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Court Watching:

Parents of child killed by car bound over for homicide, child abuse

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The parents of a child who ran out onto Harris Road in Sumpter Township and was hit by a car have been bound over to circuit court to face charges for his death.

Larissa Lydia Gagnon, 30, and Chad Ryan Vanover, 27, are scheduled for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m., March 29.

The parents both are charged with involuntary manslaughter/homicide and child abuse in the second degree. Gagnon is free on \$2,000 personal recognizance bond and Vanover is out on \$20,000 PR bond.

Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green presided at their preliminary exam on March 15 and, after testimony, made the decision there was probable cause to send the cases to a higher court.

Before witnesses were called, defense attorney Ronald French showed a blown-up picture of the roadway in front of the house at 40900 Harris Road where 18-month-old Chad was hit by a car. There was a white fence and two green gates.

French spoke of the distance between the two entries to the roadway from the horseshoe driveway and he said there was 370' of roadway with nothing obscuring the vision. He said there were no skid marks at all and the passenger mirror of the car was in the yard. He said the car stopped at 180' after impact.

Judge Green said she is not hearing that kind of information for this preliminary exam and those details can be brought forth in circuit court.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Woodyard said the issue here is manslaughter involving gross negligence. He said the child was running around and

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McBride Middle School to present 'Million Dollar Baby'

McBride Middle School will present this year's play, "Million Dollar Baby, A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, and Friday, March 24 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25.

Tickets go on sale at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.

The Parent-Teacher Organization will offer concessions.

The play is directed by Tracy Delfuoco and Pamela O'Neill.

The show is set in Chicago in 1871 and is a comic melodrama in two acts, which include the Chicago fire.

Here's the story: Nellie Cavandish is saintly; her greedy brother Creepstone is diabolical. Their daddy willed \$1,000 to each with the stipulation that the one who increases the amount most within 30 days will inherit his entire fortune.

The struggle between good and evil becomes a tug of war, with Nellie and her

gentle friends, including the Chicago Fire Department, pulling honestly and earnestly, and Creepstone and his hoods, gamblers and show girls using every underhanded, dishonest ploy they can conjure up.

The result is a hilarious comedy with several twists and turns along the way. More than 50 students are taking part in the play.

McBride Middle School is at 47097 McBride Avenue in Van Buren Township.

Council sets public sessions April 25 & 27 on Harbour Pte.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Are the 94 property owners in Harbour Pointe subdivision in the City of Belleville interested in being part of a special assessment district that will pay for \$2 million worth of street work in their neighborhoods?

At Monday's regular meeting, the Belleville City Council set two public sessions to present the proposal to property owners, with financial and engineering experts there to explain it all.

The sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, and 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Belleville High School Commons (cafeteria). BHS is right next

door to the subdivision.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer is back in Florida, but she left a recommendation to send out postcards to the property owners involved to alert them to the meetings.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said in her opinion it's better to send out letters that explain how they need signatures to enact a special assessment district (SAD) and how the bonding process takes place. She said the letter could include a mini-agenda and information on what the roadwork in the subdivision would look like.

The council authorized funding for the notices to be sent out.

Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud, who lives in the subdivision, said the plan is to redo the front half of the roadways and patch the back half and "one million dollars is a lot of money."

He asked if there was anything cheaper they could do, "without all the bells and whistles?"

Mayor Conley said they looked at replacing the concrete with asphalt, but that is more expensive in the long run with asphalt because of the patching and maintenance needed.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said asphalt has an overall long-term greater cost.

Renaud said Harbour Pointe is the highest-taxed bunch of properties in the city, except for lakeside properties. He pointed out that the property owners along East Huron River Drive got a new free road, Main Street got a free road, West Columbia Avenue residents got a free road.

"But that subdivision and Victoria Commons are not getting anything for all the taxes they paid," Renaud said, adding his assessment will be 10% of the value of his house.

"I think you guys are fighting an uphill battle," Renaud said.

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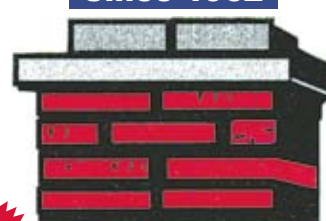
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

New generator for emergency center still not installed in Sumpter

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 14, Deputy Supervisor/Treasurer Karen Armatis explained why the new generator for the community center, paid for with federal funds and delivered about nine months ago, is still not installed.

Armatis said DTE said the township needed a bigger meter and gas line and that now has been ordered. But, DTE has been tied up with all the power outages from the March 8 windstorm.

She said the supervisor's office has been in contact with Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara about a Warming Center set up at Belleville High School and Sumpter citizens were alerted to that.

She said some of the seniors were taken into private homes when they lost electrical power and temperatures plunged.

Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk said fire fighters did about 25 well-being checks, mostly on seniors. They also made about 10 runs during the storm. Police Chief Eric Luke said police officers also checked on residents.

Armatis said the township hall lost phone

service during the storm and was out until earlier that day, March 14.

"We always pull together," Armatis said of the rural community.

"The employees did well dealing with generators and phones and people," said Trustee Matthew Oddy. The police and fire departments and township hall have working generators.

"An employee took in a couple of seniors and wishes to remain anonymous," said Treasurer Peggy Morgan, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Supervisor John Morgan and Clerk Clarence Hoffman.

Supervisor Morgan was reportedly held up by the storm as he returned home from vacation and Clerk Hoffman was home with his ill wife.

"I'm glad we're building relations back up to Van Buren Township," Trustee Oddy said.

Later in the meeting, during public comment, Deb Callison, pointed out the township had the generator for almost a year and asked, "Now DTE has to put in a gas line?" She said when the League of Women Voters held the candidates' forum the generator was there in the community center, almost nine months ago. [The

Sumpter candidates' forum was held June 22.]

Armatis said the generator was paid for with Community Development Block Grant funds which takes a lot of paperwork and "had to go through their process."

Deb Callison asked if the warranty on the generator is from the time of delivery or from the time it starts running, and she was told they would check.

Township attorney Rob Young agreed: "Absolutely, it's been too long."

"I thought they did get to use it and the seniors enjoyed it" after the storm, Callison said, but then found out she was wrong.

Ronald Barrington Robinson thanked the police and fire departments for their work during the storm. He noted DTE coordinated Warming Centers at Lincoln High School and in Monroe, in addition to the center at BHS.

In other business at the March 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved the Grievance Procedure Policy for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) complaints, which eventually goes to the township board;

- Heard attorney Young give updates on MDEQ litigation which resulted in changes to the state discharge permit regulations.

He said the MDEQ rules could have been financially draining to the community. The discharge permit due April 1 has been prepared by Hennessey Engineers. Young also reported that the new ordinance officer has been up and running and works well with people. He said compliance, not prosecution, is the goal;

- Heard Treasurer Morgan complain that the township newsletters haven't been mailed out yet although they were finished the third week of February. She said some events, such as the dog clinic, promoted in the newsletter have passed. Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffman said she just came back from vacation, but she will find out what happened; and

- Heard Trustee Oddy announce that Armatis has prepared a list of properties owned by the township and the board will look whether to get closed bids or an auction house to get rid of them.

The board went into closed-door session to hear an update from attorney Young on AFSCME negotiations and to hear an update on the Po lawsuit from the defense attorney.

VBT Environmental Commission approves proposed ordinances

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission voted March 15 to recommend to the township board four proposed new ordinances it was told will help make VBT a premier community.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy was present to explain the ordinances he is proposing.

Lt. Bazy said it has been more than 27 years since he started at the police department and he has watched VBT grow from a more rural to a suburban community.

Lt. Bazy, who runs the ordinance department, said they have borrowed some quality of life ordinances from other communities and worked with a township attorney to adapt them to VBT.

He said when people come to him with problems with a neighbor's diseased or dangerous trees, he has nothing to tell them because there is no ordinance in place. He said in Haggerty subdivision bushes are encroaching on sidewalks.

The commission discussed the following proposed ordinances:

- Diseased or Dangerous Trees, Plants and Shrubs;
- Animal Waste;
- Removal of Snow and Ice from

Sidewalks, Walks and Ramps; and

- Trash Receptacles.

The ordinance on trash receptacles was the only one not getting a unanimous vote to recommend.

Commission newcomer Jeff Jahr, Jr., objected to homeowners having to hide their trash containers behind bushes or enclosures or in the garage.

He said Belle Pointe, which Bazy pointed out is a subdivision where all the polycarts are stored in front in plain sight, has a community standard that this ordinance would negate.

Bazy said Van Buren is all one community and shouldn't have special exceptions for some.

"This is about everybody," Bazy said.

Also, the rule that garbage cans can't be put out for pickup before 6 p.m. the day before pickup could be a problem for some.

Ernie Tozer said from the audience that he lives on Hannan Road near a corner and you can see all around his house. He said Waste Management's new green containers stand out. There's nowhere for him to put the trash unless he makes room in his garage.

"I don't want to take up space in the garage for a waterproof container," Tozer

said.

Bazy said the determination is whether, when you look at a house from the front, you can see the trash cans.

Tozer said Bazy would get push-back from the community and Bazy replied, "If we're going to call ourselves a premier community ... there's some things we have to do."

In other business at the March 15 meeting, the commission:

- Learned the updated coal tar ordinance had its first reading before the township board the previous week and has one more reading coming. He said the ordinance requires a \$30 fee for one-year registration for those who do driveway sealings and they must sign a document saying they understand the ban of coal tar;

- Heard Matthew Best, deputy director of the planning and economic development department, announce that the Huron River Watershed Council is printing up brochures on coal tar specific to VBT and will use it as a model for other communities;

- Received an update on the Shoreline Ordinances. Best said after 20 years and seven attempts the ordinance was finally passed by the township board and will become effective March 23;
- Discussed the proposed Fifth Amendment

to Waste Management's Host Agreement for Woodland Meadows landfill;

- Heard Best announce postcards have gone out from the US Ecology hazardous landfill site announcing it is continuing to accept TNORM waste from construction demolitions and soils. The Army Corps of Engineers has approved the North I-94 Service Drive site to accept its waste. It will not be in large quantities and will be less than 10% of the waste, Best said;

- Heard Trustee Paul White, who sits on the Environmental Commission, ask for a field trip to the US Ecology transfer station in Romulus so commission members can see what he saw on a previous tour. Jahr said he would like to go. It also was announced the field trip to the US Ecology hazardous landfill will be rescheduled. It had been set for March 8, but had to be cancelled because of the windstorm; and

- Heard Best report that the electricity blew at the storm water facility on Hannan Road but because the facility has a huge capacity there was no problem. He also said he and Director Ron Akers went to French Landing Dam "during the hurricane" where the electricity also was out. He said water was being blown over the top and dam operator Joe Nehra, with a lot of effort, manually opened the gate.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Clerk returns from conference with guns ablaze

Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees had only one item on the agenda: "Discussion on Township Employee Travel and Training."

The discussion early-on turned into ongoing arguments and bickering that made Supervisor McNamara hold his head in frustration. Finally, after 40 minutes of hostile discussion, he said he had the power to close down the meeting, but board action to postpone further discussion made that unnecessary.

One issue was Clerk Wright's payment of \$110 for his international passport to attend a conference in Montreal in May. He was absent from the last meeting when that item was up for approval on the pre-paid list, but when Supervisor McNamara called him at his conference to tell him four board members opposed that payment, he said to remove the request and he would reimburse the township. He thought that was the end of it.

But when he returned, he was livid. He had studied the recorded March 7 meeting. On Monday he accused board members of attacking his character and accusing him of unlawful activity. They responded; he responded. Tempers flared.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, on cable, Wright produced an attorney's opinion on the passport (no case law either way) and read a statement. Others read statements. More responses. At last McNamara shut it down. It was not that board's finest hour.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Friday at about 1 p.m. there was an injury accident at 5 Points. Fire Chief Brian Loranger, whose chiropractic office is at 5 Points, said he was there. He said a man was driving northbound on South Street and hadn't had enough sleep. He was in a lane that was too far over (a southbound lane) and a woman turned the corner and WHAM, a head-on collision. The man was taken to the hospital by HVA, he said.

He said Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham saw the whole thing.

Lois Golden called at about 11:20 a.m. Thursday to tell me the turkey that was standing on the corner of Whittaker and Textile roads and was tranquilized and taken away by the DNR – is back!

A man from Bak Road had come in a few weeks ago and said he was worried about that turkey. He said he sees that turkey every time he goes to Lowe's on Carpenter Road from his VBT home and is worried about it getting killed. He called Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw Sheriff's Department and other people to try to get help for the bird.

I've been advised that the videotaped Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meetings are being shown on Comcast Cable Channel 19 at noon and at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The videography is not as good as it used to be when Steve Wilson trained the students to do it. In those days, the board meetings were shown live.

Tuesday morning we received a comment via email about the west entryway to the



City of Belleville:

"With the beautiful new road that is finished on W. Huron River Dr. (and the entrance to the city on the west side of town), wouldn't it be nice to enhance the landscape where it meets High Street and along the lake side of High Street? It is such an eyesore with brush and two or three kinds of guardrails. Surely the DDA can work with others to beautiful this area of the city. Thank you, CW (Please use my initials only)."

A Sumpter Township taxpayer wanted to know when the library millages will be levied on their tax bills. The millages were passed by voters last November and will be levied on the upcoming December tax roll.

I called Library Director Mary Jo Suchy on Tuesday to make sure of the answer and she said that was the easiest question she had all day.

The bonds for the \$14 million library construction project are due to be sold on April 10 and the tentative bond closing date is May 1.

On Saturday morning, about 7, I heard the report of an exploding transformer in the 28000 block of Sumpter Road. I was listening to the police/fire scanner and a woman had reported she looked out the window and saw the transformer explode, her power disappeared, and then her trees

were on fire.

Oh, dear. We thought we were through with those surprises since the strong winds stopped blowing.

I got a message from a reader that the day after I wrote about Alexander Jefferson in this column, he was on Channel 2 TV News in a report about him being honored by the Detroit Urban League. I did see that report.

Jefferson is a retired lieutenant-colonel in the U.S. Air Force, a Tuskegee Airman and former P.O.W. I read his book, "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free" and commented on it last week.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, I asked about the search for a fire chief, since Fire Chief Dan Besson left in February and we haven't heard anything about a search. Supervisor McNamara said they had a bunch of excellent applicants and they interviewed five. In the next two weeks they expect to announce the winning candidate. He said they want to have the psychiatric test done first. I asked who did the interviews and he said the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor, Greg Laurain and Jason Wright. In the past there were public interviews for that post.



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Letters

David Fields worked to make Belleville safe

To all the citizens of Belleville, the police department, fire department, DPW, and all the workers at City Hall:

My husband David Fields passed away on March 1, 2017. He is now in heaven with his Lord.

Because it was his wish to have a private service with his family and friends, I felt compelled to write this letter to each of you. I'm sure there were some of you that would have wanted to pay your respects to him.

This would have given me the opportunity to share how much Dave enjoyed working to make Belleville a safer and better city.

Because he served on the Belleville City Council and police reserves for 12 years each, our home was always opened to anyone who had a problem or concern. He always listened and did his best to address each concern that anyone brought to his attention.

Dave fought a two-year battle with leukemia. He enjoyed each day with a smile on his face and if anyone asked him how he was feeling he always answered "fine," never complaining and living one day at a time.

Dave and I were married for 53 wonderful years. When we began our married life together we both decided that whatever happened, good or bad, we would always accept the outcome because we believed it was God's plan for us.

Dave's only wish was to pass away at home with his family beside him. God granted him that wish. He passed away peacefully, without pain, and sharing one hour before he went to heaven that he loved me so much and I told him I loved him, too.

My hope in sharing these personal parts of our life together is to encourage someone who might be going through a similar situation.

Try turning all your concerns and worries to God and then believe that the outcome is God's will for you.

Sandi Fields
Belleville

Student wants to paint your house this summer

To the Editor:

My name is Dalton Hale. I grew up through the Van Buren School system, attending Rawsonville Elementary, North Middle, and then graduating from Belleville in 2016. I currently am a business major at

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Through College Works Painting, I was granted an internship, allowing me to manage my own small-scale exterior house painting business based in my hometown. College Work is a company based out of California, dedicated to assisting students build experience in an entrepreneurial setting, build their resume, and most importantly pay for college.

In this quickly evolving economy, college is a requirement, in most cases, to earn a living, leaving hundreds of thousands in debt. Profits made this summer are used to assist me with the payment of my college tuition.

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Heartfelt gratitude for Belleville's car show

To the Editor:

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Brian Copsey (Bayou Grill) for his thoughtfulness to again host the Monday night car show in Belleville on Main Street.

It has been five years since my accident (air bags did not deploy) and I'm using a wheelchair full time. I miss driving and working on my old antique autos and, again, I'm so thankful for Mr. Copsey's action.

Anyone with similar conditions really know the difficulties. To have and attend a car show like is hosted brings remembrances and enjoyment you can't imagine.

Thank you, Mr. Copsey, and thanks to the city administration for approval.

Don Bluhm
Belleville

Ryan York, Colin Fulton are Eagle Scouts

To the Editor:

Troop 231 out of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville has two new Eagle Scouts: Ryan York of Belleville and Colin Fulton of Ypsilanti.

Both scouts celebrated with fellow scouts, family, and friends at an Eagle Court of Honor on March 18. A big thanks goes out to the mentors and adults who helped Ryan and Colin achieve the highest rank in scouting.

Erica Fulton, Ypsilanti

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Obituaries



Theodore Walter Romak

THEODORE WALTER ROMAK
 (January 19, 1926 – March 1, 2017)
 Theodore Walter Romak, 91, of Romulus, MI, passed away peacefully on March, 1, 2017 at Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, NC. Theodore was born on January 19, 1926, to the late Walter and Anna Romak in Detroit, MI. Theodore served his country as a Marine in WWII. Theodore was a family man and enjoyed cookouts, cigars and an occasional shot of tequila. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching NASCAR, collecting miniature trains, reading, painting, and old cars. He also enjoyed traveling and taking vacations with his children every year. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Virginia Adams Romak and sister Stella Sweet. He is survived by 3 sons, Theodore Romak (fiancee Kim Skrok) of Warren, MI; Thomas Romak (Mary Beth) of Boulder, CO; and Terence Francis Romak of Naples, FL; 2 daughters, Tracy Romak (Alan Goupel) of Salisbury, NC and Toby Grudzinskas (Dan) of Romulus, MI; grandchildren, Erin, T.J., Ryan, Lauren, Travis, Jay and Zachary; and great-grandchildren Kay Lee, Talon, Tristan, Devin, Hailey, Connor, Shaelyn, Theo, Arabella, and Alex. A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW Post 9568 in Romulus, MI at 4 p.m. on March 24, 2017 with military honors. Carolina Cremation of Salisbury is honored to serve the Romak family. Online condolences may be made at www.carolinacremation.com.



Eric B. Placek

ERIC B. PLACEK
 Eric B. Placek, 27, passed way suddenly in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Survived by his parents Bruce and Peggy Placek, formerly of Belleville; sister Heather Placek Ellett of Tampa; grandmothers Dorothy O'Brien and Helen Placek; uncle Pat O'Brien; aunts Maryann Placek Mullahy of Belleville and Pam Placek of Manistee. Eric was a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School and worked in the air conditioning industry since moving to Florida. Eric will be dearly missed by many. A remembrance service will be held at Salty Church in Ormond Beach, Florida on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Condolences may be sent in care of the church at Salty.org. Donations in memory of Eric Placek can be made to Faith Farm Ministries, at FaithFarm.org.



Peggy Mae Balestrieri

PEGGY MAE BALESTRIERI
 (March 3, 1929 – March 17, 2017)
 Peggy Mae Balestrieri, age 87, a longtime resident of Belleville, died early Friday morning at Superior Woods nursing center of Ypsilanti. Peggy is the beloved wife of the late Anthony (d.1981); dear mother of Andrew (Frances) Balestrieri of Dearborn, Annette (Steve) Hodgson of Florida, Peggy (Chester) Preece of Irons, Anthony (Teresa) of Florida and Julie Balestrieri of Belleville. Peggy is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Ann Marie Manning (d.2007) and brother, Robert Wittershrim. A 43-year employee with Andrew's Drug Store of Belleville, Peggy enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 20, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery of Belleville. Visiting hours were arranged for Sunday from 2 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the wishes of the family. Also, the Balestrieri family asked that guests to the visitation bring items that Peggy may have made for them over the years.



Jane "Maureen" Finney

JANE 'MAUREEN' FINNEY
 (March 22, 1931 – Feb. 3, 2017)
 Jane "Maureen" Finney, age 85, passed away after a long battle with cancer on February 3, 2017 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, MI. Born on March 22, 1931 in Royal Oak, MI to Robert and Carmen Schultz. Maureen moved to Belleville, MI in 1951 when she married the love of her life William (Bill) Finney. Maureen loved spending time with her family and friends. She had a "special" way of telling stories which always brought happiness and laughter to everyone around her. Maureen will be dearly missed by her family, friends and loved ones. She is survived by her three children: Dorene Laperriere, Thomas Finney, and William (Sonny) Finney Jr. Also survived by brother Bob Schultz (Bunny), brother-in-law Doug Lancaster (Diane), sister-in-law Marilyn Schultz, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband William (Bill) Finney, parents Robert and Carmen Schultz, brother Jim Schultz, and sister Carmen Schultz. A Memorial Service in honor of Maureen's life will be held on March 25, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. www.mimemorial.com

Obituaries



Darlene Florence Mullins

DARLENE FLORENCE MULLINS

(May 12, 1934 – March 17, 2017)

Darlene Florence Mullins, age 82, longtime resident of Ypsilanti, passed away in her home on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Darlene was born Saturday, May 12, 1934 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Ward. She is the beloved wife of the late Clyde (d.2013) and loving mother of Reba (James) Stenman of Ypsilanti and William (April) Mullins of Belleville. Darlene is survived by her sister Shelly (the late Bud) Flowers of Romulus, 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends.

Sadly, she is preceded in death by 3 of her children, Ralph (Constance) Pardon (d.2016), Jerry Pardon (d.1987) and Denise Rothe (d.2013). She is also preceded in death by 3 siblings, Bob (Lela) Ward, Jerry Ward and Mary (James) Barns and Joann (Sonny) Ramsey. Darlene enjoyed playing bingo, pinocle, and horseshoes. She was well-known for her amazing baking, quilting, and sewing skills. She also enjoyed country music; but most of all she enjoyed spending time with all of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all.

Visitation was 2 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. The funeral service was 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home; the family welcomed guests from 10-11 a.m. Interment followed at Romulus Memorial Cemetery, 10202 Shook Rd, Romulus, MI 48174.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Kaylynn Cecille Waller

KAYLYNN CECILLE WALLER

(June 14, 2004 – March 16, 2017)

Kaylynn Cecille Waller, age 12, of Sumpter Township, died suddenly at her residence on March 16, 2017.

Kaylynn is the beloved daughter of Crystal Madaski of Monroe and Todd Waller of Sumpter; cherished granddaughter of Mary (the late Samuel) Waller of Belleville and Diana (Bob) Madaski of Tennessee; loving sister of Brooklynn Bowman of Monroe. Kaylynn is also survived by her aunt, Monica Cunningham; cousins, Kameron "Bubby" Cunningham, and Chase Cunningham. John Heath and Stephanie Meyer. Aunts & uncles, Kimberly Taylor, Jonathon Riley, Susan (Donald) Broadnax, Michael (Felisa) Russell, Andrew Waller, Robin (Justin) Comer. Cousins, Xavier, Joseph, Randin, Anthony, Raven, Monnique, Markeen, Jaden, Brandon, Matthew, William, Chelsea, Courtney, David, Rose, Christina, Michael Jr., Troi, Spencer, Sylvia and Todd.

Born on June 14, 2004 in Monroe, Kaylynn was in the seventh grade at Lincoln Middle School. She enjoyed listening to music, spending time with her friends, and conducting science experiments. She had a deep love for animals, especially horses and her pit bull "Spooky." Mostly, Kaylynn loved spending time with her family.

A funeral service honoring her life was held on Tuesday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at the North Monroe Street Church of God, 2393 N. Monroe St., Monroe. An hour of visitation was held prior to the ceremony at church.

A procession to Marble Park Cemetery in Milan followed the ceremony.

Kaylynn's family greeted guests on Monday from 2 until 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or the Detroit Pit Crew.

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Donald Lewis Clark

DONALD LEWIS CLARK

(June 10, 1947 – March 10, 2017)

Donald Lewis Clark, age 69, of Grayling, MI, longtime Belleville resident, passed away on Friday March 10, 2017. He was born on June 10, 1947 in Ypsilanti, MI to the late Jack and Jeanne (Hartman) Clark.

Don was a proud father to Jason and Heather (Chie) Clark, Kellie and JoAnne (Clark) Fuhrman and a wonderful grandpa to Matt and Nate Clark.

He grew up in Belleville, MI with his parents and 7 siblings. He graduated from Belleville High School where he loved to play the snare drum in the band. After 33 years at Ford Motor Company, he retired at the age of 55. He was very active in the Belleville Cougar Junior Football League, holding a president's position to becoming the photographer later in his years. He loved spending time with his grandsons watching them play football and telling stories of years passed. He enjoyed watching Michigan college softball and followed the Grayling High School girls' softball team. He was an avid NASCAR fan and Allis-Chalmers tractor enthusiast. Don was a generous, caring father; grandfather, brother, son, uncle, cousin and friend.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, MI. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and the memorial service will start at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow at the church.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, March 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 3 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



Elizabeth A. Dancho

ELIZABETH A. DANCHO

(November 11, 1925 – March 20, 2017)

Elizabeth A. Dancho, age, 91 of Willis, died peacefully at her residence on March 20, 2017. Elizabeth is the loving wife of the late Albert (d.1994); dear mother of Al (Clare) Dancho of Belleville and the late Bethann Dupell (d.2004); cherished grandmother of Constance Dancho of Belleville, Albert (Ashley Moore) Dancho, Jr. of Belleville and Jeffery Dancho of Belleville. Elizabeth is also survived by her great grandson, Gene "Bing" Carrier and many loving extended family and friends.

Born on November 11, 1925 in the coal mining town of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, the Dancho family settled in Michigan. Mrs. Dancho was a parishioner at St. Stephen's church in New Boston. A waitress for many years, Elizabeth enjoyed working with her family at the Red Rooster restaurant. Mostly, she loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m., Saturday, at St. Stephen's Church, 18800 S. Huron River Dr., New Boston. Fr. John P. Hedges will officiate her mass. The Dancho family will greet guests one hour prior to mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the church.

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State Rep. Kristy Pagan reintroduces bill to ban coal tar sealants in state

State Representative Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, announced that she recently reintroduced legislation to prohibit the use and sale of coal tar-based products in Michigan.

Rep. Pagan explained: "Coal tar sealants, which are commonly used to seal driveways, parking lots and playgrounds, release a class of chemicals called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), some of which are highly toxic and known to cause birth defects and cancer."

She said many major hardware stores and home-improvement retailers have stopped selling coal tar sealants. The states of Washington and Minnesota have instituted bans on coal tar sealant, as has Washington, D.C.

Municipalities in Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, and Maryland have also passed local bans on coal tar sealant.

In 2015, the Board of Trustees of Van Buren Township became the first Michigan municipality to pass a ban on the use of coal tar.

"This known carcinogenic material impacts the health of our children, contaminates our streams, and generates hazardous waste in our communities," Pagan said. "It is time to move on a statewide ban for this toxic product."

March coffee hour in Belleville

At 10 a.m., Saturday, March 25, Rep.

Pagan will be holding the first of two coffee hours for the month of March. This first one will be at the Council Chambers at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street.

"I am pleased to share that I will be joined by a special guest, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley," Rep. Pagan said.

Her second coffee hour will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, March 27, at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton.

"I invite you to stop by and share your thoughts and perspectives with me," Rep. Pagan said. "I appreciate and value the feedback that I receive from my neighbors and my public coffee hours help me better represent our community in the Michigan legislature."

Rep. Pagan serves the 21st District, which represents Belleville, Van Buren Township and Canton.

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• **Thursday, March 23** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org

• **Thursday, March 23** – This is the night of the first class on Family History Research, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. The free class will run for six Thursdays and will teach basic genealogical research and research tools. For information or to reserve a place in the class, call (734) 461-6133, text (734) 660-1971 or email kbailey@gmail.com.

• **Thursday, March 23** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club hosts its March membership meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds Dining Hall on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township. All are welcome. The club represents the communities of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the City of Belleville.

• **Thursday, March 23** – State Senator Patrick Colbeck and his district manager Penny Crider will hold office hours for March in Canton from 6 until 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, in the Community Room. This meeting is open to the public.

• **Saturday, March 25** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will hold a coffee hour at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Belleville City Hall. Tell her your concerns about Michigan.

• **Saturday, March 25** – Country Breakfast, all welcome, 8-11 a.m. at Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr. Donations appreciated.

• **Sunday, March 26** – 3 Jay's musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, March 27** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, is holding her second coffee hour of the month at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton. Tell her your concerns about Michigan.

• **Wednesday, March 29** – State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood will hold a coffee hour at 6 p.m. at the Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee Rd., in Taylor. Sen. Hopgood's senate district covers the communities of the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

• **Wednesday, March 29** – Fourth-annual Belleville SOUP Project takes place at 5:30 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons. Student teams present their ideas for downtown Belleville projects and community members will vote on the winning project. The Belleville DDA will present \$500 to the top project. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for students and includes a supper by Angel Food Catering.

• **Wednesday, March 29** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. This time the menu is homemade Italian lasagna, bread, Caesar's salad, and dessert. Enjoy getting to know your neighbors. Everyone welcomed. Info: (734) 697-9288

• **Thursday, March 30** – Free concert at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, at 7 p.m. This is part of the "All about Music" series and features the Boogie Woogie Kid trio for an evening of ballads, blues, boogie-woogie, and jazz from the Swing Era.

• **Friday, March 31; Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2** – Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church invites you to Spring Revival Services at 7180 South Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti. Services begin at 7 p.m. on Friday (with local group singing from 6 p.m.), 6 p.m. on Saturday (with local groups singing from 5 p.m.) and 11 a.m. Sunday. Food served after the Sunday service.

• **Saturday, April 1** – The Women of the Moose are having a craft show and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township. There will be about 25 crafters and no vendors. Call Debbie Johnson for information at (734) 325-0440.

• **Sunday, April 2** – To be announced musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, April 2** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.



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Belleville DDA considers shuttle, food trucks, community garden

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority considered new capital improvements that could be considered during the upcoming budget preparations.

At its March 15 meeting, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson asked for ideas to add to the potential projects list approved last year.

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams wanted to add food trucks and Thompson said she had a folder on that.

Thompson said the planning commission would have to set up an ordinance on food trucks and, "We do want people to continue to support our restaurants." She acknowledged it is a growing business.

"We have plenty of space," Williams said, noting food trucks could be used during special occasions and with the car show.

DDA member Jim Higgerson said the city needs more trash receptacles and Thompson said DDA Director Rick Rutherford gave her a catalog with two kinds of receptacles to consider. She noted that one of the city's receptacles got hit by a car.

DDA member Denise Baker asked about kayak rentals and Thompson said she has found they'd have to have a entrepreneur who could earn a profit. She said there are a limited number on the Huron River now.

Thompson said she went to a workshop in Oakland County on the subject and learned that public/private partnerships are good. She said they could put out a request for proposals. Last time, the DDA was approached by a vendor. She said they should discuss this first before going out for proposals.

Planning Commissioner Kelly Bates stated from the audience that she was interested in a community garden at the vacant lot at Village Park.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the museum wants the front and back combined and has submitted the request to Van Buren Township. He said maybe the DDA could join with them for enhanced use of that area.

A request was made to help the Iron Belle Trail go through town, since VBT has a

grant to help the trail get to Belleville City limits from the east. Thompson said that was out of the DDA district.

DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria said it could be put on the list for discussion.

Williams said the city needs a grocery store. She asked if they could get an Aldi's satellite.

Thompson said there has been talk of a trolley/shuttle to VBT and back and they could look at an electric shuttle. She said it could be a partnership with businesses and they could talk to the VBT DDA about this. She said it could go from Columbia Court up to the shopping in VBT.

She said she has a folder with pictures of shuttles available at costs from \$25,000 to \$75,000. They would need a partner to provide it out of the DDA district, she said.

Councilman Fielder said he rides the trolley during Strawberry Festival to tell riders about the festival and there is standing room only on the trolley now. He said the ridership over the last three years has gone up exponentially.

Parks and Recreation Committee member Jeff Vernon said they have often said they want a walkable community and, "How does that work with riding a trolley?"

"They can come and stay for awhile," said Thompson. "It's providing connectivity."

"Logistically, we would have to work it out," chairwoman Loria said.

DDA member Jim Chudzinski said he just got back from New Orleans and they had a hop-on bus where you paid a quarter to jump on and jumped off wherever you wanted and then jumped back on for another quarter. He said Belleville could have such a bus driving all over the city to carry people around.

"In my travels, I've picked up renewed vision," said Williams, who recently retired.

In other business at the March 15 meeting, the DDA:

- Heard a report by Kelly Howey of Plante Moran on the two-page DDA audit that is part of the 50-page city audit. She said the complete audit by Alan C. Young has an "unqualified opinion," the highest possible. Fielder said the city now has an

A+ rating and Howey said, "That's not easy to do in this economy we're in";

- Heard Paul Henning from the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce give a report on last December's Winter Fest, which the DDA supports financially. He said this was the largest Winter Fest so far. He said Santa was brought in by helicopter and they won't do that again because there were so many logistics. He said those who provided the ice sculptures made a mistake on the cost and the chamber made some money on the sculptures because they had the cost in black and white. He said they got ice slabs instead of sculptures last year to cut the cost, but they'll be going back to sculptures;

- Heard Vernon announce that a Pre-Earth Day Celebration will be held April 21 on South Street with 15 participants setting up tables and handing out information. US Ecology is making special handouts for children. The event is sponsored by Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe and Our Father's Child Daycare; and

- Heard Thompson remind members that the fourth-annual Belleville SOUP Project will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 29 at the Belleville High School Commons. Students from BHS New Tech will present their ideas for downtown Belleville projects and community members, who paid \$15 each for tickets to the supper, will vote for the winning project. The DDA will present

\$500 to the top project.

More Letters

Thanks to hostess at Mike's Place

To the Editor:

Thank you to the hostess at Mike's Place on Sunday, March 12. I picked up my order stating I was headed back to my hotel for day #5 of no power.

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Belleville High School Director Larry Koch works with Kamali Clora (Don Quixote) on the set of "Man of La Mancha."

BHS students working to prepare musical: 'Man of La Mancha'

Belleville High School students are in the final days of rehearsals for this year's BHS Productions' spring musical, "Man of La Mancha."

The show opens at 7 p.m. next Thursday, March 30, at the Belleville High School auditorium, with successive performances at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and two shows at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

"Man of La Mancha," written by Mitch Leigh and Dale Wasserman, tells the story of 15th Century Spanish writer Miquel de Cervantes' mad knight Don Quixote.

Show director Larry Koch said this is one of the greatest literary stories in history, a story that inspires people to see the good in each other.

"I'm truly amazed at how talented the students have been so far in this process and how hard-working they are in preparing such a touching, yet difficult, tale for the stage," Koch said.

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Legislation to help protect historic sites introduced in Senate

Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, and Senator Wayne A. Schmidt, R-Traverse City, have introduced legislation that would help protect historic sites throughout the state.

Senate Bills 250 and 251 would require the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to review any planned changes to the exterior of historic sites owned or

financed by a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and that are not under the jurisdiction of a local historic commission.

This legislation was drafted after a historic site in Sen. Hopgood's previous district was demolished.

"Preserving our local historical sites not only keeps cultural artifacts alive, but also provides an economic boost to

local communities," said Sen. Hopgood. "Historic preservation projects create jobs, increase property values, and revitalize neighborhoods."

"Making sure Michigan's downtowns remain strong and economically vibrant are key to our state's turnaround," Sen. Schmidt said. "Protecting historic structures helps maintain a sense of place and creates a base of support for downtowns."

After consulting with the Attorney General's office and SHPO, Sen. Hopgood and Sen. Schmidt determined that provisions in current state law regarding historic sites located within a DDA were not consistent with those for other historic sites.

These measures have received support from the Historic Preservation Network.

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Library Board sets special meeting April 4 to consider contract

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A special meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, for the Belleville Area District Library Board to consider a proposed contract with O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor to construct the new library.

The board had hoped to approve the contract at its regular meeting on March 14, but board attorney John Day had been called out of town on an emergency and the contract was not ready.

Board chairwoman Sharon Peters said Day had suggested he could send his partner to the March 14 meeting, but she decided to wait until Day returned.

"Once we know what contract is preferred by both groups, we can move forward," said architect Dan Whisler. He said the AIA contracts are pretty much standard, but have some small differences which Day wanted to consider.

Building Committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz said both contracts are for construction manager as constructor. One

is for cost plus and one is for guaranteed maximum price.

Day wanted to be sure which is better for the community before he made a recommendation.

Present at the March 14 library board meeting were three representatives from O'Neal: Will Gordon, president; Matt Ratzow, project manager; and Dean Kokkales, project superintendent. Gordon and Ratzow used to live in Belleville.

They came even though they had been informed the contract was not ready for a vote. They all agreed to make themselves available for any special meetings to help move the project forward.

The builders also suggested having tours of the construction site as building progresses to get young people interested in construction. President Gordon said construction companies are going to have a labor shortage coming up.

"That's why we need construction trades back in the schools," said board member John Juriga.

Kokkales said Eastern Michigan

University had tours of one of their projects and, "It was kind of cool to see the students out there."

Ratzow agreed: "Even little ones. Show them everything and then give them some ice cream, and they'll be interested."

Building Committee chairwoman Cichewicz said O'Neal has agreed to monthly reports to the board as construction progresses and weekly reports to the building committee.

In other business at the March 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved setting up two new accounts at Chase: the 2017 Library Bond Debt Retirement Fund to pay bond holders and the 2017 Capital Projects Fund to pay for construction. The account signatories are Chairwoman Peters or Board Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire for the board and Library Director Mary Jo Suchy or Deputy Director Hilary Savage for the library;

- Learned the \$14 million General Obligation – Unlimited Tax bond sale is scheduled for April 10 and the tentative bond closing is May 1;

- Discussed how to communicate with the public about what is happening with construction. But architect Whisler said there really won't be much to report at first, as the design work develops. He said constructing a building takes a long time to come out of the ground. He said they will be digging foundations and pushing

dirt around for a while. He said they could think of time-lapse photography or a video on You Tube, but it will be "like watching paint dry." He said the ground-breaking ceremony won't be until January, February or March 2018 – a year away;

- Heard Cichewicz say fund raising for public art could be ongoing; and

- Heard Peters announce that Sumpter has some \$200,000 in its library fund and wants to meet with library representatives to discuss the possibility of building a new building for the library media center in the township rather than refurbishing the old DPW building.

Wolverine Pipe Line Company announces new pipeline in service

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They're reading the Independent everywhere

From left, Thomas and Kelly Bates and Casie and Brian Ward, all of Victoria Commons in Belleville, met up in Florida in early March to spend some time together. In Tarpon Springs they read their *Independent* at the Sponge Docks in front of a statue dedicated to the divers who had lost their lives there. Tarpon Springs has the highest percentage of Greek Americans of any city in the U.S. They decided to have lunch at their Greektown to see how it compared to Detroit's Greektown. "I must say it was very good!" Kelly said. Kelly and Thomas traveled up and down the gulf coast stopping at multiple Keys and Islands. Brian's parents live in Wesley Chapel, FL. When Kelly and Thomas returned home they found their 20' pine tree had blown down in their yard from the March 8 storm.

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VBT Rec. Dept. offers Hoppin' Hullabaloo Easter event for kids

It is a hullabaloo of Easter fun at the Van Buren Township Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 15.

Children are invited to attend the Hoppin' Hullabaloo. Little ones can walk along the "Egg Avenue" down the township hallway to find Baloo the Easter Bunny. Parents are advised to bring their cameras. Afterwards, participants can enjoy craft stations and face painting.

This is a free event and pre-registration is not required. The event is appropriate for children ages 1-10.

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City Council

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Mayor Conley said, “Either we do nothing or we do something ... We have to educate the property owners ... If we don’t get 51% [of property owner signatures], we do nothing.”

She said they looked at paying off the SAD for 10 years and that seemed too much, so they are considering 20 years to pay it off.

She said they also have to find out if the assessment is a lien on the property or it has to be paid off when you sell the house. If it has to be paid off when it’s sold, “Nobody

will sell a house.”

“The amount of road money that comes in is pitiful,” Mayor Conley said of state funds.

“Two million dollars to fix the subdivision,” Mayor Conley said, noting this is for people who live there, people who visit, school buses, garbage trucks.

“This is not going to be an easy meeting,” Mayor Conley said. “The last one wasn’t an easy meeting.” She referred to the initial meeting in December.

In other business at Monday’s 36-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the request of the Knights of Columbus to solicit donations at Five Points on April 7, 8, 9, between the hours of Friday at noon and Sunday at 6 p.m.;

- Approved accounts payable of \$313,645.43 and the following purchase in excess of \$500: to All Seasons Landscaping, \$567.98 for mower repair from the Cemetery fund;

- Heard Rutherford report the tree at Hillside Cemetery knocked down by the windstorm has been taken down and he filed an insurance claim for the damaged cemetery fence. He said they found headstones were not damaged. Also, there were several broken power poles in the city and the last one was replaced on Saturday. He said they fished trash cans out of the pond and are cleaning up the last of the storm now. He said they had additional lids at Horizon Park;

- Heard Jeff Vernon ask when the council is going to talk about marijuana and Mayor Conley said it is her understanding that if they take no action, marijuana sales will not be allowed in the city. She said the planning commission would have to eliminate the zoning for medical marijuana now in the city;

- Heard Rutherford report that engineers came out to look at the Doane’s Landing seawall last week and, “It’s taken another turn for the worst.” He said the condo association there is actively looking for bids to repair their portion and wants to know if the city wants to join in. “It only lasted 17 years because proper engineering wasn’t done on the seawall,” Rutherford said, adding it is not good to repair what is there because it isn’t engineered right;

- Discussed the bus that is parked on private property at the corner of North Liberty Street and East Huron River Drive. Rutherford said it shows up for a while and then is gone. Police Chief Hal Berriman said nobody has complained and it’s on private property, “but we’ll check”;

- Heard Renaud ask about the federal Community Development Block Grant fund money that Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara announced as being for a block of five communities including VBT and Belleville. Mayor Conley said she didn’t know about it, but she would check into it. Councilman Tom Fielder said VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd is chairperson of the CDBG committee for Wayne County; and

- Heard Mary Talaga thank Police Cpl. Todd Schrecengost and others for cleaning up her three pine trees that were knocked down by the storm. She announced one more downed tree is left in her back yard.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Act 110 of 2006) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following zoning ordinance amendments were adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 7th day of March 2017:

1. Ordinance 02-21-17(2): ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT FOR BELLEVILLE LAKE SHORELINE DISTRICTS. An ordinance to add Article XVIC, Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts to the Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92.

This article contains the following sections:

- Section 16.01C. Purpose** – The purpose of the regulations is described.
- Section 16.02C. Definitions** – Terms used in this Article
- Section 16.03C. Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts** – Two new zoning districts are described (BLA and BLB) with permitted uses and general conditions
- Section 16.04C. Development Regulations** – Dock location; measurement of lake frontage; setback requirements; dock length and width; size and extent restrictions; dock and raft ownership identification and repair; boat storage devices; excavations, grade changes and earth modifications; markers or buoys; floating rafts; stairs; marinas and non-commercial multi-docking facilities; watercraft repairs; overnight anchorage; rental prohibited; fences prohibited.
- Section 16.05C. Exemptions** – Activities that do not require Township approval
- Section 16.06C. Belleville Lake Shoreline District Approval Process** – Activities that require Township approval; application requirements; review process; approval criteria; approval issuance; existing boat docks, structures and uses; exceptions, modifications and appeals; indemnification; obligations; penalties and enforcement

2. Ordinance 02-21-17(3): ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ADD THE BELLEVILLE LAKE SHORELINE DISTRICTS TO THE ZONING MAP. An ordinance to amend the zoning map in order to rezone those portions of Township-owned Belleville Lake parcels that are located below the 655-foot contour line (1929 NGVD) or “brow of the hill” to Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts, consistent with Article XVIC. The affected parcels to be rezoned all or in part are as follows:

Tax ID Number	Address
82-83-056-99-0013-000	N Interstate 94 Service Dr.
82-83-056-99-0014-000	Belleville Lake
82-83-073-99-0012-000	50901 S. Interstate 94 Service Dr.
82-83-073-99-0013-702	Belleville Lake
82-83-078-99-0002-702	Belleville Lake
82-83-082-99-0012-701	Belleville Lake
82-83-085-99-0023-000	Belleville Lake
82-83-090-99-0015-000	Belleville Lake
82-83-094-01-0215-000	Haggerty Rd.
82-83-095-01-0221-300	12100 Haggerty Rd.
82-83-110-99-0001-000	Belleville Lake
82-83-113-99-0008-000	Belleville Lake
82-83-117-99-0010-000	Belleville Lake

A true copy of the proposed Ordinances may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect seven (7) days after publication.

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“The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.”

— Isaac Asimov

Court watching

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approximately 30 days prior Child Protective Services was called out with concerns.

Defense attorneys objected to testimony from CPS and Judge Green said there was contact with CPS with concerns about supervision. She said they will be talking about today's case only.

The father's defense attorney French said that incident was completely different, that the dad was sleeping and little Chad crawled out of his crib and went outside. French said within seven minutes the father got him.

"This is an issue for a jury to decide," Judge Green said.

Prosecutor Woodyard said the CPS worker talked to the parents about better supervision.

First witness was Shelly Ozment, who lives across the street from Vanover's father and grandfather where the accident occurred. Ozment said she had been painting cabinets outside in her yard at about 5 p.m. on the day of the accident, Aug. 31, 2015. The day was sunny, warm, and clear, she said.

She said she had gone inside and her son ran inside after her telling her to call 911 because baby Chad Vanover had been hit. She said her son was friends with "big Chad." She told her son to call 911 and she ran out to see if she could help the child.

Ozment testified that Chad and the woman with whom he had children would come out to visit Chad's father and grandfather often in the summer.

Prosecutor Woodyard asked if she had ever seen little Chad down by the road and she said a week or so earlier several people were outside and the boy ran toward the road and his father brought him back. He got loose and went back toward the road, she testified. "It was like a game."

She testified one other time she saw little Chad at the mailbox at the edge of the road.

Ozment said she talked with Chad after his son was taken away by ambulance and he told her his son "didn't make it."

He thanked her for trying to help his son and she said it was almost like a little game they played and Chad agreed.

She testified she did not see the accident and she does not take drugs and doesn't drink. She said she never saw the boy spanked and she saw him heading for the road two times and both times the parents grabbed him.

Scott Vanover, father of Chad Vanover, testified he didn't see the accident, either. He said Chad and Larissa would visit often in the summer. On the day of the accident he was inside with his granddaughter Morgan, taking her for a visit with his father, who owns the house. He said he had taken little Chad in to see his great-grandfather and then Chad wanted to go outside. Scott said his sister-in-law wanted in and Chad went running out.

"He was playing ball and Hot Wheel cars," Scott said of the activities, noting they were making preparations to go to the Metropark for a picnic. "Then I took Morgan in to see my dad. I was in the back room when I heard Lacey running and hollering."

He testified a couple of days to a week prior, little Chad ran toward the road and Chad spanked him and brought him back.

Scott disagreed with a report that he told Sumpter Township Detective/Sgt. John Toth he didn't understand why little Chad runs to the road.

"And, I didn't say I whooped baby Chad for running toward the road" even though Det./Sgt. Toth said he did. He insisted it was his son that spanked little Chad.

Next witness was Sumpter Sgt. Elizabeth Egerer who said she was on road patrol from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. that day and was called to Harris Road for a pedestrian vs. car accident. When she got there fire fighters were already tending to the child.

She testified that she tried to identify the driver, Sharon Henley, who was upset. Sgt. Egerer said Henley was driving down the road, heard something, and stopped. There was no indication of alcohol, she said.

She testified she spoke with Chad Vanover and he was very upset. She said she asked him what happened and he said, "I told him a million times. I yelled at him not to go in the road." She said Chad Vanover had a hard time continuing. He was crying and very hysterical.

She said she saw the mother walking down the drive. "She saw her child hit by a car. I assisted her getting into the ambulance and it left the scene," Sgt. Egerer testified.

Under cross examination Sgt. Egerer said Michigan State Police took scene photographs and she worked jointly with MSP.

"It was a clear day. I don't know why the driver didn't see the child," Sgt. Egerer said.

She said she talked to six people at the scene and learned, "The child ran from the back yard and was struck by a car. The mother said she was chasing the child. Chad said Larissa was chasing the child."

Next witness was Lidf Sharna of the Department of Health and Human Services, formerly a Children Protective Services worker. She said on Sept. 1, 2015 she was on call to respond to the death of a child and was not the case worker. She said she asked the mother what had happened and was told she and her family were eating oranges in the back yard. She ran after her son and saw he was hit by a car.

Sharna testified when she went to their home she talked to Larissa and was told Chad was out in the car.

Next witness was Sharon Henley, who regularly returns from her job in Wayne by taking Harris Road to Haggerty south to her home in Sumpter. She said she works until 5 p.m. and it was about 5:20 p.m. when the

accident occurred.

She said she was driving her 2015 Chevy Traverse on the two-lane blacktop when she heard a thud on the vehicle's right front side. She said she wasn't sure what had happened. She took her foot off the gas and looked in the rearview mirror and didn't see anything.

She said she pulled over and took her phone to call 911 because she knew she would need a police report for insurance.

Then she saw a lady standing over the child and then police and fire fighters.

"I didn't see the child and don't know where it came from," Henley said. She said she took her cellphone in to police and they checked it. They impounded and towed her car to check it out.

When asked in cross examination why she didn't see the child, she replied, "I've asked myself that many times."

When she was asked why it took 180' for her to stop, she said she took her foot off the gas immediately.

Prosecutor Wood said a vehicle moves 65' per second at 45 mph.

The mother's defense attorney Jeffrey Weberman said the person who should be on trial is Sharon Henley.

"She should have seen this child," Weberman said. "She's not on trial and they are going against a mother who was trying to catch her child and screaming. I'm asking you to dismiss this case. There was no negligence on her part."

The father's defense attorney French said the grandfather had testified the father had "busted his bottom all the way back to the house... The driver was not being prudent when driving."

Prosecutor Woodyard spelled out the details of "gross negligence." He said the neighbor

saw the child at least twice at the road and Chad told her it was a game.

He said CPS had specifically admonished the parents that Chad needed better supervision. They could have closed the gates, he said. Woodyard said the defendants failed to use ordinary care.

"We've met our burden" of proof, Woodyard said.

Judge Green said, "This is a terrible thing," but for purposes of today, there is enough proof to bind the defendants over.

"I used to live on a busy street and I raised my kids," Judge Green said.

Donald Hazel Swinson

Donald Hazel Swinson, 76, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court on March 29 for an arraignment on the information.

He is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, a felony, and weapons felony firearm (using a gun to commit a felony) on Feb. 15 in Sumpter Township.


Swinson is free after posting \$10,000/10% bond and his bond was continued. Sumpter Officer Jim Cayce is the officer in charge of the case.



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Registration Opens Monday, March 13

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 <p>This class is designed to give the absolute beginner an introduction to the skills necessary to use a computer. We'll start with turning it on, and cover navigating Windows, use of the mouse and keyboard, and basic terminology. No prior experience necessary!</p> <p>Monday, March 27: 10:30 am or 3 pm</p>	<p>Each student will create a new Google email account during class, and practice these basic tasks: sending emails, replies, folders, filters, organizing and managing an email account. Participants should know how to use a mouse and keyboard.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 28: 2 pm or 7 pm</p>	<p>Get started with Excel by learning how to create and manage a spreadsheet with simple formulas. We'll also cover formatting and creating tables. Participants should be comfortable with basic computer use before class.</p> <p>Thursday, March 30: 2 pm or 7 pm</p>

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday March 29, 2017; the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2001	Dodge	SW	2B4GP74L21R292035	16-13645
1992	Ford	4D	2FACP74W9NX200213	16-24741
2015	Jiangsu	MP	L2BB9NCB5FB202106	16-20190
2004	Dodge	SW	1D4HB38N24F128390	17-4278B
2004	Dodge	4D	2B3HD46R34H702949	17-4265
2002	Ford	4D	1FAFP53U72G231365	17-3869
1997	Ford	PU	1FTDX1763VND16841	16-21524
2009	Ford	4D	1FAHP34NX9W212023	17-1020
2002	Honda	SW	2HKRL18092H560582	17-2190
2003	Ford	4D	1FAFP55U33G114185	17-5190
1999	Chevrolet	SW	1GNDT13W8V2235344	17-3468
1998	Honda	2D	1HGGC315XWA002797	16-17671
2003	Ford	F15	1FTRX17293NB63009	16-19914
2002	Mercury	4D	1MEFM50U22G626544	17-3283
1997	Buick	4D	1G4CW52KXV4618123	17-1296
2000	Ford	4D	1FMPU16L8YLA12851	17-2147

At 11:00am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1974	John Deer	SKT	741206306	17-1308
2000	Ford	4D	1FAFP3431YW401664	17-1445
1998	Mercury	SW	4M2ZU55P4WUJ42281	17-2474
2001	Mercury	4D	2MEFM74W61X644853	16-26217
1999	Jeep	SW	1J4GW58SOXC569269	16-21959
1997	Ford	4D	1FALP13P8VW354978	16-20095
2008	Pontiac	2D	1G2AJ55487219031	16-19705
1999	Plymouth	SW	2P4GP44G2XR399837	16-19644
2000	Ford	SW	1FMZU73EXYZA10565	16-22230
1996	Ford	PU	1FTCR14X0TPB17623	16-19067A
1998	Ford	4D	1FAFP6634WK249821	16-17988
2002	Pontiac	SW	1GMDV13E92D249517	16-17972
2002	Pontiac	4D	1GNE52F12C162764	16-18583
1998	Dodge	4D	1B3EJ46X5WN117178	16-21248
2001	Ford	4D	1FAFP56S01G274387	16-20724
2015	Chrysler	4D	1C3CCCAB3FN680644	16-23032
2000	Toyota	4D	4T1BG22K4YU978418	16-22711
2007	Dodge	SW	2D4FV47V57H823892	16-20901
1999	Mercury	4D	1MEFFM53S6XG640965	16-23269
2003	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ND52J43M622636	16-27325
2001	Honda	SW	2HKRL18541H572102	17-1489
2000	Ford	SW	1FMDU62X8YZB79703	16-23120
2003	Chevrolet	SW	1GNDT13X63K166515	16-27099
2008	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZT58N08F145195	17-1246
1995	Ford	4D	3FASP13J3SR202936	16-22917
1995	Honda	4D	1HGE8658SL061277	16-19602
2003	Ford	2D	3FAFP11363R128564	16-26359
2003	Ford	4D	1FAFP53U83G147878	16-22894
2007	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WB58KX79323856	17-1115
2013	Chevrolet	SW	2GNALDEK6D6433646	17-1955
1988	Merced Benz	300	WDBEA90D0JF03610	17-467
2006	Buick	4D	1G4HD57246U126418	17-1781
2003	Cadillac	SW	3GYFK66N53G219539	16-23362
2000	Pontiac	4D	1G2JB524XY7325290	17-2519
2000	Dodge	4D	1B3ES46C9YD522057	16-26558
1998	Jeep	SW	1J4GZ583WC195813	17-4531
2001	Ford	4D	1FAFP38361W117110	17-3239
1999	Dodge	SW	1B4GP44G1XB897429	17-3155
1998	GMC	PU	1GTCS1943W8536244	17-4615
2005	KIA	4D	KNADC125056392258	16-24104

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: March 23, 2017

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Crafted Modern Handmade gift shop on East Columbia Avenue in the City of Belleville will be holding its second-annual Prom Dress Giveaway this Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature free prom dresses for high school seniors. Students must register to get the best selection, but walk-ins are welcome. To register, call (734) 363-3531.

The Yankee Air Museum's newest flyable aircraft, a 1992 YMF-SC Waco biplane, will be unveiled and officially put into service at the Museum's Detroit Aviation and Airline's Collectibles Show on May 20. The promotion will kick off the 2017 flying season. Although on-site seats may be available at the show, reservations are being accepted. Tickets are \$195 for museum members, \$225 for non-members. Two passengers cost \$295 for members, \$325 for non-members. Weight limitation is not to exceed 350 pounds in combined weight. To learn more or to register, call Liz Lekarzyk at (810) 844-3113.

Veterinarians Scott Driscoll and Keri Dasher are finishing up the remodeling of what will be the new Animal Medical Center of Van Buren, located at 491 Sumpter Road, the former site of Perfect Image Salon. I got to tour the state-of-the-art facility and the two vets are counting down the days to opening. In the meantime, appointments are now being accepted. Call (734) 699-6510. To learn more, visit their new website at www.amcvanburen.com.

The 2017 Prom & Graduation Expo hosted by Belleville High School will take place this Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person and is open to high school parents and students. The list of vendors includes catering companies, florists, bakeries, tent and party rental companies, photographers, DJs, hair

stylists, dresses, tuxedos, transportation companies, and much more. There will also be door prizes and giveaways. Proceeds from the event will benefit the BHS Class of 2017 Senior Party. For more info, call Felicia Lasenby at (734) 697-9133 or Evelyn Crawford at (313) 923-7012.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission will be holding its free Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at Graham Park. Rain date is April 9. Call (734) 461-6201.

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service on Sumpter Road in the plaza is offering a tax preparation Wednesday special for \$119, good through the end of the month. The offer excludes business and self-employment returns. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments can be made by calling Lesa Foster at (734) 732-4554. See their ad in today's paper.

The fourth-annual Belleville Soup Project is next Wednesday, March 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the BHS Commons. Supper will be provided by Angel Food Catering. Students of BHS New Tech will present ideas and project suggestions for Downtown Belleville and a vote for the winning project will follow. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students.

Teen Easter Egg Hunt set for outside at night on Friday, April 14

Teenagers are invited to bring a flashlight, a basket, and a friend or two to a Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department.

There will be Easter egg hunting in the dark with tons of treats to be found and a golden egg which brings a grand prize.

Participants are asked to dress accordingly as this event is outdoors. Pizza and pop under the pavilion following the event.

Cost is \$2 per participants and pre-registration is required by April 7. For information, call (734) 699-8921.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Notice of Public Hearing Sumpter Township

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to amend the 2016-2017 Budget and the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111-9601, 734-461-6201, Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Sumpter Township Hall, Clerk's Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. All citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Sumpter Township Clerk

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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Publish: March 2, 2017; March 9, 2017; March 16, 2017; March 23, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 7th day of March 2017:

1. Ordinance 02-21-17(1): BELLEVILLE LAKE EXCLUSIVE USE ORDINANCE.
An ordinance to grant the exclusive right of use of the Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owner. In return for this exclusive right of use, the Township is requiring that the abutting property owner shall maintain the Township Lake Property in compliance with all existing applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect upon publication.

Posting Date: March 09, 2017
Date of Publication: March 23, 2017
Effective: March 23, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Planning Commission
April 12, 2017
7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance in Van Buren Township.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. All materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: March 16, 2017
Published: March 23, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the following described parcels.

Case 17-006: The property located at 40631 Alden Dr. (parcel tax ID number V-125-83-093-01-0021-001), is the subject parcel of this hearing. The subject parcel measures approximately 0.39 acres, and is located on Alden Drive, east of Haggerty Road. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren zoning map by rezoning the subject property from **C-1 (General Commercial) District to R1-C (Single Family Residential) District.**

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

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Posted: March 15, 2017
Published: March 23, 2017



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte. Excused absent: Supervisor J. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 20 residents.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to have Trustee Don Swinson to run Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve Agenda with the deletion of Item L and the additions of Item M: Consider approval to renew all contracts for current Contracted Employees with the same pay raise increase as Union Employees. Contracts are for four (4) years, effective February 28, 2017 and Item N: Extend all contracts for all contracted employees for thirty (30) days. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by C. Hoffman, to approve the Community Block Grant Public Hearing Minutes of February 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Hurst to approve the Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing of February 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of January 12, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by

LaPorte to approve Warrants totaling \$483,894.22. Roll call vote: Yes: C. Hoffman, P. Morgan, Swinson, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Parks & Recreation are moving forward with Festival

B. Parks & Recreation still looking for volunteers

C. Chamber: Mid-March Aldi should be opening

D. Chamber: Menards still coming to Belleville

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/ Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Planning Commission had Public Hearing on February 9, 2017 on Site Plan Review and Zoning Ordinances on Waste Receptacles.

B. Planning Commission still discussing Solar Farms

C. Back to work on the Master Plan Motion by LaPorte, supported by C. Hoffman to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report-Young: No Report

10. Board Response:

A. Ken Kunka (Water Department)

- Great Lakes Water Associations conducting water testing once a month at four locations

- Public Works also conducting tests

- Lead/Copper testing

- Preparing for lawn cutting season

- Trimming trees

- Installation of new generator

- Wayne County residential scrap tire collection in Spring

- Mapping of Township Water and Sewer system

- Consider of requesting new truck for public works

- Senior snow plowing

- Reading of water meters

- Maintenance of grinder pumps

11. New Business:

A. Presentation by Melissa Gaynier of the Senior Alliance

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the agreement for the Provisions of Animal Control Services between the Township of Brownstown and Township of Sumpter. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to set a Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Budget for 6:00 pm, March 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve having Sumpter Township Country Festival May 26-29, 2017 using Parks & Recreation funds. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to have fireworks on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at Sumpter Township Fairgrounds with a rain date of Monday, May 29, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Hurst to approve for Sharon Pokerwinski to become Grant Administrator for Parks & Recreation. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported Oddy to approve for Jennifer Price to the Secretary Position in Parks & Recreation. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by C. Hoffman to approve for a \$500.00 Check from Parks & Recreation account for Holly Swinson to get supplies for the beer tent. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve Resolution 2017-04 Resolution establishing the fee structure for Business Licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve designating the Supervisor's Office as the ADA Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Public Notice about rights to Public in regards to ADA. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Removed.

M. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve to renew all contracts for current contracted

employees with the same pay raise increase as Union Employees. Contracts are for four (4) years, effective February 28, 2017. Roll call vote: Yes: C. Hoffman, P. Morgan. Nay: Hurst, LaPorte, Swinson, Oddy. Motion fails.

N. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to extend all contracts for all contracted employees for thirty (30) days. Roll call vote: Yes: P. Morgan, Oddy, Hurst, Swinson, LaPorte. Nay: C. Hoffman. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

1. Dog Clinic Saturday, March 4, 2017 1:00-4:00 pm at the Pole Barn across from Township Hall.

13. Open Floor:

1. Mary Ban

- Glad to see place found for animals to go
- DPW building is the location for the Library?
- Recreational marijuana
- Board of Review dates

2. Ronald Barrington Robinson

- Officer Toth
- 3. Sharon Pokerwinski
- Property on Willis Road
- Master Plan
- 4. Lydia Graber
- ADA

14. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: March 23, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

**Spring cleaning will begin
April 10, 2017 and run through April 13, 2017**

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by April 9, 2017

New items may be displayed beginning April 14, 2017

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Posted 2-8-2017
Publish 3-23-2017; 4-6-2017

More Letters

You can get credit from DTE for 5 days or more

To the Editor:

I'm leaving the DTE billing credit and Bridge Card offer I typed.

It would be great if it were known to people in need – where that is a lot of money.

In my park, the seniors are most likely NOT on the internet and won't be able to request either offer.

It's tragic they can't call or write DTE. It's silly that it's not an automatic credit! DTE did not know who had power. I'll bet they will "know" when people request the billing credits!

On another topic: the warming center.

The first and ONLY time I heard of it was at ALDI's opening on the 9th. I posted it in town at several places. People did not know about it. Many of them had no phone to call and find out about it.

It's a shame so few people showed up – but what do you expect?

Karen
Belleville

Editor's Note: The flyer she compiled noted that an outage of more than 120 hours – five full days -- under catastrophic conditions (what we experienced) is eligible for \$25 credit. To apply to DTE for a bill credit you have to go on line. I Googled DTE Energy Claims and found a place to apply. Her note also said if you have a Bridge card, DTE will provide a letter for you to take to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to get extra food benefits on your card for your loss. You'll need internet for that, too, to Google DTE Claims. She also included information on how the outage maps failed. Although customers could still report outages, DTE couldn't track restoration efforts.

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 541 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 12:
0336 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
0359 – trespassing, Rawsonville
0428 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0454 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0546 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1033 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1120 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1439 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1453 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1621 – mental subject, McBride Ave.
1836 – family trouble, Pond Ridge Dr.
1842 – weapons violation, Farm Rd.
1930 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1954 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
2002 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
Monday, March 13:
0053 – fight, Monroe Ct.
0212 – mental subject, Mott
0413 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Rawsonville
0823 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0915 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon Way
0925 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Buchanan St. / McBride Ave.
1100 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1206 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Monterey Dr.
1307 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1531 – dumping complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
1550 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1629 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1842 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1849 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1948 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2045 – noise complaint, Aspen Ln.
2053 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
2223 – lost property/child, Rayna Ct.
2249 – domestic, Pond Bluff Dr.
Tuesday, March 14:
0813 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
0901 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Southport Apts. Ln.
1005 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1208 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – assist other dept., SB I-275/Ecorse
1426 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
1441 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1507 – sexual assault, Fairbanks St.
1829 – property damage accident, Tyler/Bellevillle
2330 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, March 15:
1013 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1104 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1243 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/N. Service
1456 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1600 – property damage accident, Belleville/S. Service Dr.
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler
1629 – assist other dept., Elwell Rd.
1708 – mental subject, Florence Ln.
1725 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Timberview
1928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1935 – family trouble, Landmark
Thursday, March 16:
0002 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
0036 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
0417 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0640 – abandoned auto, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.
0810 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.
1001 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1034 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.

1113 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1239 – assist other dept., N. Timberview Dr.
1415 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
1448 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1459 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1653 – civil matter, Lake Pointe Pass
1702 – domestic, Truman
1745 – warrant arrest, Truman
2108 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
2252 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
Friday, March 17:
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Linda Vista Ct. / Sonrisa St.
0606 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0927 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1110 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1220 – assist other dept., WB I-94 rest stop
1227 – missing person, S. Woodbury Dr.
1337 – narcotics crime, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1341 – larceny, Bog Rd.
1440 – assault & battery, Lohr Rd.
1637 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / McDonald’s
1717 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.
1820 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1845 – domestic, Elwell Rd.
1915 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1939 – fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
2034 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
2103 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2324 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
2327 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
2332 – malicious destruction of property, Rolan Meadows Dr.
Saturday, March 18:
0127 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0132 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0136 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0518 – suspicious person/vehicle, rest area/I-94
0910 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1030 – domestic, Laguna Dr.
1115 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1117 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1147 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1157 – property damage accident, WB I-94 rest area
1206 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1224 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1316 – threat, Bemis Rd.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
1521 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1852 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2014 – assist other dept., WB I-94 rest area
Also on this week’s log are 206 traffic stops, 59 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 12:
0042 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0319 – motorist assist, Henry St.
0950 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1017 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1323 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1509 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1815 – parking complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.
1901 – parking complaint, Breakwater Dr.
1922 – family trouble, Henry St.
2212 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
Monday, March 13:
0125 – parking complaint, Carmell
0732 – property damage accident, Main/High
0904 – Pbt, Main St.
1119 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1201 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1306 – 911 welfare check, Main St.
1840 – assist fire dept., Second St.
Tuesday, March 14:
1328 – civil matter, N. Biggs Ave.

1642 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2358 – intrusion alarm, Main St./Fifth St.
Wednesday, March 15:
0855 – fraud, Main St./High St.
0946 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1023 – alarm intrusion, E. Columbia Ave.
1145 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Main
1208 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1309 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1424 – vehicle lockout, Main St./High St.
Thursday, March 16:
0138 – parking complaint, Carmell
1021 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1351 – found property/child, 4th St./Main
1416 – welfare check, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
1453 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1521 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2217 – domestic, Victorian Ln.
2333 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
Friday, March 17:
0519 – noise complaint, Victorian Ln.
1258 – personal injury accident, Main St./South St.
1536 – larceny, W. Davis St.
1742 – parking complaint, Third St./Main St.
1753 – domestic, E. Thornhill Ct.
1945 – traffic offense, Egan’s
2222 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2245 – disorderly, Main St.
Saturday, March 18:
0403 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0826 – larceny from auto, Main St.
0956 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St./Third St.
1425 – abandoned auto, Main St.
2157 – parking complaint, Breakwater Ct.
Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 12:
0107 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0346 – suspicious incident, Washington
0949 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1013 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1145 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1857 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Bemis
1951 – suspicious person, 6200 bl. Oakville Waltz
2041 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Kozma
Monday, March 13:
0527 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville
0534 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1122 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1441 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1844 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz/Clark
2041 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
Tuesday, March 14:
0320 – assist other agency, out of township
0541 – property damage accident, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0635 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz Rd.
0728 – property damage accident, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0847 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Wilmut
1025 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1259 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1659 – odor investigation, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
2227 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
Wednesday, March 15:
0050 – 911 hang up, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0119 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
0625 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
0730 – suspicious vehicle, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
0759 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1136 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1418 – animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1630 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1905 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Thursday, March 16:
0739 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1019 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1024 – well-being check, Redwood
1024 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1101 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1405 – missing person, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1555 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1802 – warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln.

1917 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2050 – mental health commitment, Brookview
Friday, March 17:
0639 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0749 – well-being check, Redwood
0808 – animal complaint, Lohr/Willis
0833 -- threats complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0856 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1017 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Paris
1048 – suspicious vehicle, Nevada
1403 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1503 – larceny, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
Saturday, March 18:
0037 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
0441 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0633 – 911 hang up, 28000 Sumpter Rd.
0708 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0928 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0936 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1139 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1234 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1255 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1723 – citizen assist, Redwood
2038 – assist other agency, out of township
Also on this week’s log are 17 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 150 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

More Letters

Cabaret was wonderful,
don’t miss BHS play

To the Editor:
What a wonderful afternoon of music by very talented people. It is always a great event put on by the Chorus. I was especially impressed with the talent of the Belleville High School students that joined us. Please do attend the upcoming play at Belleville High starting March 31. You won’t be disappointed.
Cheryl Wagner
Belleville

We took grandsons to
Yankee Air Museum

To the Editor:
My husband and I took our grandsons, ages 10 and 13, to the Yankee Air Force Museum in Belleville for a two-hour Sunday visit. We enjoyed learning history of the soldiers, honorary medals, stunt pilot’s pressurized suit.
There were hands-on things to do. Children can pretend to fly a plane by going inside a cockpit. There were several volunteers to answer our questions or give guided tours.
Soon they will have an addition which is located on the west side of Willow Run airstrip in Ypsilanti. The building is built, but they are currently working on the interior. The possible deadline for the new building is in 2018.
Thank you for letting me share this information.
Ruth Kessel
Belleville

“Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate; now what’s going to happen to us with both a Senate and a House?”
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Ralph and Arlene Bird celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary recently at their home with a small gathering of their family. They were married March 15, 1947 at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Ralph is retired from Draw-Tite Company and Arlene is retired from Van Buren Public Schools Transportation Office. They have been blessed with four children: Ray of Chandler, AZ, Roger (Julie) of Belleville, Pam (Mike) of Belleville, and Craig of Ypsilanti. They have six grandchildren, Kimberlee, Carey, Ryan, Kate, Angela, and Christopher. They also have eight great-grandchildren. Also celebrated at the gathering was Ralph's 93rd birthday, which took place Feb. 29, 2017.

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(#4)

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.

\$69
(#2)

Expires 4/30/17.

DOG PACKAGES

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Parvo
- Bordetella
- Heartworm Test
- Rabies 1 Yr.

\$99
(#5)

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Rabies 1 Yr.
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- Bordetella
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- Heartworm Test

\$149
(#3)

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\$189
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Expires 4/30/17.

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- Rabies 1 Yr.
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- Feline AIDS/Leukemia Combo

\$179
(#3)

- Exam
- Distemper
- Fecal
- Deworming
- Feline AIDS/Leukemia Test

\$109
(#4)

Expires 4/30/17.

CAT PACKAGES

\$69
(#2)

- Wellness Exam
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