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Mother charged in shooting death of son

Renard Lumpik, age 23, of Van Buren Township was shot dead Friday morning and his mother taken into custody for his

Diane Letice Orr, 43, of Van Buren Township was arraigned before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green

on Monday morning. She was charged with homicide/seconddegree murder and felony firearm. Orr is being held

without bond and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Brian A.

Oakley at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17.

At about 10 a.m. Friday, Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the 11500 block of Meadows Court, near the corner of Quirk Road and the South I-94 Service Drive, for a domestic dispute that involved shots fired.

In a news release by VBT Police Lt. Ken Floro, police report finding a male victim lying on the floor. Officers secured two people of interest that were seated in the immediate area, reportedly the mother and brother of the victim.

VBT Public Safety personnel and HVA paramedics performed advanced life-saving procedures on the male but were unable to revive the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner took possession of the body and was to conduct an autopsy to determine the exact cause and manner of death.

In television reports over the weekend, Lt. Floro referred to the shooting as a "traumatic incident."



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Friday's storm with 75 mph winds brought down trees all over the tri-community, including these at Otisville Cemetery on Riggs Road in Van Buren Township, where headstones were damaged. Trees in Holiday Woods were felled, as well, including one that fell on a double-wide occupied mobile home. The storm brought down 2,000 electric power lines and caused 347,000 electric outages. Three hundred linemen from other states, including Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ohio, were brought in to help DTE crews restore power. Many report they were out of power through Tuesday.

Parents upset over lack of play equipment at Owen

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor

In June a group of ten parents, presented a well-organized and researched proposal to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education concerning the importance of a recess break for students at Owen Intermediate.

Owen was turned into a school for fifth

benefits of a break. At that meeting, School Supt. Michael

and sixth graders who are about 10 and

11 years of age. Research the parents

presented showed the health and learning

Van Tassel organized a committee, with ten parent volunteers, to look into the subject. This fall, Owen allows students to go outside after lunch.

At Monday's school board meeting, parent Richard Rytman spoke to the board about the parents' disappointment at having no play equipment for the students.

He said the play area looked like "downtown Detroit" and the basketball

hoops were falling down. He said the parents put in their "blood, labor, and sweat" to clean up the area for their students.

Rytman said the committee was told sinking funds could be used to put in equipment for the students, but not much has been done to date.

"What happened to the sinking funds?" Rytman asked.

Supt. Van Tassel said the district's legal advisor said sinking funds can't be used for play equipment.

Rytman read from the law that under allowable uses it says "... development

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Anti-fracking group adds comments to VBT landfill presentation

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

After a lengthy presentation on how the Wayne Disposal hazardous landfill operates on the I-94 North Service Drive in Van Buren Township, VBT Supervisor Linda Combs read 31 questions from cards turned in by members of the audience.

This was at the Sept. 2 regular meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees and the subject of fracking waste being accepted by the landfill dominated the meeting.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a process in which fluids are injected into an underground shale layer to allow the extraction of oil and gas that can't be obtained through traditional drilling

About a dozen members of the Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan, aiming to put the issue of fracking on the 2016 general election ballot, were present to speak out, but Supervisor Combs pointed out this was an informational presentation only, not a public hearing.

The members who spoke were from Jackson County, Ann Arbor, and Walled

Anyone was able to speak for three minutes each on any subject at the end of the meeting.

On the chairs in the audience, Supervisor Combs had put out a generous supply of cards and pens and lists of elected officials in Lansing and Washington to contact with

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Regina Miller asked Supervisor Combs to read the comments she had prepared to read later in the meeting at the beginning of the landfill presentation and so she complied.

Supervisor Combs explained the way the meeting would go, with the use of the cards for questions, because this was not a public hearing and the township has no jurisdiction over Wayne Disposal's acceptance of fracking waste.

Trustee Miller objected, saying the board has never had cards at a public meeting

Combs replied this was to keep order and since it was not a public hearing this presentation was to provide information

"It's a process we don't really need..." said Trustee Miller. "I disagree with this." She said she has enough trust in people in the audience to ask appropriate questions.

Combs said she talked to board members and talked to Miller about this process. When Miller said she had not agreed to cards, Combs said she called her and left

"I wanted to go on record," said Trustee Miller and Combs replied, "You're on record," and members of the audience

applauded.

Then Combs asked for a change to the agenda to put the landfill presentation before the public hearing on a Constellium tax abatement and Miller was the only one

Joseph Weismann, Certified Health Physicist and vice president of US Ecologies Radiological Programs, and Kerry Durnan, Director of Operations for Wayne Disposal, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the landfill and its operations.

Weismann said there are 17 hazardous landfills nationwide and five east of the Mississippi, including the one in VBT. He said the landfills are regional because other states don't have hazardous landfills.

He told of the monitoring of the facility by the state and federal authorities.

Weismann said when a report in the Detroit Free Press said Wayne Disposal was accepting 36 tons of fracking waste from Pennsylvania touched off a furor in Southeastern Michigan, Wayne Disposal decided not to accept the waste and, "Those boxes are not coming."

He said the fracking waste was "unregulated waste that is within our permit. Pennsylvania didn't have the criteria" to dispose of it, so it had to go out

He said proposed shipments have to be approved by the MDEQ before shipping. Weismann said Pennsylvania does take tens of thousands of tons of fracking waste.

Weismann said when the Governor sent out a press release that he was forming an advisory council on the subject, Wayne Disposal voluntarily suspended disposal of fracking waste pending the release of a report by the council.

"We support a strong regulatory framework for waste," Weismann said. "We want to be a good corporate citizen ... and protect the environment."

Weismann said the second story the Free Press did was concerning the company's request in October 2013 to increase its TENORM (low-activity technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material) disposal limit. He said the MDEQ has been reviewing the request for nine

"The increased TENMORM limits do not apply to nuclear waste or lowlevel radioactive waste," Weismann said, "only low-activity, naturally occurring materials..."

Weismann said the Detroit Free Press' upcoming story will be on violations at Wayne Disposal and he explained violations and how they are handled. (That story was published in the Free Press' Sunday, Sept.

After the landfill representatives had left



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Joseph Weismann of US Ecologies Radiological Programs uses a cylinder that reaches from the floor up through the ceiling tiles in the Van Buren Township meeting room to show the different layers in the landfill liners at the hazardous landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive. At right is Kerry Durnan, Director of Operations for Wayne Disposal.

and the regular township meeting agenda was concluded, members of the audience asked more questions about the landfill.

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Trustee Scott Russell asked the board to endorse him for a seat on the Governor's panel, but the board did not speak to his request.

Several members of the anti-fracking group spoke on their stand and Combs and other members of the board said they were against fracking, too.

On another topic, Karen Ford, acting president of Cobblestone Homeowners Association, asked if the township had reached any new agreement with the developers at their development, and Combs said no. Ford said they are still building and getting permits although they have not complied with regulations. Combs said she would check into the situation.

Trustee Jeff Jahr asked if they are not considered a successor developer, why are they getting the perks of a successor developer?

In other business at the Sept. 2 meeting, the board:

- Approved a combination of lots as requested by Costco Depot;
- · Held public hearings on tax abatements for Constellium Automotive USA and then granted them both. Constellium, located on Schooner Drive, will get a property tax exemption of 50% for 11 years and personal property tax exemption paying zero for six years;
- Approved the posting of a GIS (Geographic Information System) Technician Job Description as presented by DPW Director James Taylor, who expects the wages (from \$30,534 to \$42,344, including bonuses, but not including benefits) to be paid with the SAW grant coming from the state in a year or two and being retroactive. There was much discussion at the Aug. 18 work/study session on how the grant is coming through DPW, but the IT person should be under the direction of IT Director Steve Rankin.

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OPINIONS

<u>Editorial</u>

VBT BZA puts Menards on hold

After more than two hours of discussion on variances sought by Menards for its proposed home improvement store in Van Buren Township, the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals put their vote on hold until they could get some more information – no time in particular.

The BZA said it wanted the planning commission to complete its work on Menards first, while at its last meeting the planning commissioners said they would take their vote on Menards Sept. 24, after the BZA acted on the variances.

The planning commission will vote on whether to give special land use for outdoor storage for Menards and then pass its recommendation on to the township board for the final decision.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, who serves on the BZA, said although the paperwork says Menards submitted their plans in April he didn't get the packet of information until Saturday and he was out of electricity over the weekend. He needed time to study the plan. Bob McKenna, who serves on BZA and the planning commission, said there was a lot to consider and he proposed "factfinding."

McKenna Associates planning consultant Patrick Sloan served as the BZA's staff and made recommendations on signs, setbacks, and fence height. He recommended having Menards reduce the size of its main sign on its store.

There were about 30 neighbors of the site at the meeting, which started off by clearing the building for a gas leak. Menards is on hold for now.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

In May two City of Belleville residents were awakened by a phone call from a man who had a poor command of the English language and said he was with the IRS. He said they have determined that the couple endeavored to defraud the federal government of \$4,000 and now they are suing them for \$52,000. They were told they will lose their house, car, money, job and they will tell their friends about it.

The husband, a pilot trying to get his rest, turned the call over to his wife because he couldn't understand the man, but heard "lawsuit." The wife tried to speak, but the man said not to interrupt, that he had to read the text of the whole message. He ended by saying if they don't pay in 45 minutes the Sheriff's Department will be at their door to arrest them. They finally asked the man what state he was calling from and he said Florida. When they asked what city in Florida, he hung up.

They called the IRS and the person there told them the IRS never calls people. It sends certified mail and legal paperwork. The IRS suggests a call recipient ask for the badge number, name, and phone number of a caller. The wife said she had read before that when callers sound foreign and claim they are in America, just ask them to repeat something all Americans would know, like the rest of "Mary had a little lamb..."

To report fraud calls, they found you can call the Inspector General's office for tax administration in Washington, D.C., at 1-800-366-4484. The wife also noted the number of the scam caller showed up on her Caller ID as 888-855-7258. She suggests you not pick up the phone if that

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



bad number calls you.

She said the IRS lady offered to check the status of the couple's tax returns and she found, "You're so good, you squeak," the IRS lady said. "You're good to go."

The Belleville lady also called the police about the threat that they would be arrested. The police dispatcher laughed, saying it was a scam call and the police department certainly doesn't have the manpower to run around arresting people as was threatened.

The above information was printed earlier this year and since then more calls from the fake IRS guy have hit this area.

In June, it was Sumpter that got targeted. Now, the City of Belleville is getting many, many calls.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said in the last two weeks there have been close to a dozen city residents who got that call and called police about it.

He said last Thursday they got reports on four calls in one day.

Chief Berriman said he gave the 800 number for the IRS that he had to people, but they report they can't get through because of the call volume. That number is 1-800-829-1040. He gave the Ann Arbor number of the FBI to some who were desperate for someone to talk to.

Chief Berriman just wants me to tell people the IRS does not call you and police will not come to arrest you over a tax return. The IRS sends you a certified letter in the mail and you go to an IRS office to discuss it.

The storm last Friday night raged through our area and on Sunday many in Sumpter were still out of power. Many of those

working at the Sumpter Fire Department's annual chicken roast on Sunday said they were still out of power.

Trees and branches were down all over the place following Mother

Nature's latest tree trimming. On Bemis Road there were two cars parked near the road, not far apart, with For Sale signs on them – and also a big fallen tree on each.

Some homes had power restored at about 6 p.m. Sunday, but some were still out on Monday night. Some new outages hit on Tuesday morning.

At its October meeting, the Van Buren School Board will probably vote to take its show on the road for November and December, setting the board meetings for some of the other schools besides BHS. That means there will be no live cable television coverage of those meetings, but they probably will be recorded for showing later.

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Letters

Sumpter Police offer community challenge

To the Editor:

Please join members of the Sumpter Township Police Department in the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K, taking place on Oct. 4 in beautiful Hines Park.

We will have several department members (police officers and support staff) taking part in the half marathon and others taking part in the 5K.

Last year's inaugural event coincided with the dedication of the Wayne County First Responders Memorial, which was built to honor First Responders of Police, Fire and EMS personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty in Wayne County's history.

Six granite walls, each weighing 9,000 pounds, contain the names of more than 400 fallen First Responders. Members of the police department run in honor of Sumpter Township Police Officer Roy Graham, killed in the line of duty July 28, 1985, and whose name is engraved on the memorial wall. Both the half marathon and 5K will start and finish at the memorial, located and the intersection of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road, in Plymouth Township.

Participation from the community is recognized in the form of the "Community Spirit Competition," which is based upon the total number of participants registered under the Sumpter Township Police Department and is a combination of First Responders and those "In Support of First Responders." The group with the most number of participants in the "Community Spirit Competition" will be recognized with a trophy. Even if you don't enjoy actually running you are always welcome to participate by walking the 5K course.

Please join us for this event. Registration can be done using the following link. In the drop down menus on the registration page, make sure to choose "I am running in support of First Responders" and under the team, choose "Sumpter Police Department".

Hope to see you there! Captain Eric Luke Sumpter Police Department

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Michigan to launch **OK2SAY** for students

To the Editor:

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In 81% of violent incidents in U.S. schools, someone other than the attacker had knowledge of the attacker's plan. This is a way for students and others to be able to submit tips 24/7 by telephone. text, email, mobile application, and via a web-based form on the OK2SAY website at www.michigan.gov/ok2say. Tips can be filed on a wide range of issues, including: planned school attacks, weapons at school, assault, bulling / cyber-bulling, threats, gang activity, and more. This is done under complete confidentiality and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

As your Public Safety Director, I fully support the new OK2SAY initiative and need your help in raising awareness of this early-warning system. Get informed by visiting the OK2SAY website and together we can break the culture of silence that is reinforced among students who consider it intrusive or "uncool" to report "snitch" threatening behavior for fear of retaliation and stigmatization.

Gregory M. Laurain Director of Public Safety Van Buren Township Public Safety

Yellow marking might prevent Post Office fall

To the Editor:

I want to say thank you to the gentleman who assisted me in aiding a lady who had fallen at the post office in Belleville recently. I was pulling away when I saw a lady fall down, so I asked this gentleman to help pick her up off the ground - and he did without a second thought.

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Suggestion: I think the Post Office officials should mark the parking curb with a yellow line, defining the end of the curb and the beginning of roadway. Yes, I know this is a government facility, but perhaps someone in Washington will take a look at the situation. Their decision could save someone from a tragic fall.

Marian Caldwell Van Buren Township



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On behalf of Administration and the Board of Education of the Van Buren School District, again, we welcome you back for the 2014/2015 School Year.

Again, welcome back and have a great school year!

Brent Mikulski School Board President Van Buren Public Schools

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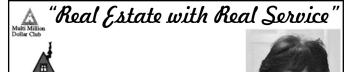
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Joy L. Cox, age 86, formerly of Belleville, a loving mom, grandma, and friend, passed away August 13, 2014 in Lansing, MI.

Joy will be remembered for her kindness to everyone she ever met, her creative, artistic ability and her incredibly beautiful gardens. She owned Belleville Flower and Gifts from 1975 to 1979.

She was adored and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by daughters, Belinda (Mike) Doyle of Portland, OR, Jeannine Cox of Gulfport, MS, Marianne Cox of Grand Ledge, MI; special dog companion Cosmo; son-in-law and daughters-in-law, Jim Dixon of Ypsilanti, Suzanne Cox of Zeeland, Robin Cox-Burnett of Belleville; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren and countless numbers of family friends that considered her their adopted Mom.

She was preceded in death by husband Bob and children Wendy Dixon, Bob Lynn Cox, Jimmy Cox and granddaughter Rachel Cox. A private family memorial service has already been held. Memorial contributions should be made to a charity of your choice in Joy's honor. Visit www.holihanatkin.com/ to share your condolences.



BOB LYNN COX

(October 9, 1950 – August 8, 2014)

Bob Lynn Cox, age 63, of Zeeland and formerly of Belleville, passed away Friday, August 8, 2014 at his home.

He is survived by his loving wife Suzanne; his children and grandson: Hannah and Max Graifer (Ori Graifer) and Clinton Cox, all of Charleston, SC; sisters Belinda (Mike Doyle) of Portland, OR, Jeanine Cox of Gulfport, MS, Marianne Cox of Grand Ledge, MI; mother-inlaw Carole Hanna of Monatgue, MI, Kathleen and Don English of Montague, MI and Brian and Belinda Hanna of Alpena, MI.

He was preceded in death by his father Bob Cox, siblings Wendy Dixon and Jimmy Cox and niece Rachel Cox. His mother, Joy Cox, died five days after he did.

Bob retired as the head of the reference department in Hanover County, NC. Prior to that he was the librarian at the headquarters of the American Legion and he had served as the librarian at Savannah College of Art and Design.

He graduated from Belleville High in 1968 and graduated with a library degree from the University of South Carolina. He also earned a bachelor's degree from Savannah College of Art and Design and another bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Bob proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

A private memorial service has been held. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland. Visit www.yntemafh.com to share your condolences.

WALTER EAGLE, JR.

(February 13, 1921 – September 2, 2014) Walter Eagle, Jr., age 93, of Belleville, September 2, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Delphine Eagle. Loving father of Gail Wyscaver, Collin (Debbie) Eagle, Gary (Valentina) Eagle, Avonne (Marty) Beaubien, Joe (Blaine) Williams and Aaron (Corrine) Eagle. Dearest grandfather of 16 and great-grandfather of 9. He is also survived by his brother Wallace (Lorraine) Eagle. He is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Juanita Eagle and his sister Darlene Soukup.

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. www.mimemorial.com

HELENE MARIE NIEWIADOMSKI

(May 17, 1962 - September 4, 2014)

Age 52, of Belleville, survived by husband Jean-Claude; son Jeffrey, 3 stepsons, 3 grandchildren, her mother, and 10 siblings. Service 2 p.m. Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville



Wanda Jane Terzieff

WANDA JANE TERZIEFF

(December 16, 1934 – August 25, 2014)

Wanda Jane Terzieff, age 79, formerly of Belleville, passed away August 25, 2014 in McKinney, TX. She was born December 16, 1934 in Rochester, IN to Ova and Jeannette F. (Rowles) Nickell.

Wanda married Christy S. Terzieff July 9, 1955 in Michigan City, IN. She was a member of the South Bend Blue Sox, a women's professional baseball team who played in 1943 to 1954. Our amazing wife, mother and grandma made this world so beautiful for us and all. We love you so much and will always cherish the memories.

Wanda is survived by her loving husband Christy S. Terzieff of Fairview, TX; daughters, Dawn King and husband Jeff of Belleville, MI and Kimberly Calhoun and husband Randy of Montgomery, TX; son Christy J. Terzieff and wife Lynette of Matthews, NC; five grandchildren, Curtis Lunsford, Jammie Smith, Candi Maloley, Cody Calhoun, and Nikko Terzieff; ten great-grandchildren, Christopher Lunsford, Cammi Lunsford, Joey King, Charleigh Calhoun, Troy Calhoun, Alex Maloley, Collin Maloley, Kati Joslyn, Myhah Smith, and Jayden Smith; best friends Barb Wiegert, Carol Premo. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ova and Jeanette Nickell, and brother, Roger Nickell.

Arrangements were by Turrentine Jackson Morrow Funeral Home, Allen, TX.

20th-annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show, Swap Meet is Sept. 14

The 20th-Annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show & Swap meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds, 23501 Sumpter Road, behind the Community Center.

The event is put on by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission as a fund raiser for local recreation. The public is invited to the show free of charge.

Entry fee for cars is \$15 each and entries close at 12:30 p.m. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. There are 24 categories.

Swap Meet exhibitor fee is \$20 per 10'x10' space.

The day concludes with the U.S.A. Demolition Derby and Enduro Demogramment which begins at 4 p.m. Admission to the grandstand is \$12 per adult and \$4 for children ages 3-12.

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More Letters

My yard full of VBT Police with guns drawn

To the Editor:

It was the morning of Aug 29, at about 8:30 or 8:45 a.m. My son woke me up and said dad there is a guy trying to get in our

I looked out the window and asked if there was something I could help him with. He still wouldn't tell me who he was, so I told him to get off my property. His reply was he would do what the hell he wanted.

At that point I went to the side door of my house with two dogs and told him he needed to leave now. As I closed the door, the door hit my knee and it sounded like the dogs got past me, but they didn't.

And, out the guy ran to an unmarked dark blue truck. As he turned around, I and three others in the house saw he had wet himself really bad.

Then, all of Van Buren police showed up with shotguns out and AR15's and all this was for a car that had a plate that needed to be renewed. This lasted a couple of hours.

I guess my point, and this is not only my point but for others that live in Van Buren, the police are like the Nazis in Germany, marching its people to the death camps.

When police come with guns drawn over a car that needs a plate this is overkill on their part. And I, for one, will not be walked on by any cop.

Paul Koenig Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Koenig, who lives on Martinsville Road between Savage and E. Huron River Drive, said he refused to come to the door with all those guns pointed at him. The police officer at the door had a 9 mm handgun in his hand, Koenig said. He said police told him they would get a warrant for his arrest because the man who was checking his truck got bit. But, Koenig said, the dogs never got out.

"Out of clutter, find simplicity." - Albert Einstein

Crosstown football rivalry a disappointment

Subject: Crosstown rivalry

Hello, I am David Craven, BHS Class of 1977. This last week before the Belleville-Lincoln game was a disappointment for me and the community.

On the Saturday before the game, BHS students orange and black spray painted many of the buildings and the bleachers, resulting in \$450 spent in cleaning supplies and paint to clean it up, along with 17 hours of students' and parents' time.

In talking to the police, this is a felony, vandalizing school property.

On the day of the Freshman JV game on Wednesday, 20 BHS players in uniform walked through the gate without paying the \$5 admission. I know that Lincoln students are also involved in this, but they only hung banners and streamers.

I am not against crosstown rivalries, but defacing school property is a crime.

On the Thursday of the varsity game I witnessed more unsportsmanlike acts when the student section ran around the track taunting parents and students and tearing down banners and shredding them. The Pros and colleges have more class than

If anyone wants to help defray this cost to the school for the cleanup or turn in the students for discipline, please contact me: David G. Craven, BHS Class of 1977.

David Craven Concerned Parent cravendavid1@gmail.com

Prayers can put pot grower out of business

To the Editor:

This letter is about the article "Sumpter Workshop on Marijuana Planners dispensaries."

Mr. Oddy is correct in his statement, "not doing enough to protect residents."

Then we have Det. Toth and the defense of the grower putting five grand into an air-filtration system. Well, if he did, why is there a stench in the air at harvest time?

Where's the improvement?

I'm entitled to the pursuit of happiness. Believe me, this summer has not given me much happiness. If Det. Toth had to live where I live this business would have been shut down long ago! But, who in the township cares about me, the taxpayer? No one! All everyone sees is \$\$\$ signs.

Then, we get to the kennels. Do you have to listen to barking dogs at 2 or 3 a.m.? No, 'cause you don't live in my house, do you?

Ordinance that says you can't sell! Well, when the product has been picked, why is there so much traffic in and out of his drive? Some people carrying so many plastic filled bags.

So, on my acre of land how many buildings can I put up? I don't think I can put as many as he has put up.

I doubt anything will be done to put him out of growing this stinking weed. There's too much money he and the township stand to gain from the sale of it all.

However, there is a power greater than all of us and prayers can move mountains. So, I keep praying that somehow he'll be put out of business.

Barbara Villeneuve Sumpter Township Resident

Next Garden Club meeting is Sept. 15

To the Editor:

The next Belleville Area Garden Club meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church, 617 Charles Street, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15. Our speaker will be Virginia Froelic who will enlighten us with her presentation about plants that make you itch, twitch, or maybe even kill you. A short business meeting will follow.

If you are interested in gardening, making new friends, and getting involved in the community, come and join us Monday night. We meet the third Monday of every month except February and December at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have occasional workshops at members' homes, field trips to gardening venues, and social events.

Judy Sheehan

Sock Drive for First Step starts Sept. 14 at Trinity

To the Editor and Community:

Mr. Mouse and I will be collecting socks for both adults and children to be given to First Step, an organization which helps abused and homeless families.

The drive will start Sept. 14 at Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road across from Burger King. The community is invited to participate in sharing new socks with those who are in need. This is the second year that Mr. Mouse's Sock Drive is taking place. Last year we collected more than 200 pairs of socks.

Winter is coming and the need is great. As you shop, please pick up an extra pair or two of socks to help keep someone warm. Mr. Mouse and I thank you for sharing

in this event.

Marian Caldwell Van Buren Township

Amber Baker enrolls at The University of Findlay

Amber Baker of Belleville has been admitted to The University of Findlay in Ohio as a member of the 2014 incoming class. About 730 new students began their studies at UF on Aug. 18.

Baker, whose major at UF is animal science/pre-veterinary medicine option, is a graduate of Belleville High School.





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Sumpter Twp. turns dispensary ordinances over to committee

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

After an hour and a half more of public discussion on the details of two proposed new ordinances concerning Medical Marijuana Provisionary Centers, Sumpter Township officials decided to have a smaller committee work on the project from here.

A special workshop was held Aug. 28 where the township board and planning commission discussed the details of the ordinances and what changes should be made before approval.

The general law ordinance has had its first reading before the township board and the public hearing on the zoning ordinance is set for 7 p.m., Sept. 11 before the planning commission.

Another ordinance, referred to as the Grow Ordinance, was passed by the Sumpter board in 2011 after the state passed a medical marijuana law.

The two new ordinances pending are to handle provisionary centers that will be turned over to state municipalities to manage if the State approves pending legislation.

Sumpter Police Det. John Toth, who has been dealing with the marijuana growers since the 2011 state legislation was passed, addressed the joint workshop, explaining why the township needs additional rules.

He said even with the Grow Ordinance in place to assure safe electrical wiring for growing operations and other safeguards,

people still are operating outside the

"The day of covert operations is over," Det. Toth said. "Now, we knock on the

He said now they will be having dispensaries and there is no regulation.

"Sumpter Township is looking at a general law and zoning to regulate and control how it is done," Det. Toth said.

"Currently there is one dispensary in Sumpter Township, currently not in operation because of a structural problem with the building," Toth said.

Toth said there is no marijuana there now and the owner says it's a collective.

He said to date he has not been denied access, but could be in the future. The new ordinances require cameras inside the dispensary so police could review the video system if there is a problem. If they didn't have the cameras, the township could impose a huge fine.

He said the township's proposed ordinances mirror a new state act, which is now moving forward.

Toth said marijuana dealing in the township has resulted in a shooting and robbery, break-ins of unlicensed grows, grown people going after kids who broke into unlicensed grows.

"Just recently we followed a tip of an unlicensed grow on a property that recently had changed hands and had no C of O (certificate of occupancy)," Toth said. He said it was an elaborate grow and it was

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not fenced as required by the state and not secured, except for a guard sitting in a makeshift tent smoking a joint.

He said police tried to cut down the plants, but they were as big as trees and they had to get the DPW to bring chainsaws. Police loaded up the marijuana in a Ford Ranger with a cab and they pushed it in to make it fit. There was a lot of marijuana.

Toth said once they got it back to the police station it could be smelled as far as the senior center and the credit union.

Township attorney Rob Young said he and Toth have gotten questions from the planning commission and residents asking how they came up with the ordinances.

"It's not from me or Toth. It came from the House Bill. We took it ... and localized it," Young said.

"Took out some, added some. At the last planning commission meeting, the planning commission wanted to raise some issues ... distances between dispensaries and other residences, smell as relates to complaints, background concerns," Young said.

Young said they are continuing to build on the ordinances and got more information at that evening's meeting. He said it's a complicated issue and they want to see if there's anything they're missing.

"This was forced upon us when the state passed the Medical Marijuana Act in 2011 - and it's up to you if you think that was a good thing. The Grow Ordinance was passed in Sumpter Township in 2011 and it's worked pretty well since," Young said.

He said if people have a complaint on a marijuana grow, they can't call the county because the county won't come. The county won't be prosecuting any more for marijuana, but it's still a federal offense.

"We're left with trying to get ahold of a difficult issue... We think we're getting close to solving the problems Det. Toth raised on dispensaries," Young said.

Young said they asked the planner and commission to take a look at the ordinance. They don't want it in some areas, by schools or churches, and they're trying to come up with zoning ordinances on where these places can go.

The board wants the planning commission to determine where they think it should be zoned for these places," Young said. "The board deals with the enabling act."

"Also, what is this building going to look like?" Toth asked.

Commissioner Matthew Oddy said the reason he asked for this workshop is because the planning commission ran into some inconsistencies between the three ordinances and they wanted to get them

He said it seemed like the township was trying to legalize a dispensary already almost right across the street from the medical building.

"We needed to talk to the board or this could go on for 12 months..." Oddy said.

The Grower/Caregiver ordinance says marijuana can only be dispensed from a home, so that prohibits dispensaries, Oddy pointed out.

"It's hidden and secret and if you're not a patient you can't come in," Oddy said, suggesting maybe the township's business licenses could be used to keep track of the dispensaries.

Acting Supervisor John Morgan asked about growing marijuana. Toth explained: The individual is his own

caregiver and can have 12 plants. Husband and wife can have 24 plants.

"There's nothing we can do. Anything more than that, we can license," Toth said.

"Can somebody grow for a dispensary in Ypsilanti?" Morgan asked.

"No," said attorney Young, explaining a person needs a Medical Marijuana card and he doesn't know of anyone who has ever been turned down.

Young explained: "Mary might want to help five others and grows 12 plants each for them. She can only have 2.5 ounces at any one time for each. She's in charge of growing, cultivating, putting it into bags, and taking care of the patients.

"Everyone can have 12 plants. The Marys of the world want to take care of their patients. Collectively they have a provisionary center. That's what we're trying to regulate," Young said.

He said the state and county are not interested in regulating the centers.

"Sumpter does background checks and Mary tells us who her patients are. Police are no longer sneaking behind trees. If there's a problem, Det. Toth can come in and check," Young said.

Young said if there are odors, Toth can tell Mary to put in a filter. The building she's operating in has to be up to code. If she doesn't comply with the rules, Sumpter can write tickets, fine her, and if it persists could revoke her dispensary license.

Young said the business is profitable and Mary wants to protect her business, so she would comply. Also, Mary may tell police about an illegal dispensary.

"What gives me the right to shut it down is this ordinance," Young said.

"The grow, John, is already there," he said to Morgan.

Morgan asked Toth about the tip he got and if he could have shut down the

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Our Father's Child Day Care on South Street in Belleville recently held its annual Trike-a-thon and collected over \$950 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The center will also be open during the holidays this year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year days.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Awards Dinner, Murder Mystery, and Silent Auction on Sept. 19, at Angel Food Catering on the North I-94 Service Drive. Tickets are \$50 and reservations can be made by calling (734) 697-7151. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m. The Murder Mystery will feature the Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916.

The Belleville Church of God on Hull Road in Belleville is giving away free food on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The church's pantry gives away perishables and non-perishables the third Thursday of each month. To receive some for pick-up, call Joanne at (734) 697-1142 or the church at (734) 697-0927.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer of Belleville presents an Estate & Antique Auction on Friday, Sept. 12, at 5 and 6 p.m. at the Romulus Progressive Club on Ozga Road in Romulus. Previews begin at 4 p.m. This is Doug's first auction of the fall season and will feature items from over six estates. See his ad in today's paper for more details lots of photos at wwwdougdaltonauctioneer.

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- Friday, Sept. 12 Friends Family INSIDE Theater Free Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. "Theo God's Truth: What is the Truth?" and "Heaven is for Real." Information: (734)
- Saturday, Sept. 13 Belleville High School All-Alumni Reunion at the BHS Cafeteria. 2-5 p.m. social gathering and school tour; 5-8 p.m. dinner. \$20 per person in advance. For more information: see Facebook: Belleville HS Alumni Reunion or phone 734-787-4601 or email <u>bellevilleallclass@gmail.com</u>.
- Saturday, Sept. 13 The Ralph Nodwell Estate Auction starts at 10 a.m. at his home at 42121 Riggs Road. Lots of treasures.
- Saturday, Sept. 13 Belleville Wrestling Club is holding its secondannual golf outing at Thorne Hills Golf Course in Carleton. Information: Dawn Majewski, 697-7887, or Kelly Williams (734) 564-3470.
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Rochon Memorial Car Show & Swap Meet and Demolition Derby at the Sumpter Township fairgrounds, 23501 Sumpter Road. Car show entry \$15, entries close at 12:30 p.m., awards presented at 2:30 p.m. Demo Derby at 4 p.m., \$12 adult, \$4

- Monday, Sept. 15 State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and his District manager Penny Crider will be at the Belleville Area District Library from 6 to 8 p.m. to answer questions and respond to any concerns with state government residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16 2014 Belleville High School Half-Time Band Review starts at 6:30 p.m. Gates open at 5:45. This year's event includes marching bands from Lincoln Park, Flat Rock, Monroe, Lincoln, and Belleville High Schools. Admission \$5; children 12 and under free.
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 Antique Appraisal Day at the museum from 2 to 6 p.m. Appraisals: \$10 admission and first item; \$5 for each additional item (limit 4).
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 Lanterns of Love will be launched at dusk for anyone wishing to honor the memory of a loved one who has died. Held at Harbour Club Golf Course, 48356 Denton Rd. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and there is no charge to attend. To reserve a lantern from sponsor Compassionate Care Hospice, call 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.

- Thursday, Sept. 18 Wyldlife Parent Information Night starts at 7 p.m. at Keystone Academy, 47925 Bemis Rd., Sumpter Township. Wyldlife is a non-denominational Christian group for
- Friday, Sept. 19 Friends Family Theater Free Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. A feature film in Real 3D and "The War Within." Information: (734) 482-5074.
- Thursday, Sept. 25 A grief support seminar starts at 6:30 p.m. today at Romulus Wesleyan church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Dr. and runs every Thursday through January. Information: (734) 941-1511.
- Friday, Sept. 26 Friends Family Theater Free Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. "Veggie Tales: Beauty and the Beet" and another feature. Information: (734) 482-5074.
- Sunday, Sept. 28 Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs
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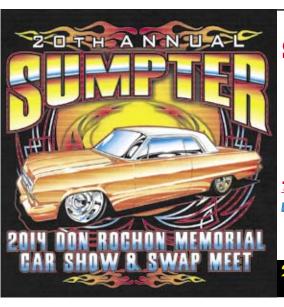
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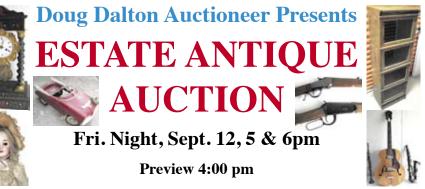
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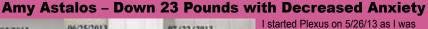
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Lois Mida Zilka, BHS Class of '54, injured in crash on Mich. Ave.

Lois Mida Zilka of Canton Township was seriously injured in an accident at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road at about 9:45 p.m. Monday.

Zilka was waiting her turn to cross Michigan Avenue, since the traffic lights were out, and when it was her turn, she drove out and was T-boned by a vehicle on her driver's side, said her sister Betty.

Zilka is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital ICU with injuries to her left side, including

11 broken ribs, broken shoulder, bleeding spleen, and other injuries.

Zilka annually holds a get together at her home for members of her Belleville High School Class of 1954 and this year was to be the celebration of their 60th year.

Classmates were to celebrate at Zilka's on Friday and Sunday and attend the All-Class Reunion at BHS on Saturday. The parties at Zilka's is cancelled.

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operation without an ordinance.

"There was not one thing that met Sumpter Township or state rules," Toth said, noting the required six-foot fence in cement was knee-high chicken wire, and the card was registered to a New Boston address. Also, they were illegally occupying a house with no C of O.

"The more cards our data base collects" the more of a handle we have on the township operations, Toth said.

Young said the state hasn't passed the new law yet and Sumpter plans to pass its new laws along with the state. He said Sumpter says the dispensaries are a business and Sumpter will treat them like businesses.

"But, we have no control over Mary," Young said.

Young said as far as the medical building goes, that was sold but the deed hasn't been finalized yet because of a problem with Sumpter Road right of way and the county. When it was sold, the township put a restriction on it that it would not be for medical marijuana, Young said.

Toth said the only way to say a medical marijuana card is valid is to have it in hand and write down the numbers. Because it deals with a person's health, most everything is secret, not like all the transparency with the Liquor Control Commission and alcohol sales.

Toth said actually they should be referring

to *provisionary centers* rather than *dispensaries*. He said if you come in with a card and say you want to buy marijuana, that's a dispensary.

A provisionary center is a collective and that's what Sumpter wants to oversee, Toth said.

"I would hate to see a dispensary in Sumpter Township," Toth said.

As far as where they would allow provisionary centers, planning consultant Laura Kreps said they could use an overlay district that allows them in certain areas no matter the underlying zoning. Or, they could only be allowed in Commercial or Industrial zoning districts.

The proposed ordinances have laid out five areas, but only three provisionary centers will be allowed totally.

"I read the drafts and we're not far from what the planners want," said Trustee Peggy Morgan. "I don't think we're far from being a done deal ... We could have to change it in a few months, because laws change... The big thing is where and how many?"

"Every time there's a meeting, more ideas come up that have to be explored," Young said.

Acting Supervisor Morgan suggested a smaller group work out the details that are left and present them to the board and planning commission for final action. He suggested that Young, Toth, Kreps, and representatives of the commission and board sit down together to work it out.



On Monday at about 8:30 a.m., Van Buren Public Schools bus #22 pulled over on Belleville Road, just south of Ecorse, and reported what was thought to be a flat tire. After the stop, the second tire came off the bus and the roadway was littered with lug nuts. The roadway was scraped. No one was injured. The students on the bus were transferred to two other buses and the bus without the tires was towed back to the bus compound to be repaired.

Belleville Rotary Club to set up 'Little Free Library' in Victory Park

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

At its regular meeting on Sept. 2, the Belleville City Council approved the Belleville Rotary Club's plan to set up a Little Free Library at Victory Park sometime this month.

According to the information given to the council, a Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories

In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a wooden box full of books on a post where anyone may stop by and pick up a book, or two, and bring back another book to share.

The Belleville Rotary said it would take full responsibility for the maintenance and up-keep of the library and told of plans to refresh the nearby Gazebo at the park.

The first Little Free Library was put up in Wisconsin by a man honoring his mother and since then has become a movement spreading from state to state and country to country. There are now 18,000 of the little structures around the world, located in each of the 50 states and in 70 countries, from Ukraine to Uganda, Italy to Japan.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting, the council:

• Approved dedicating SMART Municipal Credits of \$3,914 for the local Senior/Disabled Transportation Program, with a local match of \$4,501 funded with the Senior transportation budget.

Saturday farm tour to honor Irondenko Mum's the Word mum farm

Walt and Carol Irodenko of New Boston recently were inducted into the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program for their Mum's the Word mum farm, becoming a verified farm in a Farmstead and Cropping System.

The Monroe County Agricultural Council will sponsor a farm tour at Mum's the Word, 23665 Otter Road, New Boston, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, to honor the Irodenkos.

The Irodenkos also are members of the Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County.



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Judge Green binds Zachary Hilton over on four felony charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

Thirty-fourth District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green bound Zachary Allen Hilton, 19, over to circuit court on four charges having to do with an alleged attack on the mother of his child around midnight Aug. 19 at her home in the 47000 block of Hull Road in Van Buren Township.

Hilton is charged with assault by strangulation, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, interfering with a crime report (committing crime/ threatening to kill or injure) and domestic violence.

Following his preliminary exam held Sept. 3, Judge Green was moved by Hilton's brother, Richard Hilton, Jr., who asked Judge Green to lower Zachary's bond so he could pay it and take his brother home until the next time he had to be in court.

Zachary Hilton had been held in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest Aug. 20. His bond had been set at \$15,000 or 10% and he had been unable to raise the \$1,500.

Richard said he was able to raise only \$750, but he would pay that to free his brother if the judge would cut his bond in half, to \$7,500, or free him on personal recognizance bond.

"I don't do personal recognizance bond on felonies," Judge Green responded.

Richard said, "We may not be the best citizens," but the two brothers are all they have in their family.

Judge Green reduced the bond to \$7,500 or 10% and warned Zachary that he was to have no contact with the victim.

Zachary was ordered to appear for his arraignment on the information at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m., Sept. 10.

Court-appointed attorney David Lankford noted that charges one and two were the same and Judge Green agreed that one assault was an alternative for the other and probably both won't go forward at circuit

In the preliminary exam, the victim was the only witness to testify. She said on Aug. 19 she picked Zachary up from his friend's house and brought him to her home. She said Zachary is the father of her eight-month-old

6280 Rawsonville Rd.

her, choked her, and covered her mouth and nose with one hand until she started to pass out and "saw dots." She testified she started screaming and he put her in a choke hold. She said she thought he was going to kill

She said she needed to call 911, but he took her phone after she tried to call. She said she told him she wanted her phone and followed him outside instead of locking herself inside the house.

"I was thinking about my child and him coming back," she testified.

She said his friend came to pick him up.

She testified although police offered to get her medical care she declined and then went to urgent care the next day for injuries to her eye, jaw, and throat. She said she was prescribed narcotics for a cracked jaw.

When asked by the defense attorney what their argument was about, she said they had sex and then he got dressed and put on his shoes, saying he was going to the hotel with

She said Zachary said, "Sex is the only thing girls are good for" and she was hurt. That's when she said she told him to leave and he said he wasn't leaving and started assaulting her.

VBT Police Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor is Danielle Christine Strace.

Patrick Christopher Ingram

Patrick Christopher Ingram, 22, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams on Aug. 21 in Van Buren Township. He was being held in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$10,000 or 10%.

Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., Sept. 10 and his bond was continued. He was referred to drug court and to pre-trial services.

VBT Police Det. Jeff Gueli is in charge of the case, along with Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Mary DuFour Morrow.

James David Pawlos

James David Pawlos, 54, waived his preliminary exam on charges of breaking and entering a building with intent, larceny in a building, and buying/selling stolen non-

when he was labeled an habitual offender.

Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m. Sept. 10. Since he is incarcerated and serving 43 months to 15 years, Judge Green put him on personal bond. He pled guilty to a charge of home invasion, 2nd degree, for a March 7, 2014 incident and is serving time in Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater.

Hassan Sutherland

Hassan Shaker Sutherland, 36, was present for his preliminary exam for breaking and entering of a building with intent in Van Buren Township on Aug. 14. He was out after posting bond of \$5,000 or 10%.

This is the second time Sutherland has been present for his preliminary exam and the witness has not shown up, so Judge Green dismissed the charges. VBT Officer Toney was in charge of the case.

Antonio Dewayne Hollingsworth

Although she said the evidence against Antonio DeWayne Hollingsworth, 36, was weak, Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for trial on charges of armed robbery, larceny of a person, and larceny in a building. His arraignment on the information at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit was set for 9 a.m. Sept. 10.

Hollingsworth currently is serving 1-4 years in the Cooper Street Facility of the Michigan Department of Corrections. He pled guilty in May to narcotics charges and malicious destruction of fire or police property.

After his DNA was put into the system, he was charged by Romulus Police for the April 12, 2009 midnight armed robbery of a 7-Eleven store at the corner of Ecorse and

The only evidence against him is his DNA on some clothing found by a K-9 tracker in a field next to the Red Gate mobile home park across Ecorse from the store. Hollingsworth could have been playing basketball or some other sport in that field, as others do, and left clothes with his DNA, said his courtappointed defense attorney Lankford.

None of the clothing items identified with his DNA was what the clerk had testified her assailant wore that night, Lankford pointed

The store clerk testified that the gunman had worn a mask, sunglasses, a Tangle hat, and gloves, and said no words so she could not identify him. He gestured to the cash register with his handgun, so she knew what he wanted and pulled out the cash drawer

Hollingsworth was charged with this robbery May 9, but Judge Oakley dismissed the charges June 25 when the clerk could not be present to testify for the preliminary

The charges were re-filed Aug. 7 and he was bound over Sept. 3 after the preliminary exam that included testimony from the clerk and Romulus Police Officer Rice concerning the robbery and the search for evidence thereafter.

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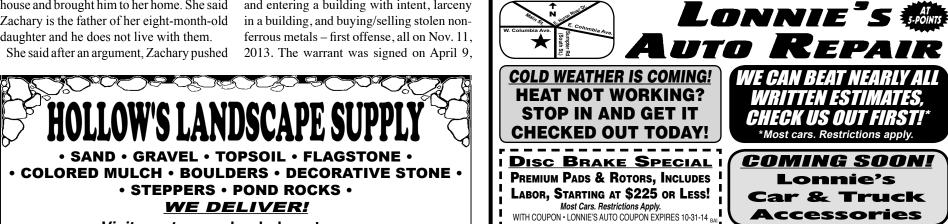
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School Board

and improvement of playgrounds..." "Our lawyer and our auditor say we can't do that," Van Tassel said.

Rytman said Ann Arbor did it and Auburn Hills did it.

"I don't know how to develop a playground without equipment," Rytman said. "I disagree with your legal advice. Why wait until the last minute to tell us when we could have been working all summer to raise funds for equipment?"

Board president Brent Mikulski said he remembers a dialog on grants for the equipment.

Rytman, who had been the "closer" for the information presented by the parents in June, said he had to come back to the board because others are afraid to come. He said they need to have a process.

"It's in disarray, completely," Rytman said. He said he often works week ends and he has spent some of his precious Sundays working to clean up the school grounds with other parents.

"This is important to that school," Rytman said, noting they can't get the communication going with the school. He said winter is coming and it looks

using sinking funds couldn't have been passed on sooner.

committee," said Trustee Scott Russell and

Trustee Kathy Kovach commented that there shouldn't be a board member on the

Trustee Russell said he could see why the sinking fund couldn't be used for buying basketballs, but maybe it would be acceptable to buy a swing set or monkey

"I can't speak for any other district ..." Van Tassel said.

"Is that something we could get an update on?" Russell asked, referring to a statement from the attorney.

Rytman asked if the subject could be put on the agenda for the next meeting, but got no response.

Treasurer Sharry Frazier said that earlier that day she went to see what recess was like at Owen during lunch. She said the kids were running around and talking to each other and there were some balls.

Treasurer Frazier asked why Owen couldn't get Savage Elementary School's old equipment, since the parents at Savage bought new equipment.

"When did you get the ruling from the attorneys?" Rytman asked and Van Tassel did not reply.

"Why would the district pay for Owen when parents provide equipment at the other schools?" asked board vice president

"It was represented the sinking fund could be used," Rytman said. "Ann Arbor used \$900,000 from its sinking fund..."

"One elementary school doesn't have playground equipment: Owen," Russell

President Mikulski said the administrators at Owen were going to do a survey and Rytman noted if you do a survey of 10 and 11 year olds on what they want, some 780 kids would want everything from Cinderella castles to water slides.

"I came in June with a very passionate group..." Rytman recalled and Van Tassel interrupted him, saying he communicated with that group.

"Are you going to support this or are we on our own?" Rytman asked.

Board Secretary Kevin English said there seemed to be a breakdown in communications and usually the board members do not engage speakers.

Rytman said the way he found out about not being able to use the sinking fund was that parents were at a meeting with Owen Principal Jeff Moore and James Williams, director of plant operations, and Williams said they can't use the sinking fund.

"We did have a breakdown in communication," said Frazier.

Rytman addressed Toth, "Don't shake your head and rolls your eyes," noting that was very disparaging. Rytman left the

Frazier asked that there be a report on the equipment issues at the next meeting.

Russell said he would like to know, "Why does our legal counsel say no to equipment and Ann Arbor says yes?"

"One more very vague request, for more information," Toth said, chastising Russell. "You send them down these rabbit holes repeatedly."

Frazier reminded board members that they had ten people who were organized and did research. Van Tassel offered to form a committee and they got contacted one time in two months.

She said that wasn't enough and these parents need to be respected.

"Shouldn't the person of contact be the building administrator?" Toth asked and Frazier said she thought it should be "whoever took the names."

Russell said he would like to see a statement from the attorney and Toth said, "You're asking for a written opinion and that costs money."

Russell asked the board if they were going to toss their hands up in the air and not do anything?

"That's not acceptable to me as a board member, not acceptable to me as a parent," Russell said. "A summary from the attorney would be fine."

Van Tassel said people involved in this issue weren't present at this evening's meeting, apparently referring to Owen

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administrators. "I'm feeling a little beaten up. People involved should be here." After more discussion, Frazier said, "We

had ten prime people who could make some big differences for this school." President Mikulski put it on the agenda of

next Monday's work/study meeting. "The reason our auditors are so conservative about those funds is that if

you misuse them, you can never levy them again," Toth said. "They would have been working on this if they knew," Frazier said. "They have

waited two months." Treasurer English said he would like to have on the work/study agenda a discussion

on procedures for public comment. "If we have policies, we should follow

them," English said. Less than an hour after the meeting ended, Toth sent out a long email to all board members and the superintendent, saying,

"Tonight's debacle was a classic example of why it is our policy to TAKE COMMENTS and NOT ENGAGE with the public. It made things MUCH WORSE, because no one knew what they were talking about..." She said nobody agrees what was said at the citizens' committee meeting and that's "exactly why I hate citizen committees ... I will refuse to vote for another one unless

Toth said the more the board rewards people for taking complaints to the board table, the more they will do it and "the more often we will blacken our own eyes. When are we going to learn to follow procedures and insist on using the chain of command?

it is videotaped..."

Following the meeting there was a report of a board member threatening to slap a parent in the parking lot and there were emails sent describing how the parents felt "completely disrespected by the board" and that there's nothing parents can do to get the board to help parents improve the

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

- Got a report on student count, just three days into the school year, that shows the predictions by Plante Moran were correct and they are about 130 students fewer than last year, for a total of 4,959 students. Updates will be coming;
- Appointed Toth, Kovach, and Frazier as voting delegates to the Nov. 6 Delegate Assembly prior to the fall conference of the Michigan Association of School Boards in Grand Rapids;
- · Approved the following support staff requesting termination: Roselyn Camby, bus driver, 27 years, retirement; Robbie Christian, bus driver, 1 year, other employment; Belinda Garland, paraprofessional, 30 years, retirement; and Stephanie Smith, 26 years, paraprofessional,
- · Approved the following terminations of teachers: Angela Albany, Owen, 6 years; Erin Baker, Owen, 9 years; Michelle Campbell, Rawsonville, 11 years; Michelle Feury, 1 year; Michelle Malbone,

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** September 2, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan, Trustee Miller and Secretary LaMothe. Absent/Excused: None. Others in attendance: Assessor Linda Stevenson, Director James Taylor, Director Steve Rankin, Planning Consultant Patrick Sloan, Environmental Commission members David Brownlee and David Wilson, and an audience of thirty-six

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended, moving CORRESPONDENCE to the beginning of the meeting. Prior to the vote, Trustee Miller requested that it be placed on the record her disagreement with how the notecard question and answer process would be conducted during CORRESPONDENCE. Roll call vote: Yeas: Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr and McClanahan. Nay: Miller. Absent:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes August 18, 2014; Closed Session Minutes August 18, 2014; Regular Board Meeting August 19, 2014; Voucher List September 2, 2014; Combination of Lots V125-83-094-01-0213-313 and V125-83-094-01-0213-314; and Assessing Office Inspection of Records Policy as presented]. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Van Buren Township Board of Trustees invited USEcology/EQ representatives in to share a presentation on the acceptance of fracking waste at its hazardous waste landfill located in Van Buren Township on the North I-94 Service Road. Kerry Durnen, Director of Operations for EQ and Joseph Weismann, Certified Health Physicist and Vice President of US Ecology's Radiological Programs, shared a 30-minute presentation. Following the presentation, Board members asked Durnen and Weismann questions regarding the landfill's liner, violations received, physical description of waste received, the blending of waste, traffic/travel details, and for clarification that, indeed, the generator of the waste maintains cradle to grave ownership of the waste. Public participation consisted of questions and comments on 27 notecards, some of which were multiple questions on one card or one question per card. Durnen and Weismann answered these questions, some of which addressed: radioactivity, proprietary compounds, fuserap, landfill capacity, violations and fines, half-life, how hazardous waste is made safe, liability insurance and liner life expectancy.

PUBLIC HEARING: Given that the two public hearings involved the same applicant, the Board agreed to discuss both public hearings at once. Hart moved, Jahr seconded to open the public hearing for public comment on the request to approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption and a PA 328 Property Tax Exemption for Constellium Automotive USA, LLC. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Nays: None. Absent:

Supervisor Combs opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m. Supervisor Combs went to Assessment Coordinator Stevenson to discuss the Industrial Facilities Exemption and a PA 328 Property Tax Exemption. Stevenson referenced the agenda packets, and reiterated that the facilities exemption would be for one-half taxes for 11 years, and the property tax exemption would be zero taxes for six years. All notices were sent to taxing authorities via certified mail regarding the public hearing, and the notice was published in the paper of record. Supervisor Combs shared that this matter was discussed and questions were thoroughly answered at the work study session. Trustee Jahr verified that the resolution for property tax exemption approval would be for six years rather than seven years. A resident inquired as to the impact on the budget for these exemptions and expressed concern regarding the impending Visteon repayment.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 8:52 p.m. Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

McClanahan moved, Hart seconded to approve the GIS Technician job description and authorized posting of the position. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-02-14 to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to revise Section 4.01 deleting the sentence, which states, "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State, Local Laws or Ordinances are prohibited."

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 2014-22 authorizing the Industrial Exemption for Constellium Automotive USA, LLC and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 2014-23 authorizing a PA 328 Property Tax Exemption for Constellium Automotive USA, LLC. Trustee Jahr stated he would have preferred there was an option for a 50% exemption, but understands this process is part of the State of Michigan's economic development package. Supervisor Combs congratulated Constellium on the expansion and thanked them for bringing more jobs to Van Buren Township. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: The Belleville Area Museum is hosting its Antiques Appraisal Day on Thursday, September 18 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents expressed and shared the following opinions, questions and concerns: the presentation this evening was not transparent; there is conflicting information regarding the landfill's acceptance of fuserap; landfill violations; interest in serving as a volunteer on a Governor's panel as a representative for Van Buren Township; how landfill gases are monitored; controlling a chemical reaction and the effect on the containment liner when "proprietary ingredients" are unknown; that you can't trust everything companies tell you; that although state laws supersede local power, the local Board could still make things difficult; that a few of the answers provided were unsatisfactory; that other states are pushing for more local control and/or passage of bans on fracking; personal participation on a committee to ban fracking and the acceptance of fracking waste in Michigan; a newsletter from LETSBANFRACKING.ORG; pleasure that some Board members are against fracking; the need for more LDFA members for a quorum; cancellation of committee meetings; questioned if a new agreement between Sheldon Acquisitions and Cobblestone Ridge had been made, and that ordinance issues exist that still need to be addressed. Supervisor Combs stated there is no new agreement between said parties and that she would contact Lt. Bazzy to discuss outstanding issues, respond to the resident and notify the Board of the results. ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved,

seconded to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor Publish: September 11, 2014



City of Belleville **Public Notice**



City of Belleville **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes** August 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley. 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF

SILENCE 2. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None. 4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of August 4, 2014 with two corrections. Correct spelling of subcommittee under council follow up list and correction to motion and support on approval of

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 14-093 to open Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M. to discuss Proposed Sign Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion on the proposed Sign Ordinance was held by City Council members, local business owners, and

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to close Public Hearing at 8:05 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. BACA - Victory Park Usage - City Wide Yard

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 14-094 to approve a request from BACA to use Victory Park during the City Wide Yard Sales on September 6th and 7th 2014 to rent spaces out to the public.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. B. Appointment of Part-Time DPS Director

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-095 to give City Manager authorization to proceed with hiring Keith Tackett as part-time Director of Public Services

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Sign Ordinance

Discussion was held on the proposed Sign Ordinance. Revisions will be made to incorporate input received during public hearing and brought back to City Council on October 6, 2014.

D. Disposition of City Property

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-096 to approve a request to dispose of out of service police vehicles. A 2000 Ford Crown Vic and a 2004 Ford Crown Vic by advertising in the local newspaper and taking sealed bids.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Harvest Fest - Fourth Street Closure

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 14-097 to approve a request from Belleville Harvest Committee to close Fourth Street from Main Street to Belleville Area District Library at Charles Street for the annual Harvest Fest on October 11, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL</u> EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 14-098 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 with the exception of Fire Department payable to R&R/Superior/Fox pending specific vendors and amounts and Police Department payable to Macomb County College pending more

AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria, Smith, Tindall NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. <u>ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY</u> SCHEDULED MEETING

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations. Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve

Resolution No. 14-099 to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 9:21 P.M. to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:58 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer Approved: September 2, 2014

Published: September 11, 2014

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Sept. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance to regulate medical marijuana provisionary centers, 7

• Monday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 17 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 23 Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30
- Wednesday, Oct. 1 Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 6 Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30

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School Board

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Rawsonville, 2 years; John McCarthy, Haggerty, 7 years; Elisabeth Metric, Tyler, 15 years; Lisa Myers, Owen, 15 years; Musetta Reed, McBride/BHS, 1 year; AnnMarie Sheedy, McBride, 1 year; and Geri Sifton, Haggerty, 13 years;

- Approved recalling the following teachers: Gunesha Frederick, Rawsonville; Tamara Hanaka, BHS; Melanie Karaba, Rawsonville; Jessica Kiser, Tyler; Michelle Komaromi, Savage; Laura Miller, Owen; and Anthony Munoz, McBride. New hires are: Lori Bartold, Owen; Rachael Bazzy, Owen; Bridget Dennehy, Rawsonville; Ryan Franks, McBride; Jessica Harmon, BHS; Katherine Haydon, Owen; Shandra Pettway, Rawsonville; Anne Pichini, Rawsonville; Jayanthi Reddy, BHS; David Rowell, McBride; Sarah Stiles, Owen; and Reni Woods, McBride;
 Approved a field trip to Mackinac Island
- May 5-6 for the fifth graders at Owen, at a cost of \$299 per student with 140 paying participants;
- Approved a March 6-10 field trip by charter bus for the Symphony Band to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall at a cost of \$1,400 per student; and

• Approved minutes of the Aug. 18 work/study session that included: "The Superintendent took a moment to discuss the recent released Top to Bottom state rankings and how this data is calculated. While the news is not good overall, our scores for the top students are rising, but the lower 30% of students not growing sufficiently to reduce the gap between the two is of significant concern. He noted that every principal was made aware of this at the Administrative Retreat, and will be working on it as the year moves forward."

Language on sinking fund ballot proposal makes the difference in its usage

Richard Rytman, a parent who spoke at Monday's school board meeting, said he checked with Plante Moran on Tuesday morning and found playground equipment is an acceptable use for sinking funds by state standards.

It's what's on the ballot language that was approved that makes the difference and that may be the problem for using sinking funds for that in the Van Buren Public Schools district, he said.

Rytman said if that had been pointed out

at Monday's meeting, people could have understood that.

The ballot language, approved in 2008, read, in part: "...create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law ..."

Van Buren Public Schools to move forward on millage renewal

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at its Aug. 18 work/study session discussed what to do about the Sinking Fund millage for construction and repair of school buildings that is expiring in 2015.

After discussion, the board informally directed School Supt. Michael Van Tassle to put something together for a spring or fall election next year to renew the millage.

The issue will come back to the board for official action.

The present seven-year, 1.26-mill Sinking Fund millage was passed in November 2008 and was to be in effect from 2009 through 2015. It was down to 1.13 mills levied this year and generated about \$1.4 million per year for pay-as-you-go projects.

The Sinking Fund money has been used to maintain the school buildings other than the high school, which was constructed new with another \$79.5 million bond fund.

At the workshop, Paul Wills and Eric Dumont from Plante Moran CRESA were present to give a presentation and answer questions about the Sinking Fund, to help the board decide what it wanted to do.

Plante Moran CRESA has been managing the Sinking Fund projects for the district.

Wills said for the first few years the district used the funds to tend to problems with buildings. But then the board set up three to five years rolling analyses of what would be needed in the future for proactive projects.

Wills said they put in new roofs and doors and helped lower the operational costs and raise the environment for learning. He said the Sinking Fund expires with the December tax bill.

Wills said the district can use Sinking Funds for buildings and can levy up to five years. He said four regular election cycles are available in 2015: February, May, August, and November.

School Bond Election Statistics compiled by Stauder, Barch & Associates and presented by Wills showed average passage rates by election months for 2012-13 showed renewals without millage increases passed 90% in February, 94% in May, 100% in August, and 81.5% in November.

Wills said language has to be certified by Feb. 10 for the May election and the district could look at May or August elections.

Dumont said he recently went over the Sinking Fund projects with the board and

there are 505,707 square feet of facilities throughout the district (without the high school).

The long-range plan is to spend \$1.5 million in 2016, \$2 million in 2016, and \$1.57 million in 2017.

Wills said there have been no expenses for BHS, since it is new. He said they should look at repairs strategically rather than reactively.

"If the enhancement millage had passed, we could cut back," on the amount needed for repairs, Wills said.

Treasurer Sherry Frazier said the district didn't do any repairs from the general fund.

James Williams, the head of buildings and grounds for the school district, said there are general repairs that were done from the general fund, such as thermostats, compressors, belts, and clocks.

When the board asked what he meant with "clocks," Williams said some of the clocks in the school buildings were the ones that were put in with the original buildings and none of them matched.

"If the sinking fund was not here, half a million dollars would have to come from the general fund for repairs," Supt. Van Tassle said.

Trustee Scott Russell asked about the wording of the ballot. He wanted to know what were the last returns on the millage renewal vote.

[The *Independent* report on the Nov. 4, 2008 election showed the Sinking Fund proposal passed with 11,325 yes and 10,695 no votes. That was the same election as the bond issue for BHS, which passed with 11,383 yes and 11,015 no votes.

"I want to be real careful," Trustee Russell said of the election.

"In my memories, the community never failed to pass a Sinking Fund," Frazier said.

Supt. Van Tassel said Owen Intermediate School looks so nice and Frazier agreed it did, with its new doors, glazing on the windows, new sidewalks, and benches. She said she didn't want to run a renewal at the same time as RESA.

Van Tassel said Wayne County forced the RESA enhancement millage to go on the ballot in August.

Frazier suggested the library bond may be on the August or November ballot next fall.

"While it's nice for things to look nice," Van Tassel said, "it's a safety issue or conservation issue.

"Looking better is a benefit, but this board of education has not been frivolous and showed that with BHS," he said.

Van Tassel said 1.13 mills "is one of the lowest Sinking Funds that's out there right now.

"I wouldn't recommend you raise it, but losing it would be crippling."

"We do need this money," Russell said.

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Francis Nwankwo named to UMass Lowell Dean's List

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Nwankwo, majoring in psychology, was named to the dean's list at UMass Lowell for the Spring 2014 semester.

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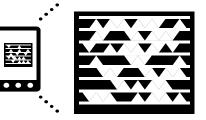
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Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

The following are selected calls for VBT Police. Sunday, Aug. 31:

0001 - operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd.

0201 - operating while intoxicated, Belleville BP

0449 - unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-9 Service Dr.

0507 - hospice, Water's Edge Lane

1421 - assault & battery, Rickman Dr.

1810 - suspicious situation, McBride Middle

1943 - assault & battery, Maurice Dr.

1957 - assault & battery, Edison Lake

2008 - larceny, Maple Dr.

2254 - assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.

2308 - disturbance, Daisy

Monday, Sept. 1:

0006 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. Harbour Club

0040 - operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. 0321 - personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville

0549 - larceny, Pond Ridge Dr.

1056 - assault & battery, Arthur St.

1138 - private property accident, Valero

1321 - civil matter, S. Sadie Ln.

1503 - E-911 hang-up/investigation, latlong 1528 - shots fired, Tyler/Visteon Way

1548 - intimidation threat, Freedom Way

1828 - property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1833 – suspicious person, Belleville

1935 - property damage accident, Belleville/VB

2050 - private property accident, Belleville

2137 - fireworks, Green Meadows

2337 - assault & battery, Fret Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 2:

0248 - personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville

 $0250-noise\ complaint, fairgrounds$

0723 - property damage accident, DeWitt Rd./S.

0850 - private property accident, Tyler Rd.

0850 - disturbance, Ayres Ave.

1152 - trespassing, Endicott Ave.

1321 - intimidation threat Rose Blvd.

1452 - fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1657 - disturbance, Ayres Ave.

1751 - larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1753 - breaking & entering, Martz Rd.

1834 - larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1910 - intimidation threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1911 - intimidation threat, Tyler Rd.

2213 - noise complaint, Water's Edge Ln.

2321 - intimidation threat, Dewitt Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

0049 - agency assist, Light Tower/Harbour Point 0658 - property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1234 – fraud, Monterey Dr.

 $1424-juvenile\ complaint,\ Denton\ Rd.$

 $1536-malicious\ destruction\ of\ property,\ Belleville$

1638 - fraud, Belleville

1658 - property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty 1731 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.

1754 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

1828 - personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. -94 Service Dr.

1829 - trespassing, Lake Villa Dr.

1844 - suspicious person, Denton Rd.

1956 - disturbance, Parkwood Dr. 2103 - assault & battery, Arthur St.

2131 - mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 4:

0013 - harassment call, Bak Rd. 0512 – overdose, Hull Rd.

0557 - hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0716 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

0851 - juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

0932 – larceny, Lake Point Blvd.

1011 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1159 - fraud, Belleville

1527 - malicious destruction of property, Tyler

1640 - malicious destruction of property, Van Buren Park ROW building

1935 - operating while intoxicated, Woodland 2024 - trespassing, Tyler Rd.

Friday, Sept. 5:

Rawsonville Rd.

Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

Rawsonville/DNR

Saturday, Sept. 6:

Dr. / Belleville

/ Martz Rd.

McDonald's

Sunday, Aug. 31:

Monday, Sept. 1:

Tuesday, Sept. 2:

Blvd.

Dr.

N. I-94 Service Dr.

Rd.

0052 – ambulance request, Bog Rd. 0128 - noise complaint, Oak Ln.

1005 - assault & battery, Meadows Ct.

1342 - breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.

1402 - private property accident, Walmart

1253 - larceny, Quirk Rd.

1345 - fraud, Village Green Ln.

1426 - disturbance, Lincoln St.

1523 - warrant arrest, Owen St.

1559 - assault & battery, Jackson St.

1956 - wires down, Kozma/Wilmont

2307 - noise complaint, Lake Villa

0137 - weapons violation, Shell gas

0939 - water leak found, E. Huron River Dr.

1320 - ATV/ORV complaint, Parkwood Dr.

1520 - assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1619 - assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2053 - property damage accident, Belleville

2306 - noise complaint, Quirk Rd./Tyler Rd.

of those on the I-94 and I-275 expressways.

0116 - agency assist, Belleville/I-94

1427 – juvenile complaint, Main St.

2326 - family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

0040 - traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa

1609 - private property accident, N. Liberty St.

1927 - malicious destruction of property, Edison

2004 - E-911 hang up/investigation, Estrada Dr.

0048 - suspicious person, 5th St./N. Liberty St.

2002 - juvenile complaint, Light Tower Ct.

1437 - civil matter, N. Liberty St.

1825 - neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.

1920 - civil matter, Victorian Ln.

2038 - follow-up, Belle Plaza

0122 - warrant arrest, Main St.

2002 - agency assist, Edison

Also on this week's log are 184 traffic stops, with 74

Belleville Police

Dispatch Log

1626 - traffic hazard, Belleville/I-94

1726 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.

2140 - PPO violation, Parkwood Dr.

2153 - family trouble, Borgman Ave.

2224 - assault & battery, Pine Dr.

0328 - mental, S. Bellridge Dr.

1156 - larceny, Bayshore Dr.

1332 - fraud, Wheeler St.

1429 – kidnapping, Anna Dr.

1545 – larceny, Rawsonville

1811 - neighbor trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1951 - property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / Hull

2021 - property damage accident, Elwell/Martz

2149 - personal injury accident, EB I-94/Haggerty

1020 - property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

1216 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

1242 - personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1413 - property damage accident, E. Huron River

1600 - property damage accident, Rawsonville/

1621 - malicious destruction of property, Parkwood

1641 - malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse

1540 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

1617 - larceny, Tyler Rd.

1726 - loitering, Locust D.

1820 – fight, Parkwood Dr.

0947 - malicious destruction of property,

1439 - private property accident, E. Huron River

1517 - malicious destruction of property,

0134 - suspicious vehicle, Main St.

0047 - assist citizen, Victorian Ln.

1116 - intimidation threat, Carmell St.

2121 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.

1356 - found property, Main St.

1651 - hold-up alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr. 1809 - animal complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.

1813 - harassment call, Main St.

1817 - fight, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

0205 - suspicious vehicle, Belleville Villa Blvd./ Estrada Dr.

0745 - intimidation threat, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1223 - fraud, Harbour Pointe Ct.

1504 - narcotics crime, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.

1533 - assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1636 - trespassing, Main St.

2153 - civil matter, Sumpter Rd.

2325 - assist citizen, Loza Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 4:

0937 - assist fire dept., Owen

1026 - suspicious situation, Victorian Commons Pool

1400 - parking complaint, A&W

1649 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

1714 - agency assist, Wildbrook/Brookside

2317 - civil matter, N. Liberty St.

2328 - suspicious person, Edison Ave.

Friday, Sept. 5:

0306 - suspicious person, Frosty Boy 1512 – suspicious situation, Owen

1641 – assist fire dept., Henry St.

2038 - vehicle lockout, Jet's Pizza

Saturday, Sept. 6:

0056 - intrusion alarm, Sumpter

0117 - suspicious situation, Belle Villa Clubhouse

0126 - agency assist, Sumpter

0203 - intrusion alarm, Main St.

0619 - suspicious situation, Victory Park

1008 - harassment call, Main St.

1147 - property damage accident, Angola St. / E. Huron River Dr.

1524 - all other traffic, First St./Main St.

1549 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1624 – disturbance, Victory Park

1934 - miscellaneous complaint, High St. / W. Columbia Ave.

1959 - assist citizen, Main St. 2012 - suspicious person, Main St.

2048 - follow up, Edison Ave., 2118 - miscellaneous complaint, Sumpter Rd.

2202 – assist citizen, Village Park

2233 - traffic complaint, Savage/Five Points 2304 - suspicious situation, San Carlos St.

2316 - E-911 hang up/investigation, Main St. Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 31:

0043 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

0233 - fight, New Mexico

0936 - civil dispute, Karr Rd.

0938 - suspicious vehicle, Karr/Willow 1037 - traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

1341 - suspicious incident, Wyoming

1444 - larceny, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

1606 - shots fired, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1720 - civil dispute, Texas 2012 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2102 - suspicious person, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2129 - citizen assist, Greenmeadow

2316 - traffic hazard, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Monday, Sept. 1:

0035 - assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd. 0459 - fire dept. assist, Redwood

1049 - civil dispute, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.

1121 - fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd. 1257 - warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1419 - animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 1708 – shots fired, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

1720 - civil dispute, 19000 bl. Weimer Dr.

1800 - shots fired, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct. 1804 - family trouble, Second St.

1910 - family trouble, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

1916 - civil dispute, Texas

2252 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow

2335 – suspicious incident, 19000 1. Weimer Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 2:

0015 - threats complaint, Birch 0227 - fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

0250 - threats complaint, Birch

0859 - alarm, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

1121 - suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.

1420 - civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1546 – assault, Oregon

1605 - ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

1608 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1817 - assist other agency, out of township

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

0823 - well-being check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd. 0900 - reckless driver complaint, Rustic Ln.

1152 - alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1623 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1736 - suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

2001 - ORV complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster

2038 - runaway juvenile, Greenmeadow

0656 - warrant arrest, out of township

1309 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1516 - traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1719 - suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

2216 - alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 2353 - suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.

0038 - alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1907 - civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2012 - fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

2104 – down wires, Willis/Martinsville

2231 - accidental damage report, 17000 bl. Lohr

2356 - property damage accident, 42000 bl. Willow

0054 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0249 - assault, 19000 1, Sumpter Rd.

0354 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0638 - shots fired, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.

1020 - traffic hazard, Sumpter/Bemis

1218 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1910 - suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2025 - personal injury accident, Martinsville

2212 - suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Also on this week's log are 19 follow-up investigations. 26 miscellaneous details, 153 patrol checks, and 54

from Army Basic Training

Army Basic Training in Fort Benning, GA on Aug. 24. He will remain at Fort Benning to complete Advanced Individual Training until October, and his first duty station will be Fort Bliss, TX. Michael is a 2014 graduate of Belleville High School and the son of Michael and Dawn Stone

Michael Lewis Stone II graduated from

1501 - civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1805 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1820 - alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2348 - warrant arrest, out of township

0010 - animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

1353 - well-being check, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.

2019 - suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville

Friday, Sept. 5:

1248 - citizen assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1325 – abandoned vehicle, Carriage Ln. 1638 - civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1952 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

2125 - traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willow

1720 - well-being check, Virginia

2038 - assault, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

Michael Stone graduates

1842 - fire dept. assist, Colorado

1616 - ORV complaint, Willis/Haggerty

Thursday, Sept. 4:

0503 - warrant arrest, out of township

1357 - suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

1554 - malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Judd Rd. 1621 - disorderly person, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

2054 - family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

0208 - suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville

1901 - suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

2018 – alarm, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2344 - suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 6:

0251 - shots fired, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1151 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1835 - animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd

2236 – neighbor dispute, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

and Linda Stone, all of Belleville.

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Sept. 14 – Tom Mitchell

Sept. 18 – David Sala

Sept. 19 – Jill Wiesse

Sept. 20 – Lois Cox, Lila White,

Edward Sala

Sept. 21 – Babak Aghilli

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