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VBT DDA OKs using LaMothe as Ireland's assistant

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs has agreed to lease her executive assistant Karen LaMothe to the Downtown Development Authority for 16 hours a week to help DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland with tasks she doesn't like.

And, the DDA voted to accept the offer.

At the DDA's regular meeting on May 27, Ireland explained that she received 12 responses to a job posting for a DDA coordinator's position she placed with the Michigan Township Association, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Planning Association and the National Planning Association, but was not successful "in finding the right fit."

Ireland said some were over-qualified and the nearest lives in Sterling Heights.

Ireland said she had conversations with Supervisor Combs and LaMothe, who also serves as the DDA's recording secretary.

She said both agreed that, with the DDA's approval, LaMothe could provide assistance for two days a week, until Ireland can find someone to "fit the bill."

DDA Chairman Jere Dolph asked if Ireland would advertise again. Ireland replied she will wait a little, review the job description, and make changes, if needed.

Supervisor Combs added that this is short-term until Ireland is able to find a suitable person to fill the position.

Ireland said LaMothe loves the parts of the job that are "not fun" for her. She said LaMothe loves doing advertising and "stuff with computers."

"It will short us a little bit, but we can make up for it," Combs said. "Karin is very good at what she does in my office. She's on top of things and I don't think we'll suffer too awfully much."

The *Independent* asked if a recent

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Wednesday, May 28, at about 8 a.m., a man driving a car reported stolen in Redford hit the Spicer Engineering truck parked along Main Street in downtown Belleville and the car flipped over. According to witnesses, the man crawled out of the broken passenger window, sat still for a few minutes to get his bearings, and then took off between the Shannon photography house and the locksmith house next door and headed for North Liberty Street. Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said city police called a tracking dog which couldn't get a good scent. Police searched under the Belleville Bridge and along the shoreline and did not find the driver.

Man who flipped car over in Belleville arrested in Livonia

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Michael Kauffman of Westland, the 30-year-old driver who smashed into a parked vehicle and flipped a car upside down on Belleville's Main Street on May 28, has been arrested in Livonia and is also wanted on unrelated charges in Redford.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the car that flipped over on Main Street was rented from Enterprise by an 82-year-old woman who wanted to help Kauffman.

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On Monday, at around 11:40 a.m., a white westbound vehicle drove into the eastbound lane of Belleville's Main Street and hit a smaller car head on. Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the driver who crossed into the wrong lane had a medical problem and she was taken to the hospital, along with the front-seat passenger in the smaller car that she drove into. Chief Berriman said, according to reports, airbags did not deploy in either vehicle at the crash, except that after the male passenger's head hit the dashboard, that airbag deployed. Main Street was shut down as police and fire fighters tended to the injured along with Huron Valley Ambulance crews, who transported the two.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Father Thomas Cusick marks 50 years as a Catholic priest

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Sunday, Father Thomas Howe Cusick celebrated 50 years as a Catholic priest during a Golden Jubilee Eucharistic Liturgy -- followed by a big party -- at St. Anthony church in Belleville.

Fr. Cusick, 75, is the son of an ophthalmologist, who he called an "excellent doctor," and he would have become a doctor himself, if he hadn't headed into the priesthood.



Father Tom Cusick

He decided to go to seminary during his years at University of Detroit High School where he saw the example of the priests there. It wasn't a dramatic "calling," but each year his decision felt more and more right.

Fr. Cusick said in 1964 -- 50 years ago -- after eight years in seminary, he was ordained and assigned as an associate to Epiphany Parish in Detroit, on the west side

near Meyers and West Chicago. He stayed there until 1973.

He spent five years as an associate at St. Christopher's Parish in the Tireman / Southfield area and then went to St. Robert Bellermine for 10 years.

He remembers it was noon on Sept. 6, 1988 that he arrived at St. Anthony church in Belleville, where he has been for more than 25 years.

In those days, the church's school was going well, with about 240 children enrolled. It was started in the early 1950s, but had to be closed in 2005.

"We're still paying our bills from that," Fr. Cusick said Friday, referring to the loans taken out to try to keep the school alive.

He said after the school closed, parents moved their children to schools in other parishes and connected to those churches. The membership at St. Anthony is slightly down now, Fr. Cusick said.

He said the parish has a lot of dedicated people who help the sick and homebound, which is common to all parishes. The Men's Club is very active, as is the Boy Scout

troop, and the funeral luncheons put on by the women are delicious.

"Volunteers do a great job," he said.

The Strawberry Festival was started by St. Anthony and strawberry farmers and the event over Father's Day week end is a big project for church volunteers.

Fr. Cusick said he likes to go out to the beer tent during the festival, to walk around and, "Be alive." He said he gets into faith conversations even when the talking starts out to be about something else.

He gave credit to the dedicated catechists who teach the faith and the sisters who help. He singles out Deacon Pete as "so dedicated to God, so good."

In the past, Fr. Cusick liked to go biking and walking, but now he does a lot of reading.

At age 70, priests have the opportunity to retire, but Fr. Cusick chose not to retire.

"I love sharing the Lord and that's everything," he said.

With the American culture becoming more secularized, Fr. Cusick said, "The church has to stick to it."

As for last week end, parishioners spent a

lot of time gathering photographs, decorating the hall, and planning the special meal.

"The gym looks quite good right now," he said on Friday.

"A Golden Jubilee is not just for one person, but is celebrating everybody, those who worked with you," he stressed.

He had two brothers. One died in 1991 at the age of 54. His other brother, Chuck, 22 months younger than Thomas, and Chuck's wife Nancy came from Bay City to help him celebrate.

Fr. Cusick talked about the changes in Belleville that have occurred over the quarter century he has been in town.

"I can even see the sunset now," Cusick says of the new view to the west from his bedroom on the second floor of the rectory. The colors he can see now are spectacular, he said.

When the three-story high school was demolished to make way for a more sprawling new high school, he got a more "pleasant view" in the transition.

"It's the simple things," he said.

Winners announced in Sumpter Country Fest Cute Baby Contest

The 2014 Sumpter Country Fest Cutest Baby Boy and Girl were announced on Memorial Day, May 25.

Cutest Boy:

- First place -- Morgan Duncan, age 2, son of Matt and Tracy Duncan;
- Second-place -- Jaxson Williams, age 1-1/2, son of Brittney Walker;
- Third place -- Corbyn Korte, age 22 months, son of Chasity and Steve Korte.

Cutest Girl:

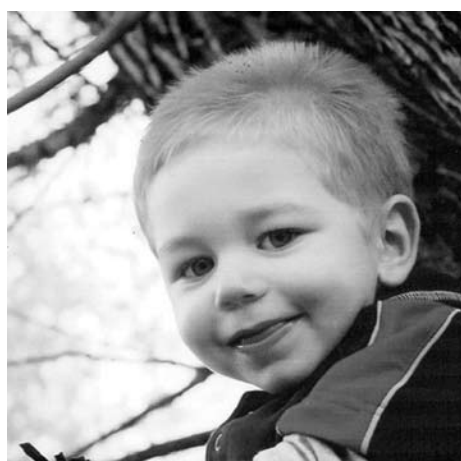
- First place -- Blakely Cates, age 2, daughter of Doyle and Crystal Kates;
- Second place -- Jasmine Larr, age 7 months, daughter of Heather Granger;
- Third place -- Katelyn Hunter, age 5 months, daughter of Dawn and Dan Hunter.

Other entries in the contest include: Kylie Tatum, Aviana Howell, Aubrey Hatfield, Alexis Fleming, Alexandra Williams, Brynlea Orrison, Abigail Haddad, Abigail Boggess, Kelcie Kapanowski, Abby Liberty, Olivia Melidosian, Maddie Melidosian, Addisyn Roberts, Alina Harrington, JhyAir Willis, Peyton Smith, Anthony Jackson, and Noah Murphy.

Virginia Belinski, who chaired the contest this year said, "On behalf of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, I would like to thank our sponsor, John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc., Southgate.

"The contest was a great success with 24 entries. Every baby in the contest was beautiful. They all were winners.

"I would like to thank everyone who



Morgan Duncan



Jaxson Williams



Corbyn Korte



Blakely Cates



Jasmine Larr



Katelyn Hunter

entered a child in the contest, everyone who supported the child of their choice, and those who visited our display this weekend. I would also like to thank Jim

and Joanne Posegay, Alan Bates and others who helped make this contest a success.

"The proceeds from the contest will be used to support child-related events put

on by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission," Belinski said.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Fairgrounds too loud for comfort

First, this season, the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds hosted a rodeo that was way too loud for the neighbors. Then, over Memorial Day week end, a Mexican Festival rattled the windows in the houses. A third such event is scheduled this summer and the neighbors are getting riled up.

There was a hit-and-run accident during the festival, with a man speeding his car out of the fairgrounds and onto Quirk Road, with its 25 mph limit. He slammed into the back of a red truck with a ladder on the top. There were injuries, but the festival-goer backed up, leaving his bumper on the truck, and sped off – to Rawsonville Road, we hear.

That information is from the neighbors on Quirk who were outside to talk to each other about all the noise from the fairgrounds and witnessed the accident.

Rick Edwards has lived on McBride next to the fairgrounds for 41 years. He told the VBT board at Monday's work/study that this year the noise is the worst it's ever been. Karin LaMothe said the fairgrounds apparently has a Wayne County Amplified Sound Permit that allows the noise.

Edwards said he and his neighbors have tried to meet with the fair board to discuss the problem, but the board won't meet with them. Former VBT Trustee Denise Partridge, Edwards' next-door neighbor, also sent a long email to board members on the noise issue.

The VBT board has to help its residents with this. The neighbors are very restless.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received a call from John Losen whose family lives behind the fence that was destroyed by a car leaving Belleville Road at about 3:10 a.m. Monday. He said he has quite a debris field to clean up in his yard. He said a message was left on his answering machine by VBT DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland's assistant Karen LaMothe that said they hoped to have the fence replaced by Strawberry Festival.

John said his two Russian Olive trees are goners. He said the car came from the north, ran through the fence and then hit trees and then fence again. The car had been pointed at his house. He said the driver was taken away in an ambulance.

Actually, he had called to joke with me about his dog, which a couple had referred to as a "pudgy Beagle" in a recent story about how they chased the dog that had scooted under the fence to walk along Belleville Road.

John said the "pudgy Beagle" was on the run again, since his back fence is gone. He was kidding, of course. The dog isn't a beagle and they won't be letting him run in the backyard while the fence is down.

A police dashcam of the damage was sent to clickondetroit.com and you can see it there, if you're interested.

At the VBT work/study session Monday afternoon, Ireland said she originally had ordered five full replacement sections for the new fence, but that's not enough for this damage. She said she'll need 7-8 sections to repair the damage by the speeding car. They'll be filing an insurance claim, she said.

She said the manufacturers are putting a rush on the fence sections, but it will take a



couple of weeks because originally it was a special order, with a special color.

Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said the driver was known to police and a domestic was involved. The car that hit the fence was a stolen vehicle, Laurain said at the work/study session.

There was an accident on May 28 at Quirk and Belleville Road, right at the DNR property where the library board wants to build a new library. We wonder if the traffic study at that location that was approved by the library board has been completed yet.

Belleville Fire Department was first dispatched, but when it was determined that it was VBT territory, VBT Fire was dispatched. I think it was just a property damage accident.

During Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Councilwoman Kim Tindall asked for a brief recess, which Mayor Kerreen Conley granted and no one objected to.

Tindall had just learned (by way of a cellphone call to her significant other, Steve Jones, who was in the council audience) that her daughter PV2 Aimee Tipper was shipping out to Korea on Friday and Kim needed to talk to her before it was too late to reach her at the base in Virginia.

After the break, Kim said she was able to reach Aimee and found she would be unable to see her before Aimee ships out. Aimee

was to graduate from training on Tuesday and Kim thought she had at least a month to see her before she left for wherever she would be sent. Not so.

Aimee is a 2010 graduate of Belleville High School.

Also at Monday's meeting, Mayor Conley said the county's rebuilding of East Huron River Drive that was planned for the summer of 2014 has been delayed until 2015. She said that was a blessing in disguise, since it would have been terrible to have that road torn up at the same time Belleville Road has been torn up.

It was noted the resurfacing of part of the South I-94 Service Drive, between Belleville Road and Haggerty, is almost done.

John Chapman called to say he needs car repair business at his new location in Sumpter. Those who want to call him can reach him at (734) 699-7450. He said he has his two new artificial legs that are painful to use without crutches. And, his son that was working with him is no longer there. He's got the front of his building painted and he'd like to be fixing cars. He's on Sumpter Road, just south of Willow Road.





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Letters

Hillside Cemetery on Memorial Day

Through the iron gate, your heart goes into reverence. The lake flows by. The tender, new spring grass is luscious green.

The hushed silence interrupted only by the flying, twittering birds. On occasion, a family of geese meander, taking little ones to feed among the sunlit monuments.

Scattered about are the many American flags of veterans, fluttering in the gentle breeze. What stories these flags represent: leaving the comfort of home and loved ones – of devastation of war – family made of comrades in distant lands – letters from home – battle won – war over – coming home.

The little flags wave "Peace."

-- Written by a local woman who prefers to remain anonymous

Thanks for placing flags on veterans' graves

To the Editor:

The Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee wishes to thank the volunteers who helped place American flags on all veterans' graves at Hillside Cemetery for Memorial Day 2014.

On Saturday, May 17, approximately 50 citizens from the Belleville community and surrounding areas met at the cemetery to place flags on the graves of over 500 veterans. This project is done twice each year, in anticipation of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

We appreciate the contribution of these volunteers in recognizing the service of our deceased veterans.

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Genocide awareness should include abortion

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the article that was in the May 22 edition of the *Independent* about Genocide Awareness Night at Belleville High School on Wednesday, May 28.

I am glad that student Verniece Lowe wanted to increase our knowledge about genocide in the world today.

However, there is one major example of genocide that is missing in her analysis. I am addressing the genocide of unborn children by abortion in our American society. It is a true Holocaust. Since Jan. 22, 1973 there have been approximately 57 million abortions in our nation.

Our politicians and the media in general ignore this fact at our peril. We do not have 57 million people here in the U.S.A. who could become productive citizens that pay taxes to support education, fix the roads, and provide funds to help support the infrastructure of cities and townships throughout our nation. One nation under God in our pledge of allegiance.

I pray and hope that Ms. Lowe will consider the genocide of abortion to be added to her list of awareness. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Ban, Sumpter Township resident

Correction to offer on price of BHS bond

To the Editor:

I have a correction to offer to a letter headlined "Now we play numbers game on the voters" from Cornell Anton. I did not research his other figures, but I know that the bond for the fully functional and mostly new Belleville High School was in the amount of \$79 million, not \$179 million. Martha Toth, Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Thank you for the correction.

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Garage, house burn in Sumpter Township early Saturday morning

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A woman was awakened by a noise about 3:30 Saturday morning and looked out the window. She saw her house's attached garage was on fire.

Sumpter Township Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk said the three people who were in the house were able to escape, including the teenage daughter who was taken to the hospital to be checked out for injuries.

The house is in the 20000 block of Wilmot, near Kozma.

One cat died in the fire and one was still missing, Chief Januszyk said on Monday.

He said three of the four vehicles in the garage were destroyed. Fire fighters were able to pull some of the family's valuables out of the house.

He said a bunch of guitars were in the house and fire fighters were able to save the guitar that had been owned by the woman's father and is very valuable to her.

He said the valuables on the lower level were intact until the fire burned through the roof and the roof caved in.

Chief Januszyk said Sumpter called on the Belleville Fire Department for mutual aid to add manpower to their fire fighting.



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Obituaries



Thomas Clinton Welty

THOMAS CLINTON WELTY

(February 6, 1941 - May 26, 2014)

Thomas Clinton Welty, age 73, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, May 26, 2014 at his home. He was born February 6, 1941 in Broseley, Missouri, son of Arvil and Ines (Irby) Welty.

Tom moved to Belleville 52 years ago from Missouri. He was a member of the Ypsilanti Masons, Eagles and Moose. He was a former officer for City of Belleville Police, Treasurer for Van Buren Township and Police Commissioner for Van Buren Township, as well. He retired from General Motors as a benefit representative.

Mr. Welty is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years Billie Jo (Blazier) Welty and daughter Theresa Ann Welty, both of Van Buren Township, MI; two sisters JoAnn (Winfred) Skinner of Missouri and Inez Blue of Illinois; five nieces Rhonda (Scott) Browne, Heather McPherson, Amanda Williams, Meagen Blazier, and Lisa (Ken) Bullock; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers Troy and J.R.

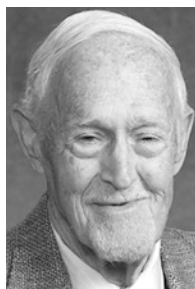
Visitation was Noon until 8 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday with an 11:00 AM Funeral Friday, May 30, 2014 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Motts Children's Hospital and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

ELIZABETH ANN BULIFANT

(February 14, 1925 - May 26, 2014)

Age 89, a resident of Belleville for 52 years. Survived by her daughter Kathy (Ronald) Ringel of Romulus; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 4 siblings. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Jewell "Dale" Phillips



JEWELL 'DALE' PHILLIPS

(February 19, 1919 - May 8, 2014)

Dale served in the US Army during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. Dale married Frances Westenhofer in 1948, raising six children: Janine, Gaylinn, Bryan (deceased 1969), Pamela, Debra and Michelle.

Dale worked at the Ford Motor Company for a few years, and then settled into the job that became his career for approximately 35 years: a United States mail carrier for the Belleville Post Office.

Dale and Frances retired in 1978 and traveled. They later moved to Sun City, AZ for some warmer weather, and lived there until Frances' death in 2002. Dale stayed in Sun City for approximately a year and then moved to San Jose, CA.

Dale was a joyful, adventurous, witty and delightful man right up until his death. Though he remained of good cheer until the end, the struggle to recover his strength from some medical problems led him to make the decision that he was ready to be with his Lord and Savior, and he left this earth peacefully.



Michael Lawrence Smith

MICHAEL L. SMITH

(March 20, 1957 - May 26, 2014)

Michael Lawrence Smith, age 57, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, May 26, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 20, 1957 in Roseville, MI.

Mick was a Technical Support Technician for Comcast Cable. He was a member of CERT-Community Emergency Response Team. He also enjoyed volunteering at the Yankee Air Museum and Belleville Community Marching Band with his daughter. He was a huge Detroit Tiger and Dr. Who fan. He was an avid reader and loved building model ships, planes, etc.

Mick is survived by his best friend Coy Costa of Belleville; daughter Rachel Ridgon-Smith of Livonia, MI; a granddaughter on-the-way; his mother; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Celebration of Life service is being planned and will be announced soon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Belleville Marching Band or CERT, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for them to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Susan Mary Deer

SUSAN M. DEER

(September 8, 1946 - May 31, 2014)

Susan Mary Deer, age 67, of Westland, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2014 at her home. She was born September 8, 1946 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Leonard & Dorothy (Petrykus) Gasieski.

Susan was a 1964 graduate of Belleville High School. She enjoyed sewing, drawing, watching television, and most of all, spending time with her family.

She is survived by son Greg Traskos of Westland, daughter Dina Traskos and granddaughter Camille Neu, both of Denver, CO, her father Leonard Gasieski of Phoenix, AZ, also her former spouse Ron Traskos of Irish Hills, MI. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Visitation will be 1-7 PM Thursday, June 5, 2014 with a 7:00 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Deacon Peter Cornell will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society or ASPCA and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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More Letters

Sumpter Country Fest was a wonderful event

To the Editor:

The Sumpter Country Fest on Memorial Day week end, May 22-26, attracts some 50,000-plus attendees from Southeast Michigan and beyond. This family event is a celebration of the Sumpter Parks & Recreation Commission along with community volunteers.

We had a carnival by Schmidt's Amusements, LLC, a parade, a car show, live entertainment for all ages. The live arena area entertainment this year was Auto-Cross Demo by U.S.A. Demolition Derby and fireworks. We featured a Children's World presented by Bob Bohm and his amazing entertainment with activities with crafts and entertainment for children of all ages, Bingo, a Baby Contest and a Royalty Pageant with contestants ranging from age 5-15. Inflatables this year were presented by Bouncetastics and pony rides were presented by Blueberry Hill.

Entertainment this year was DJ Big D, Seventh Alley Band, Impersonators / Tribute Artist with Emcee Jimmy James of WPOM/WCXI - 1160 AM, CD Sound System coordinated by Joe Goldsmith, Ray Charles (Tyrone Hamilton), Loretta Lynn (Bernie Walters), John Denver (Jim Walters), Jerry Lee Lewis (Don Grant), Dolly Parton (Judy Haney Goode), Elvis (Sherman Arnold), Buddy Holly (Brian Grob), Willie Nelson (Jeff Carr) and Toby Keith (Dan Spencer). Bands were Seventh Alley, Big Ray and The Motor City Kings, TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait and Steelin Time.

The Chairman of Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission Kim Toms and the members want to thank all of our sponsors. We want to especially thank the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Sumpter Township Police Department, Sumpter Township Fire Department, Sumpter Township Department of Public Works and the Sumpter Township Senior Citizens for their support.

This year the spectacular fireworks display on Sunday evening at dusk was sponsored by Carleton Farms/Republic Services. The parade was sponsored by Joe Nassar, Little Town Liquor & Deli and Sumpter Pharmacy. The Baby Contest sponsor was John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc. of Southgate. The Royalty Pageant

was sponsored by Drusilla Allen and Alan Bates. Our Silent Auction sponsors were Amy Kincaid, Armstrong Funland, A & W Belleville, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Chapp & Bushey Oil Co., Cracker Barrell Belleville, Culver's, Detroit Tigers, Drusilla Allen, Eagle Crest Golf Course, Edible Arrangements, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, Gail LaFave, Garden Fantasy, Gardner's Choice, Green Oaks Golf, Greektown Hotel & Casino, Hungry Howie's Pizza of Belleville, JT's Pub & Grill, Kevin McNamara (Wayne County Commissioner), Kim & Sheryl Toms, Leona Mixon, Lodge Lanes, McDonald's of Belleville, Mellani Zajac, Napa Auto Parts, Pineview Golf, Quizno's Subs/BP Gas, Richard & Sharon Pokerwinski, Sumpter ACE Hardware, The Bake Shoppe, Tim Horton's Belleville, Tin Pan Saloon & Pizzeria, Twisted Rooster, Wayne Country Fair Association and Zino's.

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We also want to thank our food vendors, Dad's Grill out of Ypsilanti, Mr. G's out of New Boston, Star 7 BBQ and Denny's Diner both out of Belleville, and all of our crafters that are too many to name but they know who they are. We also would like to thank our Grand Marshals Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge Brian Oakley and Judge David Parrott and our Honorary Citizens Jim and Joanne Posegay.

We would like to also thank all the volunteers that give of their time to help us put on a fantastic Sumpter Country Fest. It is a good time for all.

Thanks Again and See You Next Year.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission

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Obituaries

YVONNA LOUISE PRIEST

(August 4, 1925 - May 29, 2014)

Yvonne Louise Priest, age 88, a Belleville resident, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2014 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born August 4, 1925 in Traverse City, MI, daughter of Paul Owen and Berneise Evelyn (Sterns) Peterson.

Yvonne was a member of Berean Baptist Church, Belleville, and was a wonderful friend and caregiver.

She is survived by son Denny Louis (Pearl) Priest, daughter Sandra Lynn Mayle, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brother Ronald George Peterson of Florida, sister Neta Pauline Evans of Traverse City, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Erwyn Lee Priest in 1995, also a brother Gary Hugh Peterson.

Visitation was Monday, June 2, 2014 from 9 - 11AM with an 11:00 AM Funeral service at Berean Baptist Church, 6889 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI. Pastor Douglas Hammond will officiate. Interment will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Traverse City, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berean Baptist Church and would be appreciated by her family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for them to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

SEVILLAH CARSON

(June 21, 1957 - May 25, 2014)

Sevillah Carson was born on June 21, 1957, in Bluefield, West Virginia to Margie Dunford and Barnes Edward Gilbert of Pocahontas, Virginia. She was one of 8 children, 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She is survived by 3 sisters. Garnet (Edward) Prentice, Betty (the late Patrick) Pugh-Thompson and Connie (Monty) Prouty. She also leaves behind her fiancé and companion Terry Mitchell, of Skidway Lake, Michigan. Sevillah is survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her mother Margie Dunford (Baraco), her father, Barnes Gilbert, and her brothers, Donald, Barnes, John and Roy. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Kenneth John Stein, Jr.

KENNETH J. STEIN, JR.

(June 2, 2014 - June 2, 2014)

Kenneth John Stein, Jr., expected son of Kenneth Sr. & Laura Jean (Waller) Stein, passed away June 2, 2014 at Motts Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.

He is survived by his parent, three sisters Mackenzie, Madisyn and Kaitlynn Niemasz, all of Belleville; grandparents David Kenneth and Jill Stein of Flat Rock, MI, Nancy and Randy Shuryan of New Boston, MI, Jerry and Kim Connor and Heather (Jack Carr) Connor, all of Jackson, MI; great-grandparents John and Josephine Altstetter of Dearborn, MI, Kenneth Stein of Florida, Carl Waller of Jackson, MI, and Annie May Redd; aunts and uncles David Stein, Megan Rosiak, Jason and Britta Saxon, Jason and Michelle Burton, Brenna Stein, Amber, Ashley, Autumn and Angel Connor, Christopher Baines and Carl Waller; also numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his great-grandmothers Joann Stein and Betty Waller, also great-grandpa Frank Redd.

A Gathering will be held 1-3 PM Friday, June 6, 2014 with a 3:00 PM Memorial Service at David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Please sign his on-line guest book and share your support for his family at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to David C. Brown Funeral Home to help defray expenses, and would be greatly appreciated.

Belleville Women's Club sets Meet the Candidates night on July 9 at Moose

The Belleville Area Women's Club invites voters to meet the candidates running for office in the Aug. 5 primary election.

The club has set a Meet the Candidates night at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 9, at the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, 45476 Harris Road at the corner of Sumpter Road, in Sumpter Township.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, email Janet Millard at jfayemillard@att.net.



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VBT DDA

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township board-approved measure not to share services between departments will require this to go to the board for approval.

Ireland replied that the DDA is a separate entity.

"No," said Combs. "It's not changing her job classification and it's not moving her job from one office to another."

The board recently passed a resolution that an employee could not be employed by two separate departments in the township at the same time.

LaMothe explained her title is Executive Assistant to the Township Supervisor and Recording Secretary to the DDA. She said the DDA is presently reimbursing \$10,222 of her salary.

The DDA voted to fill the DDA Coordinator position with LaMothe to assist Director Ireland with the DDA until a suitable replacement is hired. The amount of \$190 for each eight hours will be reimbursed by the DDA in the salary wage line item of the Executive Assistant in the Supervisor's Office.

[The *Independent* asked two trustees for comments after the meeting, but they said they were unaware of the situation and had no comments.]

Regional detention pond

DDA member Robert Bechtel said he

thought there was to be no digging on the Land Conservancy property and asked for clarification of the location and excavation proposed for a regional storm-water detention pond.

Engineer Dave Nummer of Wade Trim said there would be some excavation on the land owned by the Land Conservancy as a way to get the water from Belleville Road to the main pond area behind the RV business on the North I-94 Service Drive.

Nummer said Wade Trim walked the property and identified where the wetlands are located. The plan is to realign digging for the pipes to avoid impact on the wetlands.

Ireland thanked the *Independent* for a follow-up article correcting and explaining the proposed sites.

Later in the meeting Nummer reported that he met with members of the Drain Commissioner's Office where they discussed legal issues and mechanics.

Nummer said the plan is for the township to act like a developer. The county gives the approval and when it is completed the county takes it over.

Nummer said he would like all the approvals to be completed so construction could start next spring.

Marketing

Communication Associates has added a photo gallery to the DDA's homepage at vanburendda.com. Members of the DDA, as well as LaMothe, will be meeting with CA's new web technician to review website

hits and data.

\$2.5 Million Bonds

The sale of \$2.5 million in new tax increment bonds is just about completed, Ireland reported. The average interest rate is 3.5% with the term to expire in 2032.

Proceeds from the bond sale will be used to help augment the Belleville Road signalization project, a new traffic signal just south of the southern entrance to Meijer, pedestrian crossings, ADA sidewalk improvements, and road repair.

She said, after the sale the DDA's rating with Standard and Poors will drop from its current A+ rating to A-

Belleville Road fence

Planning consultants McKenna Associates reported that the Belleville Road fence should be completed soon. Additional dirt will be mounded to cover two stumps that are unable to be ground out.

Belleville/Ecorse landscaping

Landscape architect Jim Allen reported he met with Wayne County about a break-away foam masonry wall that is planned for the southeast corner of the right of way of the Belleville/Ecorse roads intersection east of Stacks. After last winter, the planting plan was changed to reduce the amount of maintenance.

An irrigation plan for the entire median will be submitted at a June 9th meeting. Ireland brought up a concern about sprinkler heads needing to be replaced. Allen said the new sprinkler heads are 50% more efficient than they were two years ago.

There is also a new Wi-Fi controller system which uses Weather Underground to determine how much local rainfall has occurred and how much is needed to provide one inch per week. The program would cost an additional \$600.

DDA member Bechtel stressed simplicity of design and durability of the plants because of where they are located and the kind of winter we just had. Allen agreed, saying with 55-mile-per-hour traffic and salt spray this needs to be considered.

The DDA approved the submission of landscaping design plans to Wayne County for review and to work separately on the break-away masonry wall for a possible easement from Stack's.

Belleville Road resurfacing

Matt Stacey of Wade Trim engineers reported the concrete work on Belleville Road is ahead of schedule. Traffic will shift to the outer lanes and the setting of some poles will be started this week. All seven signals will be activated at the same time, possibly in July or August.

Bechtel asked that an update on the work be provided on the website.

The new traffic signal at Auto Zone will not be activated until the intersection roads are completed.

Stacey said because of actual closures to the freeway ramps for resurfacing, MDOT will put out weekly messages of closures that will be picked up by radio and TV stations.

North I-94 Service Drive sidewalk

Ireland reported that before the sale of Jacobs Boots & Saddle property on the North I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Roads,

there was no easement for a sidewalk. Now that the sale is complete, she said she will work with the new owner of the property, who also owns the two motels next door and has given easements for those properties.

Belleville Road sidewalk

Engineer Nummer said he is working with Wayne County to figure out "at-grade and drainage" for the proposed Belleville Road sidewalk north of Tyler Road.

Belleville DDA letter

In discussing a letter from the Belleville DDA to VBT DDA chairman Dolph, Ireland said, "This item for me doesn't reach the top of my priority list."

Combs added, "Unless you all want to stand up and dress as scarecrows"

Ireland said she thought Belleville was looking for ideas and involvement and is not quite sure what it envisions.

Ireland was asked to speak with Carol Thompson, who is coordinator of the Belleville DDA. Thompson also is chairwoman of the VBT Planning Commission.

At its regular meeting in April, the Belleville DDA passed a motion to ask the VBT DDA to decorate Belleville Road from the Belleville Bridge north to continue Belleville's Halloween/Harvest decorations for its Booville celebration throughout the month of October.

Widening Belleville Road

DDA member Ed Miller said he had been questioned by some homeowners so he asked about the status of widening Belleville Road from Ecorse Road to Tyler. Ireland said it would take a significant amount of work and cost a significant amount of money.

They would need to purchase 32 rights of way and in order to do that they would need to go through the Uniform Relocation Act.

Miller said the township puts up a sign to welcome people to the area, then puts them down to two lanes.

Bechtel said because of the real estate values being low, maybe the DDA should get re-involved.

Nummer said Wade Trim would work in conjunction with an appraiser. The appraiser comes in and determines the square foot value. It doesn't matter what the value of the home is, he said. They determine for a residential property what a square foot of land is worth.

If the "taking" is substantial enough to impact the use of the rest of the property you may have to take the entire property including the home, Nummer said. If you cannot come up with a mutual agreement between the owner and the township, the DDA can request the township do a condemnation.

It starts with doing a survey, generating an easement document. Drawings were completed a long time ago, Nummer said.

"Then we go through the process of communicating with property owners," Nummer said. "The Uniform Relocation Act is skewed to the protection of the property owner."



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6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the districts proposed general fund operating budget and debt fund budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Copies of the proposed 2014-15 budgets will be available on June 16, 2014 and thereafter for public inspection at the Board of Education Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Board of Education

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Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Cline to retire as of June 27

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Kathleen Cline turned in her letter of retirement to Clerk Leon Wright last Thursday, with an effective date of June 27.

Cline said the decision was made after

considerable thought and soul-searching.

In her letter, Cline said, "I am retiring due [to] the demands of my position and personal reasons. I take my position seriously and cannot continue to provide the level of attention my vast job duties require."

She suggested an effective date of June 27 to give Clerk Wright time to find a



Cline

replacement, but she offered to depart earlier if that would be more convenient.

Cline was hired in 1997 by then-Supervisor Helen Foster as her confidential secretary. In 2001, Clerk Joannie Payne appointed her as deputy clerk and she's been in that position for the last 13 years.

Cline's duties include everything a deputy clerk in VBT is expected to do, as well as a growing human resources load.

In 2013, Cline was expected to get some help with the ever-changing health care programs and personnel issues when Supervisor Linda Combs hired a full-time executive assistant. But Karin LaMothe did not have the Human Resources credentials required and HR was dropped from LaMothe's responsibilities.

A part-time HR person was hired from an agency, but when her term was up she left for a full-time job. A search is now under way for another part-time HR employee. Meanwhile, HR responsibilities remain with the clerk's office.

"I value the experience I have received at Van Buren Township and I want [to] thank you and the entire Board of Trustees for the past 17 years. I wish the best for the entire Board and all of the dedicated employees of the Township," she concluded.



Rasheda, Phillip, and Maria

Phillip Miller weds Rasheda Ann Devaney

Phillip John Miller of Van Buren Township and Rasheda Ann Devaney of New Boston are pleased to announce their marriage.

The nuptials were performed at a private ceremony on Jan. 3, 2014 in Denver, CO. The ceremony was officiated by Magistrate Kate Boland.

The bride is the daughter of Abdulla Ben Abdulla (deceased) and Jean Abdulla of New Boston.

The groom is the son of Barbara Rogalle Miller of Van Buren Township.

Maria Katarzyna Devaney, daughter of the bride, served as the maid of honor and flower girl.

David Haener of New Boston and Richard Summers of Denver, CO served as groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Dearborn with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management. She currently serves as the Human Resources Officer at the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a Master's degree in Public Administration. He currently works as the Senior Financial Analyst for the City of Oak Park.

Following a honeymoon in Breckenridge, CO, Phillip, Rasheda, and Maria look forward to moving into a house in the City of Belleville (the groom's hometown) in June.



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- Monday, June 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons (may be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 19).
- Tuesday, June 10 – VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 12 – Keystone Academy Board of Directors, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, June 5 – Dr. Roy E. Finkenbine of the University of Detroit will speak at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library on “Solomon Northrup’s America.” The memoir of Solomon Northrup was the basis for the Academy Award winning film “12 Years a Slave.” Dr. Finkenbine will talk on slavery during the time of Solomon Northrup and Northrup’s post-slavery efforts to promote abolition and to gain compensation for his enslavement.
- Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15 – It’s Strawberry Festival time in

Belleville. Parade is Saturday at 11 a.m.

• Saturday, June 14 – Romulus Historical Society is holding its annual flea market from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, Romulus. Cost is \$15 per set up, furnish your own tables. For more information, call Cathy Morse, (734) 941-6361.

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Court Watching:

Judge Parrott delays preliminary exam for accused shooter

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

Billy Ray Patrick II, 22, who is being held in Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 bond for shooting a Belleville teenager in the face, was brought before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott for a scheduled preliminary exam on May 28. Patrick originally had asked for a court-appointed attorney, but on May 28 he stood with his newly hired attorney Michael Vincent.

Patrick is accused of the May 12 shooting of Thomas Strunk, 16, on West Columbia Avenue in the city of Belleville. Patrick's official charges are: assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault and felony firearms.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman told the Independent that Patrick's mother accompanied him to the police department when he turned himself in the same night as the shooting. She also brought a pistol and turned it over to police.

Attorney Vincent, who had just taken the case, said he had just received evidence from the public defender's office and needed more time to review it. And, he needed a signed discovery order from the judge to get more documents from the Belleville Police Department.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski said the prosecutor's file had pretty much been provided.

Judge Parrott agreed to sign the discovery order and to adjourn Patrick's preliminary exam until June 11 in Judge Green's courtroom.

Patrick's \$500,000/10% bond continues

and he was taken back to Wayne County Jail.

Van Buren Township cases

Also on May 28, Judge Parrott accepted a plea bargain for **Richard Jay Lesson**, 52, manager of the Lunch Box in Belleville.

Lesson was arrested for domestic violence and interfering with a crime report. He pled guilty to a reduced charge of disorderly person and interfering with a crime report.

Lesson said on March 6 he was having a very loud argument and unplugged a phone to prevent the person from calling the police.

Lesson's court-appointed attorney Jeffrey Bowdich said he didn't believe his client ever laid hands on anyone.

Judge Parrott said Lesson has a history with the court. He sentenced Lesson to 12 months of probation with 90 days suspended until completion of probation. He also got eight days on the work program, 26 weeks of batterer counseling, continued no-contact with the victim, and \$1,505 total in court costs and fines.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Mark Buxton was the officer in charge of the case.

Lesson was found not guilty by a jury in 2007 for criminal sexual conduct.

Lisa Marie Burleson, 42, waived her right to a preliminary exam on May 28 and will be going downtown to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on June 11 for an arraignment on the information. Burleson was charged with possession of analogs and operating while intoxicated, 2nd offense, in Van Buren Township on Feb. 8, 2013.

Det. Sgt. Jeff Guelli is the VBT officer leading the case.

Jeremy David McLaughlin, 26, also waived his right to a preliminary exam and will appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice downtown June 4 on charges of home invasion and receiving and

concealing stolen property.

Known as a habitual offender, McLaughlin also pled guilty to the same charges in 2011. McLaughlin is being held in Wayne County Jail. His legal aid attorney is Tim Wrather.

Det. Sgt. Guelli is the officer in charge of the case.

Brandon John Petri, 24, was scheduled for a pretrial exam on a domestic violence charge, but failed to appear in court. A habeas corpus bench warrant was ordered.

On May 7, Petri told Judge Parrott he would look into retaining an attorney before scheduling the jury trial he wanted.

Willie Moore, 64, was charged with two counts of assault and battery on May 11. He stood before Judge Parrott with his court-appointed attorney Bowdich. Bowdich asked to adjourn the pretrial exam until June 18, giving him more time to review the case.

Judge Parrott agreed to postpone the exam and continued Moore's bond and the provision to have no contact with the victim. Det. Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

David Gerald Kass, 33, was on the docket in Judge Parrott's courtroom for a pretrial exam, but did not show up.

He was serving two years of probation for pleading guilty to a March 2013 felonious assault when he was arrested again recently for assault and battery and domestic violence.

On March 18, he pled guilty to probation violation before Judge David A. Groner and now he's on probation for that case until March 18, 2018. The amount of fees he owes the court is \$1,723.

Marcus Alancort Hudson, who was arrested on May 9 for receiving and concealing stolen property, pled guilty to attempting to pay \$100 for an iPad he knew was stolen. Under the Holmes Youthful

Training Act, Judge Parrott will take the case under advisement for six months after which time Hudson's record might be cleared.

Judge Parrot said there will be no further adjournments for **Samuel Maurice Banks**. Banks 32, a veteran, stood with his court-appointed attorney Bowdich for March 3 charges of assault by strangulation and domestic violence.

Bowdich said this matter could be referred to 36th or 17th district court, where they have veterans' courts. Banks is receiving counseling at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit and the two-month delay was not attributed to Banks. Judge Parrott agreed to adjourn until June 18.

Belleville case

In a plea deal, **Marlow Mizzi 18**, pled guilty to a zero-tolerance violation and an open-intoxicants charge was dismissed. Judge Parrott referred Mizzi to the probation department for alcohol screening. A sentencing date will be determined.

U.S. Census Bureau: Belleville, VBT, Sumpter all lost residents in 2013

The U.S. Census Bureau released new population estimates on May 22 that shows that the City of Belleville, the Charter Township of Van Buren and Sumpter Township all lost residents between 2012 and 2013.

- The City of Belleville had a population of 3,912 in 2012 and lost 30 people to have an estimated population of 3,882 in 2013 – a loss of 0.8%.

- The Charter Township of Van Buren had a population of 28,550 in 2012 and lost 181 people to have an estimated population of 28,369 in 2013 – a loss of 0.6%.

- Sumpter Township had a population of 9,436 in 2012 and lost 66 people to have an estimated population of 9,370 in 2013 – a loss of 0.7%.

The only community in Wayne County to increase in population in 2013 was Northville Township which has 41 more people for a total of 28,732 – an increase of 0.1%.

Highland Park had the greatest loss of any Michigan community, losing 1,824 people between 2012 and 2013, a loss of 4.3%. The City of Detroit lost 9,881 people (-1.4%) for a total population of 688,701 in 2013.

Wayne County lost 17,223 people for a 2013 total of 1,775,253 and the state of Michigan gained 0.13% for a total of 9,895,622.


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The woman's daughter ran across the street to tell the police officer who lives there what was happening and the police officer summoned officers, who arrested Kauffman.

Chief Berriman said both Livonia and Redford have charges against Kauffman and so Belleville probably won't prosecute anything to do with the rollover.

Library Bingo to enliven Adult Summer Reading program in Belleville

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Special City Council Meeting Minutes May 12, 2014

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY 2014/15 City Budget Review

Contracted finance employee Kelly Howey and Brian Camiller, Senior Manager for Plante & Moran PLLC presented the various funds for City Council review. Discussion was held regarding all funds.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-050** to cancel the May 14th budget study session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 9:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: June 2, 2014

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes May 19, 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 Pro Tem Loria.

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	Absent/Excused

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve agenda with the addition of a request from Belleville High School New Tech students and to add Item 8I to call a Public Hearing for the 2014/15 budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2014 with corrections. To add comments to Items 8B parts 1 & 2 regarding the loud music and the time that it should end during Egan's special events and to add the beginning and ending times of the festival to the Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Belleville High School New Tech Students – Request for Resolution

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-051** to uphold and affirm an agreement stating that we the citizens of Belleville affirm that genocide is an atrocity and will do anything within our power to identify, prevent, and stop genocide in the area.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Thunder Rolls in Belleville

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-052** to approve Thunder Rolls in Belleville Memorial Day, May 26, 2014 to honor our Veterans at the Veterans War Memorial from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. High street to be closed from Charles to Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Victory Park Usage – Bottle Drive

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-053** to approve a request by Jacqueline Riley to hold a can & bottle drive for the

Army Cadet Program in Kentucky on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at Victory Park from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Canton Lions Club – Fund Raising

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-054** to approve a change in dates to solicit on May 23rd and May 30th at Five Points and Main Street from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. Horizon Park Usage – Common Sense Library PAC – Fundraiser

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-055** to approve the Common Sense Library PAC fundraiser at the Horizon Park gazebo on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 5-8 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-056** to approve the annual pavement restoration permit A-14101 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-057** to approve the annual maintenance permit A-14046 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. Wayne County Annual Special Events Permit

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-058** to approve the annual special events permit A-14134 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. Call Public Hearing – 2014/15 Budget

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-059** to call Public Hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed 2014/15 budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-060** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2014/15 budget.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: June 2, 2014

Published: June 5, 2014



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2014

Meeting called to order by Treasurer J. Morgan at 6:30 pm showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan & Swinson. Excused medical Supervisor Vawters. Also present Attorney Young and about 16 citizens.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the agenda with item 14 removed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public comments on agenda items only.**

5. **Minutes:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve minutes of regular board meeting April 22, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes of parks & recreation April 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes of the fire department of March 2 and April 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes of the planning commission of April 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve warrants totaling \$294,887.19 with a roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nays: None. Absent Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

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

8. **Police:** Awards for 2012: Meritorious Service: Sgt. Patrick Gannon; Valued Service: Sgt. Chris McGlynn and Sgt. Patrick Gannon; Chief's recognition Admin Asst. Jewel Leonard & Operations Cord. Malissa Paquette; Patrol productivity: Officer Brian Stefani and Officer of the year Det. John Toth. Awards for 2013: Meritorious Service Officer Joseph Balowski; Patrol Productivity Officer Brian Stefani; Officer of the year; Officer Brian Stefani.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the police report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Building/Ordinance:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the building/ordinance report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Fire:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to accept the fire report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Treasurer's:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Attorney:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the pay increase for the township board members as follows: Supervisor will go from \$16,000.00 to \$21,150.00, Clerk & Treasurer from \$14,000.00 to \$18,101.00, Trustees from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman for the board members to receive the raises (when they are given out) same as the union employees to begin June 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the attorney's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Board Response**

14. **Removed**

15. **New Business:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to table the YCUA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Bates to approve Esther Hurst as alternate member on the parks & recreation. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve special exception for Sumpter Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road, to have party rentals. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Announcements**

17. **Open Floor**

18. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:10 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 May 13, 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

Publish: June 5, 2014

Court Watching:**Accused murderer
Jackson again has
conference postponed**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

Accused murderer Richard Elmer Jackson, Jr. was brought from the Wayne County Jail to Judge Gregory Bill's courtroom at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on May 29.

He was scheduled for a final conference before his Aug. 7 trial date, but for a second time, the conference was postponed.

Jackson, 49, is charged with premeditated first-degree murder in the stabbing death of his wife Travisteen in their Van Buren

Township home on Dec. 17.

Jackson's court-appointed attorney Mark Procida told Judge Bill he had spoken to the prosecutor's supervisor, Robert Spada, who said they may have a resolution but was having difficulty making contacts. Another final conference is scheduled for June 9.

Spada was reviewing the case file for Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Nicole James. The *Independent* learned James was leaving the prosecutor's office along with six other prosecutors.

Kirkwood Lane Phifer

Also on May 29, Kirkwood Lane Phifer, 24, of Van Buren Township, stood with his attorney Charles Innis in Judge James Chylinski's courtroom for sentencing on drug charges at circuit court, Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

In a plea agreement, Kirkwood Phifer pled guilty as charged to possessing 65 tablets of LSD.

The charge of delivery/manufacturing 5-45 kilos of marijuana was dismissed in the plea agreement.

Kirkwood Phifer and his father Dale Kenneth Phifer, 76, were arrested Nov. 13 at their home on Bog Road, Dale for possession of 83 marijuana plants and Kirkwood for 65 tablets of LSD.

Van Buren Township Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the Phifer cases.

Kirkwood Phifer was sentenced to four months in the Wayne County Jail or \$1,800 in fines and costs. Phifer could be released upon payment of the \$1,800 which he paid, and was free later that day.

Dale Phifer is scheduled for a final conference in Judge Dana Hathaway's courtroom on July 7 on the marijuana charges.

Court Watching:**Judge Parrott binds over
accused embezzler of
insurance funds**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

Margaret Beverly King, 52, former Belleville LOOK insurance agent, appeared before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on May 28 with her Ypsilanti attorney Sam Bernstein.

She was scheduled for a preliminary exam on a felony charge of embezzlement by an agent of \$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000.

(Her attorney is no relation to the Farmington Hills Bernstein attorney family.)

King, who worked for 12 years at LOOK insurance agency at 645 Sumpter Road, Van Buren Township, is accused of stealing \$8,030 from Jan 1, 2013 to Nov. 27, 2013.

During King's preliminary exam on May 28, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski questioned King's boss, Rena Ragland, on King's duties and responsibilities.

Ragland testified that King was the only employee working at the Sumpter Road location. It was her duty to take daily cash payments for road-aid packages and lock the money in a heavy-duty cabinet. Every month she was to give Ragland the cash and an accounting statement so Ragland could deposit it in the bank.

Ragland said King kept holding money in the cabinet until September when Ragland asked her to tabulate it for a deposit. King said she would tabulate backwards giving her April through October.

In November, Ragland testified, she pressured King to get the rest of the cash tabulated for deposit. There was supposed to be \$8,030 and they had only \$1,200.

Ragland testified she asked King where the missing money was and King teared up, saying, "I know I took some money, but I didn't think it was that much."

On cross-examination, King's attorney asked Ragland to describe the accounting policy which she had developed. Ragland stated the accounting was done all manually without a computer program. King was responsible for counting and tabulating.

Prosecutor Lukiewski said there is more than \$8,000 missing and it was King's duty to tabulate.

Attorney Bernstein objected to the "existence of a crime with no evidence."

Judge Parrott ruled there was sufficient evidence to bind King over on the charges, setting a June 11 date for an arraignment on the information at Circuit Court, Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

VB T Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

Wayne County Airport Authority Public Notice**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
WILLOW RUN AIRPORT****Remediation of Asbestos at Hangar 2 Demolition Project**

Willow Run Airport
Third Floor Conference Room
801 Willow Run Airport
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198-0899

**Thursday, June 19, 2014
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Wayne County Airport Authority announces plans to remediate asbestos within the structure of Willow Run Airport Hangar 2 with support from a Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan from the Downriver Community Conference. The remediation is necessary to conduct demolition of Hangar 2 in a manner which protects public health and the environment in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing to provide information about the asbestos remediation actions.

The Wayne County Airport Authority (Airport Authority) will hold a Public Hearing on the asbestos remediation actions on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Third Floor Conference Room, 801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, Michigan from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Hearing will be a formal open house format, allowing the public to stop by anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A short presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m. Public comments made in writing will be taken by Airport Authority staff after the 6:00 p.m. presentation or can be made in writing and submitted that evening. Written comments can also be submitted by mail through June 27, 2014 to:

Mark McPherson
Wayne County Airport Authority
L.C. Smith Terminal – Mezzanine
Detroit, Michigan 48242
Mark.McPherson@wcaa.us

A copy of the Administrative Record which provides the basis for this action is anticipated to be available for public review on or by June 6, 2014 in the Airport Administrative offices at Willow Run Airport, 801 Willow Run, Ypsilanti, MI., or at www.wcaa.us/development and www.willowrunairport.com/development. Pre-arranged appointments can be made by calling (734) 485-6666.

Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired will be provided upon three (3) days' notice to Kristy Exner, Wayne County Airport Authority at (734) 247-2223 or by e-mail to Kristy.Exner@wcaa.us.

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The grand-opening event will feature live radio broadcast by **102.9 W4 Country FM** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and open house until 5 p.m. Enter a drawing for a chance to win a new 4 wheeler and a Yamaha Generator.

See their ad in today's paper for details or visit their website to learn more of how this exciting new business works at **www.foxautoupull.com**. Call (734) 389-7104. The business will be open 7 days.

The **Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Dock Party** is coming up on Wednesday, June 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnny's Bar & Grill on High Street. Tickets are \$10 for Chamber members, \$15 for non-members. The annual event, which kicks off the Strawberry Festival here in town, officially welcomes in the new chamber board of directors for 2014-15. Call (734) 697-7151.

I learned that next week's Strawberry Festival will feature one of the largest number of crafters and vendors on Main Street in many years. That's awesome. Hats off to the various festival committees and the Central Business Community for their efforts. As a director with the Belleville Council for the Arts, I know what it's like to put events like this together as Artaffair on Main returns to town July 26-27. Can't wait.

Registration is still available for the **Belleville Lacrosse Summer Camp 2014** to be held June 21-25 at Belleville High School. The camp will feature guests, coaches and college players in a skill-building, 5-day program. The camp runs 9 a.m. to noon each day. To register, email **bellevillelaxboosters@gmail.com**.

The **Romulus Historical Society** will be holding its annual **Flea Market** on Saturday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Romulus Historical Park on Hunt Street. Table space is still available for \$15 per setup. Must bring your own tables. Call (734) 941-6361.

The **Unified Communities Credit Union** on Main Street in Belleville is offering 2014 summer loans with rates as low as 5.99 %. Borrow up to \$3,000 with

Belleville recesses council meeting until June 16 for budget

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Not all the figures are in place so the Belleville City Council was unable to approve the proposed budgets for 2014-15 at the first meeting in June, as required by law.

So it didn't adjourn the meeting on Monday. It was recessed.

The council will continue the meeting of June 2 when it sits down for its previously scheduled second meeting of the month -- on June 16.

Then, it can reopen the June 2 meeting and approve the budget.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the council has done this before to technically comply with the law.

No one on the council objected.

Mayor Conley said they still have some tweaking to do to the budget, including incorporating the Downtown Development Authority budget which was approved by the DDA on May 21.

Also, Councilwoman Kim Tindall had asked some questions for which the Plante Moran consultants are gathering the answers. And, the subcommittee that was to meet with the police department, just met earlier that evening.

"We'll get a final budget submitted by next Monday," Conley said, adding the council members can look it over and then adopt a budget on June 16.

The general fund budget has \$2,095,585 in expenditures and \$2,085,399 in revenues.

Conley said they are not looking to replace DPS Director Keith Boc, who retired, but to keep both part-time people they hired because of the positive feedback on their work. She said they will try to work out

terms to 12 months. Offers end July 31, 2014. Call (734) 697-4800.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 2nd Annual Garden Soiree** is coming up June 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at two venues -- **248 Roland Street** and **327 E. Huron River Drive** -- both in Belleville. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. The event will feature live entertainment by **Sarah D' Angelo Trio** and **The Island Guys**, cocktails, eats, silent auction and more. Proceeds go to fund the **BACA Lakeside Concert Series**. Tickets are available at the **Belleville Chamber**, the **Belleville District Library**, and **Garden Fantasy Florist**. Call (734) 697-8123.

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getting more hours for one of the two, Keith Tackett.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said he still would like to see a raise in salary for fire fighters.

"You said minimum wage was just a start," he said, referring to the fire fighters getting a raise to minimum wage last year.

Mayor Conley said that is a negotiation item, since the fire fighters had an affirmative vote recently to organize a fire fighters' union.

Conley said the fire department, police department, and administrative staff have been six years without a salary increase and health care costs have risen.

She said the city doesn't have the luxury of raising salaries today

Chief Loranger said he has been on the Belleville Fire Department for 25 years and when he leaves he will get nothing.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Was asked by Mayor Conley to set aside July 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a joint meeting of the planning commission, Downtown Development Authority, and the council to consider the new sign ordinance. This will be after the regular DDA meeting, which starts at 6 p.m.;

- Approved a request from Pryde Athletics for a Kids 5K run at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 21, on the running paths at Village Park, ending around noon;

- Discussed the Bayou Grill's request to hold an outdoor Beer Garden on the Fourth Street Square from 5 to 9 p.m. each Monday from July 14 to Sept. 29 in conjunction with the Car Show on Main Street. The mayor asked Brian Copsey to get more detailed plans and a drawing of where exactly he wants to put his 14'x14' fenced off Beer Garden on the square. This is expected to be back on the agenda June 16;

- Encouraged Wendy Howell to get her Republican candidate for Congress, Terry Bowman, into the Strawberry Festival parade, rather than setting up a meet and greet at Victory Park on June 14, the Saturday of the festival. After the parade they may move to the park to do a program on Flag Day and do patriotic speeches;

- Approved the following reappointments

made by the mayor to boards and commissions: Lawrence Gallo to the Board of Review with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2016; Toni Clark and Mary Ann Chudzinski to the Cemetery Advisory Committee with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2017; Sabrina Richardson-Williams and Rosemary Loria to the DDA with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2017; Betty Kurczewski to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2016; and Steve Jones and John Juriga to the Planning Commission, with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2016;

- Approved the three-year dispatch and lockup agreement with Van Buren Township, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2016. Cost is \$154,336 for 2014 (6% increase), \$160,509 for 2015 (4% increase), and \$166,929 for 2016 (4% increase);

- Approved allowing employees to use a vacation day for the Friday after Christmas this year to get themselves a four-day weekend. Everyone except police and fire will get Thursday (Christmas) through Sunday off under this agreement;

- Approved accounts payable of \$154,283.39 and purchases in excess of \$500: to Herkimer, \$500 for maintenance fees (fire); to P&W Paging, \$932.75 for pager replacement (fire); to Time Emergency, \$5,034.80 for turnout gear replacement (fire); and to Valentine Tree Service, \$2,100 for tree removal in the cemetery;

- Heard Victoria Commons Homeowner Association vice president Brian Blackburn deliver a list of concerns about grass mowing, the deteriorating bridge over the twin lakes, sewage smell at the ponds, and deteriorating curbs at driveways; and

- Heard Mike Renaud ask if the new budget has any payment for the \$7 million in unfunded liabilities for pensions and healthcare? He was told it didn't. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she has signed a promise to the state that the city will make an attempt to do that.

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Mark Twain

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Eric Luke named Acting Chief in Sumpter, while Chief Pierce recuperates

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce was scheduled for surgery on his second knee on June 4, so at the May 27 township board meeting Chief Pierce announced that Captain Eric Luke will be Acting Chief in his absence.

Chief Pierce praised Luke, "Without Luke, our department wouldn't be where it is."

He said, hopefully, Luke will be the next police chief of Sumpter Township.

Township Treasurer John Morgan, who was presiding at the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Johnny Vawters, also praised Luke.

Treasurer Morgan agreed that Luke is an outstanding officer and Morgan has recognized that for the 20 years he has known Luke. He supported the plan to have Luke be the next police chief.

Chief Pierce said at the last township board meeting, Luke presented awards to other officers, but Luke, himself, should have been given an award for all he has done for the department.

In other business at the May 27 meeting, the board:

- Approved signing the new, updated agreement with Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority for sewage treatment;
- Approved a resolution that allows the township to go after those who don't pay their personal property taxes after a third notice. The township will be able to take them to Small Claims Court to file a claim. The township also can padlock the business and put a red sticker on it;
- Approved purchase of a Kimtek Firelite skid unit for the fire department at a cost of \$9,980. This is to replace a 35-year-old unit. It is used from the back of a pickup truck for fighting brush fires;
- Approved, with regret, the resignations of the following fire fighters: Shauna Spoonamore, Jeremy Schrock and Alin Ureche, who moved out of the township; Michael Marecle, who now has a full-time

job and no time to devote to fire fighting; and Jason Herman, whose schooling is conflicting with fire fighting;

- Approved the annual cost of \$10,000 for the OSSI contract for public safety software for the police department;

- Heard Mary Ban say that she knows the township board was busy on Memorial Day. She said Sumpter didn't send a representative to ThunderRolls in Belleville on Memorial Day, where more than 300 motorcycles rode in to help with a big ceremony to salute veterans and deceased veterans. She said there was no one from Sumpter to lay a wreath for the township. She said Craig Moody had done it in the past, but this year there is no wreath at the Veterans Memorial from Sumpter. She said

there was a huge crowd and a touching ceremony. She hopes next year "a citizen of some kind" will be able to stand up and lay the wreath. "As a member of the Sumpter Township community, I was embarrassed," she said. She added that Gertrude Biess and her daughter got the memorial started. Theme of Sumpter Fest was "United We Stand," she said, adding the ceremony was in memory of all the sons who died in the line of duty;

- Heard Ban say that in the library millage proposal on the Aug. 5 ballot, it explains how \$127,000 of the total will be captured every year by the Belleville DDA, the VBT DDA, and the VBT LDFA. She said Sumpter's proposed DDA wasn't approved by Wayne County, so they get none of it.

"We're getting a satellite library," Ban said;

- Heard Ban discuss the Belleville High School New Tech lesson on genocide that was reported in the *Independent*. She said the students should know that, "Abortion is genocide" and 57 million people have been aborted. "It is a holocaust ... severe genocide." She said 57 million more people could be alive and paying taxes if they hadn't been aborted; and

- Heard Wayne Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous introduced himself. He is running for the Wayne County Commission in the 11th district to replace Kevin McNamara, who is running for county executive.

BHS Class of 1964 seeks classmates for 50th reunion in August

The Belleville High School Class of 1964 is trying to locate the following classmates for its 50th reunion on Aug. 23.

If you have any information on these classmates, contact Sallie (Mosher) Gross at: salliem144@aol.com.

Agner, Cindy (Swan)
Anthony, David
Baker, Robert
Ballard, Thomas
Blair, Janet
Bodenmiller, Mary (Bell)
Boudrie, Barbara Laura
Brooks, Jeanne
Brown, Linda (Micallet)
Brown, Lyle
Busha, Harold
Buss, Robert
Carey, Sandra (Pullen)
Clark, Thomas
Combs, Randy
Cooper, William
Copp, Jeanne (Lee)
Cordell, Alan
Crumley, Robert
Dicks, Betty (Brown)
Estermeyer, Lynda (Pollack)
Ferguson, Robert
Fischer, James
Fischer, Thomas
Gadde, Paula

Harris, Leslie
Hay, Danny
Hayward, James
Henry, John
Holmes, Jackie (Sanchez)
Howard, William (new name: Earle Walker)
Jennings, Marvin
Johnson, Diana
Johnson, Oakley
Konapek, Fran (Spedoski)
Kotlarczyk, Nancy (Dibble)
Lafferty, Garland?
Lambert, Jerry
Layne, Betty (Hill)
Light, Terry
Linderman, Ronald
Lobbestael, Joseph?
Majors, Angela (Murray)
McBride, Roberta
McLaren, Stephen
Melson, Sharon (Turner)
Mixon, Joyce (Adams)
Moore, Sharon (Jones)
Newton, Richard
Olford, John
Orr, Albert
Ocholik, James
Osterhout, Frank?
Painter, Shirley (Fagan)
Phelps, Penny (Manning)

Raymond, Robert
Riddle, Ruby?
Riggs, William
Robb, Sharon
Roger, Sandra
Schroeder, Thomas
Sheldon, Charles
Shuell, Elaine (Schmidt)
Simkins, Frank
Simmons, James
Sinevick, Nick
Smith, Michael
Swiencki, Kathryn
Taylor, Danny
Templeman, Joyce (Henson)
Thomas, Judy (Castagna)
Thompson, Wallace
VanEck, Peter
VanSpronsen, Paulina
Vargo, Patrick?
Weimer, John
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Williams, Thomas
Young, Joann (Riggs)

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Belleville Area Council for the Arts sets Garden Soiree at two locations

Last year it was called Bach's Wine Garden Party, but this year it is the "Second Annual Garden Soiree" set to earn funds for the Music Lakeside Summer Concert Series.

The event, sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 20 at two private gardens in the City of Belleville: 248 Roland Street and 327 E. Huron River Drive.

The events will offer hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and live music.

Jazz favorites will be performed by the Sarah D'Angelo Trio featuring Belleville's own Sarah D'Angelo with Paul Keller on bass and Duncan McMillan on piano.

The Island Guys will provide a tropical feel with their blend of Calypso and Reggae melodies complete with steel drums.

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Big Boy property sold to Bellevue Development

According to Van Buren Township Assessor Linda Stevenson, the Big Boy property on Belleville Road has been sold to Bellevue Development, LLC. The sale price was \$755,000.

Bellevue Development is the same company that owns the Van Buren Plaza, where Dos Pesos, Subway, etc. is located.

-- Diane Madigan, Special Writer

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, May 25:
0002 – missing person, Forestdale Dr.
0046 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
0052 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0214 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0219 – sexual assault, Belleville Rd.
0235 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
0250 – agency assist, Bemis Rd.
0250 – noise complaint, Mida
0348 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1132 – fight, Lake Crest Dr.
1218 – intimidation threat, Maurice Dr.
1354 – breaking & entering, Lake Villa Dr.
1420 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
1708 – juvenile complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1931 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1934 – shots fired, Hull Rd.
2040 – personal injury accident, Quirk Rd.
2133 – noise complaint, Westlake
2154 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

2243 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2252 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, May 26:
0027 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0101 – intimidation threat, Westlake
0317 – noise complaint, Village Green
0503 – assault & battery, W. Archwood
0809 – malicious destruction of property, Redwood
0947 – larceny from auto, Parkside Dr.
0947 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
1239 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1518 – property damage accident, Marlowe Ave.
1637 – lake complaint, Huron River Dr./DNR
1707 – missing person, Denton
1723 – private property accident, DNR boat launch
1737 – disturbance, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service
1829 – assault & battery, Westlake Cir.
1958 – noise complaint, Charter Club
2107 – harassment call, Dellor St.
2115 – fireworks, Ash Dr.
2223 – assault & battery, Winchester St.
2319 – suspicious person, Red Roof

Tuesday, May 27:
0202 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
0914 – hospice, Oak Ln.
1058 – intimidation threat, Haggerty Rd.
1112 – disturbance, Tyler Rd.
1123 – fraud, Water Works
1307 – suspicious situation, Red Roof & Cracker Barrel
1336 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1534 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1600 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1626 – intimidation threat, Pebblebrook Dr.
1925 – personal injury accident, Martz Rd.
2150 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2215 – missing person, Lindsey Dr.
2341 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, May 28:
0057 – breaking & entering, E. Adams
0150 – shots fired, Parkwood Manor
0756 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0812 – agency assist, Main St.
0816 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0822 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0914 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
1015 – breaking & entering, Parkwood
1044 – malicious destruction of property, Ash Dr.
1055 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1135 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Textile
1152 – missing person, Aspen
1243 – fraud, China King Express
1324 – assault & battery, Richard Run
1606 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1611 – private property accident, Rawsonville Taco Bell
1612 – missing person, Van Buren St.

2047 – missing person, Cumberland Ct.
2156 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2258 – agency assist, Carmell
Thursday, May 29:
0426 – fire investigation, Tyler Rd.
0426 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.
0539 – assault & battery, Richard Run
0749 – breaking & entering, Sumpter Rd.
0940 – harassment call, N. Woodbury Dr.
1325 – breaking & entering, Riggs Rd.
1522 – weapons violation, Belleville/I-94
1608 – narcotics crime, Parkwood Dr.
2144 – child abuse, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2149 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
2153 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
2309 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / Tyler Rd.

Friday, May 30:
0149 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0339 – mental, Westlake
0532 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
0639 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr./Bldg. 44
0649 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
0849 – vehicle fire, S. Service Dr./Haggerty
0949 – fraud, Chloe Ct.
1224 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1228 – private property accident, 5th/3rd Bank
1608 – private property accident, Oak Ln.
1744 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1902 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1905 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd./Michigan
2123 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2137 – fireworks, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2208 – noise complaint, Arthur St.

Saturday, May 31:
0838 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0948 – assault & battery, Belleville
1008 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Huron River Dr.

1104 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd.
1136 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1148 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1246 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
1307 – property damage accident, Walden
1408 – retail fraud, Rawsonville
1523 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1528 – missing person, Vista Dr.
1634 – suicide or attempt, Fret Rd.
1655 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Ecorse
1712 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1724 – juvenile complaint, Michigan
1754 – retail fraud, Dollar General
2035 – larceny, Park Estates
2038 – suspicious person, Belle Tire
2057 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2122 – ATV/ORV complaint, Beverly/Sheldon
2123 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

2240 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 150 traffic stops, 19 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 25:
0035 – suspicious person, Carmell St./Dos Rios St.
0104 – suspicious situation, Main St.
0113 – malicious destruction of property, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
0226 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr./S. Edgemont Ave.
0313 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St./First St.
1019 – assist fire dept., Liberty
1251 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1600 – found property, Main St.
1630 – all other traffic, Wexford Ave.
1823 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.
1954 – property damage accident, Main St.

Monday, May 26:
0238 – suspicious situation, S. Liberty St.
0918 – disorderly conduct, McBride
1408 – juvenile complaint, Victoria Commons pool
1904 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1928 – harassment call, Carmell St.
2202 – suspicious person, Potter Dr.

2340 – suicide or attempt, Carmell St.
Tuesday, May 27:
0226 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0952 – suspicious situation, Tuscan Manor
1119 – intimidation threat, Main St.
1153 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1617 – found property, Main St.
1627 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
1634 – serve warrant, E. Columbia Ave.
1810 – missing person, S. Liberty St.
1933 – neighbor trouble, Capistrano Ct.
2137 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, May 28:
0407 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0808 – personal injury accident, Main St.
1051 – personal injury accident, Belleville/lake
1109 – follow up, Belleville/Big Boy
1358 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1834 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1943 – property damage accident, Main St.
2057 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2256 – fight, Carmell St.
2341 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Thursday, May 29:
0043 – civil matter, Carmell St.
0128 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0156 – follow up, S. Liberty St.
0830 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1053 – disturbance, Owen St.
1134 – missing person, Aberdeen
1323 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Owen St.
1341 – hospice, Santa Clara St.
1431 – disturbance, Owen Intermediate
1752 – suspicious person, Horizon Park
1942 – miscellaneous complaint, Horizon Park
2049 – suspicious person, Carmell St.
2050 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2221 – follow up, S. Aberdeen St.
2224 – agency assist, Wear Rd.

Friday, May 30:
0339 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0914 – animal complaint, Capistrano Ct.
0939 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1023 – larceny, Loza Ln.
1458 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1757 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
2237 – suspicious person, Main St./Roys St.
2310 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, May 31:
0112 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
0753 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1100 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1202 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1253 – agency assist, Lake Villa
1403 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1453 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1602 – suspicious situation, Belle Tire
1715 – agency assist, Jackson
2119 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.
2204 – fireworks, High St.
2238 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

Also on this week’s log are 61 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 25:
0140 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0219 – alarm, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0241 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
0250 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0743 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0905 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
1129 – suspicious incident, Tulip
1431 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2119 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2142 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2156 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Monday, May 26:
0125 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0300 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Sumpter
0536 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1122 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1143 – fire dept. assist, Walnut
1347 – alarm, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1659 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1906 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1931 – flee & elude, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1959 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2005 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2020 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
2031 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2101 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2117 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2125 – alarm, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2201 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2254 – missing person report, Timberlane
2314 – suspicious incident, Colorado

Tuesday, May 27:
0437 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0944 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
0957 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1108 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1212 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1620 – civil dispute, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1631 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1745 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2200 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Fenster
2223 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, May 28:
0057 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0732 – property damage accident, Harris/Haggerty
1235 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1244 – harassment complaint, Colorado
1525 – down wires, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1828 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1927 – traffic hazard, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
2022 – suspicious vehicle, Reed/Bohn
2111 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2113 – missing person recovered, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2202 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, May 29:
0001 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
1009 – larceny, Walnut
1037 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1112 – abandoned vehicle, Haggerty/Judd
1146 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1238 – animal complaint, Arizona
1641 – well-being check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1733 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1900 – traffic hazard, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2025 – trespassing complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell
2028 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Talladay
2114 – breaking & entering report, 23000 bl. Karr
2127 – suspicious incident, Elwell/Willis
2135 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2135 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2216 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2231 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.

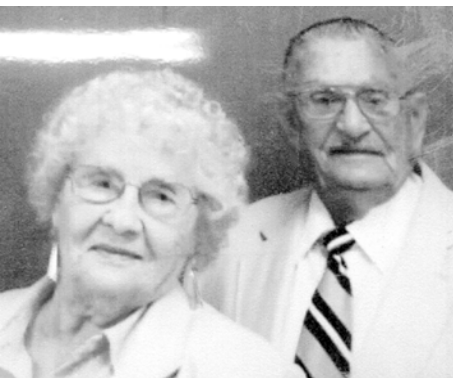
Friday, May 30:
0946 – civil dispute, Montana
1258 – trespassing complaint, Creekside
1353 – civil dispute, Montana
1409 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1535 – fire dept. assist, Walnut
1750 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1859 – ORV complaint, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1909 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2002 – assist other agency, Nevada
2325 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, May 31:
0018 – property damage accident, Judd/Elwell
0336 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0547 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0802 – property damage accident, 39000 bl. Judd
1346 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Wear
1436 – ORV complaint, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
1621 – suspicious incident, Oregon
1757 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1805 – ORV complaint, Carleton West/Wear
1846 – warrant arrest, out of township
2201 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 22 follow-up investigations, 48 miscellaneous details, 113 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

Birthdays

June 2 – Mark Buxton
June 3 – Lisa Long
June 5 – Brinna Hoogterp
June 6 – Valerie Reans
June 8 – Danita Broome
June 10 – Felix Velez, Bob Todd
June 21 – Joe Posegay
June 25 – Rosemarie Hoogterp



Irene and George in 2014



Irene and George in 1944

George, Irene Roberts celebrate 70th wedding anniversary on May 17

George and Irene Roberts, longtime residents of Belleville and now of Shepherd, MI, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 17 at the Belleville Church of God.

A luncheon was prepared by granddaughter Tammy Rice and a slide show was created by great-granddaughter Ryanne (Ron) Rice and played during the luncheon.

Tammy Rice blessed the food and the beautiful day. Attending were daughter Linda Price and her husband Steve, son Jerry Roberts and his wife Linda, and son Gary Roberts, who flew in from Arizona. Another son, Doug, was unable to attend due to illness.

All the grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended, with one granddaughter and her son visiting from Las Vegas to share in the day. Many family and friends were present.

To finish the day, George and Irene cut

the cake and opened many cards and gifts, including a beautiful wedding plate that everyone signed.

Liberty Gospel Church invites Strawberry Festival parking, except on Sunday

Pastor Bernie Travis of Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty Street, Belleville, invites the public to use their parking lot, without charge, during the upcoming Strawberry Festival -- except on Sunday.

On Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14, drivers are welcome to use the church parking lot, Pastor Travis said. But, please, on Sunday, June 15, do not park at the church because they will be having services.

Sarah Jaromin graduates from Cooley Law School with merit

Sarah Jaromin of Hudsonville, MI, graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School on May 18. She was on the Dean's List and earned a Certificate of Merit in Securities Regulation.

Sarah is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and of Belleville High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Janet Jaromin of Belleville.

Hutchison, Porzondek, Richter on Hope College Dean's List for spring

Three Belleville students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2013-14 school year at Hope College in Holland, MI.

They are Alexandria Hutchison, a sophomore; Erica Porzondek, a senior; and Leah Richter, a junior.

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