong's to apologize and offer to help clean up. Plumber Toby Leis and apprentice Caleb Windiate were working at Funland with Armstrong at the time of the crash. Leis marveled that the ambulance arrived in only 4.5 minutes. Van Buren Township fire and police also rushed to the scene.

"I'm idealistic, sentimental," Kuzara said, adding she wants to fight having to move out of Van Buren Township.

"I hate to think what the township would look like if we all chose our own setbacks," Kuzara said.

Also at the Dec. 11 hearing, Judy Bell, who runs a rose farm on Hull west of the gas station, said she has no objection to Nasser putting up an improved building. She said the township is going to need businesses, especially if "those Visteon bonds have to be paid."

Bell said Nasser has a well-maintained gas station in Sumpter Township and he is willing to put up a building that will be an asset to the Van Buren community.

At that Dec. 11 public hearing, Nasser thanked planning consultant Sally Hodges and Mullen: "You got me this far and that's very far for me..."

At the April 15 meeting, Nasser arrived a few minutes late and did not witness the board finally approving his rezoning. He told the board he called the township hall to find out what time the meeting was and he said he was told it was 7:30 p.m. It actually started at 7 p.m.

Also, Director Mullen was reportedly "stuck in traffic" and so was late for the meeting. Supervisor Linda Combs filled in and presented the item on the agenda. Trustee Jeff Jahr noted that the item was discussed in some detail at a work study meeting some weeks ago, so there was no discussion on the project. Work-study

meetings are not cablecast.

During its 29-minute meeting on April 15, the board also:

- Heard Supervisor Combs compliment Clerk Leon Wright for being appointed a member at large to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) board, serving until Dec. 31, 2016;

- Heard Timothy King of Ypsilanti Township explain his dream of having a state-funded memorial to honor the Willow Run Bomber Plant and those who worked there. He asked the board to support his project as other boards have done and to sign his petition to the governor asking for the funds. He said it is not political and Democrats and Republicans are working together and it has been endorsed by the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus, as well. Supervisor Combs said she has his name and number and would get back to him.

- Heard Reg Ion thank everyone who took part in the recent basketball game to benefit St. Vincent DePaul. He said about \$6,000 was raised. Ion said 53 police and fire fighters from the tri-community participated. Ion also asked about the fence that is still missing on the Ecorse Service Drive. He said cars are driving across that area to get on Ecorse Road. He also pointed out that the corner of Beck and Ecorse is a high-accident area and the towing company doesn't pick up the broken bumpers, aluminum rim pieces and other things which are left on the roadway. She said the towing company will be contacted.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter board hears about new project in VBT

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Donnie Swinson gave a report on the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed to represent Sumpter at the Chamber and so he gives regular reports.

This time his report was about all the new construction projects in Van Buren Township. Apparently, VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd reported to the Chamber on the Costco depot, Auto Zone store, and a new Menards.

Menards? VBT residents have been waiting impatiently for any news of Menards and it's first announced publicly in Sumpter?

Swinson said Menards will be in the vacant land next to Walgreens and stretch back around Atchinson Ford. And, it plans to open next summer.

Now, we all know Menards hasn't been mentioned at any public meeting in VBT since it abandoned its proposed site on the North I-94 Service Drive a few years back.

We continue to get calls from people anxious to know about Menards. Now we can quote the Sumpter report for the announcement on VBT's Menards.

Everything is so secret in VBT. We do know for sure no approvals have been given for Menards by any boards or commissions in VBT.

Must be coming soon.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On April 12, the Michigan State University rowing team held its rowing competitions on Belleville Lake instead of the Grand River in East Lansing because of icing on the Grand.

Usually, we just see the University of Michigan teams and their competitions on Belleville Lake.

Attorneys are saying that the 20 felony cases against disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White probably won't be over for a year, depending on whether or not he pleads guilty.

One of our readers sent me an email bemoaning the sign she just saw in a building right at the entrance to the City of Belleville. It was announcing a tobacco shop with hookahs. She said that sure doesn't reflect the image she would like for her town, adding:

"How about a nice little grocery store, someplace to walk for real fruits and vegetables? I almost called Main Street Flowers one day to ask Jane if she still makes fruit baskets and did she have two bananas she could sell me?"

At the Belleville DDA meeting last week, City Councilman Tom Fielder was talking about how busy the crosswalk is across Main Street near Fourth Street. He said recently he worked four days at the museum because Director Katie Dallos was out of town. He could see those crossing the street there. He said it is the most-used crosswalk in town.

Then a story was told about how Councilwoman Kim Tindall was at Egan's when she saw a man park his vehicle over



the crosswalk. She told him to move his vehicle or she would have to call the police to enforce the no-parking there. He pulled away and then a Main Street businessman pulled up and parked there.

At that DDA meeting, Councilman Fielder also told about how Ghost Busters of Michigan spent part of the night in the basement of the museum, where the jail used to be. Fielder said they reported they heard a whisper when they got down there. He said they reported that the museum is definitely haunted, but with friendly spirits. "They verified there are spirits in the basement," Fielder said. Then he started talking about the cameras and lights and intricate gadgets they used. He was interrupted by engineer Dave Vallier with, "Yeah. We saw the movie."

Oh, yes. "Ghost Busters" showed it all.

In a memo to the VBT Planning Commission on April 23, Arthur Mullen, Director of Planning and Economic Development, announced the death of Richard Sloan at the age of 89. Mr. Sloan was a developer who was one of the first property owners to develop property along Belleville Road, starting 40 years ago.

He owned a majority of the property in this southern part of the downtown district. Mullen said the township is actively working with interested parties to develop some of Mr. Sloan's remaining vacant parcels.

Mullen also noted that a Staff Review of Menards was postponed due to a family emergency of their project team leader. The property that was the site for the Menards project in the past was owned by Mr. Sloan. Menards? That project is alive again? Keep tuned. We'll let you know when we know. Also, some ideas for the former Big Boy site are being discussed with the township.

I received an email from a reader on April 14 reporting she saw someone's post that they dropped their kid off at a "powerless school ... Think Edgemont."

My correspondent asked how they could have school with no power? She knows that Keystone closed. She said the post said something about the students being transported to the high school.

Actually, the electricity was off at three schools that morning: Edgemont, Owen, and Savage. The windows let in enough light at Edgemont and Owen to continue and they sent out for pizza for lunch, which was a treat. Savage windows were too small and so the kids got bused to the high school. They treated it as a field trip and had a great time, I'm told. Then, in the early afternoon the power was on again and they went back to their school.

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Letters

FMAR explains homeless cats project

To the Editor:

Whether you live in the country or the city, the cat overpopulation continues to soar out of control. Homeless cats locally and globally often referred to as "community cats" or "free roaming cats" are in need of our help. With people continuing to lose their homes, the strays are becoming more visible in our neighborhoods. Through no fault of their own, these cats find themselves homeless, hungry, breeding and often considered a nuisance and dispensable.

Years ago, the only acceptable solution was to trap and kill, now considered an outdated and cruel practice. Thankfully more and more rescue groups are focusing on the free-roaming cat problem realizing that the most humane way to help them is through a program called "Trap-Neuter-Return" or TNR, which ends the breeding cycle. Even if you dislike cats, this is a win/win situation. You will see less and less of them during the day. The males will stop spraying and roaming during the middle of the night with their crazy yowling and mating sounds.

By neutering and spaying, you stop the cycle of kittens by the "vacuuming effect", letting the cats that are already there live out their lives and eventually die of natural causes. On a good note, all cats that are TNR'd receive a rabies vaccination keeping them healthier and creating a healthy and safe environment for both feline and the communities they live in. The average life expectancy of a free-roaming cat is about 5 years. Universally identifying a TNR cat is easy by looking for their "tipped" left ear. The tip of their left ear will be gone showing you that the cat has been trapped, altered, and returned to their colony.

Approximately 70% of cats who enter

our nation's animals control facilities and shelters are killed. For feral cats, the rate rises to virtually 100%. Most people are unaware of the overcrowding problem that rescues and shelter face very day. It is estimated that 80% of cats and kittens surrendered to shelters come from stray or free roaming cats. Only 23% of shelter cats/kittens are adopted and only 2% are returned to their family. Allowing a female cat to have litters and giving them away free only compounds this problem. Yes, homes were found, but an average of 5 unaltered kittens were sent into the world to reproduce. Please keep in mind that adopting from a rescue you will get a spay/neutered and at least the kitten's first vaccination for a small fee that is usually much less that you would pay to get that "free" kitten altered with its first vaccination.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is a non-profit organization that works with the community to reduce the cat overpopulation with donations to sustain our TNR program. In our second quarter we already passed the 200 TNR mark with a goal of 500 plus TNR's completed by year end. We work with the Huron Valley Humane Society (HVHS) in Ann Arbor, Michigan and for \$25 our TNR cats receive a spay/neuter and rabies vaccination. We also house them until they are ready to be released. This could be as little as two days or as long as it takes for us to make sure they are healthy enough to be returned.

As you can imagine, some of these cats have never had a vaccination and many come to us with multiple health issues. We do our best to ensure they are healthy enough to return to their colonies before releasing them. This may mean an additional expense of antibiotics, de-wormers, vitamins etc. We also need supplies such as disposable pads, food, gas, traps, vehicle repair, and upkeep on our TNR facility. Last year our TNR budget was over \$35,000 and it looks like we will surpass that budget this year. This community service is one of the most important projects we undertake so we are passionate about keeping it going. We thank your community for their support and passion to help us continue to make it possible. If you would like more information or have a feral colony you need help with please give us a call.

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The concert, titled "America ... Memories of Yesteryear," will present songs of Americana ranging from 19th century patriotic and folk favorites to old turn of the century and mid-20th century Tin Pan Alley and pop standards.

The concert will be performed at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

Performing will be the adult chorus plus the Belleville Community Chorus Children's Chorus and the Teen Ensemble. Director is Sue Hiser and accompanist is Paul Bowling.

Special guest performers this year will be the Washtenaw Community College Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Joseph D. Daniel.

As always, the concert is free, although donations are encouraged and sponsors are welcome.

The Belleville Community Chorus will reciprocate the appearance of the WCC Chamber Singers by performing at their concert on Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in Towsley Auditorium on the WCC campus in the Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.



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Raymond R. Boggess

RAYMOND RALPH BOGGESS

(October 6, 1947 – April 17, 2014)

Raymond R. Boggess, age 66, of Belleville, April 17, 2014. Loving husband of Mary Boggess. Loving father of Lisa (Fred) Stocks, Ray Boggess Jr., Doug (Tina) Boggess, Theresa (Peb) Crowder, Mark Boggess and Danny Carden. Dear grandfather of Amanda, Amber, Michael, Brian, Sabrittany, Josh, Ashley, Dougie, Hannah, Leyah, Izzy, Chase, Abby. He is also survived by his sister Shirley (Joe) Gorecki. Brother-in-law JR Jackson. He was preceded in death by his brothers Marlin and Jerry and sister Pat Jackson, parents Wilson and Beulah Boggess, and one grandchild Ryan. Visitation was on Monday, April 21, 2014, 1-5:30 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2667. Service was Monday, April 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m. He was taken by Horse-Drawn Carriage to Michigan Memorial Park for interment.

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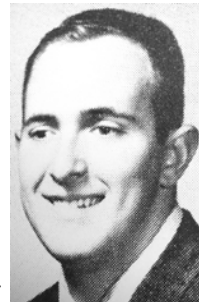
By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Herman L. Wilkins was killed in Marine Corps boot camp, probably beaten to death, said his friend Eddie Sikes.

Wilkins graduated from Belleville High School in 1965 and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He was dead by July 2, one day short of his eighteenth birthday.

Sikes, BHS class of 1966, also became a Marine and he knows what it was like in boot camp in those days. From Wilkins' injuries Sikes is convinced the big, strong, lively, friendly teen was set upon by fellow recruits and beaten. The government told his parents it was a heat stroke and some preexisting physical conditions that caused his death, Sikes recalled.

However he died, Sikes has always mourned his friend because he felt Wilkins was cheated of life.



Herman L. Wilkins

ROBERT FRANK LEWANDOWSKI

(October 3, 1928 - April 19, 2014)

Age 85, lifelong Belleville resident. Survived by wife Mary; children Barbara, Deborah, Ann Marie; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and brother Jerry. Cremation rites accorded. Brown Funerals

"He never went to war, never got to be a hero, never knew a girlfriend, was not on a memorial wall," Sikes said. "All he got was a small marker in a cemetery."

"He was a big, sweet man. If he could get some recognition almost 50 years later, it would be great. Maybe some people would remember Herman Wilkins, Class of 1965, Belleville High."

Sikes said Wilkins was survived by his brother and sister, Larry and Sylvia.

Terri Lyman Squires also has a story to tell about Herman and Eddie.

"My brother-in-law Eddie Sikes is a Marine. Whoorah! Unfortunately, he lost a friend, Herman, back in 1965 during active service," Squires begins.

"Eddie, who is from Belleville, MI, moved to Kissimmee, FL with his wife Janet Squires years ago. They come back to Michigan to visit family often."

"After many unsuccessful attempts, Eddie could not find where Herman was laid to rest."

"My father passed away Dec. 24, 1984. When Janet and Eddie were visiting a few years ago, we went to my father's grave in Hillside Cemetery on Christmas Eve to celebrate his life," Terri said.

"As I got out of the car, I saw a flag that had fallen over. The ground was frozen and I was having a difficult time placing the flag back in the ground. Eddie asked what I was doing. I told him a soldier's flag fell."

"Eddie, a big, strong, handsome Marine, placed the flag back in the ground with ease. He then wiped the snow off the grave marker and we both read it... There was HERMAN! He is buried only three



markers from my father. What a night to celebrate!"

Herman Wilkins' senior picture is printed in the 1965 BHS yearbook and shows pictures of him on the Track Team and the Weightlifting Club. He also had participated in the Bowling Club as a freshman.

Sikes was on the Weightlifting Club with Wilkins. A notation in the yearbook said the club was for those not on varsity teams that were pulled out of the halls to give "purpose and guidance for their energy."

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Nathan Vinarcik, 12, working for Boy Scout Conservation Award

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Nathan Vinarcik, 12, of Van Buren Township, is working for a Hornaday Conservation Award through his Boy Scout Troop 237 in New Boston.

Nathan is raising awareness for proper household hazardous materials disposal by distributing flyers informing people of the dangerous effects that improper disposal has on the environment.

His goal is to encourage people to form good habits about proper hazmat disposal.

Nathan also is encouraging people to participate in Household Hazardous Waste Day at Wayne County Community College District's Western Campus at 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township.

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will be accepting household hazardous waste from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

As an extra incentive, Nathan said if a person fills out one of the flyers he left at the VBT Hall and Belleville Area District Library, that person will be eligible for a drawing. The flyer needs to be turned in to the Scout or American Heritage Girl representative at the collection site.

Nathan said he is giving away five Camp cards to participants. The cards offer discounts at local merchants.

The flyer he is distributing has information

for the May 3 hazardous waste event at WCCCD on one side and the application for the raffle on the other side.

Items that are acceptable for the May 3 collection include: household paints, stains, dyes; floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner; furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents; pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, glue; fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides; antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, propane tanks; automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types); fire extinguishers, smoke detectors; mercury thermometers, thermostats and elementary mercury.

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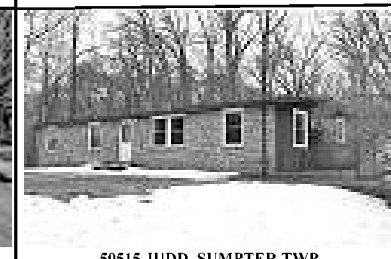
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Court Watching:

Spring Arbor resident told to keep his pants on and stay out of trouble

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

On April 16 at 34th District Court in Romulus the following tri-community cases were among those handled by Judge David M. Parrott.

Belleville

Rodney Keith Burke, 34, from Spring Arbor, made a plea deal that could get him out of trouble.

He pleaded “no contest” to being drunk and disorderly on Jan. 25, since he said he had no memory of the incident. He originally was charged with obscene conduct.

Burke testified that he was in Belleville that night to celebrate a buddy’s birthday. He said he “moonied” a lady at a gas station and this was not one of the highlights of his year.

Judge Parrott ordered court costs and fines of \$375 and said he would take sentencing under advisement for three months. Judge Parrott warned Burke, “Keep your pants on, watch what you’re drinking and stay out of trouble.”

If Burke stays out of trouble for three months, his record will be cleared.

Van Buren Township

Deon Lemont Cooper, 39, stood with his attorney Thomas Moors for a preliminary exam on charges of possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana, improperly transporting medical marijuana in a vehicle, and driving while license suspended-2.

Cooper is known as a habitual offender and is free on \$5,000/10% bond.

Cooper’s attorney asked for a three-week adjournment (postponement) to gather additional evidence, including a video of the traffic stop.

Anthony Deeabollo Lockridge, 28, known as a habitual offender, was charged on Oct. 20 with unlawful driving away of a

motor vehicle and larceny in a building. He did not show up for his preliminary exam, so Judge Parrott signed a warrant for his arrest.

Christina Marie Miller, 33, standing with her attorney Brendon DeBolski, waived her right to a preliminary exam on charges of delivery/manufactured schedule-4 controlled substances.

An April 30 arraignment on the information was scheduled at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. She is free on a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond.

Chad Allen, 40, known as a habitual offender, was bound over for an April 30 arraignment on the information at circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on charges he operated a vehicle while intoxicated charge-3, drove while license suspended-2, and possession of marijuana.

Vinson Andrea Amerson’s charges of domestic violence and assault and battery against her sister will be decided at a bench trial at 34th District Court on May 7. Vinson said she paid for her sister’s bus ticket to move to Kansas after the incident, is homeless, and would not be in court for the scheduled pretrial exam.

Samuel Maurice Banks, 32, will return to 34th District Court on May 28 to face domestic violence and assault by strangulation charges.

Belleville Museum sets Antique Appraisal Day for May 15 at VBT Hall

An Antique Appraisal Day to benefit the Belleville Area Museum will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 15, at the Van Buren Township Hall.

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With spring in full bloom, the folks at **Robson's Greenhouse** are open for another season on Haggerty Road just north of Tyler Road. Choose from hardy spring flowers to shade plants, annuals, vegetables, patio pots, hanging baskets and custom container planting. Owners **Lynn and Arleen Robson** and family have been operating the business there since 1929.

They're open at 8 a.m. seven days a week, too. Call (734) 397-2252.

In southwest Sumpter, the folks at **Zywicki Greenhouses** open their doors this Saturday, offering a great selection of bedding plants and flowers, flats, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, rose bushes and much more. They're located on Willow Road, just east of Rawsonville Road and open every day, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The family owned business has been growing plants for more than 50 years. Call (734) 461-6197.

Belleville Auto Supply in the **Davenport Industrial Plaza** on Sumpter Road is an Auto Value Parts Store providing everything from heavy duty truck parts to small engine parts, and everything for the do-it-yourself mechanic. Owner **Doug O-Leary** offers express delivery service, too, fleet discounts, and online orders. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 697-3151.

The **11th Annual Italian Bistro Night** will take place this Saturday, April 26, at 5:30 at the **Yankee Air Museum's Collections & Exhibit Building** at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and \$40 at the door. Music will be provided by The Couriers and the EMU Swing Club. Call (734) 483-4030.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 15, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of nine (9).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 31, 2014; Closed Session Minutes March 31, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2014; Voucher List of April 15, 2014] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Delaney questioned what the Belleville Area District Library item on the voucher list was for and the Board clarified this is tax money collected from the Belleville Area District Library millage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-15-14 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance through Rezoning with Conditions of approximately 1.01 acres of land parcel ID # V125-83-129-99-0002-002, also known as 15400 Sumpter Road, located at southwest corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business). Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 04-15-14 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2014 in observance of Good Friday. Also, yard waste curbside pick-up began the week of April 7th. Supervisor Combs made the following announcements. Clerk Wright has been appointed to the Michigan Municipal Risk

Management Authority (MMRMA) Board to fill the vacant Individual Member At-Large seat on the Board of Directors and the Board congratulated Clerk Wright on his appointment. The Belleville Area Museum presents Russell Dore' at the September Days Senior Center on Wednesday, April 30th at 1:00 p.m. and the museum is looking for historical information on Tri-Community current or defunct, clubs and organizations for upcoming exhibit, for more information contact Katie Dallos at 734-697-1944. Public Safety IT Coordinator, Ken Dandy is competing in the Boston Marathon next Monday and will be representing the Public Safety Department and our community.

Trustee Miller announced the Tri-Community National Day of Prayer "One Voice United Prayer" on May 1st at Victory Station in the City of Belleville from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Treasurer Budd announced the Annual Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Building behind Township Hall. Residents can obtain vaccinations and purchase dog license.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Non-Agenda Items started at 7:14 p.m. and ended at 7:28 p.m. Comments were made on the following topics: Proclamation in support of funding for a

Willow Run Memorial regarding Bomber Plant and B-24 Bomber for significant funding from the State of Michigan; potential sale of EQ and request to keep EQ Host Agreement in effect; Saint Vincent DePaul basketball game fundraiser raised approximately \$6000 a thank you to Police and Fire Fighters who participated noting the Fire Fighters won the basketball game; missing fence along Ecorse Road and Service Drive; removal of debris from roadway and surrounding area after accidents.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN REZONING ORDINANCE 4-15-14

First reading of Ordinance 4-15-14; Second reading for adoption will be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Board of Trustees Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 4-15-14

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning approximately 1.01 acres of land consisting of parcel V-125-83-129-99-0002-002 from C (Local Business) all C-1 (General Business) by Rezoning With Conditions.

Legal Description of Property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST _ SECTION 33, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 33, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 210.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF HULL ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE); THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 210.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 210.00 FEET TO A POINT OF EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SUMPTER ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG SAID LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 210.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 1.0 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OF LESS, BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN HULL ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE) AND SUMPTER ROAD (66.0 FEET WIDE), AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD (PARCEL I.D. # 83-129-99-0002-002).



This property is located at the southwestern corner Sumpter and Hull Roads.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

YEAS: Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days of passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Supervisor

Published: 4/24/14

Adopted:

Effective:



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Ann Fausone running for State Representative for the 21st District was present to introduce herself and discuss her priority issues.

- Continuing Michigan's Economic Comeback
- Investing in Affordable Education
- Ensuring Quality Healthcare
- Protecting the Underserved

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-028** to allow rides in the City of Belleville fire trucks pending approval of City administration regarding the liability coverage.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve

agenda with the addition of a request from Knights of Columbus to fundraise in support of the mentally impaired and to remove Item 8E Egan's Pub use of Fourth Street Square until City Council has an opportunity to review the Special Events Ordinance.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 17, 2014 as presented.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
A. CDBG FY2014 Funding.

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-029** to open Public Hearing at 8:03 P.M. to discuss CDBG FY2014.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to close Public Hearing at 8:04 P.M.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS
A. Hold Harmless Agreement – Van Buren Township

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-030** to approve the Van Buren Township shoreline work permit & hold harmless agreement for the proposed 2014 Horizon Park water front improvements as presented.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. VFW Buddy Poppy Sales

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-031** to approve a request from Veterans of Foreign Wars to sell "Buddy Poppies" at Main and South Streets, W. Columbia at South Street light, E. Columbia at South Street light, Huron River

Drive at Main Street, W. Columbia at Main Street light, Belleville Road/Denton Road/Liberty Street light and on High Street at the Main Street intersection on May 8th, 9th, and 10th 2014 between the hours of 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. pending the review of Police Chief.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. CBC – Summer Activities

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-032** to approve CBC summer activities as follows:

- Flop "E" Bunny Candy Hunt on April 19, 2014 at Victory Park from 11:00 A.M. to 2 P.M.
- Taste of Belleville & Boat Show on August 21, 2014 at High Street and Horizon Park starting with the Bridge Walk. Set up time at 2:00 P.M. and clean up from 8-9 P.M. Requested street closure High Street at Horizon Park to stop sign at Roys Street.
- Halloween downtown on October 31st. on Main Street sidewalks and Fourth Street square from 5-7 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion for the request for Booville will be held at a later date pending specific details of the request.

D. Canton Lions Club – Fund Raising

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-033** to approve a request from Canton Lions Club to solicit for funds from April 25th to May 3rd at Main Street and Sumpter Road from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. CDBG FY2014 Funding

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-034** to approve the designations of the 2014 CDBG funds as presented.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. Knights of Columbus

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-035** to approve a tootsie roll drive

for the mentally impaired at Five Points from April 11th to April 13, 2014 during the afternoon hours.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-036** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
 Approved: April 21, 2014
 Published: April 24, 2014

Guinness World Records
officially recognizes
778 Rosie the Riveters

On Monday, the Yankee Air Museum announced that the publishers of *Guinness World Records* have officially recognized the 778 "Rosie the Riveters" who gathered at Willow Run Airport on March 29 as establishing a new world record for the most people dressed like Rosies in one place.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District # 24 and to consider the request for a Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Costco Wholesale Corporation, Van Buren Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Parcel # 83-013-99-0001-000; 83-013-99-0002-704; 83-013-99-0011-000

LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, T3S R8E, DESC AS: COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SEC 4 T3S R8E; TH ALONG THE N LINE OF SEC 4 S87D 23M 05S W 63.00 FT TO THE W RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLEVILLE RD AND THE POB; TH ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE S 01D 45M 04S E 213.09 FT; TH S87D 14M 31S W 801.00 FT; TH S01D 45M 04S E 706.99 FT; TH N87D 14M 31S E 801.00FT TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLEVILLE RD; TH ALONG SAID RIGHT OT WAY LINE S01D 45M 04S E 62.10 FT TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD; TH ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE S 76D 48M 26S W 2980.86 FT; TH N 02D 27M 37S W 1528.96 FT TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 4; TH ALONG SAID SECTION LINE N 87D 21M 51S E 327.22 FT TO THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 4; TH CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 4 N 87D 21M 51S E 498.17 TO THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 33 CANTON TOWNSHIP TOWN 2 SOUTH-RANGE 8 EAST; TH CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 4 N 87D 23M 05S E 2115.51 FT TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLEVILLE RD AND THE POB. CONTAINING 71.56 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
 Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: April 24, 2014
 May 1, 2014

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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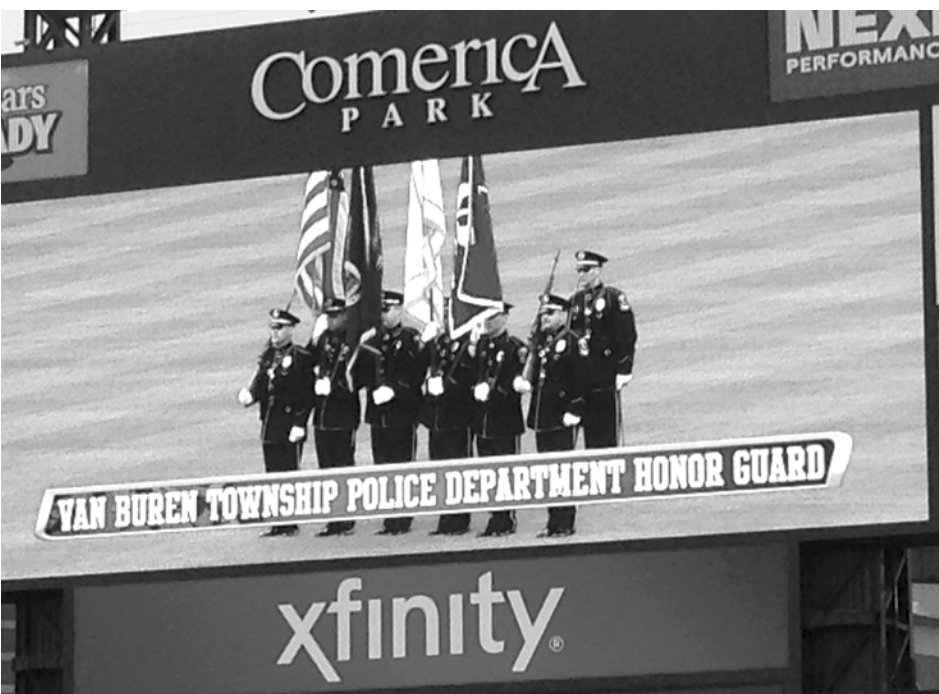
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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
 Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: April 24, 2014
 May 1, 2014



The Van Buren Public Safety Honor Guard presented the Colors Monday at Comerica Park at the third-annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night honoring the service and sacrifice of Michigan's men and women in law enforcement. Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said, "It was especially fitting to have been there to represent our department and community, but more importantly in honoring three fallen law enforcement heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, one being our own township resident Patrick Hill from Detroit PD."

Corrections: It's Kirkwood, not Kirkland

In the April 10 issue of the Independent, on page 8, we published a report on the court appearance of *Kirkwood* Phifer and then referred to him again as *Kirkland*. We got it right the first time and apologize for the error.

One of our readers said his name was *Kirkland*, too, and so noticed the error.

On the front page of the April 10 issue we said Fred and Bonnie Priebe of Van Buren Township, who play the parts of President Abe Lincoln and his wife all over the world, were expected to be in the Public Broadcasting System's showing of Ken Burns' "The Address." Wrong. Their half-hour segment about the Gettysburg Address was a promotion for the 90-minute documentary "The Address" that was shown April 15 on PBS. Fred said the promo was run April 13 on WGTV at Grand Valley State University in Allendale and when he gets a link to the segment he will share it with our readers.

Also, on the front page of the April 17 issue, we had a typographical error that said Riggs Park had about "acres acres of prairie habitat..." That should have read "about eight acres."

--Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

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Couple worries about dogs running into traffic from behind new fence

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Easter morning, a couple was driving north on Belleville Road from the Belleville Bridge when they noticed a dog running along the new fence that had been put up recently by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

They were concerned that the pudgy beagle would dart out into traffic, so the woman got out of the F-150 pickup, leaving the door open, and ran after the dog.

Her husband offered her support as he drove along slowly to keep up, yelling out the open door with tips such as, "Run faster. He's getting away."

Then, to their surprise, the dog scampered to the fence, sniffed around, and then scooted under the fence. They said the fence was at ground level in some places

and up six inches or so in other places.

The couple called the *Independent* to suggest the paper run a story encouraging people to keep their dogs penned up so they don't get run over on Belleville Road.

They said they were surprised there was room enough under the fence for a pet to escape – and then run back home again.

The woman got back in the truck and they drove around to the houses along the fence and she rang doorbells of the houses that were in the area of the escaping beagle, but no one answered their door.

There are no dispatch logs from Van Buren Township or Belleville Police due to VBT's Ken Dandy running in the Boston Marathon on Monday. Nobody else knows how to do the logs.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 13:

1105 – alarm, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1149 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1455 – 911 hangup/investigation, Rustic Ln.
1534 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1632 – larceny, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1754 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1821 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1836 – reckless driver complaint, 20000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

2107 – warrant arrest, out of township
2121 – fire dept. Assist, Washington

Monday, April 14:

0016 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0159 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0216 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0621 – alarm, Edgewood
0631 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane
0731 – traffic hazard, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0742 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry
0801 – alarm, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0909 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0910 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0943 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1000 – down wires, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1103 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1940 – subpoena service, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
2057 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2242 – down wires, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, April 15:

0138 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0422 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1237 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1255 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1525 – juvenile complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1606 – suspicious person, Sherwood/Willow
1658 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
1726 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2145 – subpoena service, 24000 bl. Carleton West
2206 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2247 – subpoena service, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

Wednesday, April 16:

0838 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1413 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1418 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1426 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1435 – warrant arrest, Creekside

1450 – warrant arrest, Timberlane
1725 – civil dispute, Oregon
1928 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1949 – warrant arrest, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

Thursday, April 17:

0055 – death investigation, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0240 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0940 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1128 – suspicious incident, Nevada
1321 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1647 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1753 – civil dispute, Oregon
1801 – suspicious incident, 88100 bl. Rawsonville
2326 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, April 18:

0004 – reckless driver complaint, Wilmot/Kozma
1439 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1501 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1509 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1615 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1728 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1907 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1925 – well-being check, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1944 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 19:

0212 – ordinance violation, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1009 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1047 – reckless driver complaint, Bemis/Haggerty
1210 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1356 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1512 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1718 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1739 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1754 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1811 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2008 – 911 hangup/investigation, Rawsonville /

Judd

2031 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2033 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2138 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2241 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2329 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville /

Willis

Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 39 miscellaneous details, 96 patrol checks, and 54 traffic stops.

"Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising."

Mark Twain

Retirement Party for Chief Gene Taylor

Friday, May 16

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner served at 7 p.m.

At

BYC Hall

831 E. Huron River Dr.
(Former Moose Lodge)

Cost: \$20 (Purchase tickets in advance before May 11)
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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 24** – The African American Book Group meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to discuss “Just Say No” by Omar Tyree.
- **Wednesday, April 30** – At 1 p.m. Russell Dore will be at the Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center to present “Billy Durant: Historic Founder of General Motors.” Tickets at \$3 include refreshments and dessert. (734) 699-8918
- **Thursday, May 1** – Join the Evening Book Group at the Belleville Area District

Library at 7 p.m. to discuss “The Roots of the Olive Tree” by Courtney Miller Santo.

• **Saturday, May 3** – Bring your household hazardous waste to Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also accepts computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and TVs. Sponsored by Wayne County and open free to county residents only.

• **Saturday, May 3** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue invites you to join them for their annual Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Information: (734) 461-9458; email: shelter1@comcast.net.

• **Saturday, May 3** – You are invited to the spring concert of the Belleville Community Chorus at 7 p.m. at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. Free. It’s called “America ...

Memories of Yesteryear.

• **Sunday, May 4** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

• **Wednesday, May 14** – Enjoy a Fried Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. to sell-out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Van Buren Public Schools (District) will receive sealed bids for:

MCBRIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL MECHANICAL AND CONTROL UPGRADE PROJECT

Bids must be delivered no later than 10:00 a.m. EST on May 7, 2014, at the Administration Building located at 555 West Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan 48111. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:15 a.m. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered, or accepted.

Beginning April 23, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. bid documents can be obtained by accessing the following email: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=e3842838ebee4e108da4ddc147c9fdc5>

Please contact Christa Jarrot at Christa.Jarrot@plantemoran.com with any questions you may have with regard to retrieving the RFP information.

All bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting with the District on April 24, 2014, starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Administration Building located at 555 West Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of 3 comparable mechanical system and control upgrade projects each with contract values in excess of \$200,000 within the last five (3) years.
- Must be technically and financially capable to execute a project of size and complexity described in the Bid Documents
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the District and must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to the District for the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All bids must be accompanied by a familial disclosure statement. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, and a familial disclosure statement WILL BE REJECTED.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

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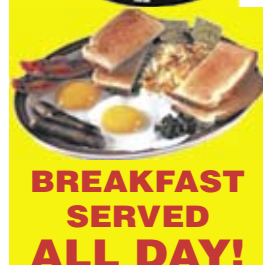
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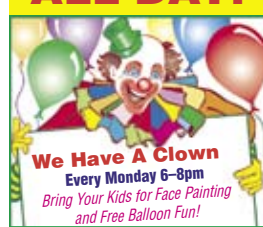
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