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Independent photos by Bob Mytych

The rain sprinkled a bit on those who participated in the annual Belleville Bridge Walk last Thursday. Participants posed for a group picture after the walk at the Welcome to Belleville sign and then headed off to eat at the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park. The bridge walk was sponsored by the City of Belleville.



Joyce Rochowiak, chairwoman of the Rotary Club's Rubber Ducky Race held last Thursday during the Taste of Belleville festivities, announces the club awarded \$1,100 to lucky winners. First prize of \$750 went to Mary Jo Suchy, second prize of \$250 to Chuck Lauber, and third prize went to Doug Mily. This was a fund raiser for the club which will use the proceeds for tri-community projects.



The rain held off for last Thursday's Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park and a smaller than usual crowd enjoyed food from the vendors lined up along the closed portion of High Street along the park. The rain, which had been threatening all afternoon, started near the end of the event, which was sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Vendors reported a successful event.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

17-year-old male from Detroit jumps into Belleville Lake, drowns

At 10:10 a.m. last Thursday, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Dive team recovered the body of a 17-year-old male from Belleville Lake.

The teen, from Detroit, had jumped off a boat he was in with his father to go swimming at about 7:44 p.m. the night before and did not resurface, according to a news release by VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson.

The VBT Public Safety Department received multiple 911 calls on the teen missing in the lake between the Denton Road and Belleville Road bridges.

VBT police units, fire apparatus, marine officers, and the dive team were immediately dispatched. Wayne County Sheriff Marine Division and Huron Valley Ambulance were also requested to respond to the location.

VBT officers, working in conjunction with the two police boats on the scene, were able to gather additional information and attempted to establish a last scene point for

the victim in order to begin rescue efforts.

Divers started looking for the missing teen at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday hoping to rescue him and then at 9:48 p.m. gave up for the night citing poor visibility and poor search conditions. Fire Chief Besson said there also were concerns for diver safety. And, as time passed, the rescue operations had become recovery operations.

Crews restarted recovery operations at 6 the next morning and found him at 10:10 a.m. The body was turned over to the Wayne County Medical Examiner for further investigation.

Chief Besson said the victim's name is being withheld at the family's request. He reportedly had just graduated from Osborn High School in Detroit. The Van Buren Public Safety Chaplains provided on-scene support for the family.

Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact the VBT Police Department at (734) 699-8930.



Independent photo by James Otzman

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson, left, answered questions by members of the Detroit media on Thursday morning after the body of the Detroit teenager was pulled from Belleville Lake. All three television channels had representatives covering the drowning, along with WWJ news radio and the Detroit newspapers.

Wayne Disposal official to bring information to Sept. 2 VBT board mtg.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kerry Durnen, Director of Operations of Wayne Disposal, Inc., will be at the 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2, meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to bring information on the radioactive fracking waste being accepted by the company at the VBT landfill.

The announcement that Range Resources, a frack operator in southwest Pennsylvania, was shipping low-level radioactive sludge to VBT was in a front-page story in the *Detroit Free Press* on Aug. 19, which stirred up local fears.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said Durnen has assured the township that disposal of these materials is in full compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the MDEQ and the EPA.

Supervisor Combs said late last week that Durnen will be coming to the next township board meeting to give information, but it will not be in a debate format.

After his presentation, Durnen will answer some questions that people in the audience will submit in written form on cards, Combs said.

The day the *Free Press* story was published, school board candidate Scott Russell came to the evening meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees to voice his concerns and ask the board to get a court injunction or pass an ordinance to stop the shipment.

"I haven't spoken with one person today who is the least bit OK with this," Russell told the board.

Supervisor Combs told him radioactive fracking waste has been coming to the hazardous waste landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive since the EPA granted it approval on Oct. 1, 2013 and the township was advised of the shipments.

"We have been assured by state and federal authorities that this is safe in this community," Combs said.

She noted in the *Free Press* story that a man (who lives next door to her, a half mile away from the landfill) is quoted as saying if there are problems, Wayne Disposal won't report them.

"But," she said emphatically, "they do report any problems."

"I think we were accepting low-level radioactive waste from building demolition around a nuclear facility being dismantled quite some time ago," said Trustee Jeff Jahr, who sits on the VBT Environmental Commission.

"They were licensed to do so and it's been quite a while," Jahr said, adding he thinks the facility being demolished was Up North and he thought it had been several years ago.

"They had public hearings and made everyone aware. It's a federal approval," said Trustee Sharry Budd, concerning the fracking waste approval last year.

Governor convenes panel

On Monday, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder announced plans to form a panel of experts to look at the state's standards for disposing of low-level radioactive materials.

The group, which will be established through the state Department of Environmental

Wayne Disposal puts fracking waste on hold for review by Governor's panel

On Monday, EQ announced it would voluntarily suspend receipt of low-level radioactive waste it was scheduled to accept from a Pennsylvania fracking company for its Wayne Disposal hazardous waste landfill in Van Buren Township until Gov. Rick Snyder's newly announced panel could review receipt of such materials from all oil and gas operations.

Gov. Snyder has not set a time frame for organizing the panel or when it could release its recommendations.

An EQ news release said this step is consistent with Wayne Disposal's practice of obtaining preapproval from the

Quality, will review Michigan's standard and look for improvements to ensure protection of public health and the environment, Snyder's statement said.

The waste product from the fracking is known as "technologically enhanced, naturally occurring radioactive materials," or TENORM. The radioactivity, usually from the metal radium, accumulates from drill cutting, the soil, rock fragments and pulverized material removed from a borehole that may include fluid from a drilling process.

It also can be present in flowback water, which is the brine or other fluid injected into shale formations during fracking that makes its way back to the surface. TENORM can

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the management and disposal of these wastes.

"Wayne Disposal has worked cooperatively with the MDEQ and the local community for many years and will continue to support a strong working relationship with them based on sound science and transparency," said Simon Bell, Executive Vice President of Operations.

"In this tradition, we look forward to supporting this important regulatory review. We take pride in our proven ability as one of the few companies with the expertise to safely manage this material."

also result from other industrial practices and waste products.

The radioactivity levels of the waste are typically low, often not much higher than naturally occurring, ambient radiation in the environment. But because the levels are elevated, special regulations for disposal of the material are in place.

Since the *Free Press* story was published, a few people have been picketing the landfill and several political candidates have come out against bringing in fracking waste from out of state.

State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, announced on Thursday that he plans to introduce legislation to stop companies in

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Summer is ending, get ready for adventuresome fall

Monday is Labor Day, on Tuesday school begins, and then the political campaigns shift into high gear heading to the Nov. 4 election. The signs will be coming back. Some have just been lain on their backs to rest from the primary election to the general election.

This has been a busy summer, with the campaign for the new library building and its turndown by voters, the low-level radioactive fracking waste heading to Van Buren Township's hazardous landfill and then headed off by a bevy of politicians, two drownings in our beautiful lake, the announcement that a Menards store is on its way, new traffic signals and improvements along Belleville Road, a high-profile road-rage incident because of the road construction, heavy rains and power outages, and the exciting growth of at least two local churches – Bethany and Church of God.

As we head into fall, we can see lots of activity on the horizon. Davenport's new Belleville plaza is filling up with businesses, VBT is getting ready to install seven emergency sirens throughout its north half, library plans will be adjusted and brought to the people again, and Belleville will turn into Booville for the month of October.

We can all take a breath on Monday, remember to give praise to our labor force, and then head into the fall season ready for anything that comes.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Recently, we ran a story about Gidget, a four-month-old Dachshund mix who came to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue with an exuberant, loving personality and a severe heart condition. She needed surgery and so a call went out for donations to save the sweet puppy.

If left untreated, Gidget would die. So surgery was set up and during the July 2 operation it was discovered the heart problem was more severe than the pre-operative echocardiogram had shown. Her heart stopped once and the veterinarians were able to restart it. Then, her heart stopped again and they were unable to revive Gidget.

FMAR reported in its recent newsletter that it was deeply grateful for those who donated for the surgery. FMAR raised \$500 toward the \$3,000 medical bill. FMAR will continue to collect donations in memory of Gidget to pay off her medical bill. To donate, call (734) 461-9458.

A Belleville resident called to tell us about this city tree that fell down on Brain Street. She said the city won't let neighbors cut it up, to get it out of the street, because it belongs to the city. So, there it is.

A Van Buren Township resident said she has their house up for sale and on Aug. 12 a man came by asking if it had been rented yet. He said he saw it on Craig's List. After he left they looked on Craig's List and couldn't find it.

Her daughter, who is a police officer out of state, told her to report it to the police because it could be a scam. She did and



thought she'd let our readers know about it, too, so they could beware.

Seems to me I've seen some TV reports out of Detroit about this kind of scam. When someone goes to move into the house they just bought they find another family living there who had rented it through Craig's List or some other venue. Then, it's hard to get the renters out.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has taken responsibility for renting the space out at Victory Park for the annual citywide yard sales Sept. 6 and 7. If you'd like a space at the park, no need to call them in advance, I'm told. Just show up between 6-8 a.m. on the day of the sale. Space is \$10 each.

At the Taste of Belleville, County Commissioner Kevin McNamara was asked about the road paving in Sumpter Township over the last few weeks. At Sumpter meetings people have been saying the paving of Sumpter Road from Willow to Judd and Judd Road eastward was very nice, but those roads were in good shape and didn't need paving. What about the bad roads, like Sumpter north from Bemis to the City of Belleville that has a big rut down the middle?

Kevin said Sumpter had some paving because it is designated "Rural" and eligible for federal funds. He said the "Rural" designation comes from population count

and, he thinks, economic conditions.

That still doesn't explain why the county paved what they paved.

One Sumpter resident asked one of the workers why they were paving Judd Road, east of Sumpter, and the man said: "I don't know. I just do what they tell me."

Not in charge, I guess.

There's been some talk about the proposal that's due to be on the Nov. 4 ballot in the City of Belleville – the one that will eliminate the Civil Service Commission from the city charter. The opinions I've heard are from people who insist it be retained. I'm sure there will be a battle on this closer to the election.

The Van Buren Township DDA had a proposal on its Aug. 26 agenda to consider the purchase of seven outdoor community warning sirens. We had to put our paper to bed early this week, so couldn't get the results of the decision in this week's paper. Next week we'll report on what they decided.

The seven sirens were to be located in the north end of VBT and were to be paid for with DDA and CDBG funds. None were to reach much south of Huron River Drive. VBT is the only municipality in Wayne County without sirens, we're told.



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Letters

Water Safety Tips from Van Buren Public Safety

To the Editor:

It is very unfortunate that within a week's time we have had two fatalities on Belleville Lake. One involved a 50-year-old working off a dock and the other was a 17-year-old swimming off a boat.

In each case, less than experienced swimmers were not wearing PFD's (Personal Floatation Device) or more commonly known as life jackets, when on or around water.

- Even the best water enthusiasts can misjudge changing water conditions when boating or swimming in open water.

- Be prepared at all times by wearing a life jacket while boating because you'll never know when you'll be tossed into the water.

- Wear a life jacket while working on or near water or if there is a possibility of falling into water.

- Have children wear a life jacket that fits them, and watch them closely around water -- they can go under water quickly and quietly.

The number of drownings is staggering each year on natural bodies of waterways and in pools around the country. Think and be water safe. Never work alone on or near the water and don't swim alone.

Gregory M. Laurain
Director of Public Safety
Van Buren Township

Welcome, Sophia Lillana Sloan

Diane Sloan and Lester Long of Belleville announces the birth of their daughter Sophia Lillana Sloan on May 28, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

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Thanks for help over our first six months

To the Editor:

Citizens of the Tri-community,
We would like to thank everyone that has helped us to make our first six months a success: From our courteous drivers, to most importantly you, our customers.

We know there have been some bumps (and potholes) in the road, but with the bridge construction over, and the fact we have added another car, you can expect our commitment to customer service to continue and improve.

And speaking of the bridge, what a job well done. The new light system has traffic flowing smoothly with hardly any glitches.

As summer winds down, we would like to remind everyone to watch out for our most precious resource: Our kids, as they wait beside the road for a bus that will ultimately take them to a brighter future.

Don Johnson
BC CAB

Something to think about: VB water service

To the Editor:

Re: Service from Van Buren Township Water Department

My son, who lives in our home in Van Buren Township, got behind in his bills because of an injury while working. (He is not getting paid while on medical.)

His water bill went unpaid because of this and he asked if we would pay the bill for him so his water was not turned off.

My wife called the township and spoke to the clerk who was very sharp-mouthed and just a hair before being rough to her about the bill.

Not the best way to talk to someone who is trying to pay an overdue bill.

Thank you, Van Buren Township, for your friendly service.

Dennis Przystup
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Native American Dance

The Belleville Area District Library will present a family program of Native American Dance and Culture-Sharing from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. Reg Pettibone, a Native American storyteller and culture artist of Ho-Chunk descent, is a champion dancer whose traditional background and upbringing allows him to provide audiences with an understanding of true Native American culture through dance, songs, narration and a hands-on artifact display.

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More Letters

10th annual Tim Watson Memorial Golf Outing

To the Editor:

The Watson family has begun organizing the 10th-annual Tim Watson Memorial Golf Outing.

This year the fund raiser will benefit two families with Belleville ties.

Craig Ramsey has worked for many years at the Waterworks Car Wash in Belleville. He has been battling throat and mouth cancer. He has undergone several treatments and surgeries.

The second recipient is sweet little Amelie Strzalkowski. This courageous three year old has a brain tumor and has also had numerous treatments and surgeries.

The golf outing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. If you would like to golf, eat a banquet dinner, or make a donation like a basket, gift card, sports memorabilia, or monetary contribution, please contact Denise Watson at (734) 697-5865 or Kim Dybicki at Dybickifamily@yahoo.com.

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Obituaries



Jeffery Lynn Bowden

JEFFERY LYNN BOWDEN

Jeffery Lynn Bowden passed away Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014 in West Virginia. He was a 1985 graduate of Belleville High School and a long-time resident of Belleville. He worked as a welder at Draw-Tite until it closed.

Jeff is survived by a daughter Brittney Nichole; his mother Lena Mae Bowden; two brothers, Stan and Kevin; and two nieces, Teresa Bowden-Jandron and Alyse Bowden. He was preceded in death by his father Marion John Bowden.



KIMBERLY LYNN PRICE POTTS

(February 8, 1971– August 19, 2014)

Kimberly Lynn Price Potts, 43, of Van Buren Township passed away August 19, 2014 at her home.

She was a daughter of Randall and Marlene Bargo Price of Belleville, MI, born on February 8, 1971 in Ypsilanti, MI.

Kimberly faithfully served her country in the United States Army as a medical assistant and was a member of The Lord's House Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed fishing with her dad.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two children, Michael Allen Murphy of Grand Blanc, MI and Tiffany Nicole Murphy of Canton, MI; a brother, Brian Keith (Marcia Rena) Price of Cranberry, PA; a sister, Cindy Michele (Curtis Dean) Lunsford of Belleville, MI; three nieces Mareena, Cami and Briella; two nephews Tristan and Christopher; among other loved ones and dear friends.

Her funeral service was conducted in the chapel of the Knox Funeral Home on August 23, with Rev. Ricky Broughton and Rev. Vernon Morris officiating. She was laid to rest in the Callebs Creek Cemetery with military funeral honors. Local arrangements by Sumpter Township Chapel, Janowiak Funeral Home.

GRANVILLE JACKSON JOHNSON

(April 1, 1931 – August 19, 2014)

Age 83, died at his residence. Survivors include brother Claude of Belleville and two sisters Priscilla and Martha. Showing was Aug. 21 at Janowiak Funeral Home. Services and burial were in Kentucky on Aug. 24.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Aug. 28 – Workshop of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ordinance for medical marijuana provisionary centers before the Sept. 11 public hearing. The township board is invited to attend.

• Monday, Sept. 1 – Labor Day – no meetings.

• Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. followed by VBT regular meeting at 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 3 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons.

• Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Financing Authority (LDFA), 2 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.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• Friday, Aug. 29 – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. Films: "Bad Neighborhood" and "The Investigator." It's the FREE end of season Hot Dogs and Ice Cream Night. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• Saturday, Aug. 30 – The Belleville Area District Library is presenting a Native American Dance and Culture-Sharing Family Program from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Songs, dances, artifacts.

• Saturday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Aug. 31 – Township-wide yard sales in Sumpter Township. No permit needed.

• Friday, Sept. 5 – Final Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Veggie Tales: Celery Night Fever" and another feature. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 – Citywide yard sales in the City of Belleville. No permit needed.

• Saturday, Sept. 6 – Free Back-to-School Carnival runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd. Free food, inflatable games, a climbing wall, laser tag, giant slide, moonwalk.

• Sunday, Sept. 7 – The Sumpter Township Fire Department will be serving its 5th annual Chicken Broil from noon to 5 p.m. at the fire hall. Cost is \$9 per person.

• Sunday, Sept. 7 – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville.

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other states, such as Pennsylvania, from dumping low-level radioactive waste materials in Michigan landfills.

He said it will degrade the "Pure Michigan" idea and hurt tourism.

State Representatives Diane Slavens, D-Canton, and Douglas Geiss, D-Taylor, said on Thursday that they will be exploring legislative options to ensure the protection of the Great Lakes.

"In the meantime, Gov. Rick Snyder and the Department of Environmental Quality should take administrative measures to make sure Michigan doesn't become our nation's landfill," Rep. Slavens said.

Both Slavens and Geiss are term-limited and seeking seats in the Michigan Senate in November.

Kristy Pagan, Democratic candidate for Slavens' seat, on Thursday called on the Department of Environmental Quality to put an end to out-of-state hazardous waste dumping in Michigan.

"We must do everything we can to maintain the health of our kids, families and seniors here in Belleville. We cannot risk having hazardous waste dumped in our backyard," Pagan said in a news release.

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Court Updates:**Jury trials set Nov. 17
for two accused armed
robbers in VBT**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A jury trial has been set for 9 a.m., Nov. 17 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Catherine L. Heise for Devon Lamar Mayes, 21, and Hyo Sang Rogers, 29, who are accused of the July 11 armed robbery of Montroy Market in Van Buren Township.

A final conference on the charges has been scheduled for 9 a.m., Oct. 3, before Judge Heise.

Each defendant is charged with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of assault, and a weapons charge. They were being held in the Wayne County Jail on bonds of \$100,000 or 10% each.

But at the arraignment on the information at circuit court on Aug. 20, Mayes' bond was reduced to \$50,000/10%, plus a tether.

Rogers, who witnesses said actually held the gun, had his bond continued as set.

Billy Ray Patrick

Billy Ray Patrick, 22, of Belleville is accused of shooting his friend in the face on May 12 over a dispute over marijuana. His final conference was moved from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Cameron. His jury trial is still set for Sept. 8.

Patrick's official charges are: assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault, and felony firearms.

Kenneth William Coskie

The final conference for Kenneth William Coskie, 73, accused of first-degree murder and felony firearm in the shooting death of Eric Williams on July 9 in Van Buren Township, was adjourned by Circuit Court Judge Vera Massey Jones to Sept. 12 at the request of the defense.

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

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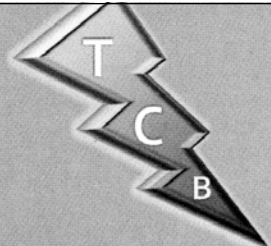
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Independent photos by Bob Mytych: Belleville Church of God Pastor Jonathan Fuson, left, welcomes Dwight Spivey, Church of God Administrative Bishop of Michigan, to Sunday's 50th anniversary daylong celebration of the local church. Bishop Spivey was guest speaker for the morning worship and then he helped the church celebrate all day.



A pot-luck luncheon was held in the pavilion following the morning service at Belleville Church of God on Sunday. Then there was softball and corn hole and a gospel sing with the Thurston Family. The church is at 45170 Hull Road, Van Buren Township, next to Fire Station #1.



Belleville Church of God started in a storefront on Main Street 50 years ago

The Belleville Church of God was first organized in a storefront building on Main Street on May 10, 1958.

It then moved to what was at the time "Irv's T.V" on Sumpter Road. Today, that same building is occupied by "Look Auto Insurance."

In the spring of 1964 the church re-located to its present location. Purchasing at the time two acres on Hull Road the church began construction on a new sanctuary.

The first service was held on Sept. 6, 1964. The oldest tenured member Shirley Shelby recalls such a moment, describing it as a "service filled with excitement and anticipation."

In the late '60s the church added a fellowship hall. In the '70s members built a parsonage and, outgrowing its current facility, made plans to build a new sanctuary. In 1979 the new sanctuary was finished and continues today to serve as the worship center.

In the mid '80s the church looked to the future deciding to purchase an additional 16 acres from "Fruit-off Trucking." In one Sunday evening service the church raised \$125,000 to purchase the land.

Today the church occupies 18 acres and has since added two softball fields, a three-car garage, and a large pavilion.

On Aug. 24 the church celebrated 50 years of ministry at its present location. Today, the Belleville Church of God is home to a diverse ethnic and cross-generational congregation.

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VBT approves personal property tax abatement for NEAPCO

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Aug. 19, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a public hearing and then unanimously approved a request for a personal property tax exemption for NEAPCO Drivelines.

NEAPCO is located at 6735 Haggerty Road and makes OEM prop shafts and drive shafts.

Assessor Linda Stevenson said they are adding \$25 million in personal property.

They qualify for an 11 year exemption and will pay half of the tax rate, she said.

Trustee Jeff Jahr pointed out since the study for the exemption was done on the company, a proposal was passed by voters and NEAPCO will get 50% abatement of a tax that is being phased out in the next nine years.

Stevenson said that is correct and the tax probably will be phased out before the abatement ends.

NEAPCO has been in VBT since 2007 when it opened a facility with more than 340,000 square feet of manufacturing space, Stevenson said.

At its work/study session the day before, on Aug. 18, the VBT Board discussed the Constellium Automotive USA requests for property tax and personal property tax exemptions, which will come before the board at its Sept. 2 meeting.

Constellium, 6331 Schooner Drive, is seeking a 50%, 12-year property tax abatement for constructing 195,000 more

square feet to its building at a cost of \$13,265,000. It is also seeking a six-year, zero personal property tax abatement.

Constellium makes aluminum lightweight auto parts and has a contract with Ford Motor Co. to make crash management systems for its F-150 aluminum pickups. The headcount of employees increases every month, said the vice president and general manager of North America for Constellium, who added they expect to add 200 more employees at the plant. He told the board the engineering is fairly sophisticated and there are more robots moving in the shop than people.

In other business at the 40-minute meeting on Aug. 19, the board:

- Heard Brent Mikulski, president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, give an update on test scores ("wonderful things to report... there is some room for improvement"), the balanced budget, setting up three-year maintenance plans, transportation issues (costs going up), energy conservation with 13% reduction in energy costs, etc. Mikulski invited the board to upcoming school open houses, adding, "These are wonderful times in the district";

- Heard Fire Chief Dan Besson announce that three fire fighters had made it through the one-year probationary period and now are full paid-per-call fire fighters: Bronson Campbell, Greg Kowalski, and Stephen Jones. Also, Doug Doty, who was promoted to lieutenant six months ago, completed his

six-month probation period. "I was going to have several fire fighters with me tonight, but they are busy with the severe weather," Chief Besson said, adding the fire fighters now will get the badges and helmet shields in a private ceremony instead of in front of the board; and

- Heard Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education member Scott Russell voice his concerns about the low-level radioactive fracking waste coming to the VBT hazardous landfill from Pennsylvania that he read about in that morning's *Detroit Free Press*. He brought copies of the story for each member of the township board.

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Sumpter Planners set Aug. 28 workshop on marijuana dispensaries

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Aug. 14, after discussing for two hours a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to regulate medical marijuana Provisionary Centers (also called dispensaries), the Sumpter Township Planning Commission set a 6:30 p.m. workshop session for Aug. 28 to discuss it further.

The township board will be invited to attend, as well.

The commission hopes to get most of its questions answered before the Sept. 11 public hearing on the new zoning ordinance. The township board is in the process of approving a second, general law ordinance on the dispensaries.

House Bill 4271 is pending at the state level that will require local communities to regulate the dispensaries.

Township attorney Rob Young and Sumpter Police Detective John Toth were present to explain the pair of ordinances being proposed and to answer questions.

Commissioner Matthew Oddy led the questions. He said he has had people come to him who said the growers are intrusive on the neighbors. He visited the location and could smell the marijuana.

He said the big building at the grower's place didn't seem to comply with the township ordinances and there was an issue with dogs. This has been going on for some time, he said.

"We're not doing enough to protect the residents," Oddy said.

He said the property values are sure to go down and the facility looks like Fort Knox.

"It's a big mess," Oddy said.

Det. Toth said he thinks he knows the place Oddy is describing on a dirt road that runs east and west and both the grower and the neighbor have businesses in a residential area.

He said the grower put in \$5,000 worth of filtration since the complaint and he believes there's been an air quality improvement. As to the buildings, all are approved by the township.

Toth said kennels have been approved with air conditioning and fencing and he's

been told it's 100% legal. He said there is a separate address because DTE required a separate address for the electricity.

"We're speaking in code here," said attorney Young. "I think the complaints that originated were legitimate complaints on the odors."

"Also, the number of dogs. He was ticketed and we settled it right in court. A kennel license was issue and he assured us a ventilating system would be installed," Young said.

"Nobody's poo-pooing it," Young said. "We're not providing Provisionary Center and punishing our own residents."

Oddy said there was a barn on the second lot.

Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst, who serves as secretary for the planning commission, said the property has two zonings, Residential-2 in front and Agriculture in the back.

Township Trustee Donnie Swinson confirmed that as of the previous Saturday there was an improvement in the air quality at the site.

Oddy continued with questions on that situation and on the ordinances.

"We started with something small ... then provisional centers," Oddy said. "We already have an ordinance that says you can't sell ... We need to understand the full goal is to better protect the citizens and put the provisional centers in."

Young said he will take the comments he heard that evening and go back and take a look at the proposed ordinance to see if changes need to be made.

Planner Laura Krebs said exclusionary zoning is illegal, so they cannot outlaw the centers.

At the end of the meeting, Oddy said, "I think I hogged the floor. I apologize. I think we needed to let him [Det. Toth] and Rob [Young] know there are some real issues going on in the community."

During the meeting, Det. Toth told how police were advised of an illegal grow a few days earlier. It was a newly acquired home with no certificate of occupancy with a grow in the backyard that was not secure.

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Belleville Community Chorus fall rehearsals to begin, singers wanted

Monday, Sept. 8, begins the new fall session for the Belleville Community Chorus, Inc.

Rehearsals are on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

If you like to sing, the chorus invites you to join them. The Belleville Community Chorus, with members from Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren, and other surrounding communities, is open to all singers from late teen to 80 years plus and is always looking for new voices. Whether you are soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or not really sure, consider joining this fun and dynamic group of friends and neighbors.

If interested, come to the first rehearsal by 6:30 p.m. so that Director Sue Hiser can place your voice in the appropriate section.

The Community Chorus repertoire consists of a variety of choral music, intended to provide enrichment, education, and enjoyment for both their members and audiences in the surrounding communities.

The holiday concert, this year with a snowflakes and stars theme, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Belleville United Methodist Church.

For questions or more information, call Lori Day at 734-325-2369 or go to www.Bellevillechorus.org.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 19, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Late: Trustee Hart, Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant LaMothe, Assessing Coordinator Linda Stevenson, Public Safety Director Laurain, Fire Chief Besson, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to amend the agenda to move Correspondence after Approval of the Consent Agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda Work Study Session Minutes July 14, 2014; Closed Session Minutes July 14, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2014; Work Study Minutes July 28, 2014; Closed Session Minutes of July 28, 2014; Voucher List of August 5, 2014 and Voucher List of August 19, 2014 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Brent Mikulski, President of the Van Buren Public Schools Board, gave a brief presentation focusing on improvements and achievements of Van Buren Public Schools in the past year and highlighted goals for the coming school year. He invited the Board and public to Open Houses that will be occurring at all schools and the Back to School Blitz at Trinity Church. Fire Chief Besson announced the successful completion of probation by the following firefighters: Bronson Campbell, Greg Kowalski and Stephen Jones and the successful completion of a probationary period for Lieutenant Doug Doty.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for NEAPCO Drivelines, LLC. Carried. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson presented an overview of the Industrial Facilities Exemption application which is on personal property only. Stevenson shared that a thorough review had occurred with the applicant at a prior Work Study session and that all questions and concerns were addressed. All taxing authorities were noticed via certified mail and public notices placed in our paper of record. She received no objections. Trustee Jahr shared that since the work study session State

Proposal 14-1 passed and that the petitioner is requesting a 50% abatement of the tax that under the proposal is being phased out. There being no further discussion or public comment a motion was made by Budd supported by Hart to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption for NEAPCO Drivelines, LLC. Carried.

REPORTS: May 2014 and June 2014 Budgetary Reports were received and filed as presented. Reports are available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Van Buren Public Safety Day Saturday August 23, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. located at 10276 Belleville Rd. in the north lot adjacent to Walgreens. Family fun activities and refreshments will be provided. Free Bike Helmets with coupon on a first come basis to children ages 14 and younger. The final Antiques Appraisal Day this year will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Appraisals by Doug Dalton. \$10 includes admission and first appraisal item. Additional items \$5, with a limit of four.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Resident commended Ordinance Officer Schuler for addressing his questions/concern regarding the sign ordinance as it pertains to political signs and expressed concern regarding the intake of radioactive waste at the Wayne Disposal Landfill. In 2013 Township representatives were assured by Wayne Disposal Inc., Director of Operations Kerry Durmen, that disposal of these materials is in full compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the MDEQ and the EPA. Supervisor Combs will contact Wayne Disposal to have a representative attend a Board Meeting or Special Meeting to address any public concern. Trustee McClanahan thanked Ordinance Officer Schuler and Public Safety Sergeant Papin for their professionalism and support provided to a senior couple in our community who were experiencing some difficulties.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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Leon Wright, Clerk
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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road south of I-94 will be holding **Episcopalooza**, a back to school carnival on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free event will feature games, food, obstacle course, climbing wall, and a star maze.

Fall leagues will be starting up soon at the **Lodge Lanes** bowling center on the South I-94 Service Drive in Belleville. See their ad in today's paper for a list. Open bowling starts at noon daily and there are special \$1.50 per game and \$1.50 shoe rental rates every Tuesday through

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By Jason Goldman, Esq.
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.



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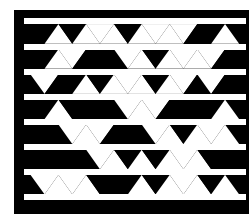
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Van Buren Township Fire Fighter John Henderson demonstrated the TerraAdaptor device to rescue victims from a closed space. Henderson, the fire department's "rope man" said this originally was a nautical device used to pull people out of trouble. For every 16 feet of rope pulled, the person is lifted one foot. Children had a lot of fun pulling the ropes. His was among the many interactive displays at Saturday's VBT Family Fun and Public Safety Day in the area north of Walgreens. A number of free bicycle helmets were given out to children who attended, along with ice cream, hot dogs, cotton candy and other treats.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Aug. 17:

0036 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
0447 – loud party complaint, Robson Rd.
0539 – suspicious person, Haggerty/Tyler
0839 – trespassing, Victoria St.
1115 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
1314 – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1325 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1437 – mental, Parkwood Dr.
1852 – suspicious situation, Maple Dr.
2359 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2359 – shots fired, Belle Pointe/Lyndsey

Monday, Aug. 18:

0656 – PPO violation, Birch Dr.
0721 – ordinance violation, E. Walden Dr.
0936 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1048 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1140 – assault & battery, Hull Rd.
1510 – missing person, Quirk Rd.841 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1916 – assault & battery, S. Sadie Ln.
1958 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2046 – missing person, Birch Dr.
2048 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
2105 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2144 – property damage accident, Belleville
2240 – agency assist, Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

0020 – assault & battery, Hull Rd.
0341 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
0955 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – juvenile complaint, Woodlands Golf Course
1421 – ATV/ORV complaint, Van Buren Park
1445 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.
1606 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1620 – hospice, Jeremy Rd.
1729 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Tyler Rd.

1750 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1831 – mental, S. Woodbury Dr.
1908 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1951 – suicide or attempt, Haggerty Rd.
2111 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
2135 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2217 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

0052 – property damage accident, Cherry
0349 – noise complaint, Ayres Ave./Van Allen
0751 – agency assist, Hannan Rd.
1332 – agency assist, E. Cherry
1353 – fraud, Jackson St.
1409 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1421 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1459 – mental, Hoeft Rd.
1702 – agency assist, Hoeft Rd.
1759 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

1858 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1930 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1944 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./Bridge
1947 – animal complaint, Van Born/Belleville
2035 – intimidation threat, S. Bellridge Dr.
2040 – suspicious vehicle, Ecorse/Hannan
2229 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.
2300 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 21:

0115 – assault & battery, Borgman Ave.
0322 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0711 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
0952 – juvenile complaint, Union St.
1128 – ordinance violation, Sunrise Ln./ Belleville
1310 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1436 – holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1610 – malicious destruction of property, Union
1619 – suspicious vehicle, Kirkridge
1637 – intimidation threat, Brookside Dr.
1722 – trespassing, Lake Pointe Pass
1902 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
2001 – weapons violation, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2002 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2026 – civil matter, EQ

2030 – disturbance, Haggerty Rd./Coolidge St.
2104 – fight, Parkwood Manor
2307 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton
Friday, Aug. 22:
0012 – narcotics crime, Lake Villa Dr.
0056 – hospice, S. Sadie Ln.
1040 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1159 – breaking & entering, Bak Rd.
1228 – missing person, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1237 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1308 – fraud, Locust Dr.
1419 – agency assist, Hannan Rd.
1616 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1625 – agency assist, Alden Ave.
1631 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1737 – assault & battery, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1745 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.
1749 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1949 – juvenile complaint, French Landing Dam
2107 – assault & battery, Hawthorne Ct.
2226 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2310 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ I-94
2313 – disturbance, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2348 – missing person, Bak Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 23:

0005 – noise complaint, Colony Ln.
0816 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0854 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1003 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1142 – mental, Hawthorne Ct.
1209 – agency assist, Truman
1209 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1225 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.

1406 – private property accident, E. Huron River
1435 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1452 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1924 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.
2126 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd.
2224 – juvenile complaint, Belleville

Also on this week's log are 196 traffic stops, which includes 33 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 17:

1133 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1427 – suspicious person, Belleville/Denton
1603 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1721 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
1830 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, Aug. 18:

0001 – suspicious situation, library
1154 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1224 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1709 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2058 – disturbance, Hayward's

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

0046 – agency assist, Robbe St.
0829 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1713 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1810 – agency assist, Sumpter/Bemis
2127 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2222 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
2257 – miscellaneous complaint, South St.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

1024 – parking complaint, Thornhill Ct./ Victorian
1210 – follow up, Charles
1354 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
1401 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.
1410 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1411 – property damage accident, J&T
1410 – assist fire dept., High St.
1659 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1848 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
1854 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1903 – assist fire dept., High St.
1945 – marine violation, Belleville/Bridge

Thursday, Aug. 21:

0850 – property damage accident, Main St.
0929 – private property accident, E. Huron River
0945 – found property, Main St./Third St.
1246 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.
1354 – parking complaint, Main St.
2020 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

2157 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

Friday, Aug. 22:

0001 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0137 – fraud, Clarence St.
0548 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0602 – suspicious person, Frosty Boy
0734 – agency assist, Henry St.
1214 – follow up, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1248 – fraud, Loza Ln.
1613 – property check, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1615 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
1619 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
1632 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1724 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.
1748 – civil matter, Potter
1913 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2208 – mental, Carmell

Saturday, Aug. 23:

0022 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
0254 – assist citizen, Henry St.
0257 – noise complaint, Potter Dr.
0750 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1030 – malicious destruction of property, N. Edgemont Ave.
1448 – suspicious person, Hillside
1451 – narcotics crime, Hillside Cemetery
1522 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1604 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1859 – miscellaneous complaint, Henry St.
Also on this week's log are 41 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 17:

1331 – 911 hang up, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1337 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willow
1655 – breaking & entering report, 29000 bl. Elwell
1737 – fire dept. assist
1754 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1828 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2230 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Aug. 18:

0409 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Clay
0526 – assault, Knollwood
0641 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty
0802 – larceny, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1549 – civil dispute, Nevada
1825 – abandoned vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1854 – accidental damage report, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1907 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty
1953 – animal complaint, Wyoming
2052 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
2251 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Bontekoe

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

0145 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0211 – violation park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood
0308 – warrant arrest, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0334 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
0443 – missing person report, 20000 bl. Wilmot
0912 – fraud complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0950 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1049 – ordinance violation, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1126 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1317 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1433 – warrant arrest, Carriage Ln.
1444 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1525 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1530 – larceny, Wyoming
1756 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1757 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1802 – traffic hazard, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1805 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
1842 – traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1931 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1951 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Martinsville
2151 – fire dept. assist, Pecan
2203 – well-being check, New Mexico
2256 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2326 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

0035 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0203 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Kozma Rd.
0207 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0351 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0613 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0732 – harassment complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0952 – fire dept. assist, Virginia

1228 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1345 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1458 – noise complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1554 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2032 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
2040 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2049 – juvenile complaint, Greenmeadow
2125 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
2307 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2357 – warrant arrest, out of township

Thursday, Aug. 21:

0031 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0112 – assist other agency, Georgia
0120 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0516 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1158 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Willis
1329 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

1332 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Willow
1349 – larceny, Tulip
1453 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1818 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1857 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2003 – recovered property, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Aug. 22:

0901 – 911 hang up, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0945 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1024 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1150 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1714 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1740 – trespassing complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1822 – warrant arrest, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1945 – subpoena service, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2004 – subpoena service, 22000 l. Elwell Rd.
2018 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timber Park
2114 – fireworks complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2204 – trespassing complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2207 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 23:

0047 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0118 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Martinsville
0840 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1048 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1249 – alarm, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1304 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1443 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1737 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2150 – civil dispute, Colorado
2213 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
Also on this week's log are 11 follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 135 patrol checks, and 52 traffic stops.

Museum sets two events for Booville during the month of October

The Belleville Area Museum is planning five nights of fund-raising events to help turn Belleville into Booville during the month of October.

On Oct. 8 and 15, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., a “Night at the Museum” is planned and reservations are required. Pizza and refreshments will be served at midnight.

Cost is \$20 for Belleville Area Historical Society Members and \$25 for non-members.

The Michigan Parahaunt Paranormal Research group will conduct the two overnight investigation sessions.

At 7-10 p.m. on Oct. 23, 24, and 25, the museum will host the “Big Reveal,” when tours will depart every 15 minutes while paranormal witnesses guide guests through their hair-raising findings. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 for historical society members and \$7 for non-members.

The Belleville Area Museum is located in the former Van Buren Township Hall in downtown Belleville. The hall was built in 1875 and once had a jail in the basement. It is listed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Places.

Several paranormal organizations have conducted investigations in the building and have cited “occurrences.”

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Museum Director Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

Anniversary

Sept. 9 – Tom and Christina Francis, 54 years.

Birthdays

Aug. 21 – Margaret Rochon
 Aug. 29 – Beth Guzman
 Aug. 31 – Linda Combs
 Sept. 1 – Rich Tracy
 Sept. 2 – Mary Posegay,
 Steven D. Cinnamon
 Sept. 5 – Leslie Scott
 Sept. 7 – Ryan Laginess
 Sept. 9 – Joe Januszyk

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9502 HAGGERTY, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
CAR COLLECTORS DREAM! Load up the pole barns with 30+ cars! 5+ acre brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, finished basement plus large family room & bar. Paved street and 2 huge pole barns. Possible rezoning to commercial use. It's clean and neat with new carpet and fresh paint. This one shows new! Offered at \$219,900



45679 ECORSE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
THE FINAL WORD ON VALUE. Affordable 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home with Huge Master Bedroom & Master Bath, New Flooring, Bright and Open Kitchen, Paved Street and Close to Everything. Neat, Clean and ready for the new buyer. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY - just move in. Offered at just \$79,900



44675 ROBSON, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
OVERSIZED EVERYTHING. Welcome to Stretch-Out City in this large 3 bedroom country home offering 2300+ Square feet, larger living room and family room, 2 1/2 baths, open kitchen, plus TWO 2 1/2 car garages, covered deck and more. On 2.68 ACRES in a great neighborhood. Got to see this one priced at \$209,900



500 HURON RIVER DRIVE, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY! Brick Commercial building in the City of Belleville. Former florist, coffee house, and bakery with potential for immediate franchise opportunity and occupancy. The quality, potential and design of this newer (2002) constructed building are beyond description. \$795,000