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Passenger dies in one-car crash in VBT

A 19-year old Ypsilanti driver was critically injured and his passenger killed when their vehicle left westbound Ecorse Road, struck a tree, and burst into flame Sunday evening.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said in a news release that VBT Public Safety Department, Ypsilanti Township Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the scene west of Denton Road at 9:41 p.m.

VBT fire fighters and HVA paramedics treated driver John Hagadom for multiple injuries and HVA transported him to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

An unidentified passenger in the vehicle was fatally injured in the crash.

The Ypsilanti Township Fire Department assisted at the scene with fire suppression and hazard control, Lt. Floro said.

A preliminary investigation by the VBT Accident Investigation Team revealed that a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt was traveling westbound on Ecorse Road when the vehicle left the roadway, struck a tree, and caught on fire.

Investigators are looking at speed and alcohol as potential contributing factors in the accident, Lt. Floro said.

The Accident Investigation Team is working with the Wayne County Medical Examiner to positively identify the victim.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the accident is asked to contact Lt. Floro at (734) 699-8915.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztzman

After Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board and members of the audience toured the new Einstein Room, a new Student Center, and a new Presentation Room at Belleville High School. These rooms will be ready for use by students starting this fall. Above, board vice president Martha Toth checks out the new physics items on a table in the middle of the room, including a Tesla Coil. At left, BHS Principal Abdul Madyun observes. At rear is Scott Wilsey, director of the BHS New Tech program and former science teacher, who explained all the new teaching tools. Behind Wilsey is the \$46,230 wind tunnel with a 145 mph velocity which was just built and transported from the east coast to be assembled at BHS. Among the other items shown were a 3D Printer, grip strength measure, projectile launcher, and high-speed camera. The ceiling grids are for future teaching tools.



School board vice president Martha Toth is a good sport and puts her hands on a Van de Graaff generator that was supposed to make her hair stand way out from her head, but it only fluffed her hair up a bit.

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Court Watching:

White arraigned in Wayne Co. Circuit Court on 20 felonies

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

On April 23, disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White appeared at 3rd Circuit Court in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for an arraignment on the information on two cases, carrying a total of 20 felony charges.

In the first case, with five charges, White, 46, is charged with altering a \$73,800 check

from Metropolitan Title Company dated Sept. 14, 2007 and made out to Judith and her now-deceased husband Leland Jordan.

White is accused of forging the Jordans' signatures, cashing the check, and stealing the cash.

The warrant on this case was signed by a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor on Sept. 6, which just beat the seven-year statute of limitations.

White, who is free on a \$50,000 personal-recognizance bond, stood with his Ypsilanti attorney Michael Vincent as Circuit Court Judge James R. Chylinski read the charges.

Official charges in the first case are uttering and publishing, larceny by conversion - \$20,000 or more, embezzlement, and two counts of identity theft.

Judge Chylinski read the charges in

White's second case, which was filed Dec. 18. They are one count of conducting a criminal enterprise and 14 additional counts of embezzlement.

White is accused of stealing an estimated \$11 million dollars from widows, families, and estate beneficiaries.

White was due back in Judge Chylinski's court at 9 a.m. April 30 for a disposition conference.

VBT DDA approves regional detention pond, \$2.5 million bonds

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

Several measures to attract business to the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority district were approved at the April 22 DDA meeting.

Regional Detention Pond

Dave Nummer from the engineering firm Wade Trim gave a progress report on the development of a regional detention pond.

The 25.77-acre proposed property, named the Heritage Oaks Nature Preserve, is currently owned by the tax-exempt Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and located between National RV and residences on the east side of Dewitt Road.

West Lake Apartments is on the north and the I-94 North Service Drive on the south.

Nummer said he has spoken with Wayne County and the county has a lot of support for the proposed project and has scheduled another meeting with them for May 14.

According to Nummer, there have been a lot of businesses that have come to the area wanting to build, but have been turned off by the cost of Wayne County's storm water management requirements.

Through questioning by the DDA Board, Nummer said the detention pond would not be pumping water. Storm water would be held in the pond at different levels and released into the drainage system when conditions improve.

Wayne County would establish and maintain a drainage district. Property owners/businesses that use the detention pond would be taxed for drain maintenance.

Nummer could not give a cost for the project but estimated \$2-3 million in construction. Engineering costs will be 10% or \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Nummer asked the DDA and was given \$30,000 for partial authorization to get started with county permits which he hopes to have by the end of 2014 so work could start and be completed in 2015.

The land on which the detention pond is being sited was deeded to the Land Conservancy in December 2009 by Ralph Krochmal, et. al., without cost as a land protection project.

The property is largely forested wetlands and provides a needed stopover site in a good quality native forest for the many songbirds that migrate through the area.

A small tributary of the Huron River flows through the site and the Huron River Watershed Council identified the property as a key site to protect through the Bioreserve Project which identifies and ranks remaining natural areas within the watershed.

\$2.5 Million in bond sales approved

Bond Counsel Robert Schwartz gave an overview on the issuance of \$2.5 million in Tax Increment Revenue Bonds. The bonds would assist with the traffic re-signalization project and other improvements to the Belleville Road Corridor.

Schwartz said any additional revenue could be used for other projects (such as the detention pond).

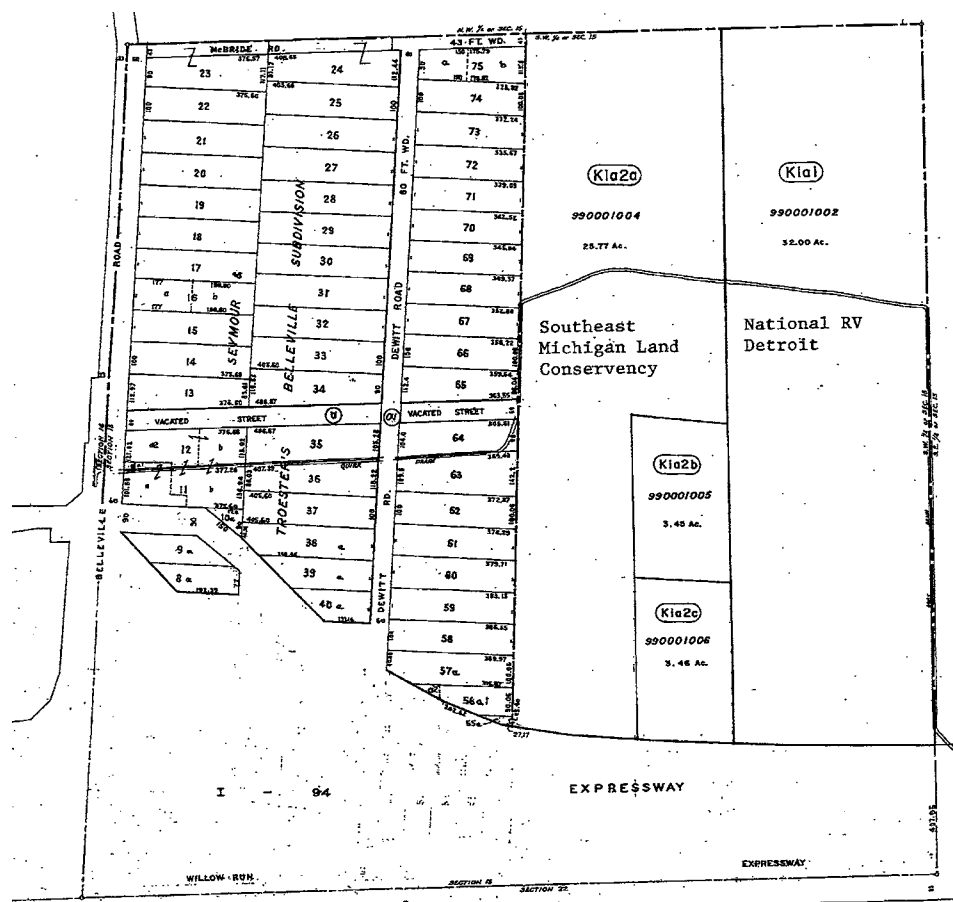
Standard and Poor's recently affirmed an A+ rating on the DDA which will stand on its own and does not need to rely on the township for backing on the bonds.

Schwartz said now is a good time to borrow as interest rates are around 4% or less. Payments on the bonds would go for 18 years until 2032. Should interest rates increase, Schwartz advised the DDA to wait for four to six weeks.

Marketing

The marketing firm Communication Associates has put together a listing of available properties in the district. The list will be posted on both the DDA and VantagePort's websites. (VantagePort is the new name for the former Aerotropolis.)

Joseph Nardone has been named the CEO for VantagePort. Nardone replaces Tim Keyes who returned to the City of Romulus to work with the new mayor and



Proposed location of the retention pond is in the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy property above.

his administration. Nardone has been the Director of Development for the Wayne County Airport Authority and has more than 20 years of experience working in the VantagePort region.

Advertising

The DDA Board approved \$950 be spent for shared advertisement costs with the City of Belleville's DDA for a 1-1/2 page ad in the Metro Detroit ASource magazine.

Part-time DDA Coordinator Position

According to DDA Director Susan Ireland, the township does not wish to proceed with efforts to hire a full-time employee to share services with the Planning and Economic Development Director Arthur Mullen.

Ireland said she does not believe it is necessary to hire a full-time DDA coordinator and asked the board to approve the job description for a part-time coordinator and advertise for the position.

The board approved her request. No pay rate was asked to be considered at this time.

Sale of Jacobs property

Ireland announced that the 7.4 acres at 11105 Quirk Road has been sold by Bob Jacobs and his family, but she didn't know who bought it.

The *Independent* learned it was sold to Belleville Development, Inc. Akram Namou, president and CPA, also owns the Holiday Inn Express and the Hampton Inn next door.

Namou, a member of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce, has not announced his plans for the property.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Development vs. birds – What do you think?

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority is in the beginning phases of a project that will put a detention pond for developers in the middle of what now is protected wetlands.

The wooded 26 acres was given to the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy in 2009 and is called Heritage Oaks Nature Preserve. It's an area where migratory songbirds stop on their way here and there.

It has a variety of trees including Silver Maple, Swamp White Oak, Northern Red Oak, Sycamore, Basswood and American Elm – and lots of insects to fuel the migrant birds.

Now, it probably will be made into a park-like area with benches and trails surrounding the pond that will satisfy Wayne County's recent penchant for drainage areas on each developing parcel.

Businesses would be able share a pond and share in paying for its maintenance. Apparently the county is on board.

The DDA is bonding for \$2.5 million on its own – apart from the township – and some of that money could be used to pay for this project. The DDA has enough money in its treasury to pay for the projects already committed to, but this bonding also will extend the DDA's life under pending state laws limiting DDAs and other TIFs.

Let the DDA know what you think about this latest project before the final deals are made and the contracts signed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A few years ago my son, Jim, bid on a vehicle in a police auction at the City of Belleville. He won the bid and got a 1995 red F-150 truck that he has fixed up, licensed and insured, and uses to haul stuff around. He likes it.

Last week, it got recalled. A truck almost 20 years old got recalled? It might catch on fire. It hasn't for 19 years. You would think Ford would put a time limit on stuff that could go bad, wouldn't you?

These are very strange times in which we live.

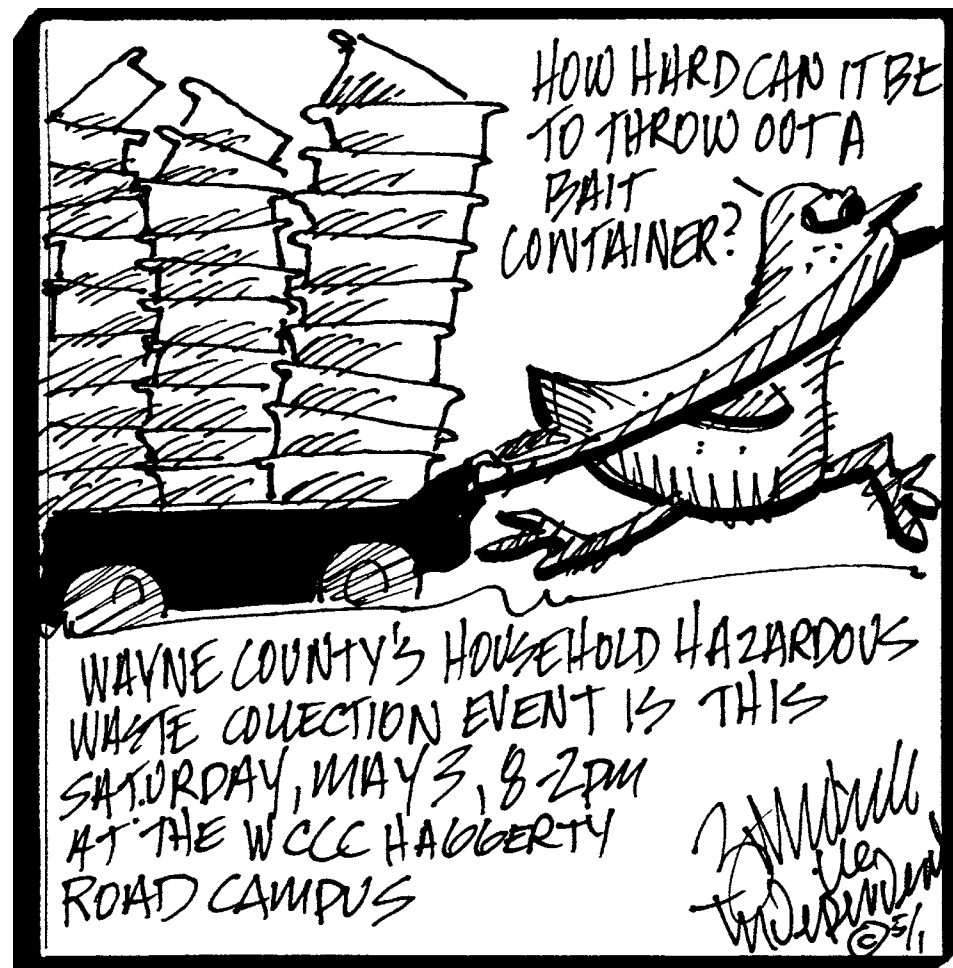
Ken Dandy, who does all the computer work for the Van Buren Township Police Department, ran in the Boston Marathon on April 21. He reported that he finished in 3:21, which was "slower than normal but there was just so much to take in [and I] didn't want to miss a second of it." Ken said it was "a phenomenal experience."

We're glad he's home, safe and sound.

Curriculum Director Diane Kullis gave a report on Monday at the school board meeting. She told of the increase in English scores for students and said the eighth, ninth, and tenth-grade students all met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark scores for English.

She said the tenth grade class PLAN score for English surpassed the national growth average by 1% and there was a 1.3% increase in their composite score.

"That's one point higher than the national average," said School Supt. Michael Van Tassel, adding, "That's the first time ever we're above the national average... I'm very



excited."

Also, during Monday's work/study session of the school board, Director Kullis held up a small-sized, bright-orange t-shirt that was like those going to be given out to all the students coming to the Kindergarten roundups at the elementary schools this week.

The lettering on the front of the shirt declares the student wearing the shirt to be a member of the Class of 2027.

It was dark by the time the Belleville Area District Library Board meeting was over on April 22. The board was meeting at the Sumpter Township Community Center and after the business was concluded, library architect Dan Whisler took people around the wing of the building that the library plans to renovate into a satellite library location, if their millage questions are passed by voters.

Some of the people were looking out the window and saying, "Too bad it's dark. There's a garden out there."

The satellite library planners have said a garden club and other volunteers could fix up the garden so library users could look out the window and see it – or even go out there and sit in the garden to read.

I remember when there were volunteers working on that garden to make it beautiful and there are engraved bricks out there in the path. I haven't seen the garden lately, but from what the architect said, it needs some sprucing up.

Even if the millages don't pass, maybe a garden club or some volunteers can spruce up the garden for the senior citizens who meet in that area.

The library board meets tonight at 7 at the library meeting room to discuss new information on getting the DNR lakeside site north of the Belleville Bridge for the proposed new library.

I understand a quitclaim deed is involved.


Our office manager Jackie Garner is back after recovering from surgery. This is her second week back full time and we are so happy to have her here.

For the three weeks she was gone, first Lee Herrmann filled in for more than a week. Then, Diane Madigan filled in for more than a week. Both were wonderful and we appreciate their efforts very much.

Jackie's job is more than just answering the phone and taking messages – much more. One of her big responsibilities is mailing out the subscriptions. Things have to be done just right or the post office can't accept the papers. Both Lee and Diane said they worried the night before the mailings, afraid something might go wrong. But, it all worked out fine.

Thanks to them both, again, for stepping up when we needed help.





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Letters

What route will those Costco trucks be using?

To the Editor:

Costco Depot Plan

I understand that a new distribution depot is planned on Belleville Road near Van Born that will add approximately 400 semi-truck trips daily (mostly in the mornings) on Belleville Road.

What routes will these trucks be using? What if half of these will be using Michigan Ave., Ecorse Road or Van Born Road to get to I-275 and the others will proceed directly south on Belleville Road to I-94?

I'm not a road/traffic engineer, but I am concerned that we already have annual road condition issues at the approaches to the I-94 overpass due to heat/poor asphalt/heavy trucks and this additional traffic will make things worse unless there is some commitment from the county to improve (i.e., use concrete) in these areas.

During the early morning departure time, I envision a long line of trucks in the south-bound right lane of Belleville Road waiting to access I-94, along with frustrated commuters.

I appreciate the new development and the almost 100 potential jobs. I hope my lack of knowledge in this area is overstating the problem, but when you add potentially 100,000-plus semi-truck trips a year on our major roadways, I hope the planners and township representatives have taken this into consideration before rezoning and providing tax relief for this venture.

Mike Renaud

Belleville Resident

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VBT protects residents by withholding addresses

To the Editor:

Sorry it has taken so long to get back with you regarding this issue of missing addresses. If you recall, I had spoken to you on March 31st Work Study Meeting at which time I advised you that we have been redacting the addresses because of prior complaints from residents that their addresses were published in your paper in the past when you printed them in the police dispatch log.

I further explained that we as an organization have a responsibility to protect the privacy of our residents and not provide exact addresses as they are printed out in our system.

Because of the large call volume we experience each week, it is very time-consuming to have our staff go through each call for service in the attempt to round up or down the addresses.

Therefore, I turned to our Township Attorney for a legal opinion shortly after we had spoken at the Work Study Meeting. Upon the conclusion of his research and at the direction of our attorney (Chris Hogg) he advises that we are not required to furnish specific addresses for private residential homes where crimes have been reported and this information is exempt under FOIA (Section 13(1)(a) and Section 13(1)(b)(iii) (MCL 15.243(1)(a) and MCL 15.243(1)(b)(iii)) as an unwarranted invasion of personal/individual privacy and do not need to disclose the residential addresses.

We will continue providing you with the weekly information you request for the police log, minus the address portion to be in compliance with our Attorney's findings. I understand that some of your readers may have concerns on some of the calls (break-ins, larcenies, etc.) and the location in relation to where they reside. In those cases they may call our department and Lt. Floro can assist them.

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To the Editor:

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Thanks to all who worked so hard to help us decorate Main Street for the season and congratulations to the very talented winners:

- in the "Business" category, Michigan PC Tech;
- in the "Organization-Adult" category, Belleville Area Museum; and


- in the "Organization-Youth" category, American Heritage Girls Troop MI0413.

As is always the case, events like this can't happen without the hard work and help of many people. Thanks so very much to the City of Belleville administration and staff, Michigan PC Tech, Becky Hasen, Steve Jones, Angie Renaud, Kim Tindall, and, of course all the talented folks who decorated a Hare!

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Obituaries



Christyal Gayle Allgood

CHRISTYAL GAYLE ALLGOOD

(October 18, 1979 - April 6, 2014)

Christyal Gayle Allgood, age 34, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Christyal was a graduate of Belleville High School class of 1999 and she touched many people in her life.

She is survived by her parents Ricky and Vickie (Stoops) Allgood of Ypsilanti; a brother Erick Allgood and fiancé DaShanda Reed of Belleville; future nieces Ana, Jackie, and Baby LeeAna; and grandparents Charles and Mary Stoops of Forest, VA. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by Grandparents Otto and Inez Allgood and her high school sweetheart Steven Curtis Hubbard on December 25, 2013.

Services were held on April 9, 2014 at Metro Baptist Church in Belleville. Cremation has taken place.



Darrel Lee Calhoun

DARREL LEE CALHOUN

(October 31, 1950 - April 26, 2014)

Darrel Lee Calhoun, age 63, a Belleville resident for over 30 years, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2014. He was born Tuesday, October 31, 1950 in Trenton, MI, son of the late Conley and Katie (Tackett) Calhoun.

He is survived by daughter Destiny Meyer of Belleville; three grandchildren Tyler Moran, Preston Kochan, and Brandon Marz and sister Fran Calhoun all of Belleville; long-time best friend Oakie Cinnamon; aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Dale Calhoun and Baby Boy Calhoun.

Darrel enjoyed riding motorcycles, but most of all he loved spending time with his daughter and grandchildren and will be dearly missed.

Visitation was Monday, April 28, 2014 from 1-8 P. M. and Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 9:00-9:30 A. M. followed by a funeral service at 9:30 A.M. at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery Canton, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to David C. Brown Funeral Home to help defray funeral expense. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Wayne Anthony Lybeck

WAYNE ANTHONY LYBECK

(August 26, 1936 - April 27, 2014)

Wayne Anthony Lybeck, age 77, a Belleville resident for 60 years, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2014. He was born Wednesday, August 26, 1936, son of the late Anthony and Margaret Lybeck.

He was proud Veteran of the United States Air Force. After his service he was a pilot on a 727 for Republic Airlines until he retired. He was a life member of the Belleville Moose, member of the Van Buren Eagles, a member of the American Legion, and a Charter member of the Huron Valley Conservation Association. He was a generous friend to many and will be dearly missed by all.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. followed by a 1:00 P.M. funeral service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville with Deacon Peter Cornell officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



EDWARD EDESEL CRIPE

(September 2, 1929 - April 24, 2014)

Age 84, a Belleville resident for over 50 years. Survived by daughter Bonnie Cook of Jackson, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and brother Earl Cripe. David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, Belleville.




Priscilla J. Nerswick

PRISCILLA J. NERSWICK

(March 10, 1933 - February 14, 2014)

A memorial will be held May 10 at 1 p.m. with a luncheon to follow at Free Will Baptist Church, 410 Oregon Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

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Obituaries



Edmond V. Lauth, Jr.

EDMOND V. LAUTH, JR.

(May 8, 1927 - April 23, 2014)

Edmond V. Lauth, Jr., age 86, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at MediLodge of St. Clair in East China Township, MI. He was born Sunday, May 8, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, son of the late Edmond and Monica (Jablonski) Lauth, Sr. Edmond is survived by six children Pamela (Pete) Mendis of Britton, MI, Janice (Dan) Welt of Belleville, MI, Paul Lauth of Belleville, MI, Mark (Donna) Lauth of Belleville, MI, Cecelia (Chuck) Lauth of Green Valley, AZ, Sharon (Mark) Innes of Belleville, MI, 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; brother Richard (Eunice) Lauth of Brooklyn, MI, 3 sisters; Judy Nunn of Farmington, MI, Carole Magreta of St. Helen, MI, Gerry Svoboda of Livonia, MI, many nieces & nephews, and companion Mary Rose Damato of East China, MI.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gloyce in 2012, brother Conrad Lauth, two sisters Marie Elliot and Delphine Chichowlas.

Edmond served his country during WWII in the Navy. Before leaving the area he was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville and their Men's Club. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a leader of the Boy Scouts of America Troop #793. Edmond also was a Little League coach in Van Buren Township. He enjoyed the outdoors, golfing, and going to the casino. Edmond especially loved his garage and cars.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 10 to 11 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, MI, followed by a memorial service at 11 AM, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as the officiate. Final resting place will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

Donations may be made to Yankee Air Museum and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for Edmond's family to cherish at www.davidebrownfh.com.

More Letters

Today is Nat'l Day of Prayer at Victory Station

To the Editor:

Today, Thursday, May 1, is National Day of Prayer. Our entire nation will be observing this event today.

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Come and pray for our nation's healing and all our elected officials.

Our theme this year is "One Voice - United in Prayer."

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Things to keep in mind as we approach election

To the Editor:

Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township are in the midst of a major project that I hope will affect our communities far into the future - planning for a new and expanded main library and a south satellite library.

I'd like to remind us all of the many ways in which a good library facility and staff serve the community - things we should keep in mind as we approach an election which will be a major decision point for our community on our library.

A good library, rather like a good high school, is a point in common that pulls a community together. Also, like good schools, it improves the overall value of a community. Judging from what I've seen in our library, it is an important resource for our students, both through its written materials and through its computers.

For those who do not have a home computer with internet access, the library provides an easy port to the wide world of the web. Our library gives us a place to learn the computer skills so necessary in our present society and certain to become even more necessary in the years to come.

The library's computers can provide information about job opportunities, training programs, the preparation of resumes, etc. And if you want information regarding purchase of some item, it's easy to let your fingers do the walking on the keyboard of one of the library's computers.

Our library provides reading programs and story hours for the younger kids that increase their readiness for school, and it provides a free literacy program for adults. And, if there's space, a library can provide meeting rooms, tutoring rooms, study rooms, and space for programs like our present Local Knowledge series of talks.

A library can provide reading for self-improvement, advancement in one's job or profession, or simply for entertainment.

(If time is hanging heavy on your hands, a good book is hard to beat.)

Since my retirement my wife and I travel a lot and find our library a great source of information about the places we're planning to visit.

Lastly, we are blessed with a most helpful, friendly, and highly competent library staff - my compliments to Deb Green and her crew.

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Contestants lose more than 1,000 pounds in Mayor's Challenge

ROMULUS – Six individuals earned prizes by losing weight during the Mayor's Fitness Challenge at the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC).

Romulus business owner Bill Junge lost 35 pounds in eight weeks and took first place in the Men's Division. Lori Tavtigian of Belleville lost 30 pounds to lead the Women's Division.

Both won one-year family memberships and free fitness classes for a year at the RAC.

Romulus residents Gary Harris and Yvonne Kraft each lost 27 pounds and were runners-up in their respective divisions. Each won year-long individual

memberships.

Finishing third were Amanda Britz (18 pounds) of Belleville and Mike Blatney (14 pounds) of Romulus. They won 30 free fitness classes.

Prizes were presented to the contestants who lost the highest percentage of overall body weight. Three of the winners were congratulated by Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and RAC General Manager Andy MacKay. Others received their prizes separately.

Receiving honorable mention were April Ruot, Tina Woods, Jean Tsouris, Venus Little, Deborah White, Julie Wadsworth and Kevin Terry. All registrants received two free fitness classes just for registering.



Photo courtesy Romulus Athletic Center

Lori Tavtigian of Belleville, center, was Women's Division Winner of the Mayor's Fitness Challenge at the Romulus Athletic Center. At left is Andy MacKay, general manager of the Romulus Athletic Center, and, at right, is Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff. Men's Division winner was Bill Junge, a Romulus business owner from New Boston.

MacKay said a total of 247 competitors combined to lose well over 1,000 pounds.

"As a group, losing half a ton of weight is a great accomplishment," said mayor Burcroff. "The number of people that participated is very encouraging. We only get one body and we should treat it as a temple, as the saying goes.

"We're looking forward to a healthy and prosperous community here and in the surrounding communities. I am pleased that the RAC is available and contributed to their success."

Junge, who lives in New Boston and owns H & J Manufacturing in Romulus, had a multi-pronged approach to losing 12.58% of his body weight. The 40-year-old said he eliminated carbohydrates – including bread – from his diet, ate very little sugar, had virtually no

alcoholic beverages over the two months and joined a basketball league at the RAC. He also started running and did some weight lifting and bike riding.

"I got involved in work and family and it took me away from the gym quite a bit," he said. "I hadn't played basketball in three or four years and was looking to get back in shape. Joining a league has been great."

Women's Division winner Tavtigian said she uses the phone application "My Fitness Pal" to keep track of her weight-loss efforts, calling it "the best thing ever invented."

Tavtigian said she also worked out at the RAC and ate fewer carbs. Coincidentally, a year ago, she lost the same amount of weight, but finished fifth in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

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District Library Board approves ballot language for Aug. 5 primary

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There will be two district library tax proposals on the Aug. 5 Primary Election ballot for voters from the City of Belleville and the townships of Van Buren and Sumpter to consider.

The first is a proposal to borrow \$19,050,000 in bonds that will be issued for not less than 20 years to build and outfit a new library. They will be paid off by millage that will total 1.08 mills for property owners the first year and an average of 0.96 mill for the rest of the 20 years.

The second is a proposal to add 1 mill to the tax bills of property owners in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter for 20 years to pay for operation of the library. Taxpayers already are paying 0.7 mill for operation of the present library and so this 1 mill will be added on to that.

At a special meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board on April 22 at the Sumpter Township Community Center, the board approved all the legal paperwork to put the two questions onto the ballot.

The board also voted unanimously to name the *Belleville-Area Independent* as the newspaper where all the legal notices about the library election will be printed.

The meeting started after the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting had ended across the street and three Sumpter trustees stood at the back of the room to hear the library business meeting: Trustees Bill Hamm, Alan Bates, and Peggy Morgan. The township attorney Rob Young also attended the meeting.

Satellite library

At the end of the agenda, the board gave information on anticipated changes to a portion of the Sumpter Community Center building to transform it into a satellite library if the ballot proposals pass.

Sumpter resident Mary Ban said people need to know that the total operational millage would be 1.7 mills, once the 1 mill is added to the present 0.7 mill tax being paid.

Then, she said RESA is putting forth a

2 mill tax proposal on that same Aug. 5 ballot and the Van Buren Public School Board endorsed it. That tax would be levied countywide and the proceeds divided up among school districts.

Then she pointed to the bonds Wayne County sold to pay for the jail construction that has now ceased, although taxpayers are still paying for the bonds.

Ban suggested the library board look into two new properties that went up for sale on Main Street, between Third and Fourth streets, at a total "package" cost of \$279,000.

This property is close to the present library property and could be used to expand the library at its current site. This would keep the library in the city instead of taking it over the bridge to the DNR site in Van Buren Township, she said.

Ban said the cost of the library construction totals \$35 million when you include the cost of borrowing the money instead of just the \$19.050 million stated on the ballot.

Ban said this "pie in the sky plan" for the library started at least nine years ago when Library Director Deb Green and the architect they hired last year, Dan Whisler, came to Sumpter to show their drawing of a library on the DNR site.

The DNR site was not officially chosen by the board for the library until last fall.

John Delaney, who said he was a resident of Van Buren Township, said he wanted to chastise the library board, its attorney John Day, and architect Whisler for not requesting a traffic study on the DNR

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Library Board

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site, even though people have repeatedly complained it would be a public safety hazard to have the library there.

"I asked you three meetings ago: Where is

your parachute? Your safety net?" Delaney said, noting the board has no secondary plan if the DNR site doesn't work.

"I'm calling a point of order," said board president Mary Jane Dawson. "We're talking about the term of the millage."

"I'm calling a point of order," replied Delaney. "You're trying to stifle me in an open meeting. You'll lose. Why isn't there something ..."

Dawson interrupted him by banging the gavel and called out to the board's attorney, "Mr. Day..."

Day addressed Delaney with: "You can't monopolize the meeting. If she wants to cut you off, she can."

Delaney disagreed with that statement and then asked if the operational millage was to operate in that DNR location only?

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She said it was for the main library and the satellite.

"It's a pie in the sky," Delaney replied.

Dawson said they plan to use part of the building they were in for the satellite.

"What part of the district library agreement did you miss?" Dawson challenged Delaney. She said the board is asking for money to build a main library and a satellite, part of what they were directed to do by the district library agreement.

Belleville attorney Barbara Miller said from the audience, "This meeting is being taped. The first time in four years it's taped and Sumpter Township made arrangements for it, not this board."

Miller has been regularly asking the board to videotape the meetings and make them available to the cable channels in Sumpter and Van Buren Township, but the board has taken no action to do so.

After the discussion turned to the satellite library plans, board member Mike Boelter said it was not the board's intention to bring old materials from the present library to Sumpter and put all new things in the new library, as had been said in a Sumpter board meeting.

Miller asked what will happen to the old furniture and other items and board member Joy Cichewicz said they'll have a yard sale or an auction.

This is new information, since there had been discussion in the past about bringing the shelving and the newest furniture at the present library to use in the Sumpter satellite.

Architect Whisler said they probably will reuse the library stacks for the "back of the house at the new library" where the Friends of the Library will sort and store book donations for coming sales.

When asked if they will have security for the satellite library, the board said none was planned, but they will have surveillance cameras running.

Delaney said although the police department is in the same building, they shouldn't ask the police to monitor their satellite.

Library Director Green said the present library is covered by a security office for 10 hours a week, right after school, and, "The security officer is mighty bored ... nothing a good SHHH! wouldn't handle," she said.

Green had said at a previous meeting that there have been fewer problems with students at the library since the new high school was opened.

"For Sumpter Township to get their satellite, Sumpter Township would have to vote for the ..." Miller began and was cut off by Dawson.

"Taxpayers would support both locations with the vote," Dawson said.

"What part goes to Sumpter Township?" Miller asked.

Cichewicz said about \$900,000 goes to Sumpter for the renovations to the community center for the satellite.

Miller pointed out that was from the \$19 million being requested.

Then the board recessed for about a half hour as architect Whisler led people around the building pointing out how the building will be changed to make it into a satellite.

Special meeting May 1

Dawson announced that the board has set a 7 p.m. meeting on Thursday, May 1, at the library to announce the latest information on acquisition of the proposed DNR library site.

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The library ballot proposals for Aug. 5 are for 1.08 mills, for the first year, to pay off the construction bond, plus 1 mill more for operations. That would be \$54 + \$50 for a total of \$104 in new taxes a year. Both millages are for 20 years.

Also, the 2-mill proposal for five years from RESA on the Aug. 5 ballot to get money for the school districts in Wayne County would cost the same homeowner above another \$100 in new taxes, if it passes.

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-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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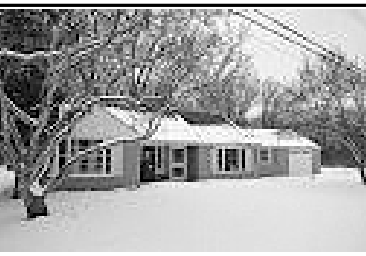
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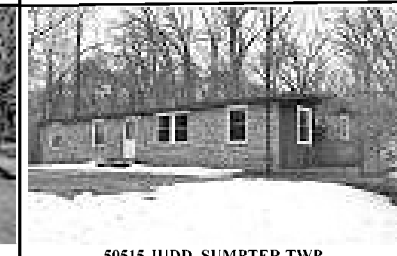
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Fourth St. crosswalk may require loss of 2 or 3 parking spots on Main

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

When the proposed crosswalk sign goes up in the middle of Main Street at Fourth Street in the City of Belleville it may require the removal of two or three parking spots on the Fourth Street Square side of the street.

This is what interim Police Chief Hal Berriman told the City Council at its April 21 regular meeting.

Councilman Tom Fielder, who has been promoting the sign in the middle of the street that would require vehicles to stop if a pedestrian was in the crosswalk, was reporting to the council on the sign.

Councilman Fielder said he had taken the idea to the Downtown Development Authority at its April 16 meeting and he reported the DDA feels it's appropriate, even though the city may lose a parking spot there.

That's when Chief Berriman said, actually, they may lose two or three spots to enable a large truck to turn north safely on Main from Fourth Street.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she thought large trucks – semi's – weren't allowed on the city streets, but Chief Berriman said he meant large panel trucks that make deliveries.

The district library on Fourth Street had deliveries most days from a large panel truck.

Councilman Fielder said he would have

a "schematic" for the next meeting. He said that Main Street is in the DDA district and the DDA is open to the approximate \$370 price of the sign, because they want pedestrians to be safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, who was leading the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kerreen Conley, said, "There are an awful lot of signs on Main Street."

Chief Berriman said with the sign in the middle of the street, "You could eliminate two big yellow signs on poles" that mark the crossing.

Fielder, who also was involved with planning the new Wayfinding signs being put up by the DDA, said the Wayfinding signs, with several destinations and arrows on one pole, were planned so that other signs could be taken down.

In other business at the 35-minute meeting on April 21, the council:

- Opened one sealed bid for Newspaper of Record from the *Belleville-Area Independent* with a bid of \$5 per column inch. The bid was referred to the administration for review and a recommendation. The city went out for bids because its Newspaper of Record, the *Belleville Lake Current*, went out of business. The *Current* had charged \$3.99 per column inch since August 2012 when it was named the city's Newspaper of Record;

- Approved setting the annual City-Wide Yard Sales for Sept. 6 and 7;

- Approved the annual Sidewalk Sale

Program that requires a permit, without charge, for sales from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from May through October, with the city reserving the right to restrict sidewalk sales during special events. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the antique shop is the only business that has taken out a permit over the past few summers;

- Passed a resolution to implement the 80/20 healthcare premium contribution by all city employees, as required by Public Act 152. This means all city employees eligible for healthcare coverage pay a 20% monthly healthcare premium contribution. Kollmeyer said this is the same resolution passed last year, with only the date changing. She said it complies with the state's EVIP (Economic Vitality Incentive Program), category 3, which means the city will get state funds;

- Approved accounts payable of \$167,459.98 (minus a \$678 payment to Fox Auto Parts for fire truck maintenance) and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Alpha Psychological Service, \$695, for new PO Evaluation for police; to Burhop's Collision, \$9,081.22 for police vehicle repairs; to Hydro Designs, Inc., \$1,495, for inspections for water

department; to Oakland Co. Treasurer, \$2,382, for CLEMIS membership; and to Wayne County, \$630, for use of Dickerson Facility by police department. The payment to Fox Auto was questioned because it was over \$500 and not explained. Kollmeyer called Fire Chief Brian Loranger in the Bahamas on Monday and he said he didn't think the repairs would be that much. Kollmeyer said the CLEMIS payment was less than expected because Chief Berriman took out the part having to do with pawn shops;

- Heard Kollmeyer say, "It's a delight to come to city hall now ... with Keith Tackett in the building and Rick Rutherford in the building and Chief Berriman in the building," referring to the men who had replaced retired employees Keith Boc and Gene Taylor. "We're moving right along," she said;

- Heard Chief Berriman announce a retirement party for retired Police Chief Gene Taylor on May 16 at the BYC clubhouse; and

- Was advised that on the May 5 meeting agenda there will be consideration of updates to the Animal Control and Special Events ordinances, along with a revision to the Strawberry Festival ordinance.

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Canton Lions Club invites possible new members in for pizza

The Canton Lions Club is holding a membership drive at 6 p.m., May 15, at Palermo Pizzeria & Restaurant, 44938 Ford

Road, Canton Township, (734) 455-5210.

Guests are invited to share pizza with the Lions members who will tell them about the Lions Club and what it does in the Canton and Belleville communities, hoping to encourage new Lions Club memberships.

The Lions assist the blind and hearing-impaired. The club purchases eye glasses for

kids throughout the Canton and Belleville communities. They also work with the Penrickton Center for Blind and multiple-handicapped children, Leader Dog School for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank which restores sight to three-plus people per day.

The Canton Lions Club has a diverse

membership. Many of the members make themselves available to assist on fund-raising event, including euchre tournaments, pancake breakfast at Liberty Fest, corn roast in August at the big red barn at Ridge Road and Cherry Hill, or working various locations collecting money for White Cane Week or candy canes during the Christmas holidays.

To become a Lion, you must be of legal age and good moral character. Membership is by invitation, so contact a Lions member or come to one of their meetings to see if Lions Club is a good fit for you.

The Canton Lions meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at Rose's Restaurant on Canton Center Road and Cherry Hill.

For more information, call Lion Bill Van Winkle, (734) 254-9404 or see Cantonlions.org or write to him at govbill1@wowway.com.

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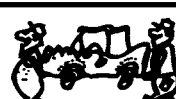
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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2014

Meeting called to order with the pledge at 6:30 pm by Treasurer J. Morgan showing present: Treasurer J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan & Swinson. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approx. 12 residents. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda with item e added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments only on agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve regular board meeting minutes March 25, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve public hearing meeting minutes of March 25, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$1,514,360.39. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan & Swinson. No: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the water & sewer report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the police report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Building/Ordinance report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the fire report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the treasurers' report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Attorney: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the first reading of the employees' policy and procedures and to approve the attorneys report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Board Response

14. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the termination of part time officer Scott Cutchner. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to appoint Police Officer Joseph Balowski to Full Time Police Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to purchase 2 thermoplastic coated picnic tables and one bench from Belson Outdoors Inc. for \$2,336.70 paid out of Wayne County Parks funds. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to purchase 4 physio-control life packs totaling \$2,380.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to purchase 4 scott air paks for fire totaling \$22,020.00. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Announcements

16. Open Floor

17. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on April 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a special land use request on the following described property.

Parcel numbers V125-83-061-99-0002-701 and V-125-83-061-99-0003-002, also known as 9800 Belleville Road, are the subjects of this hearing. The site measures approximately 4.9 acres. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler Road and North I-94 Service Drive.



The applicant, Atchinson Ford, is requesting approval for the expansion and renovation of its new car sales building. This hearing is being held in compliance with Section 13.03 Permitted Uses after Special Approval of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m., on the hearing date.

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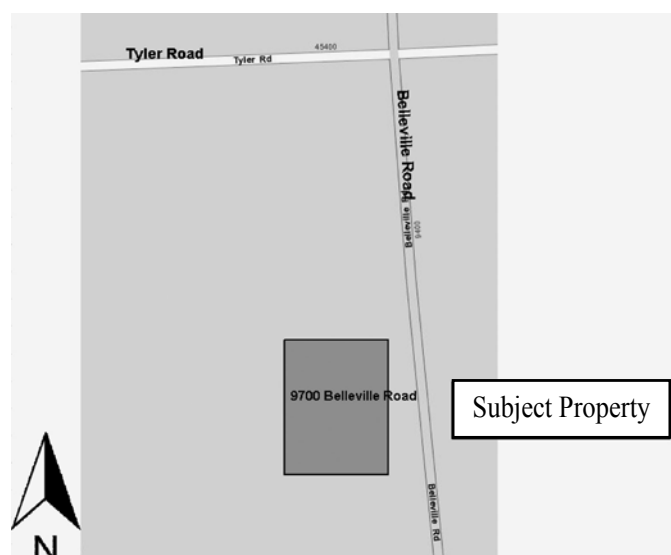
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Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Memorial Day 2014
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17th



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Lisa Long
 City Clerk/Treasurer



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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.

Two more Antique Appraisal Days are set for July 17 and Sept. 18, both also at the Van Buren Township Hall, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Admission and the first item appraised is \$10. Every item thereafter is \$5, with a limit of three items.

Items may include antiques or old toys, dolls, china, glassware, furniture, documents, figurines, sporting items, Coca Cola memorabilia, prints, paintings, and the like.

Appraisers Doug Dalton and Chuck Schmidt have more than 50 years combined experience between them.

The VBT Hall is at 46425 Tyler Road between Belleville and Quirk Roads.

At the appraisals, people also may donate items to the Belleville Area Museum.

All proceeds from the appraisal days will benefit the Belleville Area Museum's programs and events.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, May 1 – Belleville Area District Library, special meeting, 7 p.m., library meeting room, to announce information on the DNR site that has been selected for construction of a new library.
- Monday, May 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 7 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 8 – Keystone Academy Board of Directors holds annual meeting and approval of budget, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Court Watching:

Kenneth Coskie to get competency exam before facing murder charge

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Kenneth William Coskie, 74, will undergo a competency exam before facing charges of first-degree murder for the shooting death of Eric Williams, 44, in Van Buren Township.

Coskie is accused of using his 12-gauge shotgun to commit premeditated murder just before 8 p.m. April 9 near his home in the Michigan Avenue-Denton Road area.

Coskie's preliminary exam had been set for April 23 before 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley and more than a dozen friends and relatives of the victim and the accused killer were in the courtroom. A channel 7 TV cameraman also was in the courtroom to record the session.

But Coskie's court-appointed, Legal Aid attorney Kim Michon said her client was in custody and she asked Judge Oakley to waive his appearance. The judge complied, so Coskie was not in the courtroom.

Also, Judge Oakley ordered a competency exam for Coskie and waived his Miranda statement, as requested by Michon.

Coskie was also charged with felony firearm and for being a habitual offender.

Another date for a preliminary exam will be set after completion of the competency exam to determine if there is probable cause to bind Coskie over to circuit court for trial.

Coskie is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million bond.

The following local cases also were before Judge Oakley's court on April 23.

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Amber Lynn Pierce, 26, pled guilty to attempting to possess analogues. On March 7 Pierce was arrested on charges of possession of analogues and possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance. Pierce has no priors.

Robert Leroy Hurtt, 48, stood with his attorney Volha Yermalenka and pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence. He said there had been an altercation between him and his wife on March 9 and he pushed her.

Hurtt could be sentenced to up to 93 days in jail. He will be sentenced later and is free on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond. Hurtt, who is gainfully employed, said he had left the state and is currently living in a hotel in Livonia.

His wife spoke from the audience and asked that the no-contact provision of the bond be extended.

Judge Oakley gave him permission to be out of state May 23-26 for his brother's surgery.

Scott Judon Martin, 44, stood with his

attorney Laura Lambert for a pretrial exam on a charge of 4th degree child abuse. A jury trial has been scheduled for June 6.

Devonta Washington, who was scheduled for arraignment and a pretrial exam on domestic violence charges, did not show up for court. Judge Oakley issued a bench warrant for Washington's arrest.

Dale Kenneth Phifer, 76, of Bog Road had his preliminary exam adjourned until April 30. Dale and his son Kirkwood, 24, were arrested on Nov. 13. Dale was arrested for delivering/manufacturing 5-45 kilos of marijuana with Kirkwood being

charged with delivery and manufacturing of drugs. Kirkwood's case was bound over to 3rd Circuit Court and he was to have a disposition conference on April 29.

Sumpter Township

In a plea agreement, **Aaron Lee Kline**, 19, pled guilty to larceny of items worth from \$200 to \$1,000. Kline was arrested April 8 for breaking and entering a vehicle, causing damage.

Judge Oakley noted Kline had another pending case on possession of marijuana and ordered a pre-sentence interview of him by the probation department.

Sheila Putnam recognized for academic excellence, service at U of D Mercy

Sheila Putnam of Belleville was awarded the Scholar Key Award at University of Detroit Mercy's recent Honors Convocation.

Students in the Honors Program have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better and completed 100 non-paid hours of volunteer service to society and/or individuals in need.

Charter County of Wayne Public Notice



Robert A. Ficano
County Executive

OFFICE OF WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION
QUIRK WEST DRAIN**

Notice Is Hereby Given to you as a person owning lands liable for an assessment or a public corporation subject to assessment, that the Board of Determination will meet on **Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 5:30 PM at the Van Buren Township Hall (Sheldon Room), 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan**, to hear all interested persons and evidence and to determine whether the Drain as prayed for in the petition dated June 21, 2013, for the maintenance and improvement of the Quirk West Drain pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, and whether said Drain is necessary for the protection of the public health of Van Buren Township, and to further determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands as recommended by a licensed engineer or surveyor will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of the Quirk West Drain Drainage District as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor can be reviewed at the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Field Office, 797 Central Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, and can also be viewed at www.waynecounty.com/doe.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. Upon request, minutes of the meeting will be made available following the Board of Determination for copying and inspection at the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Field Office, 797 Central Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192.

You Are Further Notified, that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne within ten (10) days of the determinations.

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner
400 Monroe, Suite 400
Detroit, Michigan 48226
Telephone (734) 285-7233

34th District Court Judge David Parrott announces reelection bid

Judge David M. Parrott, 54, of Van Buren Township, announces that he is seeking reelection to the 34th District Court bench.

Judge Parrott was first elected in 2002, succeeding then retiring Judge William J. Szlinis, and was reelected in 2008.

"I believe I've dispensed justice fairly and firmly, with compassion and understanding. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the community and I am excited to have this opportunity," said Judge Parrott.

The 34th Judicial District covers Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Sumpter, and Van Buren, including Metro and Willow Run Airports and the Lower Huron, Oakwood and Willow Metroparks. The

34th District is one of the busiest district courts in Michigan.

Judge Parrott is active in the community, being selected the Noble Hamrick Member of the Year by the Huron Valley Conservation Association for 2005 and currently serves as its vice president.

He is a certified hunter safety instructor and organizes an annual hunter safety course for the HVCA. Judge Parrott was also selected as the Belleville Boys and Girls Club 2007-2008 Outstanding Volunteer Leader. He is an active member of the Belleville Rotary Club, having served as president in 2012-13, is the president of the Donahey (Belleville) Boys

and Girls Club advisory council, as well as a member of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club advisory council, and belongs to the Belleville Area and Greater Romulus Chambers of Commerce, the BYC and Van Buren Eagles.

Judge Parrott has just completed four years of service on the Belleville Moose Board of Officers, where he helped guide that organization out of financial distress and into its new home in Sumpter's former PNA Hall.

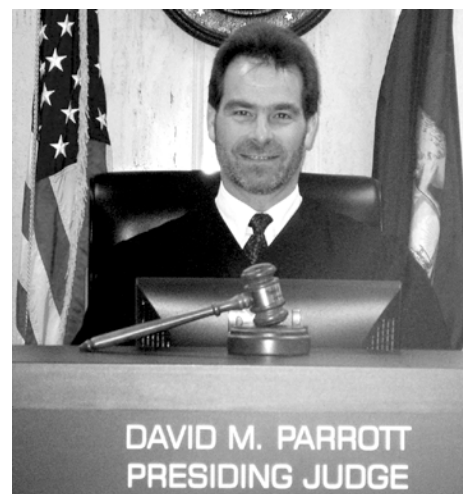
Acknowledging their years of service and contributions, the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission has invited Judge Parrott, together with his colleagues Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley, to be the Grand Marshals for the Sumpter Country Fest Parade this Memorial Day weekend.

Professionally, Judge Parrott is a member of the American Judicature Society, the American Constitution Society, serves on the Board of Governors of the American Judges Association and served as treasurer, secretary, vice president and president of the Wayne County District Judges Association.

He is also a member of the Michigan Court Forms Committee, where he helps to develop simple, understandable forms to facilitate the public's access to the legal system. Judge Parrott values history and is a member of the Yankee Air Museum and life member of the Belleville Historical Society. In his free time Judge Parrott enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, skiing, and runs regularly.

According to Judge Parrott, "With the support of my colleagues, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian Oakley, we have developed specialty court programs to address specific needs in the community. In addition to our very successful work program where defendants repay their debts to society through community service, I am responsible for the domestic violence court while Judge Green oversees sobriety court and Judge Oakley the juvenile diversion court.

"My batterers court program concentrates on rehabilitating violent offenders using a



DAVID M. PARROTT
PRESIDING JUDGE

carrot-and-stick approach. We have had great success in each of these areas and will continue guiding offenders in breaking the cycle of failure to become productive, law-abiding citizens.

"I hope the residents of the 34th District allow me to continue this most important work by electing me to another six-year term."

Judge Parrott's reelection is supported by many elected officials. He urges everyone to exercise their right to vote this year in the Aug. 5 primary and Nov. 4 general elections. Judge Parrott looks forward to meeting with members of the community, discussing concerns and answering questions people may have.

There is more information about Judge Parrott on his Facebook page, [facebook.com/reelectjudgeparrott](https://www.facebook.com/reelectjudgeparrott).

Correction: Fellow Marines wouldn't have hurt Wilkins

Eddie Sikes said he didn't mean to say that his fellow Marine recruits killed his friend Herman Wilkins, as reported in a story on page 7 in the April 24 *Independent*. Sikes said he believes his friend Herman was beaten, possibly by drill instructors, at the training camp. Herman suffered a ruptured spleen and a cut on his head that camp officials said he got in high school, but Sikes said they give you a good physical before being accepted into service and that excuse didn't make sense. He said Herman was a big boy and he believes several DI's could have ganged up on him.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



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A Lil' Touch of Heaven is a commercial and residential cleaning company in Belleville looking to expand their business with services like spring cleaning, weekly and bi-weekly cleaning, and wooden floor cleaning. Owners **Cheryl** and **Steven Watson** are licensed, bonded, and insured and maintain an all-A status on Angie's List. Right now, the Christian owned and operated business is offering 20% off any service when you mention their ad in today's paper. Call (734) 740-6858.

One final auction for **Jacob's Boots & Saddles** on Quirk Road will take place on Saturday, May 17, beginning with previews at 9 a.m. Complete dispersal of the barn and yard equipment and all remaining store inventory and fixtures will be sold, including two riding lawn tractors, ladders, saddle racks and much more. Auction starts at 11 a.m. Cash or credit cards only. Call (734) 699-2200. Meanwhile the store is still open during business hours, offering its half-off sale now until the auction date.

Kodiak Tree Service is offering a 50% off spring discount if you keep the wood and brush. Owner **Mark Bonecutter** is an expert in storm clean up, tree topping, trimming, removal, stump removal, and will clear the worksite completely. The licensed and insured company will provide free estimates. Call (734) 340-6155 or (734)-485-WOOD (9663).

Belleville native and educator **Patti Tontalo Graham** has written a book celebrating teachers titled "And That's Why

We Teach" featuring her take on teachers in today's society and their relationships with students. The hardcover book is \$17.95 and available at **Marti's Gift Gallery**, 668 East Huron River Drive. Call (734) 699-GIFT (4438).

The **Belleville Presbyterian Church** on Belleville Road is again offering 15-foot-by-15-foot gardening plots this summer for just \$15. Applications are available at the church office or off the church website at www.bellevillepresbyterian.org. Call (734) 697-8687.

An **Art & Garden Show** will take place this Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **47947 W. Huron River Drive** in Belleville. Offerings include perennial plants, herbs, baskets, jewelry, garden art, paintings, photography, pottery, stained glass and much more. Hosting the party is **Cheryl Wagner**. Call (734) 699-9050. Admission is free.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, April 20:
0047 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0140 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0202 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0335 – suspicious person, Westlake
0753 – suspicious vehicle, Ecorse/I-275
0758 – lake complaint, Denton/Bridge
1223 – suspicious situation, Haggerty/Independent
1229 – assault & battery, Westlake Cir.
1406 – malicious destruction of property, Turnberry Ct.
1542 – breaking & entering, Elwell Rd.
1622 – agency assist, WB I-94/Haggerty
1731 – ATV/ORV complaint, Fret Rd./Renton Rd.
1844 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
1855 – suspicious person, Victory Park
2215 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2258 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
Monday, April 21:
0044 – juvenile complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0132 – suspicious vehicle, French Landing
0551 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0913 – wires down, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River
1034 – fraud, Barkley St.
1036 – malicious destruction of property, Brookview Dr.
1159 – neighbor trouble, Savage Rd.
1240 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1308 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1349 – civil matter, Belleville Exchange
1619 – suspicious person, N. Purple Sage Ct.
1655 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1700 – suspicious person, Pebblebrook/Wildbrook
1715 – suspicious person, Haggerty Rd.
1821 – suspicious person, Florence Ln.
1825 – fight, Chaney Ave.
1829 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1914 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1923 – neighbor trouble, Bak Rd.
Tuesday, April 22:
0818 – assault & battery, Beacon Trl.
0917 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville
1025 – larceny, N. Timberview Dr.
1105 – agency assist, Goofy’s
1603 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1627 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1840 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2050 – suicide or attempt, Tyler Rd.
2119 – juvenile complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2307 – shots fired, Woodbury Dr.
Wednesday, April 23:
1003 – property damage accident, Belleville / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1208 – intimidation threat, Van Buren St.
1334 – trespassing, Timberview Ct.
1448 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1558 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1648 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1838 – harassment call, Hannan Rd.
2050 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Denton Rd.
2052 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
2208 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2251 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2343 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.
Thursday, April 24:
0015 – robbery, Victoria St.
0151 – trespassing, Victoria St.
1001 – suspicious situation, W. Adams
1042 – property damage accident, Tyler/Parkwood
1159 – traffic complaint, Hannan Rd./Van Born
1354 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd./Cedar St.
1440 – vehicle lockout, Garden Fantasy
1454 – larceny from auto, Denton
1640 – private property accident, Van Buren Plaza
1658 – suspicious person, Robson Rd./Belleville
1659 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
1756 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
2100 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2132 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Friday, April 25:
0016 – fireworks, Hamilton St.
0814 – weapons violation, Parkwood Dr.
0945 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1213 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1336 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1429 – assault & battery, Ormond Dr.
1433 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1625 – breaking & entering, S. Woodbury Dr.
2039 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2041 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2114 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2131 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr.
2352 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.
Saturday, April 26:
0154 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
0222 – intimidation threat, N. Woodbury Dr.
0251 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0255 – suspicious vehicle, Bradley Dr.
0424 – agency assist, Haggerty Rd.
0809 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1007 – hospice, Hamilton St.
1144 – malicious destruction of property, Woodbury Dr.
1149 – trespassing, Victoria/Wagon Wheel
1321 – intimidation threat, Riggs Rd.
1544 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1635 – breaking & entering, Park Estates
1658 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1724 – lake complaint, Water’s Edge Ln./ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1758 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
1921 – noise complaint, Hamlin
2311 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2329 – suspicious situation, Anna Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 171 traffic stops, 11 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 20:
0000 – property check, Lakeview
1135 – property damage accident, Main/Savage
1352 – trespassing, Belleville Bridge
1653 – shots fired, Potter Dr.
1827 – shots fired, Estrada
1902 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
2000 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
2054 – assist citizen, Montana
2128 – domestic assault, S. Liberty St.
Monday, April 21:
0056 – assist fire dept., Church St.
0236 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1042 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1332 – vehicle lockout, State Farm
1354 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1359 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia
1429 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1459 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Denton
1604 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1610 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1635 – vehicle lockout, Fisher
1805 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa/pool
1823 – fight, Chaney
2158 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2220 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
2230 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, April 22:
0118 – property check, Owen School
1059 – mental, Goofy’s
1715 – all other traffic, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1756 – suspicious vehicle, Estrada Dr.
1910 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2108 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
Wednesday, April 23:
0920 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1330 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1535 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
1541 – intimidation threat, Main St.
1857 – welfare check, Henry St.
2038 – property damage accident, Oxford Ct.
2044 – animal complaint, Oxford Ct./Victorian

Thursday, April 24:
0003 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.
0701 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
0908 – larceny, Second St.
1105 – all other traffic, Sumpter/Belle Villa Blvd.
1235 – intimidation threat, Sumpter Rd.
1317 – found property, Main St.
1339 – follow up, N. Liberty St.
1414 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1443 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1535 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1559 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1752 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1838 – miscellaneous complaint, Village Park
1849 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1918 – family trouble, Carmell
2001 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
Friday, April 25:
0334 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1226 – assist fire dept., Owen
1435 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1531 – assist fire dept., Owen
2035 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
2327 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2344 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ln.
2356 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
Saturday, April 26:
0028 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd./Astor
0114 – wires down, Main St.
0210 – agency assist, Pine Creek
0906 – follow up, Loza Ln.
0957 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
1129 – private property accident, South St.
1405 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1602 – trespassing, Robbe St./S. Edgemont Ave.
1622 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
Also on this week’s log are 53 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 20:
1037 – traffic hazard, Clark north of Judd
1057 – 911 hang up, 45000 Bemis Rd.
1255 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1323 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1406 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1516 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2016 – warrant arrest, out of township
2044 – suspicious incident, California
2057 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2305 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2310 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma
Monday, April 21:
0109 – juvenile complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0220 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0831 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
0921 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1053 – accidental damage report, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1305 – assist other agency, 7400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1415 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
Tuesday, April 22:
0547 – suspicious person, Judd/Martinsville Rd.
1057 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1101 – breaking & entering report, 43000 bl. Wear
1750 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1847 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2215 – noise complaint, Karr/Judd
2228 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Wednesday, April 23:
0430 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1213 – suspicious person, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1301 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1317 – breaking & entering report, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1532 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1744 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Judd
2101 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2148 – warrant arrest, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2149 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2247 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2319 – suspicious incident, Elwell/Willis
Thursday, April 24:
1135 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1329 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1434 – disorderly person, 9700 bl. Rawsonville
1622 – down wires, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1657 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1746 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1837 – assault, New Mexico
1846 – warrant arrest, out of township
2354 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2357 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
Friday, April 25:
0849 – suspicious person, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
0908 – identity theft report, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1250 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1327 – harassment complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1517 – trespassing complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1604 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Bemis
Saturday, April 26:
0103 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0708 – suspicious vehicle, Karr/Oakville Waltz
1045 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1106 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1208 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1400 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1420 – civil dispute, First St.
1501 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1615 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1753 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
2130 – assist other agency, out of township
2257 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
2325 – noise complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Also on this week’s log are four follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 132 patrol checks, and 62 traffic stops.

Road construction causing delays at Metro Airport South entrance

Major road construction in progress on Eureka Road at I-275 is expected to continue throughout the summer. Airport officials advise drivers to avoid delays by using the north entrance to Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) – I-94, exit 198. The construction is also causing delays exiting DTW onto westbound Eureka Road to I-275. Officials suggest when exiting the airport, use the north exit onto I-94 to avoid construction delays.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **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** – A used book sale is on tap at the Belleville Area District Library, put on by the Friends of the Library, beginning at 11 a.m. for members of the Friends group and open to the public from noon to 3 p.m. Some books are individually priced, but all others are buy-one-get-one-free. The garden club is also holding its annual plant swap in the library courtyard from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a plant, take a plant.
- **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.” 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.



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