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The cast of "Man of La Mancha" paused for a picture on Saturday. In front, from left, are Tre'ondis Snodgrass, Briana Powe, Kamali Clora, and Alyssa Schubert. In the second row, from left, are Demeatry Brooks, Kayla Williams, Zandalee Henderson, Nathan Pestano, and Kaitlyn Plummer. In the third row, from left, are Jalen Gaskin, Lauren Cramer, Madison Lieb, Ariyel Harris, and Natalie Pestano. In back, from left, are Sarah Sturtz, Kenneth Franklin, Avery Henningburg, Anajah Davenport, Hannah Costa, Gavin Schultz, Lance Bagley. The first presentation of the musical is at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, in the BHS Auditorium. The show also will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and two shows at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. Reserved tickets may be purchased on line at Showtix4u.com or at the door one hour before each performance.

School Board votes 6-1 to keep Haggerty School up for another year

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted, 6-1, to keep Haggerty School up and running for another school year, but the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is to be razed.

At Monday's regular meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak asked the board for direction on Haggerty School. James Williams, director of building and grounds, presented an evaluation done by a RESA (Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency) representative, Neil Greene. The building is in good shape, but

needs a boiler and LED lighting, the report said.

Greene gave several options for the building.

"We spent a lot of taxpayer money on Haggerty when we passed a bond," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, referring to 17 years ago.

The building now houses Great Start School Readiness program, adult transition classes, Head Start, and a latchkey program. Kudlak has already warned the latchkey program that the school may not be available for next school year.

"It is not dilapidated," Trustee Frazier

said. "I visited there on Friday. It's my voting precinct. It has a rather pleasant atmosphere. There's no evidence of the roof falling in ... There are two leaks."

Supt. Kudlak asked Frazier to hold her comments until the end of the presentation.

Williams presented options for the building that included minimum repairs, implementing a five-year-plan to bring it up to standards, or closing the building to either mothball it or demolish it.

He reeled off a list of costs, with the boiler issue \$10,000 to \$30,000.

"We could put a Band Aid on, but we wouldn't want a high-quality boiler in there if it is going to be closed," Kudlak said.

Williams said they have paid \$3,500 in boiler repair so far, and the work's not done. He said mothballing the building would cost \$117,939 a year and for five years

that would be \$589,695. Refurbishing the building completely would cost about \$2.44 million over five years. And, demolishing the building is estimated at \$245,560.

Kudlak said the staff at Haggerty now doesn't feel a part of the district and, "We need to do a better job there."

He said at the moment the district could close an elementary school and move the kids to another school. He said if they do decide to close the school, they have to remember the 200 students predicted by Plante Moran to arrive in the near future.

Kudlak said they could put \$2.5 million aside to build a new building in the future.

Williams said Head Start, which is at Haggerty, was paying \$40,000 a year rent in the past and now it's down to \$25,000 because of fewer students.

Frazier said she thinks the board should

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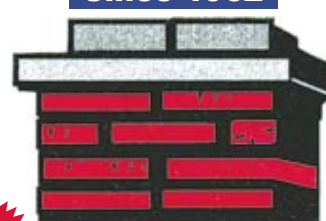
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Van Buren Twp. approves new coal tar ordinance with teeth

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

When Van Buren Township was the first municipality in the state to enact a coal tar ban in December 2015, the ordinance was educational in nature and had no penalties. Since then, other municipalities have also enacted bans, but they had penalties.

The VBT Environmental Commission wanted to add teeth to its ban and at the March 21 meeting of the township board of trustees, the new ordinance was enacted unanimously.

Matthew Best, deputy director of the department of planning and economic development, said the new ordinance includes a lower polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) limit and enforcement, which includes misdemeanor injunctions, and the requirement for sealant applicators to register with the township.

Best said high PAH limits are carcinogenic.

Trustee Sherry Frazier asked if driveway sealants with reduced PAH were the same price as sealants with coal tar and higher PAH.

Best said it was about the same and depends how the products are mixed. He said individuals can only buy low PAH sealants in 50-gallon buckets.

Trustee Reggie Miller said often someone will knock on the door and ask to seal your driveway. She said now she can ask for

their registration with the township.

"Dr. David Wilson was the prime candidate pushing this," said Trustee Paul White. "It's kind of sad he's not here today to see this ..."

"I believe Dr. Wilson is here with us today," Best said.

"We were the first in the state and since then seven communities passed coal tar bans and now are looking at what we're doing," Best said.

Trustee Miller said she remembers when a lobbyist came from coal tar applicators.

Best said the woman from the Pavement Sealing Coalition, based in Washington, D.C., contacted the township about the ban.

"We gave her an hour to speak," he said, noting, "We have yet to hear back from her since."

In other business at the March 21 meeting, the board:

- Watched Van Buren Civic Fund representative Mark Laginess present a grant of \$6,300 to the Clerk's Department to replace 10 laptop computers to support the elections. Wright said the township went over to electronic polls and now the laptops are five years old and have reached their life expectancy. "They are not starting up like they should," he said. He said the 10 laptops are being passed on to the senior department. Laginess explained the Civic Fund was started in 2005 with a \$1 million

grant from Visteon and since then the fund has given away half a million dollars. He said Clerk Wright wrote a few grant requests to the fund;

- Heard Supervisor Kevin McNamara read a letter to Chief of Police Jason Wright from a resident praising the actions of Officers Harrison and Sweet, who got her generator up and running when her power was out because of the storm;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara also read a letter he sent to the schools thanking officials for their work on the warming center set up at the high school. He said VBT called the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township to work together to take advantage of the center. He said more than 100 individuals took advantage of the services there and some even stayed the night. "I didn't really know what being a supervisor was until then," McNamara said of the storm. He said there were 460 calls that came into dispatch, low water pressure that almost made a boil water advisory necessary and when the water came back on it blew the sanitary system. He said the supervisor's office was used as a data collection center and seniors were transported to the warming center. Pieces of literature were passed out and the IT department put information on cable. "I couldn't be prouder of this group," he said;

- Heard McNamara announce that the free

pickup of yard waste resumes the week of April 3 and that residents will be able to dispose of up to seven tires per household at a free disposal center at the township hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 3;

- Heard the *Independent* ask about what is being done about getting a new fire chief. McNamara said they got a "bunch" of applicants and five were interviewed. He said within the next two weeks their choice will be announced. He said those doing the interviewing were the supervisor, clerk, treasurer, Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, and Police Chief Jason Wright. McNamara said he cannot stand to call Wright his official title: Deputy Director Public Safety – Police. He is changing that to Police Chief. The new Deputy Director Public Safety – Fire, will be called Fire Chief, he said;

- Heard Trustee Sherry Frazier note the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War is coming and her late husband's two brothers served honorably in that conflict. She said the Vietnam vets did not have the welcome home they should have had and she would like the township to honor Vietnam vets. She also praised the Rotary Club for its installations of portable libraries. "There are good things happening," she said; and

- Heard Trustee White ask to meet with two of the three full-time elected officials after the meeting to discuss an issue.

VBT Supervisor threatens to close down meeting over arguing

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

There was only one item on the March 20 agenda for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees' work/study session: "Discussion on Township Employee Travel and Training."

But that discussion turned into an argument with board members talking over each other and shouting.

"I have the power to table this," said a frustrated Supervisor Kevin McNamara 40 minutes into the meeting and Treasurer Sharry Budd made the motion to table, with Trustee Reggie Miller seconding. The vote was 6-1, with Trustee Paul White voting no.

Then, Miller said she didn't mean "table," but "postpone" and so the motion was amended to be "postpone" and it passed 6-1, with Trustee White voting no.

Trustee Miller had said earlier she would like the topic tabled for three months down the line.

But, before the vote to postpone, Clerk Leon Wright said, "We should talk about it" and Supervisor McNamara told him no, not then. After the vote, McNamara

took comments from the board and Clerk Wright talked.

"I thank Trustee Miller for postponing," he began. "You talk about a person at one meeting and then have a change in policy at the next meeting."

"What planet are you coming from? Mars?" Wright said. "You're attacking a fellow board member."

"Then don't ask us to pay for your passport," replied Trustee Sherry Frazier.

"Finger pointing and attacks are going on here ... Shame on us," said Trustee Miller.

"This is not the way to consider a policy," Wright said. "You don't have the right to mandate another elected official."

"You're chastising me," said Trustee White, who had written the proposed travel policy that was to be discussed at that meeting and then was postponed.

Then everyone started talking at once and Supervisor McNamara quieted them down forcefully.

Trustee Kevin Martin changed the subject to ask about line items paid on that week's voucher list and his questions were answered. Supervisor McNamara said he learned to read the voucher list *before* the

work/study session after what had happened two weeks earlier when Wright's requested reimbursement for a \$110 international passport was questioned.

Then Wright's trip to Montreal was questioned. Wright was at a conference and not present at the March 6 and 7 meetings.

At the end of the March 20 meeting, Trustee White questioned Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery's reimbursement for a conference, pointing out she and Wright each drove to the same conference and, "It cost \$800 for two individuals to go to the same conference."

Wright said he would explain: Montgomery was going on to another conference after the first one, so they drove separately.

Wright said he wanted to point out that the International Institute of Municipal Clerks that was meeting in Montreal was not an international group, but had corporate offices in California. He said it does cover clerks in Canada and the United Kingdom. Wright said he has to have X amount of educational points to achieve the Master Clerk's designation he is seeking.

When asked if that could be done on line, he said it could but you only get half the

credits that way.

The meeting started with Trustee White outlining the new Employee Travel and Training policy he wrote after researching the policies other governmental units had. He set up a template where everything goes through the township supervisor.

Trustee Miller suggested the board go back and tell the public "how we got here."

She said at the last board meeting the board decided to consider changes to the policy on travel and training. She said it had to do with having a culture of trust for the community. She said board members should be open-minded and be good listeners.

"I don't want to create stress for any board members," Trustee Miller said.

"March 6 opened a dialogue," said Clerk Wright, referring to the work/study session he missed. "Nobody contacted me ... They want a working relationship with me, but talk about me, without me. I got a telephone call from the supervisor and I told him what to do..."

The board removed Wright's request
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OPINIONS

Editorial

Speedway needs land from DDA to satisfy county

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, Speedway LLC had four representatives present to request a 27' sliver of land along Belleville Road to satisfy Wayne County's requirement for the driveway design.

Speedway wishes to construct a 4,600-square-foot service station on 2.08 acres at the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads. In order to do so, Wayne County wants a special roadway design that requires using land that the DDA purchased in 2013 for sidewalks.

After a long discussion, the DDA voted unanimously to agree to sell what was needed, about 200 feet of the strip, to Speedway LLC at \$122 per linear foot (what it paid for the property) for its frontage on Belleville Road, subject to a mutual agreement being worked out.

The representatives from Speedway said they need to take that proposal to their directors to move forward.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said that intersection is slightly misaligned and maybe the county will be able to straighten it out with this project. He said now northbound traffic on Belleville Road making a left turn at Tyler comes in as #2 in accidents in the township.

He told the developers that they are at the gateway to the new developments along Belleville Road north of Tyler. Presently only two vacant lots are left between the freeway and Tyler, he said.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The big new generator, paid for by federal funds, is now operational at the Sumpter Township Community Center. That was the announcement by Karen Armatis at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. The generator was delivered last June and was not in service for the March 8 windstorm that knocked out power to thousands of people in this area.

Armatis, deputy to both the treasurer and supervisor in Sumpter, said it cost the township \$4,600 to increase the size of the gas line and the meters to get the generator working.

On Saturday morning I got word that Menard started tree removal at its site just north of Walmart. They are moving ahead and are planning for a February 2018 grand opening.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Don Swinson invited everyone to come to the Atchinson Ford dealership where he works, have a cup of coffee, and watch them tear some trees down next door.

You remember the Einstein Room at the new Belleville High School? The classroom with the \$46,230 wind tunnel?

I'm told it's not being used and is dusty now. The newly formed Robotics team wants to rename the room the Robotics Room. They are being allowed to use it for their projects.

The school board in August 2013 approved taking the money from high school construction bond funds to pay



AEROLAB for an Education Wind Tunnel for the new physics lab at BHS.

My report of that meeting says:

The wind tunnel has velocity up to 145 mph, is six feet tall and weighs 600-700 pounds. BHS Principal Abdul Madyun made the presentation to the board on the equipment, saying he has yet to find a high school anywhere that has what BHS will have. "We could become a beacon to others ... to come to school here," he said, adding the new Einstein Room is to spark educational fire in students. Madyun was asked about the life of the tunnel and he didn't know, but said, "It's not going to go out anytime soon." He noted all the teachers are excited. He said the University of Michigan has a wind tunnel, but the Ford Center where Van Buren sends its vocational students doesn't have one.

After Monday's school board meeting, I asked Jeff Moore, director of curriculum, about the wind tunnel and he said it isn't working. Something's wrong with it.

On the dispatch log for Van Buren Township police a robbery was reported at Victory Lane at just after midnight on Monday, March 20.

I asked about the report and Lt. Charles Bazzy said that it involved two private parties that know each other who were in the Victory Lane parking lot long after the business closed up for the evening.

Lt. Bazzy said it looks like a drug deal gone awry, but the people involved are not forthcoming.

A Belleville resident said she has an AT&T land line and she would like to alert people that if you call AT&T and give them your account number they will give you a \$20 credit off your next month's bill if you lost your phone service during the recent power outage. She said at her house, she had no power, no lights, no land line, and no generator. But, she did have a cell phone and a place to go to charge it up when needed.

We got a message on our answering machine over the week end that said drivers have decided to name the turkey that keeps returning to a busy local corner. It's now being called the Whittaker Turkey. I think the Whittaker Turkey is the one in our editorial cartoon this week.

Some of the VBT banners along Belleville Road took a beating in the March 8 windstorm. The ones destroyed were taken down by Old Glory and the spring banners put up. DDA executive director Susan Ireland said they may make an insurance claim on the shredded banners.



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Letters

Celebration of Life for Dave Wilson is Sunday

To the Editor:

The Celebration of the Life of Dave Wilson will take place at the Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (about 1/2 mile south of I-94's Exit 174) at 3 p.m., Sunday afternoon, April 2.

The plan for the afternoon: 3 p.m., gathering and mixing about; 3:15 p.m., a short musical interlude (by the small recorder group Dave played in weekly for several years).

Main event: reminiscing

Next: Another short musical interlude (by the Belleville Brass Quintet, comprised of Dave's son Bill Wilson, his wife Gloria, and their three grown children, Alex, Dana, and Hope -- all of whom lived in Belleville for a number of years).

All that will be followed by a pot-luck supper (ovens are available at the Grange for warming food up).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (734) 512-3877.

Marty Wilson
Van Buren Township

We need your pictures of farming in Sumpter

To the Editor:

The 2017 Sumpter Country Fest theme will be: "We're Still Country."

We are looking for pictures to display during the festival depicting the evolution of farming in Sumpter Township from the early 1900s to the present 21st Century.

If you have any pictures to share about farming in Sumpter, including equipment, tractors, etc., to add to our project we would appreciate your help.

Pictures can be mailed to me: Joanne Posegay, 45480 Rymut Dr., Belleville, dropped off at or mailed to Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville 48111 to the Attention of Karen Armatis (734) 461-6201, or they can be left at the Senior Center with Mary Ann Watson.

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CBC announces special events for April, June

To the Editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community is looking forward to hosting Flop E Bunny at Victory Park on Saturday, April 15, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. We will be joined by CAF5 who will be selling hot dogs and drinks to raise funds to help local families. Watch for the ad in this paper listing the times for the candy hunt and pictures with the bunny. Sponsors are: Genisys Credit Union, Presenting Sponsor; Tucker Insurance Agency, Photo Sponsor; and Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, Candy Sponsor.

The CBC's newest project is restarting the Farmer's Market in the 4th Street Square. The Market will run from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays starting in June. There will be produce, canned items, bakery items, crafters and so much more. If you know a local resident who would like to participate in the Market, please have them email me. Hope many of you will plan on shopping at the square and if it is successful, next year we may run it every Monday.

Of course, June brings the National Strawberry Festival and the CBC is in charge of the Juried Crafters in the Main Street venue. The Jury meets the first Tuesday of the month and they are always looking for unique crafts. Feel free to email me for an application or go on the website www.bellevillecbc.org and complete a fillable application.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator
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Martins & Sons celebrating 60 years

To the Editor:

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Public invited to Democratic Club Chili Cook-off on April 27

The Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club invites the public to a Chili Cook-Off from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township.

Chili entry fee is \$20. Vote for the best chili. Extra votes for \$1. Hot dogs and dessert. Awards for winners. Bragging Rights optional.

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Obituaries



Roberta Carrithers

ROBERTA CARRITHERS
 (February 22, 1926 - March 23, 2017)
 Roberta Carrithers, age 91, died peacefully early Thursday morning, March 23 at the Arbor Hospice Residence of Saline, MI.
 Roberta is the loving wife of the late Olan (d.1980); cherished sister of Maxine Jones of Ferndale, Kenneth (Yvonne) Williamson of Brownstown, Norma Jean Williamson of Milan, Jeff Williamson of Ypsilanti and Anna Jane (Ernest) Smith of Ypsilanti. Roberta is also survived by many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her siblings, Opal Mullins (d.2000), Casel Deskins, (d. February 2017), John Williamson (d.2002) and Zach Williamson (d.2013).
 Born on February 22, 1926 in Canada, KY, Roberta and Olan made Mt. Morris, MI their home for many years. She moved to the Ypsilanti area in 1983 following Olan's death in 1980. A 30-year employee with General Motors in Flint, Roberta enjoyed gardening, cooking, traveling and times with her extended nieces and nephews and their children. She will be deeply missed.
 A funeral service honoring Roberta's life was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 27, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Pastor Joe Kennedy officiated the services. The family greeted guests one hour prior to services. A procession for committal prayers followed to Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.
 Visiting hours were held Sunday, March 26, from 2 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
 In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church.

BRIAN KIM de LAROQUE
 (May 14, 1955 - March 25, 2017)
 Age 61, of Augusta Township. Survived by children Christine Godsey and Amy de Laroque; father Norbert; brother Kevin; and grandson Caleb. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Lois Elaine Anguilm

LOIS ELAINE ANGUILM
 (April 14, 1927 - March 10, 2017)
 Lois Elaine (Fredericks) Anguilm died March 10, 2017. She was born April 14, 1927, the daughter of Charles Everett and Gertie Victoria Fredericks.
 She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 43 years William Phillip Anguilm. Loving mother of William C. (Valorie) Anguilm and Victoria M. (John) Richards. Her 10 grandchildren are Erin (Steve) Lezotte, Michele Cawood, Dawn (Terry) Dangerfield, Heather McCoy, Kelly Richards, Ashlee Anguilm, Danny Anguilm and William Andrews II. Fourteen great-grandchildren are Shawn (Jenny) Lezotte, Krystal (Jordan) Lesinski, Alexander, Sophia, Chloe, Zachary, Maci, Addison, Ella, Adam, David and Heaven.
 She was preceded in death by her only sibling Marilyn Louise Harter.
 There are very many nieces and nephews and friends. She will be deeply missed.
 Immediate cremation took place.



Rachael Mae Clark

RACHAEL MAE CLARK
 (February 1, 1949 - March 23, 2017)
 Rachael Mae (Hogan) Clark of Belleville passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017.
 She was a 1968 graduate from Belleville High School.
 Rachael leaves behind her children, Peggine (Stan) Culross, Donna Dent, Patrick (Amy) Hogan, and four grandchildren. She also leaves behind brothers and sisters, William A. (Wendy) Clark, Shirley J. (Bill) Lyson, Susan E. Peralta, Cannie J. McNamara, and Alan R. (Ying) Clark, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.
 She was preceded in death by her brother Calvin Daniel Clark and her parents Peggine Jean and Henry Ford Clark.
 Rachel was loved dearly and she will be greatly missed. A family ceremony will be held.

ASHTYN LI WRIGHT
 (January 12, 2012 - March 20, 2017)
 Age 5, passed away at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Daughter of Scott Wright and Taryn Paige Miller of Westland. Cremation accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home. A dinner in her memory is April 9, at Lyskawa VFW Post, 6828 N. Waverly St., Dearborn Heights 48127.

DENIS JOSEPH BLAKEMAN
 (February 11, 1960 - March 25, 2017)
 Of Van Buren Twp. Survived by mother; children Chris, Nicole, Anthony; 4 grandchildren; 5 siblings. Funeral Mass 11 a.m., March 30, St. Anthony Catholic Church. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.

More Letters

Local residents meet with Senator Colbeck

To the Editor:

On March 16, citizens of Van Buren Township, Belleville, and Canton met with State Senator Patrick Colbeck and his in-district Manager Penny Crider.

A Van Buren Township resident arranged this meeting by calling Lansing after two separate coffee hours with Sen. Hopgood and Rep. Pagan within the last month failed to address concerns of the taxpayers at those coffee hours.

At the first coffee hour with Senator Hopgood, we were directed to search websites for answers. The second meeting was held at a public restaurant where Rep. Pagan did not have a microphone. Therefore, the background noise made it difficult to hear us. As a result, another failed attempt to get answers to valid issues by 18 attendees.

Moving forward to the March 16 gathering with Sen. Colbeck, the following questions and statements were addressed:

- No-fault insurance, increasing rates;
- Waste dumping from other states to be taken in by Michigan;
- Visteon bankruptcy;
- Foster families convicted of a felony should automatically lose their license of raising children;
- Road construction versus bike paths; and
- The proposed Lake House on Belleville Lake.

The validity of these topics were addressed by 22 people in attendance.

Updates to these matters can be obtained by contacting Penny Crider at (517) 373-5713 or pcrider@senate.michigan.gov.

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Carol Ann Pesta
Van Buren Township resident

Thanks to St. Jude

To the Editor:

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Thank you, CJ.

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Obituaries

VIRGINIA CHRISTINE THOMAS

(May 11, 1933 - March 23, 2017)

Age 83, of Belleville. Loving companion of Dellis Brown. Survived by daughters Larion, Janet, Donna; 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Sen. Patrick Colbeck poses for a picture with two of those attending the March 16 meeting in Canton. At left is Carol Ann Pesta and at right Phyllis Johnson, both of Van Buren Township. Sen. Colbeck drove from Lansing for the special meeting following a day of work at the legislature.



Residents of Van Buren Township, Belleville, and Canton discussed topics important to them with Sen. Patrick Colbeck.

VBT Civic Fund sets Tigers Alumni Charity Event for May 20

The Van Buren Civic Fund has set its Play Ball – Tigers Alumni Charity Event for May 20 on the softball field behind Van Buren Township Hall as a fund raiser for the fund.

At its regular meeting on March 28, the VBT Downtown Development Authority voted to be a sponsor of the event for a \$100 fee.

Those wishing to play the Tiger Alumni may do so at a cost of \$250 per person.

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Concerned about fire at Islamic Center

March 12, 2017

To the Editor:

I, like many, was deeply concerned to learn about the fire at the Islamic Center in Pittsfield Township yesterday evening.

At a time when we are seeing an increase in threats against members of our communities based on race and religion – whether at a Mosque or a Jewish Community Center – there is obvious reason for concern, and there are many questions as to what happened and why.

I have spoken with law enforcement officials and am pleased that federal authorities are working with state and local law enforcement to investigate this incident and determine the facts.

If it is found to be arson, the perpetrators must be held accountable. As a community, we must stand united against hate and division in our society.

Debbie Dingell

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School board

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form a committee to study how to enhance and make preschool a priority. "We have to have some kind of vision."

Frazier said the RESA person said Haggerty was in "nice shape," but needs a boiler and lighting.

"There's all kinds of issues here.

Williams said it was built in 1957.

Frazier made a motion to continue the operation of Haggerty School with minimum repairs for one more year and to form a committee.

She said they should postpone a decision until the board can study the issue and find options.

"I think there's a rush to judgment," Frazier said.

Secretary Kevin English said the district is losing money hosting the daycare.

Board president Keith Johnston said he wouldn't be opposed to closing the school for a couple of years.

Frazier said she recommends that board members go over and see the school before making any decisions.

"It is old," Johnston said.

He called for a second to Frazier's motion and English seconded the motion.

Trustee Simone Pinter said teachers at the school should come in and tell the board what they think.

The motion passed, 6-1, with Johnston casting the only no vote.

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

- Voted unanimously to get an engineering plan done so specifications can be drawn up to go out for bids for knocking down the ECDC building at Edgemont School and

putting in a parking lot for parent parking. Low bidder was Hennessey Engineers at \$19,400. Money for the project is from the Sinking Fund. Kudlak said the engineering design would be good for a long time, if they don't want to proceed at once;

- Approved paying \$7,250, plus expenses, to the Michigan Association of School Boards to assist the school board in drawing up a new strategic plan for the district. Debbie Stair presented the plan, which will take three or four months to complete and lots of meetings with stakeholders. She said Dr. Rod Green will be working with the district on the data-driven plan;

- Heard Wanda Travis, a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the state Department of Health and Human Services, ask businesses in the area to offer work experience for disabled student workers in their own community. She said she has more than 30 students in her program here. Travis said the state pays for their wages. Businesses may call Belleville High School for more information;

- Approved hiring Amber Milkovich as a special education paraprofessional at Edgemont as of March 27 and Mary Voigt as executive secretary to the Special Education Director at the administration building as of March 20;

- Approved terminations of the following teachers: Jennifer Nordin of Owen who is resigning as of April 12 after 17 years of service; Kimberly Ferrell of BHS, retiring July 16 after two years of service; and Jon Moore of Savage, retiring July 16 after 20 years of service;

- Approved hiring Jordan Hovis as a social studies teacher at McBride as of March 14; Catherine Kaczmar as an art teacher at McBride as of March 29; and

Hannah Sabol as a counselor at BHS as of March 27;

- Approved the field trip request of senior David Date and DECA advisor Jason Butka to attend the International DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) conference April 25-30 in Anaheim, CA. David is BHS' first-ever qualifier for the competition. The student's family is funding the trip;

- Approved McBride Middle School's eighth graders' annual trip to Washington, D.C. for April 11-14, 2018. Student cost is \$779 each and is self-financed with scholarships available;

- Heard a presentation by BHS principal Stacey Buhro and five staff members on instructional changes for the 2016-17 school year at BHS;

- Heard a required annual report from John Leroy, principal of McBride Middle School, on progress with the Focus School designation. McBride was named a Focus School by the state in 2015 because the gap between the highest learners and the lowest learners was too great. The goal is to close the gap;

- Heard a report on academics and test scores by Jeff Moore, curriculum director;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of updates to the board policies;

- Heard an informal update on the ongoing superintendent evaluation;

- Heard English give a legislative report; and

- Heard Frazier say that during the BHS band's concert at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, school board members Kelly Owen and Allison Bennett sat with the person who caused all the litigation at Savage Elementary School. She said board members should be reminded to be careful when there is pending litigation. She said several members of the audience brought this up to her. She said Collins Blaha lawfirm billed the district another \$8,901.50, "as this black spot on our district continues."

A closed session had been on the agenda to consider the Savage law suit, #16-cv-11805, but the board did not go into closed session.

Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak
Superintendent,
Van Buren Public Schools



It sure is easy to take things for granted. By definition, we do not even know that we are doing this. Mental and physical health, safety, our spouse, time with our kids, time in general, electricity...

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As a whole, DTE received positive reviews in their organization, communication, and speed in which they serviced their customers. We now have our electricity back and things are back to normal.

It is really amazing to me that after an incident how fast I go right back to taking things for granted. I am no longer thankful that the light switch actually does something.

Whenever I stop to think about it, I am disappointed in myself. Personal and family health scares or the unnerving feeling of time with my high school kids running out only seems to briefly change my behavior.

I think that we all have events that really change how we live our life. For those of us that grew up with substance abuse, we are less likely to take certain things for granted. If you have family members battling a mental illness, I am sure that you approach some situations from a different place than most. We all have our areas that we understand issues more deeply than others and act accordingly.

I like to think that we are better people when we do not take things for granted. We should be working daily to make positive improvements in ourselves. Sometimes these changes only last a short period of time before we slip back into our normal behavior and sometimes the changes stick.

I challenge each of you to look at what you really have in your life. Many of us are in excellent health, many have a working car, many have food for tonight, many have a family, many have a strong work ethic, many have an enjoyable hobby, many have a good friend, many have a job, and many are connected to the community.

I have a great job in a wonderful community, a family that I cherish, health to be able to do whatever I want to, and a couple of good friends that I can call for anything.

I do not claim to have any special understanding or ability in making change. I just know that if we always focus on what we do not have, we will never value all that we do have.



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Sumpter Board decides not to give extra pay to two board members

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees decided it wasn't a good idea to pay two board members \$500 more a month because they were working harder.

At the Feb. 14 meeting of the board, the agenda item was removed that approved paying Trustee Don LaPorte and Clerk Clarence Hoffman \$500 more a month for their liaison positions. LaPorte is board liaison of the police and fire departments and Hoffman is liaison of the building department.

When resident Mary Ban asked where this idea came up to pay them extra, Supervisor John Morgan said there is a lot of work to being liaison to these departments and there is a precedent. He recalled the board approved paying the late Trustee Bill Hamm \$500 a month more to serve as liaison to the building department.

"But, we decided not to do that," Supervisor Morgan said.

Another related agenda item was also removed for consideration: Consider approval for an administrative leave from the fire department for Don LaPorte."

Trustee LaPorte explained.

He said he thought to serve as liaison to the fire department he would have to separate himself from the fire department.

"I have a passion for going on fire calls," said LaPorte, who said he has been doing this for roughly 11 years. He said he has spent hundreds of hours in training.

"I respectfully ask to remain on the fire department," he said.

When the Independent asked if it was legal for him to vote on fire department matters when he was on the fire department, township attorney Rob Young said being liaison is just a matter of bringing information to the board and he could vote on fire department matters.

LaPorte said he would abstain from union contract votes.

In other business at the Feb. 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved allowing the Sumpter Seniors to use the community center without charge for a Black History celebration on Feb. 24;

- Approved the reappointment of Richard Pokerwinski to the planning commission with a term to expire July 23, 2019;

- Approved removing Esther Hurst from the Zoning Board of Appeals since she was appointed township trustee. Also approved appointing Ken Bednark to her BZA term to expire Dec. 17, 2017;

- Approved an employment contract for Maria Beaudrie, who had retired but has been coming back to help out. She can't be paid without a contract;

- Approved the appointment of Michelle Bellingham as Human Resources Coordinator effective Feb. 27, with Bellingham leaving the union. The board directed Young to write up a contract for the position. Bellingham took five or more seminars on her own and took the Humane Resources class to prepare for this position;

- Approved CAL Plumbing to install water fill stations at ground-working level to fill the trucks at Station #1 at a cost of \$1,100. LaPorte said it allows the department to fill trucks with water in the garage. They have a fill in the ceiling, 15' up, and a fire fighter has to climb on the truck and pull a rope. This ground-level fill will be safer, he said;

- Approved Standard Operating Guideline #8243-100 for incident reports for the fire department, to make sure everything is there;

- Approved payment of \$3,200.80 which is 10% of the cost for more than 1,000 feet of 4" fire hose awarded through a FEMA grant. It's enough to completely redo an engine, LaPorte said. He said the township also has been awarded 25 fire fighter turnout gear and will pay 10% for that. That includes books, bunker gear, and helmets and is expected to last 10 years;

- Approved pay \$3,319 for software from Emergency Reporting Co. for logging in fire reporting incidents to the State of Michigan. Recurring yearly costs are \$2,220. The township's current system is 10 years old;

- Approved paying \$2,734.85 for six G1 Unication VHF voice pagers with stored voice for the fire department use, with a two-year warranty. They replace pagers

that are 20 years old;

- After a second public hearing on the federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for 2017-18, the board adopted the use of the \$73,403 in allocations, which included \$11,010.45 in grass cutting and snow removal for seniors;

- After a second public hearing, approved the proposed 2017 Recreation Master Plan which is to be updated every five years. It actually lapsed a couple of years ago. The township can get federal and state recreation funding when the plan is in place;

- Learned Colleen Armatis passed all of her state fire training after five months and 276 contact hours. She now has Firefighter 1 and 2 status and is also trained in Hazmat. Her medical class starts at the end of the month;

- Heard Glenn Silvenis introduce the township's new State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, who has been Silvenis' good friend for many years. Rep. Bellino said they worked together 41 years ago selling wine. Bellino stayed after the meeting to speak with constituents;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan thank LeRoy Paige for the new flag that will fly over the fire hall;

- Heard Police Chief Eric Luke report he has found Brownstown Township will be able to help Sumpter with its dogs and he will bring information to the next meeting. He said the two-year agreement will be cheaper than the previous contract with the Humane Society;

- Heard Fire Fighter Bill Simmons read his letter of retirement as a fire fighter. He said on July 24, 2007 he said he would give 10 years of service and he will retire Aug. 24, 2017;

- Heard Senior Director Mary Ann Watson report the Wayne County Nutrition program sends out frozen meals for when the Sumpter Senior Center building is closed and they have volunteers and drivers who go above and beyond to get meals to seniors. She said Wayne County has had no complaints about Sumpter Township meals, despite the letter to the editor in the *Independent* saying seniors didn't get meals over the holidays;

- Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson ask

about a dress code for Sumpter employees. He was told there is a dress code in the employee union contract. He said he was appalled at the attire worn in township hall. "Some dress like a hooker," he said. Sharon Pokerwinski said she often agrees with Robinson's comments, but she has no problem with the way the employees dress at township hall;

- Heard Jay Bardell compare employee salaries published in the *Independent* for the 2015 and 2016 years and found employees were listed as getting less this year than last. Bellingham said she did the salary list for the *Independent* this year and maybe she made a mistake. She will be glad to check her figures, she said. "We'll check why there's a discrepancy and give the answer at the next meeting," said Supervisor Morgan; and

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy announce the township owned 58 parcels, in response to a question by Bardell at a previous meeting. Trustee Oddy said Deputy Treasurer/Supervisor Karen Armatis prepared a book 10 months ago showing the parcels owned by the township so they could work towards selling some of them. Bardell said he paid \$36 to get the book through the Freedom of Information Act.

Ten new outdoor sculptures selected for VBT and Belleville

Ten new outdoor sculptures for the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township were selected at a meeting on March 22. Six are for Belleville and four for VBT.

At the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority meeting on March 28, Lisa Lothringer, assistant director, said they chose the sculptures they wanted from photos. DDA executive director Susan Ireland said Lothringer was sick on the day of the meeting so she sat in for the selection, along with DDA member Helen Foster.

The present leased sculptures will be removed and the new ones installed in May.

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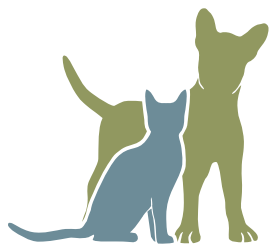
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- Monday, April 3 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 4 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, special meeting at 7:30 p.m. for the Belleville Area District Library Board to consider a contract with O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor to build the new library.
- Wednesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, April 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, April 11 – Van Buren Township

Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 17 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



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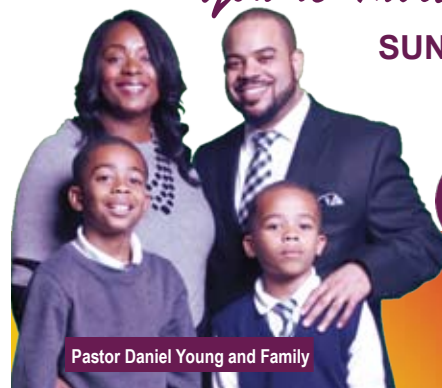
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YAM seeks original 'Rosies' to interview for Library of Congress

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All women who worked in wartime industries during WWII are eligible, including those in factory work, secretarial work, farming, childcare, military service, USO, Red Cross, and other occupations necessary to win the war.

Interviewees are encouraged to apply by emailing oral.history@yankeearmuseum.org or calling the museum at (734) 483-4030.

"This initiative is a part of our campaign to renovate the Willow Run Bomber Plant," said Julie Osborne, Curatorial Director of Yankee Air Museum. "Without the stories of the women working on the home front, the building is just a structure. Their experiences breathe life into the factory and make it the beating heart of a worldwide legacy. They are the reason we are working so hard to save the Bomber Plant."

Yankee Air Museum offers several benefits to interviewees. In addition to having their story preserved forever in the Library of Congress, they will receive a free DVD copy of their interview. The museum will also cover the cost of their admission in the American Rosie the Riveter Association, if they choose to enroll. Finally, the name of each interviewee will be inscribed on the Yankee Air Museum's Original Rosie Honor Roll.

"We have 21 trained oral historians who are excited and ready to start conducting interviews," said Barb Matthews, the leader of the interview committee. "It is such a privilege to ensure that the legacies of these women survive for future generations, while helping save the Willow Run Bomber Plant as a new home for the stories."

The interviews are conducted in three stages. The first stage is filling out a simple, two-page biography form so the oral historian conducting the interview can do research and come prepared with good questions. The second stage is a pre-interview meeting between the oral historian and the original Rosie (family

members welcome) to establish a rapport. The final stage is the actual interview (family members again welcome). The museum needs first-person interviews and at this time is not able to record second-hand accounts from descendants.

"We hope as many people as possible will reach out to us with Original Rosies to interview," said Osborne. "Almost everyone in Metro Detroit knows or is related to an Original Rosie. These women and their memories are the threads woven in the fabric of our community."

Edgemont students raise \$505.05 for Mott Children's Hospital

"It took us almost a year to plan this awesome bake sale," said third-grade Edgemont Elementary School student Addison Asher.

"We felt bad for kids that had to sit in the hospital all day while we were outside playing. We wanted to donate money to help kids with cancer, so we organized a bake sale and raffle basket fundraiser."

Edgemont leaders Addison Asher, Abigail Cichowski, and Ella Mida organized the event and recruited 19 other students to stay after school to create posters, practice counting change, and draft donation request letters.

Edgemont students and three Junior National Honor Society student volunteers staffed the sale entirely.

Co-leader Cichowski said, "We raised \$505.05 just from our bake sale during conferences. We decided to donate the money to the Mott's Child and Family Life Program."

"So many parents and students came and participated. We'd like to thank everyone who brought things and donated money!" leader Ella Mida stated. "It felt amazing that we raised all that money to help them. We didn't expect to raise as much money as we did."

"The Edgemont family is inspired and very proud of these young leaders! Their



These are some "Original Rosies" who were part of the Yankee Air Museum's Oct. 24, 2015 Guinness World Record event.



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for reimbursement for his passport, at his request.

"The supervisor said four people had an issue with the reimbursement," Wright continued. "I thought it was over. I watched the cable recording of the meeting ... It was a direct attack on me ... in public, at a board meeting ... Insinuating I was into something unlawful ... I've never done anything unlawful.

"This defamed my character ... I have a serious issue right now ... Look at yourself at the meeting and what you say before we discuss this further.

"We have to stop these 'I got you' moments ... I look at it as a defamation of character ... and I have to plea to my constituents ..."

"I never attacked you," Trustee Miller said. "I'm sorry" [if you felt attacked].

"Look at the tape," Wright replied.

"I came in to see you on several occasions," said Trustee Frazier.

"You've never been in my office," Wright said.

"I was in your office Friday, but you weren't there," Frazier said.

McNamara again made board members stop talking over each other.

"Our travel policy says no out-of-state travel and international travel is not in the policy," Frazier said.

McNamara said out-of-state travel must be approved by the three full-time elected officials and this trip to Montreal was

signed off on by Supervisor Linda Combs, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Clerk Wright.

Board members then argued over who had the floor.

After more arguing, Wright said he would address his constituents on cable TV the next night, on Tuesday, March 21.

On Tuesday, under non-agenda items at the end of the meeting, Clerk Wright read a statement to his "constituents." He also said he wanted to apologize to the board for the previous day's work/study session.

He began by addressing his fellow board of trustees: "I would like to add how disappointed I am in a couple of my trustee fellow board members in which unfair comments were made in lack of my presence and most importantly without conversation with me.

"Not only were the comments unwarranted, but could be considered a defamation of character. I learned at a previous educational session that it's the responsibility of the directors to educate the board and the board's responsibility to educate the public of the business of the township.

"In regards to my request for reimbursement of a passport was simply because I paid to get the process started out of my pocket and felt that because I was acting in the duty of my position as Clerk that I was acting properly to be reimbursed.

"Never did I think of the personal benefit it may have for future travel because I simply have no plans of traveling abroad other than this instance. The passport could have been asked to be turned in to HR after my trip, if it was thought it would be used

personally ..."

Wright said board members quoted the attorney at the Michigan Township Association and, "... let it be known the MTA is only an advisory council. I have taken the time to get an opinion from our township attorney..."

He had presented to fellow board members a short attorney opinion dated March 15 from township attorney Patrick McCauley that said a registration fee, lodging and travel for attendance at useful public informational or educational workshops and seminars is a lawful expenditure.

It also said there is no case law to cite on the passport question. McCauley said, "... the passport is your personal property which may be used for the next 10 years to potentially assist in your personal travel ... However, it is my further opinion that any claim or allegation that you in any way acted unlawfully is completely unwarranted and unsupported."

"Hopefully, this is the end of it," Wright said.

But Trustee Miller said she would be reading a statement, as well, noting when she heard of the passport, she thought Wright was starting up a service for people to get passports, since they had talked about that before.

She said Treasurer Budd said he needed a passport to travel abroad and she called the MTA and was told public dollars should not be spent for private ID.

"I passed that on," Miller said. "If you felt that was an attack, I'm sorry."

She said Trustee Frazier asked why Wright didn't research this and Supervisor McNamara said, "Leon's not here to answer. End of story. He said we could fine-tune the policy."

Miller said international travel is not addressed in the board policy, but the board does not allow out-of-state travel. She said the MTA said that the international travel should have come up for approval of the full board.

Miller said later that the three full-time elected officials were out of their jurisdiction last year when they approved the international trip for May under a new board.

"Bringing forth a stronger travel policy ... Tough conversations are unavoidable ... I do not feel I attacked him ... Leon has high integrity, I also have the right to ask questions," she said, adding any appearance of secrecy is inappropriate and board members have been making decisions. "We need to keep the dialogue open..."

Miller said it is noble that Clerk Wright is attempting to get accredited. She said she received accreditation from the Michigan Political Leadership program and went on a \$12,000 scholarship she received. She said she spent \$2,000 out of her own pocket for travel and never thought of asking the taxpayers to pay for that.

Miller said she went over every frame in the recording of the March 7 meeting and she didn't see the attacks Wright saw.

She also said the MTA said you cannot prepay mileage. She explained you can create a per-diem rate and if it's more the

receipts can be presented.

Miller said she just got this attorney opinion Wright sought and she doesn't agree with some of what McCauley said.

Trustee White said he had a problem with three officials approving this travel five months in advance of the trip. He said the trustees have the responsibility of fiduciary decisions and the entire board should have voted on it.

"I didn't know anything about it until I saw the voucher list," Trustee White said.

White said he wrote a travel policy and, "I'm somewhat of a tightwad." He said the township shouldn't spend money on something that benefits officials personally. He said the public money is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

"There's nothing wrong with what we signed off on," said Treasurer Budd. "We don't encourage out-of-state travel ... Leon wanted to go to Montreal ... We didn't sign off on anything else."

She said the current policy was passed when Paul White was supervisor and she has no problem with fine-tuning it.

"Everything in the policy was followed to a T," Wright said.

At the March 6 meeting, Budd also said that her deputy treasurer Sean Bellingham signed off on the prepayment for the passport.

Wright said the Association of Wayne County Clerks gave him \$600 to go to Montreal.

"I have nothing to hide," Wright said. "Just ask me. Ask me!"

Trustee Frazier said when she went through the voucher list and saw the passport, she thought it was inappropriate. She also questioned how many times Wright has been absent from the board meetings.

"I'm not for board members to go to international travel ... I don't think we should be paying for passports or travel ... Trustee Miller paid her own way," Frazier said.

Miller started to speak and Frazier said she wasn't done. She said White had put together talking points for the board travel policy and international travel, missing board meetings, and other things.

"Are you done?" Supervisor McNamara asked. "I thought you were done."

"Excuse me for breathing," Frazier said. "It's ridiculous. Clerk Wright got a township attorney opinion and that's at least \$600 worth of work.

"I'm all for everyone getting education and training, but you can't expect township citizens to pay for everything for the treasurer, supervisor and clerk.

"The new President will be cutting money to townships," Frazier said. "It's imperative to look after taxpayers' money."

After more discussion, Miller said, "Maybe we need to create a code of conduct for the board."

"Clerk Wright could have just said, 'I made a mistake' and that would have ended it," Frazier said.

When Frazier asked about Wright's plane fare to Montreal, Budd said it hasn't been on a voucher list for approval yet.

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VBT Planners approve painting of building by Planet Fitness business

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Planet Fitness received an OK to paint the former Farmer Jack building at 10900 Belleville Road to match the adjacent Belleville Square shopping center.

It also will be able to infill some of the existing windows to incorporate the pink, purple, and black colors of the Planet Fitness' logo.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on March 22, the commission voted unanimously to allow the applicant to modify the existing building.

Planet Fitness opened in early 2017 in the building that was previously occupied by Farmer Jack and had been vacant for years. Part of the building is still available for a future tenant.

Commission approval was conditioned on the applicant complying with the current zoning ordinance standards with regard to wall signage.

Bryan Rief, representing Planet Fitness, said they would prepare a formal sign application for the façade, adding, "I'm

wondering if we need a sign," referring to the large number of people who flocked to their business when it opened.

"No, we need a sign," Rief said with a smile.

"We want to make it look appropriate for the amount of money invested in it," he said.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said Planet Fitness could apply for a variance since the proposed sign is larger than allowed.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson pointed out they are approving a tenant to upgrade a building. She asked when they would start.

Rief said they will start as soon as they get approval. "We're on standby."

Townplace Suites hotel

The commission also approved upgrades to the approved site plan for Townplace Suites hotel development at the corner of North I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Road.

Remy Hanna of Townplace said a new person is in charge of development and he was not happy with the present plans.

"It looks a lot nicer now," Hanna said.

"Things have changed."

After being asked how soon they would get started on construction, Hanna said they are waiting for DTE to cut off the gas at the standing property and were told that will take four to six weeks. He said it may take more because of DTE's work following the wind storm.

Akers said the upgraded site plan incorporates a substantially larger amount of brick on the south elevation, going from 39% to 42%.

It also has more brick on the east and west elevations, from 27% to 46%.

In other action at the 37-minute meeting on March 22, the commission:

- Approved temporary land use by TNT Fireworks for an outdoor fireworks tent sale from June 23 to July 5 in the Walmart parking lot, 10562 Belleville Road. The applicant was not present and Akers said that was because he was from the other side of the state and the date of his request was moved from the March 8 to the March 22 meeting. Thompson said she was disappointed that the commission was not given a drawing of the interior of the tent,

with ingress and egress, as it usually gets;

- Approved temporary land use by USA Fireworks to conduct an outdoor fireworks tent sale from June 18 through July 7 in the parking lot of Faith United Methodist Church at 6020 Denton Road south of Michigan Avenue. The applicant was not present. This request also was delayed from March 8 to March 22. No hours of operation were put on the application, but Akers recommended the same hours as last year: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Sundays, which is noon to 10 p.m. to accommodate church services. Akers also said USA has to get an updated license; and

- Heard Akers announce the public hearing to consider adoption of a new zoning ordinance was rescheduled to April 12, as was the public hearing for rezoning of 40631 Alden Drive from C-1 General Commercial to R1-C, Single Family Residential. Both public hearings originally had been scheduled for the March 8 meeting which was cancelled because of the wind storm.

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Michigan Alliance for Families seeking input on what services needed

From 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, at Wayne County Community College's Western Campus, the Michigan Alliance for Families will seek input from stakeholders about what services are needed in the Belleville and Van Buren Township areas.

The public is invited to the free community gathering of groups and individuals connected to the disability community and education system in Belleville and Van Buren.

Kenya Harper-Black, a Parent Mentor for Wayne County, said people who should attend are parents and caregivers of children, teens, and young adults with a

disability or learning challenge; community agencies; community organizations; service clubs; school district employees; PTA; school board members; appointed and elected officials; and community members interested in the education of children and supporting families.

"Michigan Alliance for Families is planning our future work in Belleville and Van Buren," said Harper-Black. "This stakeholder meeting will bring together families with children receiving special education and/or early intervention services for networking, dialogue, and planning and the members of the community that support

them.

"To identify and meet the needs of families in Belleville and Van Buren, we need you, your ideas, and your support," Harper-Black said.

She asks those interested to contact her to register for the event: (313) 557-8780; kenya@michiganallianceforfamilies.org; or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/rsvp.

Harper-Black said to be good stewards of their funding resources, they need a minimum number of participants registered by the registration deadline (March 29) for the presentation to be held. She said to call

or email to check the status of the event. If a person requires accommodations or materials in an alternative format, let them know as soon as possible.

Michigan Alliance of Families is Michigan's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center and a Michigan Department of Education IDEA Grant Funded Initiative.

It provides information, support, and referrals for parents who have children (birth through age 26) who receive special education services. There is never any cost for families. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, call 1-800-552-4821.

Rep. Bellino: End tax disadvantage for police and fire retirees

State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, has introduced legislation giving income tax relief to younger retired police and firefighters not covered by Social Security, bringing them more in line with other retirees.

Rep. Bellino's bill, House Bill 4396, affects Michigan public safety professionals who were born after 1952 and were retired before 2013. The bill would provide an increased tax deduction for retirement or pension benefits from government employment that was not covered by Social Security.

Bellino's bill would allow these retirees to claim the same sort of income tax deductions already allowed for retirees covered by Social Security. A similar fix for retirees born before 1953 and not covered by Social Security became part of Michigan law a few years ago.

The difference in taxation has been an issue since Michigan adopted broad tax

reforms in 2011.

"We need to look out for the police and firefighters who spent so many years on the front lines keeping us safe in Michigan," Bellino said. "We shouldn't be penalizing them based on who their employer was or when they were born. Let's bring some fairness to the system and help those who served the public so well keep more of their own money."

Some of Michigan's public safety retirees had employers who opted out of paying into the Social Security system decades ago. Depending on when they were born, those retirees are paying higher taxes in retirement than those who have Social Security.

Bellino's bill would benefit retirees from public safety departments across the state, including hundreds of members of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association.

"This is a fairness issue and a promise that

was made to public safety officers several years ago," said Don Taylor, president of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association. "We are extremely grateful to Rep. Bellino for introducing this legislation and his commitment to standing up for Michigan's first responders."

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— Dr. Seuss



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The chicks and ducklings have arrived at the Willis Feed Mill off Willis Road along the railroad tracks behind Boneheads BBQ. Owner Bob Durham also has his stock of garden seed, lawn seed, and other lawn-care products for the season. They're also a distributor of Michigan-made dog and cat food, bird seed, hay, straw, and much more. They're open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to

5 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Call (734) 461-1111.

The Animal Medical Center of Van Buren will be opening next Monday, April 3, in the former location of Perfect Image Salon on Sumpter Road. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (734) 699-6510. To learn more, visit their new website at www.amcvanburen.com.

Frosty Boy ice cream on Main Street is open for another season and owner Mike Foley said there's no price increase for the third straight year. Call (734) 699-7188.

Open Arms Church on Belleville Road will be holding its free Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. There will be hunts in separate areas for all ages. Call (734) 699-5000. Also, on April 8, Sumpter Parks & Recreation will be holding its Children's Easter Egg Hunt from noon to 1 p.m. at Graham Park. Rain date is Sunday, April 9, same time. The event is free. Call (734) 461-6201.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Economic Development Deputy Director Best, Human Resource Director Sumpter and an audience of four (4).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. [Work Study Session minutes of March 6, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of March 7, 2017, Prepaid List of March 10, 2017, Prepaid List of March 15, 2017 and the Voucher List of March 21, 2017] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Representative of the Van Buren Civic Fund presented a grant to the Van Buren Township Clerk's office in the amount of \$6301.50 to replace 10 Election laptops. Supervisor McNamara read a letter from a resident to Public Safety Police Chief Wright thanking Officers Harrison and Sweet for the assistance during the power outage. He also read a letter sent to the Van Buren School District on behalf of the Board of Trustees praising Sumpter Township, the City of Belleville, Departmental Staff at Van Buren Township and the school district for their assistance and coordination of the warming shelter during the power outage.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by White, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 3-7-17 to amend and replace Ordinance 12-1-15 Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-158, with new Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-159. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Ordinance will include a lower PAH limit, sealcoat applicator registration and enforcement procedures.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: Reminded residents of acceptable recycling materials (flyer available at the Township), yard Waste pick-up begins April 3, 2017, free tire disposal for residents is June 3, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (limit 7 tires per resident), this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and the Rotary Club is coordinating with the Recreation Department for the placement of a portable library box at Quirk Park.

NON-AGENDA: Comments included: Clerk Wright read a statement clarifying his actions regarding a passport to attend a conference, provided Board members a legal opinion indicating no illegal activity on his part, explained the International Institute of Municipal Clerks is the governing body for Clerk certification throughout the world and encouraged Board members to speak directly with him for clarification of expenses, Trustee Miller read a statement clarifying her comments, encouraged open communication and professionalism between Board members, and emphasized the need to revise the travel policy to avoid future misunderstandings, Board members Frazier and White echoed the request for a revised travel policy and expressed several changes they felt should be included in a revised policy, and an audience member requested an update on hiring process for a new Fire Chief. Supervisor McNamara indicated the selection committee interviewed five (5) candidates from the pool of applications, a candidate has been selected and is currently undergoing the final stages of the vetting process, and anticipates the candidate will be brought forward for approval in the very near future.

ADJOURNMENT: White moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: March 30, 2017

The Independent welcomes Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road to our Church Directory. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. To learn more, call (734) 697-8687 and visit www.bellevillepresbyterian.com. Today's paper also features inserts from Life-line Screening and Tractor Supply Co. Be sure to check them out.

We also welcome Glenn Mason, Senior Residential Loan Officer for Independent Bank of Ann Arbor, to our business-card pages. If you're looking to purchase or refinance, call Mason at (734) 545-7130 and visit www.independentbank.com. To place your business card ad in this paper, the cost is \$37 per week and discounted 25% if run four times. To learn more, call me at (734) 699-9020.

We're sorry to learn that Mammoth Video on Belleville Road is closing, along with Sugar Plum Candy Shop on South Street. Running small businesses isn't easy -- any business for that matter. I know we all can do a little more to help. Shop and dine local whenever possible, folks. Good luck to them.

The City of Belleville Police Reserves will be holding another Dine-to-Donate event today, March 30, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Bayou Grill on Main Street. The proceeds from the event will benefit the reserves unit to purchase public safety equipment.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

Correction: New Orleans jump-on bus didn't cost a quarter to ride

When we quoted Belleville Downtown Development Authority member Jim Chudzinski on page 10 in last week's edition we apparently misinterpreted what he was saying. We said his hop-on bus ride in New Orleans cost a quarter each time. He has corrected us, saying it didn't cost a quarter in New Orleans. It was about \$17 a head, "a touristy thing."

Jim said at the DDA meeting, when ideas for the city were being sought, he was suggesting a hop-on ride around Belleville that could, maybe, cost a quarter a ride.

On Friday, he said he was thinking of a double-decker bus that would drive around town from noon to 7 or 8 p.m. that would get people from the neighborhoods into the city without them having to drive and park their cars. It would have to be a partnership and not just paid for by the city, he said.

We apologize for the misunderstanding.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."
— John Lennon



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

2008 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMDK02W78GA07989

2006 CHEVROLET, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G1ZS51F36F153701

DATE: MARCH 27, 2017

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BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

2013 BUICK, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 2G4GS5EVXD9180024

2013 NISSAN, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1N4AL3AP9DC914749

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BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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.

• **Monday, April 3** – Spring Fling Fashion Show is from 6-9 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, sponsored by the Belleville Area Women’s Club. Tickets at \$32 are available at Moving the Mitten, 245 Main St. Information: Therese Antonelli, (734) 777-9094.

• **Wednesday, April 5** – Michigan Alliance for Families, designated by the federal government and Michigan Department of Education as a parent training and information center, is holding a stakeholder meeting from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at in room C 104 at Wayne County Community College, Western campus at 9555 Haggerty Rd. They will be planning future work in Belleville and Van Buren and need input on what is needed.

• **Saturday, April 8** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturday, April 8** – Sumpter Township’s Children’s Easter Egg Hunt runs from noon to 1 p.m. at Graham Park. Rain date is Sunday, April 9. The event is free and is put on by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Wayne County Child Support Help Program set April 8 in Detroit

Belleville attorney Barbara Rogalle Miller alerts the community to the Free Wayne County Child Support Help Program that will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 8, at the Friends Auditorium in the Main Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave.

The event is presented by the Detroit Public Library’s Social Science, Education and Religion Department, and is sponsored by the Salvation Army’s William Booth Legal Aid Clinic and the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan.

Attorneys and child-support professionals will be available to answer questions specific to your case. Participants are asked to bring their current court orders and Friend of the

ALDI crews removed perishables during storm, then replaced

At Tuesday’s meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, Lisa Lothringer told what happened on the evening before the ALDI food store opening in the middle of the March 8 wind storm.

Lothringer, assistant DDA director, said crews at the store cleared the instore coolers and relocated all perishables into refrigeration trucks until power was restored at 11:30 Wednesday night. Once the coolers reached the proper temperatures, around 4:30 a.m., the crews spent the rest of the night restocking the perishables so the store could have its grand opening on time. About 200 people were waiting outside.

Court financial information to receive this individualized type of assistance.

Participants should contact the Customer Service Call Center at (877) 543-2660 and have a financial printout mailed to you for this clinic.

Attorneys can help you prepare a motion to modify child support, motions for payment plans, parenting time/custody motion, and if you qualify, they will help you apply for the Michigan State Arrearage Forgiveness Program.

The program is kicking off its Wayne County Child Support Bench Warrant Amnesty Program in an arrest-free zone.

Bring in \$500 per warrant and valid ID and they can dismiss your child support warrant on site! People are invited to take advantage of this no-risk opportunity while it lasts.

Other resources available include: MI Self Help Legal Navigation, Veteran’s Services, Focus:Hope, Head Start Male Involvement Support, Americare Free Cell Phones, Wayne Mediation Services, valuable information related to paternity issues, and more.

The Wayne County Public Library phone is (313) 481-1391.

www.detroitpubliclibrary.org

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 21st day of March 2017:

Ordinance 03-7-17: PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF COAL TAR PRODUCTS.

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare and preservation of natural resources and wildlife within the township by prohibiting the use of coal tar products by lowering the allowable PAH limit from 1.0% to 0.1%, establishing that all commercial pavement sealant applicators must register with the Township’s Building Department in order to apply pavement sealant in the Township and by establishing fines and the ability for the Township to request an injunction/equitable relief for violations of this ordinance.

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 16, 2017

Date of Publication: March 30, 2017

Effective: March 30, 2017

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on April 11, 2017**, for the Parking Lot Upgrades and Site Improvements Project at Tyler and Savage Elementary Schools and the VBPS Bus Garage. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Savage Elementary School, 42975 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111. Attention: Mr. James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=2cec0aecf5c047bb940c8794629fb922>

Documents will be available for viewing on **March 23, 2017**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Cresa at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Bob Balderston to hold one-man art show at Holiday Inn Express

Bob Balderston of Belleville will hold a one-man art show, "Gemini Dreams," from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at the Holiday Inn Express, 46194 N. I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township.

Steve Smargon, a popular Detroit stand-up comedian, will perform a set. Moldy cheese and cheap boxed wine will be served, Balderston said. He asks that you RSVP in advance to either (248) 202-3635 or to bobbalderston.com. Balderston requests that guests be at least 16 years old, since some adults themes are used.

Balderston said he calls his work "abstractal," which is a melding of abstract and pop art.

"The two genre were made for each other," Balderston said. "Pop art tends to have a beginning and end, whereas, abstract knows no bounds, leaving the viewer to seek answers far beyond the canvas."

"Rather than prescribing to the 'fishbowl'

school of art, where paintings just collect dust or are tucked away in a closet, abstractal art draws the eye, demanding your attention -- like a train wreck, you cannot stop looking at it. The proverbial 800-pound gorilla in the room, indeed," he said.

Bob explained further.

"When I lived near beach fronts, the only accepted art was beach scenes, while mountainous areas, required same themes as snow-covered hills and valleys. And, don't get me started on lighthouse paintings."

"Art must embrace the five senses. If it does not, it's not worth the canvas and quantities of paint that covers it," Balderston said.

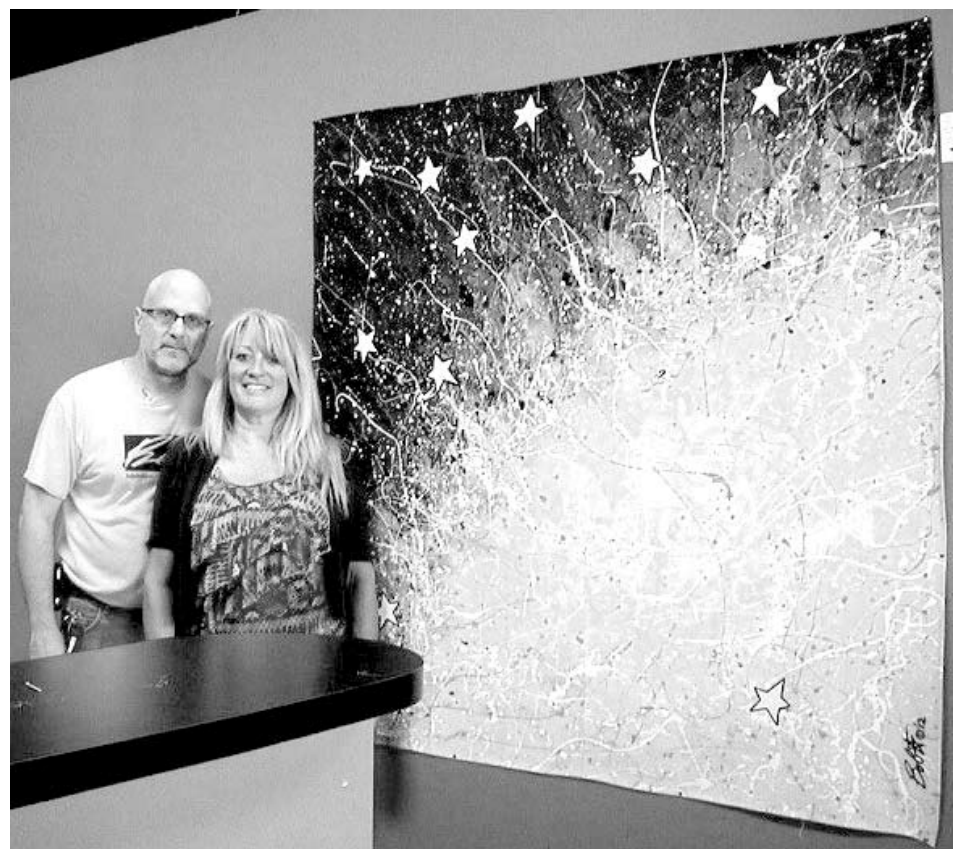
"When I moved to Michigan in 1998, I thought Detroit was a cosmopolitan haven for art, but over the years I found myself fighting the stigma, the social taboo --

that being the 'urban Detroit experience.' There are hundreds, if not thousands, of artists plying that trade already, just like beach scenes and lighthouses. I refuse to be reigned in by a theme that I owe no connection to. I live here. I create art that has no boundaries, nothing to limit my message with. If I cannot connect, even at

a raw, primeval level, then I have failed as an artist."

Balderston said he paints in oil-based enamels, creating for the long run.

"I expect my works to still be expressing the message I put forth long after I created it, unlike 'art' painted on the sides of a building."



Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Account Clerk

Department: Planning and Economic Development

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: March 23, 2017

Closing Date: April 23, 2017

Starting Hourly Wage: \$16.12

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$17.14

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$18.15

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Account Clerk in Planning and Development.

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Planning and Economic Development Director or their designee, the employee will be responsible for performing a broad range of clerical duties including typing, filing, data entry, analysis, researching, record keeping and customer service.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org

Only Qualified Applicants Need Apply

SELECTION PROCESS

Must successfully complete the written assessment testing as well as an oral interview and background survey.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish: March 30, 2017; April 6, 2017; April 13, 2017; April 20, 2017

Court Watching:

Jury trial set July 24 for VBT murder suspect Arndola Charles Lewis

Arndola Charles Lewis, 44, who was charged with first-degree murder in the Jan. 29 shooting death of Samer Taha Abukaff, 37, at Harbour Club apartments, has a jury trial set for July 24 before Circuit Court Judge Wanda A. Evans at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Lewis was arraigned on the information at circuit court on March 1 and his final conference is set for April 19.

Lewis is being held in the Wayne County

Jail without bond.

He is charged with first degree murder, possession of firearms by a felon, and felony firearm (using a weapon to commit a felony).

David Radecki

On March 24, David Arthur Radecki, 38, was arraigned on the information in circuit court before Judge Gregory Bill. He is charged with criminal sexual conduct -- second degree (person under 13), accosting a child for immoral purposes, aggravated indecent exposure, and indecent exposure.

A calendar conference has been set before Judge Lawrence Stuart Talon on March 31 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Radecki is free after posting bond of \$50,000/10%.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SENIOR SPECIALIST JOB OPENING

Van Buren Township Senior Center is looking for a Creative and Energetic Individual with A Personality to match.

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For full details

Publish: March 16, 2017; March 23, 2017; March 30, 2017; April 6, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 417 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 19:
0020 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0500 – suspicious person/vehicle, rest area/I-94
0804 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0837 – assist fire dept., EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1149 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1306 – threat, Richard Run Dr.
1322 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1447 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
1451 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St./Millard
1616 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Van Buren
1755 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2027 – noise complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2047 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, March 20:
0000 – robbery, Victory Lane
0024 – suspicious person/vehicle , S. Purple Sage Ct.
0846 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1050 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1324 – assault & battery, Bentley Dr.
1336 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1344 – fraud, Maple Dr.
1401 – missing person, Truman
1406 – assault & battery, Dentron Rd.
1429 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./Tyler
1445 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
1530 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Venetian Ave.
1610 – juvenile complaint, Mott
1723 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
2045 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. / Fisher Rd.
2203 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

Tuesday, March 21:
0048 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0117 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/I-275
0831 – assist other dept., Lake Pointe Pass
1154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland
1527 – mental subject, Rawsonville Rd.
1153 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1161 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / McDonald’s
1651 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1751 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge Dr.
1929 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1934 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, March 22:
0324 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0348 – domestic, Parkside Dr.
1122 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1448 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
1524 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1551 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
1633 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1834 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1940 – missing person, Sawgrass Ct.
2042 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2052 – felony assault, Mott
2222 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/rest area

Thursday, March 23:
0246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0405 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0904 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1928 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1328 – sexual assault, Belmont Dr.
1630 – larceny, N. Timberview Dr.
1706 – fraud, Landmark
1708 – unattended death, Brookside Dr.
1838 – assist other department, Parkwood Dr.
2001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
2102 – family trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.
2112 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull/Sumpter
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Friday, March 24:
0053 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0916 – road hazard, Belleville/Van Born Rd.
0943 – unattended death, Van Buren St.
0948 – ordinance violation, Christina Ln.
1040 – malicious destruction of property, Victoria
1357 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1437 – disorderly, N. Timberview Dr.
1456 – dumping complaint, Homestead
1534 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1545 – assist other dept., Jeanette
1715 – private property impound, Village Green
1736 – breaking & entering, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1759 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/I-275
1844 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville
2051 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2054 – family trouble, McBride Ave.
2132 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
2251 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2306 – domestic, Revere Dr.
2351 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, March 25:
0203 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0227 – disorderly, E. Archwood Dr.
0234 – property damage accident, E. Main St.
0708 – assist other dept., Van Buren St.
1203 – suicidal person, Spencer Ave.
1445 – larceny, Maple Dr.
1822 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1914 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1941 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Revere Dr.
2230 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2245 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2250 – domestic, Elwell Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 115 traffic stops, 29 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 19:
0245 – parking complaint, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
0250 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1135 – intrusion alarm, Church St.
1556 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1746 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

Monday, March 20:
0028 – welfare check, Main St.
0955 – civil matter, Main St.
1419 – assist other dept., Wabash Ave.
1453 – animal complaint, N. Biggs Ave.
1453 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
1615 – 911 welfare check, Third St.
1634 – warrant arrest, Wexford Ave.
1643 – breaking & entering, N. Liberty St.
1825 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.
1829 – hospice death, Sumpter Rd.
1854 – civil matter, N. Biggs Ave.
2013 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2230 – warrant arrest, Wexford Ave.
2339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada Dr.

Tuesday, March 21:
0940 – follow up by officer, Willis Rd.
1232 – motorist assist, Main St./N. Liberty St.
1632 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1705 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
2237 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.

Wednesday, March 22:
0026 – property damage accident, Carmell St.
0151 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1013 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1324 – trespassing, Henry St.
1409 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1502 – animal complaint, High/Church
1743 – civil matter, Oxford Ct.
2138 – abandoned auto, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Thursday, March 23:
0035 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St./Main St.
0113 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

0539 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1201 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1303 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
1528 – warrant arrest, S. Canton Center Rd.
1615 – assist citizen, Main St.
1720 – welfare check, Bay Pointe Dr.
2027 – warrant arrest, Hogback Rd.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St. / E. Huron River Dr.
2212 – assist other dept., Hull/Sumpter

Friday, March 24:
0026 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
0815 – civil matter, Clarence St.
0914 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
0926 – disorderly, McBride
1044 – civil matter, Victorian Ln.
1146 – property damage accident, Third St./Main
1425 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.
1431 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1444 – assault & battery, Church St.
1539 – traffic offense, South St.
1854 – warrant arrest, Michigan/I-275
2218 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Main St.

Saturday, March 25:
0454 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
0844 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St.
1003 – domestic, Madelon St.
1407 – harassment call, Main St.
1754 – assist other dept., Martz

Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 19:
0532 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0604 – assist other agency, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0916 – mental health commitment, Brookview
0959 – alarm, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1002 – citizen assist, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1129 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1226 – mental health commitment, Brookview
1309 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1551 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1735 – disorderly person, Redwood
1748 – 911 hang up, Nevada
2208 – warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2221 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, March 20:
0802 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1427 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1536 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1941 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2125 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, March 21:
0008 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
0135 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0137 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0213 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
0920 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1036 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1117 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1226 – harassment complaint, Stonecrest
1326 – missing recovered, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1620 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1646 – operating while intoxicated arrest, New Mexico
1725 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2323 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, March 22:
0738 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0940 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1033 – harassment complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1033 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1130 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1217 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1410 – animal complaint, Karr/Judd
1542 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1552 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1619 – fire dept. assist, Wayside
1656 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1801 – ordinance violation, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1811 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1823 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis
2010 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
2250 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 23:
0053 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
0826 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1009 – civil dispute, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1237 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1331 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1354 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1528 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.
2023 – juvenile complaint, Birch Ct.

Friday, March 24:
0001 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0738 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter
0905 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0939 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1150 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1313 – identity theft, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1634 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1815 – fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1852 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty
2122 – assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
2152 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
2317 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.


Saturday, March 25:
0425 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0914 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0936 – breaking & entering report, 43000 bl. Judd
1009 – suspicious incident, Dakota
1403 – dumping complaint, Sherwood/Oakville Waltz
1524 – alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 139 patrol checks, and 45 traffic stops.

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