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Council allocates \$2,500 to start work on deteriorating seawall

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a discussion on the precarious condition of the 200' of city seawall at Doane's Landing, the Belleville City Council allocated up to \$2,500 to get topographic work done to take the first steps towards a solution.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said his crew has been checking on the deteriorating seawall daily. He said this topographic study by Hennessey Engineers and McDowell Associates is the first step for him in getting engineering specifications and bids.

He said they need elevations shot and surveying completed to find how far the seawall has separated.

Rutherford said this 19-year-old seawall should have had a 50-year life.

"It is deteriorating almost daily," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

Mayor Kerreen Conley asked for a timeline and Rutherford said the time involved is for him to go back and forth between the engineers and the council. He is following the spending guidelines laid out by the city, he said.

"The longer we wait, the more expensive it gets," Mayor Conley said.

City Manager Kollmeyer said she hopes to bring back information for the first meeting in May.

"We're looking at it as an emergency," Kollmeyer said. "We're concerned for the city's seawall, as well as the condo next door."

Rutherford said the condo association has had its engineer look at it. He said the 200' of seawall on the city side is not all in jeopardy.

"We might be able to save it without doing the entire 200'," Rutherford said, adding they have to figure out how much it's pulling apart, but it is progressing daily or weekly.

Kollmeyer said they have already checked and federal Community Development Block Grant funds can't be used for a seawall, but it's possible some CDBG funds could be used for the parts of the park that are ADA-accessible.

"Soon, that seawall will be floating down Belleville Lake," Kollmeyer said.

The seawall had been added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and further discussion was delayed until Rutherford could go into his office and review information that had come in after he had left for the day.

Rutherford returned to the meeting room and distributed copies of the email he received from the engineers that discussed shooting the benchmark and the seawall, with one or two people monitoring. He said he thought the city could do some monitoring in-house.

"We have to start documenting how fast this thing is going and start getting bids to do the work," Rutherford said.

He said a representative from the condo association has been coming in daily to see him and now is the time for them to sign on and get real figures.

The engineers gave a cost of \$2,450 for a couple of site visits.

"It is important to get the work done," Mayor Conley said.

"I could suggest bi-weekly monitoring by them, since my crew is down there daily," Rutherford said.

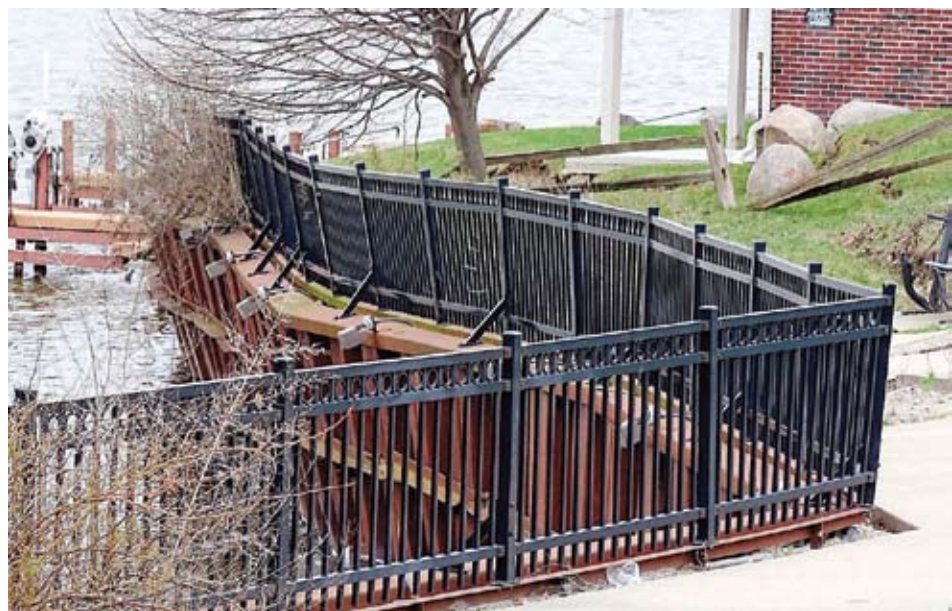
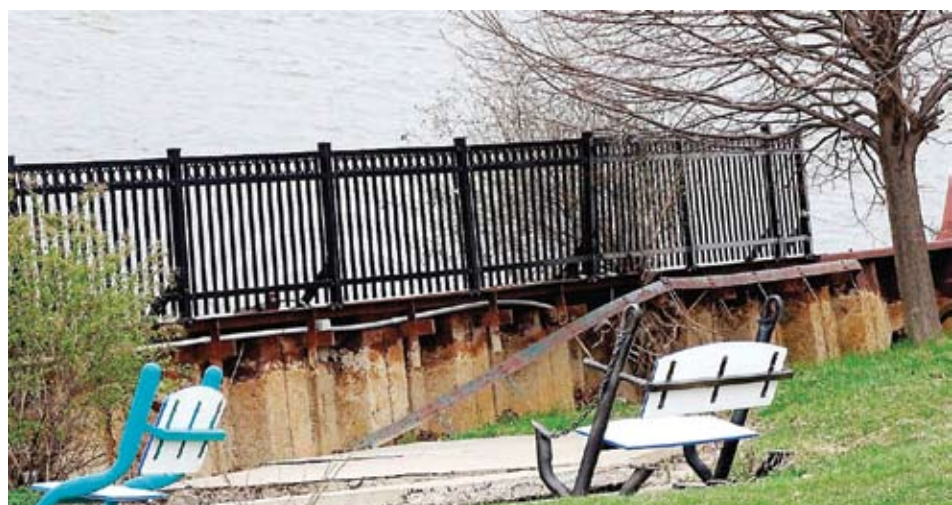
"Once the survey is done we'll get an estimate," Conley said.

"The last thing we want is to do repairs that won't be permanent," he said.

"This is the very first step we had to take," Rutherford said, noting he has soil borings that were done a year ago. He said after the topographic work is done, the engineers can estimate the cost.

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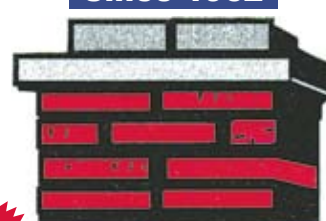
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Distinguished Graduates to be inducted April 28 at BHS

The public is invited to the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates induction ceremony at 7 p.m., Friday, April 28, at the BHS Auditorium.

Four graduates will be inducted and honored: Myra MacPherson, class of 1952; Bernard Hovey, class of 1965; Jill Devers, class of 1982; and a posthumous honor to William (Bill) Budd, class of 1960.

This year BHS will host a recognition dinner prior to the 7 p.m. ceremonies. The meal will be prepared and served by culinary arts students from BHS.

The public is also invited to this dinner from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a tour of Belleville High School.

Those planning to attend the dinner, at a cost of \$12, should RSVP by April 21 to Falisadoll Green, assistant principal at BHS, (734) 697-9133. Checks, payable to Belleville High School, may be sent to BHS, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville 48111. Payment also may be made at PaySchools on the BHS website.

Name badges will be arranged at no additional charge. RSVP for these to Randy Brown at (734) 697-1820 or Tom Fielder at (734) 697-0633. They need to know the name to be placed on the name badge.

Distinguished graduates to be honored are:

Myra MacPherson BHS Class of 1952

Myra MacPherson, Class of 1952, is a journalist known for her books and articles about politics, the Vietnam War, feminism, and death and dying.

Myra's passion for research and writing began at Belleville High School. While working on the school's student newspaper, in the summer between her sophomore and junior year, she received a scholarship to a two-week journalism workshop at Michigan State University. That experience gave her the courage to pursue a career that, at the time, was dominated by men. In her senior year at BHS Myra was the *Tiger Tribune's* Editor-in-Chief and she wrote a column for the local newspaper.

While attending Michigan State, Myra was on the daily newspaper staff and the yearbook. Following graduation, Myra started her career in journalism at the *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit Times*, and then moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the *Washington Star* and the *New York Times* newspapers. While at the *Star*, she covered the funeral of President John F. Kennedy and the rising of the Berlin Wall. In 1969, she moved to the *Washington Post* and remained there until 1991.

While working at the *Washington Post*, Myra was significantly involved with nationally noted *Washington Post* reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward in reporting President Nixon's Watergate

scandal. Myra's contribution was in depth profiling and writing of the Watergate criminals by fleshing out the "who they were" behind the main story.

While still a reporter, Myra started her "other career" as an author of several non-fiction books. In 1975, Myra was a Rutgers Fellow while researching her first book, "The Power Lovers", and later was a recipient of a Fulbright Grant. She was nominated for the Pulitzer Award for her 1984 book "Long Time Passing: Vietnam and the Haunted Generation", now considered a classic on Vietnam. Her other books are "She Came to Live Out Loud" (1999); "All Governments Lie" (2006); and her most recent "The Scarlet Sisters: Sex Suffrage and Scandal in the Gilded Age" (2014) which has just been optioned for a mini-series.

Myra's career as a reporter has encompassed a number of "firsts." Starting in 1969, she was assigned to cover the Mets when they won the World Series, even though she could not get in the press box because of her gender. In 1972, while at the *Washington Post*, Myra was one of the first women to cover presidential campaigns, continuing to cover them through 1988. During her tenure as a reporter, Myra profiled many famous politicians and world leaders including Cuba's Castro, and every president from John F. Kennedy through George W. Bush.

Myra has been on the Board of the Hospice Foundation of America and is a member of Veterans for Peace. Myra's professional and personal contributions clearly make her a Distinguished Graduate of Belleville High School.

She was nominated by Vitold E. Dewicki, Class of 1952.

Bernard Hovey BHS Class of 1965

Bernard Hovey graduated from Belleville High School in 1965. He was president of the National Honor Society, vice-president of his class, vice-president of the student council, a member of the German Club, JETS Club, and United Nations Club. He performed in both the junior class play and senior class play. Academically, Bernie finished in the top ten in his class.

Bernie graduated from the University of Michigan where he majored in economics and minored in math and history. He received a M.Ed. from Cleveland State University. He earned his teaching certificate from Cleveland State in 1969. He also took graduate courses at Ohio State University, Ohio University, Kent State University, and Ashland University.



MacPherson

Bernie was a speaker at Ohio Teachers of Math conventions, gave content lectures to teachers from many schools, and was a motivational speaker at high school student leadership conferences.

Bernie served as a teacher for 45 years (6 in Cleveland, 32 in Kent, 7 at Archbishop Hoban High School) including two as an assistant athletic director. He also coached football and hockey. His 1982 hockey team won the state championship. He continues to be involved in administration of district hockey tournaments.

Bernie has long been a community leader. He was councilman in Silver Lake, Ohio, for six years and since 2006 has served as mayor. He has served on many boards (Crystal Lake Development Park, Summit County Juvenile Court, Akron Touchdown Club, the Mayors Association, and others). He was instrumental in setting up a scholarship for hockey players at Roosevelt High School in Kent.

Bernie has been married to Kathleen for 37 years; they have three children and five grandchildren.

Jill Devers BHS Class of 1982

Jill Devers is the youngest child of Wendell and Hattie Mae Devers to graduate from Belleville High School. Devers' brother Darnell and sister Wondella both graduated in 1969. Jill really enjoyed high school. It was a great time to develop life-long friendships. Throughout high school, Jill participated in a number of activities. She was co-captain of the cheerleading squad (junior year), president of the Chocolate Sensations of '82 (African-American Senior Club), coordinated a Black History Month fashion show, participated (briefly) in Junior Achievement (looked good on her college application) and traveled to Paris, France with the French class.

Jill continued her education at Michigan State University where she received her bachelor of arts degree in International Relations in 1986. After MSU Jill returned back home to Chicago, IL. It wasn't until her mother's death in 1998 that she started to focus on philanthropic activities. Devers volunteered with a number of not-for-profit organizations, including Make-A-Wish and Jobs for Youth. While pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Sports Marketing and Public Relations at Northwestern University, Jill completed her graduate Community Relations internship with the Chicago Bulls.

From 2004-2014 Jill served on the National Board of Michigan State University's Black Alumni. When she re-activated the local Chicago Chapter, she launched a voter registration drive and toy/clothing drives for underprivileged children. In 2015, she

launched a "Spartans Will" campaign with Covenant house of Michigan.

After several career paths, Jill finally landed her dream job at Michigan State University. She is the Assistant Director of Alumni and Donor Relations. It is her mantra of "To whom much is given, much is expected" that keeps her grounded and focused.

Posthumous Recognition William (Bill) James Budd BHS Class of 1960

William (Bill) James Budd was born on Oct. 17, 1942 to Jack and Gladys Budd of Belleville. He was second of three children,

all of whom graduated from Belleville High School. Bill graduated from BHS in 1960 and went on to graduate from Michigan State University in 1962. He married Sharry Hawkes of New Boston in 1964.

They were married for 52 years and raised three sons, all graduates of BHS: Jim, '84; Jeff, '87; and Jay, '94.

Growing up, Bill worked alongside his family raising registered Holstein cows. The Budd dairy herd set numerous milking records, including four world records. The Budd Holsteins appeared on the cover of the prestigious *World* magazine, which highlights the milking industry, a total of seven times. Bill and his family, through its herd, were instrumental in improving not only the Michigan Dairy industry, but the national dairy industry, as well.

As the Detroit area population grew, the I-94 expressway was expanded, which split the family farm in two. Although the Budds did not want to leave the family farm, they sold off their dairy business in 1972 and formed JR Budd, Inc., a construction company. The company concentrated on site excavation, but also built roads, houses, and performed various other construction activities.

Even while running the excavation company, the Budd family continued to farm, raising field crops and their signature white sweet corn. They also began raising Standardbred harness racing horses. Over the years, they achieved various degrees of success with breeding and training the horses on the family farm. Bill received his horse trainer's license and also trained as a blacksmith.

Eventually, the family reinvented itself again and started Budd's Produce. Together with his brother Tom (BHS 1964), sons, grandchildren, and many friends, they built a thriving fruit and vegetable stand that continues to this day, specializing in their

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Budd

OPINIONS

Editorial

McBride Road to be paved in VBT

At last, parents of McBride Middle School students won't have to drive over a muddy, rutted road to get to their students' school.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees a unanimous vote set the McBride Road paving project on its way.

The Van Buren Public Schools district had already approved paying \$90,000 as its part of the project and a petition drive got 63% of those owning frontage to sign up for a special assessment district. This will cost property owners an estimated \$578.22 a year each for five years.

The Wayne County Local Township Roads Initiative will pick up the biggest share of the cost: \$750,000. But, the project has to be under way this construction season – so the township is on a very tight schedule to set up the SAD, get updated specifications, go out for bids, and get to digging.

The actual work probably can't be started before September, but there's a back entrance to the school that can be used by buses and cars until the new road is ready.

Special thanks for this project goes to McBride residents Daniel and Ashley Clay and Bonnie Coughlin who went door to door with SAD petitions to get them signed. And, to Supervisor McNamara's assistant Dan Selman who went back out to knock on those doors needed for more signers. McBride should be beautiful by Thanksgiving! Now we'll have to deal with speeders on a smooth straightaway.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township police were searching for someone in the Metropark at about 1:50 a.m. on Sunday, April 9. The person had fled into the woods. They got him in custody, but on the police/fire scanner, the officer said, "I don't know how we'll get him over the fence at Haggerty Road."

They were trying to get someone from HCMA to open the gate, but said they kept getting an answering machine. I think they got him out because there's a shiny, new-looking lock on the gate.

Lt. Charles Bazy said the Huron River Drive / Haggerty Road incident concerned LSPDA/OWI (leaving the scene of a property damage accident and operating while intoxicated).

Robin Luce Hermann, an attorney at Butzel Long and consultant to the Michigan Press Association, often presents programs on Open Government and recently she did one at the *Petoskey News Review*. In the March edition of the MPA newsletter, Hermann shared some of the pointers for governmental units she presented in Petoskey. We found especially interesting this one on public comment at public meetings.

"Provide Ample Time for Public Comment at Public Meetings: If necessary, extend meetings to allow public comment, rather than imposing very short times for people to comment. Encourage and provide mechanisms for persons to speak on behalf of a group. Don't 'stack' the agenda so that public comments come after the public body has already voted (another big area of frustration for citizens)."

This "stacking" of the agenda is what has been a problem for the public in Van Buren



Township meetings and although several citizens regularly call out the board on this procedure, they turn their heads away. It really doesn't make sense for people to have to comment on agenda items *before* the items are discussed by the board. How would one know what to ask about before the information is presented? Doesn't make sense and it sure doesn't give a feeling of transparency.

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education also stacks their agenda to require comments on the agenda items *before* they are discussed by the board. But, lately, the board president has been quite lenient about comments from the audience whenever they feel like it.

Also, the VBT and VBPS boards are using electronic tablets at public meetings. Hermann said use of these devices at the meetings can create the misimpression that the officials are improperly communicating during open meetings.

She said the governmental body should make it clear that officials are only accessing materials and/or taking notes and that there is a policy that forbids electronic communications (except for personal emergencies) during an open meeting. She said if there is a violation of the policy, the public body should take appropriate action and let the public know it did so.

At last week's Belleville Planning Commission meeting, Councilman Tom

Fielder also cautioned the commissioners about use of electronic communications among themselves concerning decisions to be made. He said their communications could be the subject of a Freedom of Information Act request.

At the Belleville Planning Commission meeting last week, chairman Steve Jones said the number of people who live in Harbour Club Apartments in Van Buren Township is more than the total number of people who live in the City of Belleville.

A reader sent us an email saying Van Buren Township was trying to change or did change the way of stopping at red lights at the Ecorse Road exit from southbound I-275 to make it legal to turn on red.

"But people will do a quick roll stop and the cops are going to write them up and the prosecutor is going to scare them out of 200-plus dollars. It's wrong -- they even changed the lights for it. That being crooked, I was the first to beat the court with the honesty of Judge Green...That sucks for them to get away with this."

Van Buren Township doesn't have jurisdiction over any roads, so it didn't do anything there. I believe MDOT has jurisdiction over the interstates.



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Letters

Too politically correct to say 'Happy Easter?'

To the Editor:

Just one question: Have our tri-community businesses now embraced the same politically correct (PC) mode of our nearby schools, businesses, and institutions?

I am ashamed of our local businesses who for many years have placed ads saying both Merry Christmas and Happy Easter. But today, in these PC times, their silence is deafening!

In the April 13 edition of the *Independent*, the only Happy Easter mention I saw was the Dos Pesos restaurant and, of course, our faithful *Independent* cartoonist.

Personally, I will now consider other options -- businesses who are proud to be Americans and proud of their religious freedom, devoid entirely of political correctness!

Once again, this Easter, NO mention at all on the front pages of the *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News*. I have subscribed to *The Detroit News* for nearly 70 years and always in those years past, the front page has heralded either "Happy Easter" or "He Has Risen."

I have cancelled my subscription to *The Detroit News* and I urge all who are likewise offended to do the same by calling the main number for both papers -- (313) 222-6400.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Writer pushes back on letter critical of officials

To the editor:

I'm writing to you today about a letter that you published in your April 13, 2017 edition from Ronald Barrington Robinson, Willie Finley, plus hundreds. (Really?)

It's comparing Van Buren and Sumpter townships' opt-out insurance payments. Just to be fair, let's do a side-by-side comparison of both seated boards' total compensation. The amounts are taken from your publications of Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 2017.

Compare Wage Totals of Elected Officials of Van Buren Township & Sumpter Township:

	VBT	Sumpter
Supervisors	\$110,713.86	\$34,599.16
Clerks	\$120,441.53	\$31,951.27
Treasurers	\$107,574.82	\$24,707.28
Trustee (all 4 seats combined)	\$ 97,637.58	\$92,570.04
Total compensation for boards	\$436,367.79	\$182,827.75

These figures reflect TOTAL compensation for the year of 2016.

Something in the letter made me laugh out loud. It states the Sumpter Township board members only work four hours a month?

Where do you get your information? Some board meeting nights, the officials are in the township hall longer than that. The four hours a month may be all YOU see (while dropping off or picking up your F.O.I.A. requests) but for your information, Sumpter Township Supervisor John W. Morgan is in his office every workday, Monday-Friday, the same goes for Clerk Clarence Hoffman and Treasurer Peggy Morgan.

Besides their office time, all board members are liaison to one or more departments or commissions, such as Police Department, Fire Department, Water & Sewer Department, Building Department, Ordinance, Planning Commission, Senior Citizen Center, Library Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Parks and Recreation Commission. Being a Liaison to departments and commissions involved meetings, research and follow up, updates and sometimes travel to other communities. Along with all this, also comes listening to complaints and finding ways to solve problems that arise. All these things take time that isn't included in your four hours a month statement.

Just where did you obtain your facts and figures from, Mr. Robinson? I inquired at the Township Clerk's office if the figures you state had been asked for in your F.O.I.A. requests and found it had not. Huh, where does this information come from? Crystal ball? Ouija Board? It came to you in a dream?

You didn't mention that fact that Sumpter Township shops for insurance each and every year and has a standard it must keep because of Union contracts. This is something else that takes time and research and meetings. It's very easy for you to point fingers and compose letters (that you obviously don't write yourself ...) but you and your "posse" don't have a clue as to the thankless work these individuals do for Sumpter Township as a whole.

In closing, Mr. Robinson, you won't even stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of this great country that gives you the freedom to write and have your lies published.

Sybil Buchanan

Employee of Sumpter Township and Completely appalled by lies, stupidity and lack of respect

Editor's Note: Mr. Robinson presented back-up documents to the *Independent* for the figures in his letter published April 13. They were from Freedom of Information Act requests filed by Jay Bardell.

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Obituaries



Jean Delores Walczak

JEAN DELORES WALCZAK
(January 19, 1932 – April 8, 2017)
Jean Delores Walczak, age 85, joined with the choirs of angels, rejoicing with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, April 8, 2017, passing away peacefully at her residence in Houghton Lake, Michigan. Mrs. Walczak reunited with her husband, Walter Walczak, in our heavenly skies.

Jean was the second of five daughters born to Kenneth and Alice Temple. From her birth on January 19, 1932 to her death, she nourished people all around her with love and kindness. Her life positively affected all those it touched. Mrs. Walczak enjoyed life; she was happy watching bull riding and *Swamp People* and loved working outdoors in her flower gardens. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and dearly loved her family.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Walczak was preceded in death by her husband Walter Waczak and great-granddaughter Kylie Vanacore, as well as long-time companion Edward (Edgie) Gielinski and his son Edward Gielinski and daughter Donna Moran.



Mrs. Walczak is survived by her five children, Gary Walczak of Arizona, Christine (Rick) James of Jackson, Michigan, Rodney (Susan) Walczak of Belleville, Diane (Charles) Wasden of Georgia, and Denise (Tim) Hurless of Florida, as well as her extended family Linda Tuesley of Freeland, Michigan, Lana (Robert) Wright-Stowe of Florida, and Bruce (Jody) Gielinski of Belleville. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren who she adored, along with her beloved dog Sugar.

Mrs. Walczak was laid to rest next to her husband during a private service at Michigan Memorial Park.
www.mimemorial.com

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Community Earth Day celebration set Friday

An Earth Day Free Community Celebration will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at Sugar Plum Candy Shop/Our Father's Child Care, 111 South Street, Belleville. There will be give-a-ways, games for children, light snacks, beverages, and information from participants. On hand will be Moore Infrared, Garden Fantasy, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville Police, Belles Resale, Belleville Area District Library, Raindrop Therapy, US Ecology, and Wayne County Community College District.

Lee Edward Woodworth

LEE EDWARD WOODWORTH
(September 1, 1947 – April 11, 2017)
Lee Edward Woodworth, age 69, was born in Ovid, Michigan, to Laurence and Anna (Hurst) Woodworth. Survived by his daughters, Chris (Daniel) Ward and Stephanie (Paul) Draper; grandchildren Trevor, Sarah and Sean; siblings Maurice (Sandra) Woodworth, Janice (Robert) Fowler, and Diane Heldreth. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and long-time companion Pamela Davis.

He is preceded in death by his mother, father, and brother, Donald.

Lee was a Vietnam Veteran, honorably discharged and awarded the Purple Heart. He retired in 2009 from a family-owned business, Jabo, Inc./Roto Rooter.

Lee was a member of the Belleville Lions Club, the American Legion and the VFW. Lee will be missed by all those who crossed his path. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to your favorite Veteran's charity.

A celebration of Lee's life will be hosted by his children at 2 p.m., May 20, 2017 at O'Kelley Lounge, 23663 Park St., Dearborn, 48124.



Jessie Ann Folks

JESSIE ANN FOLKS
(September 12, 1930 – April 14, 2017)
Jessie Ann Folks, age 86, a longtime Sumpter Township resident, died peacefully with her family at her side on Friday afternoon April 14, 2017.

Jessie is the loving wife of Brennis for 66 wonderful years; loving mother of Doris (Larry) Cohoon of Hartland, Gale (Christine) Folks of Belleville and Dale (Constance) Folks of Belleville. Mrs. Folks is also survived by eight grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; sister Patricia (Donald) Tassa of West Virginia and many loving extended family and friends.

Born on September 12, 1930 to Fred and Annie McMillion in Renick, West Virginia, Jessie and Brennis settled in Sumpter Township in 1955 to start and raise their family. A woman of deep faith, Jessie taught junior church for 37 years. She had a love for the outdoors, including camping, fishing and tending to her flowers in the garden. Mostly she loved her family.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 20, in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Pastor Tracy Fressel will officiate. Interment will follow at Tyler Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

The Folks family greeted guests from 2 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Inter-City Baptist Church of Allen Park.

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Obituaries



Hugh M. Patterson

HUGH M. PATTERSON

(December 31, 1945 – April 11, 2017)

Hugh M. Patterson, age 71, of Britton, passed away April 11, 2017.

Hugh was born December 31, 1945 in Bay City, Michigan, the son of John and Nora (Burke) Patterson. On July 25, 1992 he married Gwen Swiatkowski and she survives.

Hugh loved riding his Harley and enjoyed being a member of Bikers United for the past 45 years. He loved vacationing up North in Michigan and Central Texas.

In addition to his wife Gwen, Hugh is survived by his children, Sheryle (Fred) Knorre and their sons Garrett and Brett; Paul (Bethany) Patterson and their children Ryan, Jaden, Sean, and Ella; sisters Ellen O'Sullivan and Marianne (Jean) Kroes; mother-in-law Pat Swiatkowski; sister-in-law Terri Norton (Rodney Benson); brother-in-law Jay (Sarah) Swiatkowski; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. Burial was in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Visitation was 3-6 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017 at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com.

Belleville Chorus to present 'Singing in the Shower' on May 6

The Belleville Community Chorus (BCC) invites everyone to join them on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. to celebrate their 11th annual spring concert.

The performance, titled "Singing in the Shower," features a variety of songs that we all might sing in our home showers.

"Singing in the Shower" will be performed at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the BCC Children's Chorus and Teen Ensemble. BCC's director is Sue Hiser, who will be introducing her new assistant director Steve Ko at this performance. Their accompanist is Kevin Shay.

As always, the concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome. For more information about the chorus or how to be a part of it, call Pete Jones at (734) 731-0829, email to Plrmj@msn.com or check out the chorus' website at www.bellevillechorus.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus (BCC) offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles.

City Council

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\$2,500 for the preliminary work, Kollmeyer said she would bring a budget amendment for this cost.

The council also will be looking into where the money would come for the expensive repairs.

At the end of the discussion, Councilman Jesse Marcotte said he'd like the city to be known as Downtown on the Lake, instead of Downtown in the Lake.

The park at Doane's Landing, at the corner of North Liberty and Main Street, has been closed off with yellow caution tape for more than a year, with no work done thus far to remedy the situation.

There is a loss of soil threatening the rear porch of the condo next door to the park. The condo association reportedly has offered a sum of money to the city to help with the repairs.

At a city meeting in March, Rutherford said proper engineering was not done on the present seawall and it would not be good to repair what is there because it isn't engineered right.

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

- Approved a street closing for the annual Memorial Day ceremony on High Street at 2 p.m. May 29. Cornell Anton, of the local VFW, said since Kathy Steigerwald left Brown Funeral Home, sponsor of the event, the VFW is now planning the speakers. Anton and Councilman Tom Fielder will be giving biographies of two fallen soldiers named on the Veterans Memorial. Also, there will be no motorcyclists this year, he said;

- Approved the four-year appointment of Nathaniel Oregon to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Oregon is the pastor for the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Belleville;

- Approved a schedule of budget meetings, beginning with 6 p.m. Monday, May 8,

and ending with adoption of the 2017-18 budget on Monday, June 5;

- Was introduced to new city employees: Karen Tyler, who replaced Marilyn in the front office; full-time Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones; and part-time Police Officer Ahmed Kassem;

- Applauded the Life Saving Award presented to Officer Dzagulones by Police Chief Hal Berriman. She is credited with saving the life of a Harbour Pointe subdivision man around midnight on March 10. The man was in full cardiac arrest with skin a blueish-grey color when she began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and brought him back to life;

- Approved accounts payable of \$104,734.64 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: To Northline Twp. FD, \$2,866.50 for turnout gear replacement (10% grant match); to West Shore Fire, \$1,645 for fire turnout gear add-ons; to Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Assn., \$1,000 for annual dues; and to Wise Technologies, \$698.74 for computer/network support, General Fund/Police;

- Heard Councilman Fielder announce a report he has just received said there are 300 marijuana dispensaries in Wayne

County, including five in Canton and three in Van Buren Township. Mayor Conley said, "This is not one of those items we're asking you to shop local on";

- Heard Jeff Vernon complain that he saw city workers out that day cleaning up after the Central Business Community's Flop E Bunny event on Saturday and the CBC sign was still up. He suggested they be fined, unless they are exempt from the ordinance regarding cleanup. Kollmeyer said the city crew picks up the straw because the city reuses it. Rutherford said straw from the park is now on a seeded grave in the cemetery. Mayor Conley said there should be no fine as long as it's clear between the

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Court Watching:

Antwon Reid agrees to plea guilty to fleeing police in a vehicle

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Antwon Sherrod Reid, 26, on April 12 agreed to plead guilty in 34th District Court to fleeing police in a vehicle and the second charge for making police engage in a foot chase to catch him was to be dismissed, along with the label of habitual offender.

The incident occurred on Oct. 29 in Sumpter Township.

Reid with his attorney had come to the plea agreement with the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor for Reid to plead guilty to the Flee & Elude charge with the other charges to be dismissed. However, that plea deal could not be facilitated at the District Court level.

The defense then waived the preliminary exam and Judge David Parrott scheduled Reid for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on April 19.

Reid had been lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$5,000/10% bond. Officer in charge of the case is Sumpter Sgt. Brian Steffani.

Wayne Robert Scott

Wayne Robert Scott, 54, was scheduled to have his preliminary exam on April 12 at the 34th District Court. He was charged with identity theft, possession of a financial transaction device, and illegal sale or use of a financial transaction device on March 20 in Van Buren Township.

He was free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%.

But on April 12, the victim was not present at court because she had to take her mother to the hospital, so the case was dismissed. VBT Police Detective Donovan McCarthy said the case probably will not be refilled.

Justin Edward Nelson, III

Justin Edward Nelson, III, 42, had been charged with two counts of eavesdropping for installing cameras in his home without telling his wife on July 12, 2016 in the city of Belleville. He was free on \$5,000/10% personal bond.

At his probable cause conference on April 12 before Judge Parrott, the charges against Nelson were dismissed by the Prosecutor's Office with the notation that his wife doesn't want to prosecute and "never wished to prosecute."

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Officer Jeff Wickham. Cpl. Todd Schrecengost was in court for the probable cause conference.

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applicant and the city why the event wasn't cleaned up;

- Heard Kollmeyer announce that on April 13 the 2009 Dodge Charger police car caught on fire while officers were in it and they expect it to be totaled by the insurance company. She said luckily the officers – Jeff Wickham and Reserve Jason Prince – were safe. She said the fuel line harness was singed and could have exploded. "That was the last Charger we had," Kollmeyer said, adding this was the vehicle they put a new engine in. She said the fire department put out the fire and then it started up again. "I'm glad nobody was hurt," said Mayor Conley. "We've had problems with those Chargers";

- Discussed the upcoming meetings with Harbour Pointe residents concerning a special assessment district for upgrades to the roadways in the subdivision. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on April 25 and 27 in the Belleville High School Commons area. Mike Renaud said the price went up from \$1.2 million to \$1.75 million now and he can't believe it's because of an engineering cost of 50%. He said the city has \$200,000 each in two road funds and over a million dollars in its fund balance for the general fund. He thinks the public shouldn't have to pay for all of the road upgrades while the city holds onto its money for a rainy day; and

- Heard Rutherford say he is getting estimates for restriping of Main Street this year.

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Belleville Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones was presented with a Life Saving Certificate with ribbon by Police Chief Hal Berriman at Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council. He said Officer Dzagulones responded to a medical call at about midnight, March 10, at 298 Harbour Pointe Drive. He said she was met by the man's wife at the door and found the husband on the bed, not breathing, with skin a blueish-gray color. Officer Dzagulones began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation immediately and Cpl. Todd Schrecengost helped her remove the large man to the floor for her continued CPR. Huron Valley Ambulance and fire fighters arrived and they agreed due to Officer Dzagulones' actions, she brought the man back to life and kept him breathing. Fire Chief Brian Loranger also praised the officer's work.

Devon Fischer inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

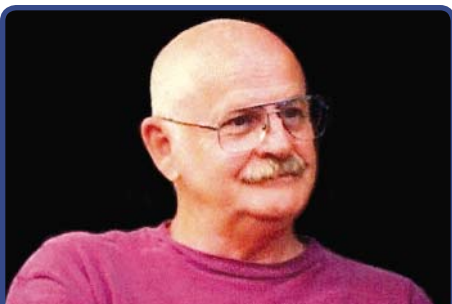
Devon Fischer of Belleville was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest all-discipline collegiate honor society. Fischer was initiated at the University of Michigan.

Fischer is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

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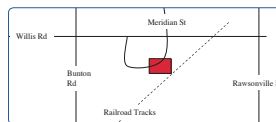
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About 1,000 people attended the Flop E Bunny event at Victory Park on Saturday – twice as many as usually show up. The line waiting for the free pictures with the Bunny in the gazebo usually stretches out to South Liberty Street. This time it went to Liberty and then extended for a large portion of the park. Besides the pictures, there were candy hunts by age groups, parents taking pictures of their children on the fire trucks and police car, and non-profit organizations selling items. CSF-5 sold food and Kiwanis sold children's books for \$1 each.



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A man was riding his bicycle with his dog on Venetian Street, behind Trinity Episcopal Church, in Van Buren Township at about 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, when two pit bulls attacked the man's Husky.

The man tried to protect his dog and incurred bites from his fingertips to his elbows, according to a neighbor.

The Husky required surgery and many stitches, since he had puncture wounds in his groin and hind legs, the neighbor said. The veterinary bills are already up to \$500, she

said.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said the owner of the dogs was going out to her mailbox and she let her dogs out to go with her. She was ticketed for dog at large and no dog license, two tickets for each dog, he said.

Lt. Bazy said the dogs were up to date on their inoculations, so they did not have to be quarantined.

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The fourth-annual Art & Garden Show is coming May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 47947 West Huron River Drive in Belleville. There will be some new vendors this year along with items from local artists and special gifts for Mother's Day. Plants will also be available. The show is free.

The Belleville Central Business Community is bringing back and sponsoring the Belleville Farmers' Market this summer on the second and fourth Monday of each month, June through September, in the Fourth Street Square. Right now, they're taking vendor applications for produce, flowers, crafts, and canned and bakery items. Applications are available at the CBC website at www.bellevillecbc.org.

Sugar Plum Candy Shop and Our Father's Child Care at 111 South Street is offering a community celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be give-a-ways, games, light snacks, beverages, and information from more than ten participating vendors. The event is free. Call (734) 325-6353.

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The BHS Senior Class party is holding a fundraiser today, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road. Ten percent of your bill will be donated to the Senior Party on May 26. The offer applies to carry outs, too! Call (734) 697-1000.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, April 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 3 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 1:30 p.m., Administration Building.
- Monday, May 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, May 9 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Finance Authority, 2 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.

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Bill left his mark on the Belleville and van Buren township communities in many different ways. Early on it came from the notoriety of the family dairy herd. Then he was involved with the building of many homes and businesses as the area population grew. Later in life he provided fresh produce for the community he called home. He was

very involved with his church and served in many different roles as he was always available to help others in need. Bill was happy and proud to have been named the Grand Marshal of the Strawberry Festival Parade in 2015 and to be recognized by the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society for his contributions.

Bill's greatest legacy was having his three sons graduate from BHS, with three grandchildren soon to follow. He loved the school and the community that filled his life.

Following his death, over \$6,500 was contributed in his memory to the Legacy of Excellence Scholarship Fund that provides scholarships to BHS seniors. Bill would be happy to have this as part of his legacy.

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and
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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 16 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve agenda with the removal of Item B and the addition of Item D: Consider Approval Contract with Burnham & Flower. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Presentation by Larry Clever of Burnham & Flower Insurance Group

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$1,206,675.56. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, P. Morgan, Swinson, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation Report-Swinson:

A. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

B. Working on Festival for Memorial Weekend

C. Menards

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Parks & Recreation Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Master Plan

B. Solar Zoning

C. Waste Receptacles and Zoning Process

Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report-Young: Motion by Hoffman, supported Oddy to receive and file Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response:

11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the 2017-2018 Township Budget with the

addition of moving \$150,000 from General Fund into the Fire Department Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Item Removed

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve Employment Contracts for Jim Glahn, Malissa Paquette, and Ken Kunka with one modification to Jim Glahn's contract. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Contract with Burnham & Flower. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements:

A. Generator is operational at the Community Center

13. Open Floor:

1. Mary Ban

• Thanks to Karen Armatis for information of Huron Fire Stations

• Marijuana recreational update

• Bemis Road

2. **Jay Bardell**

• FOIA

• Parcel sales

• Medical Reimbursement

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk, Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 28, 2017 at 6:41 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: April 20, 2017



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

1998 PONTIAC, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1G2JB124XW7590054

DATE: APRIL 17, 2017

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

6 MAIN STREET

PUBLISH: APRIL 20, 2017

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

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:

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SELECTION PROCESS

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

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

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, April 20** – Annual Membership Meeting and Third-Thursday Lecture and Pizza Party at the Belleville Area Museum from 6 to 8 p.m. Lecture: “Tri-Community Civil War Heroes” presented by Bring Our Boys Home. Free to members, \$5 to non-members. Info: (734) 697-1944

• **Thursday, April 20** – Amy Brow will be sworn in as the new Van Buren Township Fire Chief at 6 p.m. at the township hall. Open to the public.

• **Friday, April 21** – Dine to Donate to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Potbelly Sandwich Shop, 42477 Ford Rd. (corner of Canton Ford and Lilly), Canton 48187, (734) 844-0842. FMAR will get 25% of your tab.

• **Friday, April 21** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, will meet with constituents at

three locations today: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee, 26614 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock; noon to 1 p.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 South Monroe St., Monroe; and 6 to 7 p.m. at Little Brown Jug, 7697 Bluebush Road, Maybee. Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township in Lansing.

• **Friday, April 21** – Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will hold his April Coffee Hour at 9 a.m. at the Sumpter Township Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., in Sumpter Township.

• **Friday, April 21** – Earth Day Free Community Celebration at Sugar Plum Candy Shop/Our Father’s Child Care, 111 South Street, Belleville, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be give-a-ways, games for children, light snacks, beverages and information from more than ten participants. Information: (734) 325-6353

• **Saturday, April 22** – Student art show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons area. Free.

• **Saturday, April 22** – Household Hazardous Waste Collection for all Wayne County residents, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Romulus Civic Center parking lot, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus. Information (734) 326-3936.

• **Saturday, April 22** – Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, invites you to its seventh-annual “Free-Style 2017” free distribution of gently used clothing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is to benefit anyone in the communities struggling to afford these items. Just show up, take what is needed,

and pass it on – no questions asked. Free snack bar. Questions? Call (734) 654-9020 or email: farmerwilson@gmail.com.

• **Sunday, April 23** – 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.

• **Wednesday, April 26** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Get to know your neighbors. Everyone welcomed. Info: (734) 697-9288.

• **Thursday, April 27** – Chili Cook-Off from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township, put on by the Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club. Donation: Adults \$10, seniors \$5, children over 5 pay \$5, younger kids free. Information: (734) 634-3569, shoesuawbrat@aol.com

• **Thursday, April 27** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org

• **Thursday, April 27; Friday, April 28; and Saturday, April 29** – Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., corner of Ellis, one block south of Sibley in New Boston. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday is Bag Day, at \$4 per bag. (734) 753-0948.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday April 26th, 2017, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at **J&T Towing and Storage**, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	Buick	4D	2G4WS52M7W1533876	17-4937
2005	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WF52E259335443	17-758
1994	Ford	PU	1FTDF15Y3RLA68891	17-2540
1998	Ford	SW	1FBSS31L2WHA15630	17-6052
1995	GMC	PU	2GTEK19KXS1563199	17-5502
1992	Jeep	SW	1J4FJ78S0NL210250	17-4783

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

2011	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZB5E14BF256005	17-2854
1998	GMC	SW	1GKDT13W5W2575193	16-24993
2000	Mercedes Benz	SW	4JGAB72E5YA197832	16-23936
2002	Jeep	SW	1J4GL58K62W248031	16-5705
2008	Jeep	SW	1J8FT28WX8D794122	17-5013
2012	Kawasaki	MC	JKAEXMJ17CDAB0028	16-21363

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

Leon Wright, CMC
 Van Buren Township Clerk
 Published: April 20, 2017

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Ladies & Men’s Clubs present:

2017 SPRING INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Thursday – April 27th and Friday – April 28th (9 am – 4 pm)
 Saturday – April 29th (9 am - 1 pm)
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 531 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 9:

0021 – noise complaint, Cedarhurst Dr.
0033 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0128 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
0816 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1159 – disorderly, Freedom Way
1452 – domestic, Freedom Way
1527 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/Capitol Dr.
1653 – narcotics crime, Mission Pointe
1746 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
1817 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
1939 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.
2020 – abandoned auto, Lilac Ln.
2137 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2200 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
2251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2303 – missing person, Cumberland Ct.
2342 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.

Monday, April 10:

0730 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0738 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0830 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
0923 – road hazard, Stamford Rd./N. Cumberland
0929 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
0958 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1305 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1311 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
1329 – harassment call, Bog Rd.
1335 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1502 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
1649 – malicious destruction of property, Freedom Way
1657 – ordinance violation, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1702 – narcotics crime, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1827 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.
1914 – harassment call, 13th St.
1925 – ordinance violation, I-94/Haggerty
1907 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr.
1933 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Jackson St.
2027 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

Tuesday, April 11:

0549 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0614 – missing person, Denton Rd.
0750 – property damage accident, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1041 – harassment call, Lauren Ct.
1044 – ordinance violation, Michigan Ave.
1126 – private property impound, Oak Ln.
1134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1206 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
1226 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1401 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1404 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
1514 – lost property/child, DNR Rawsonville
1630 – property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1718 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1736 – breaking & entering, Lake Point Blvd.
1900 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
2133 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.
2245 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln.
/ S. Ponderosa Trl.

Wednesday, April 12:

0923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1525 – missing person, Fret Rd.
1547 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.
/ Lindsey Dr.
1658 – narcotics crime, Parkwood Dr.
1722 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1724 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1842 – larceny, Tyler Rd.
1922 – fraud, Hanover Dr.
1944 – follow up by officer, Fret Rd.
1948 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1951 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2002 – noise complaint, Hayes St.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2159 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty
Thursday, April 13:
0518 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0624 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0812 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
0853 – larceny, Savage Rd.
1009 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville
1204 – malicious destruction of property, Holly
1251 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1326 – larceny, E. Walden Dr.
1446 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse

1448 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1456 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1501 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1510 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1519 – domestic, Forestdale Dr.
1526 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1803 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1821 – property damage accident, Archwood Dr.
1840 – disorderly, Denton
2202 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2303 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, April 14:

0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Liberty Ln.
0147 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0339 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0631 – suspicious person/vehicle, Gilmore St.
0644 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
0907 – fraud, Lancaster Dr.
0920 – disorderly, Van Born
0934 – larceny, Lake Villa
0944 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1106 – lost property/child, Parkwood Dr.
1119 – indecent exposure, Westlake Cir.
1246 – private property impound, J&T Crova
1306 – lost property/child, Chaney Ave.
1353 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1432 – larceny, Robson Rd.
1731 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1756 – malicious destruction, Hardwood Dr.
1816 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1846 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Hannan
2312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2330 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2334 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.

Saturday, April 15:

0048 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0114 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0511 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1322 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1400 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1559 – disorderly, Van Buren Ct.
1702 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1712 – property damage accident, Briarcliff Dr.
1855 – shooting, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1900 – shooting, Maude Ct.
2140 – ordinance violation, Coolidge St.
2324 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairbanks St.

Also on this week's log are 221 traffic stops, 79 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 9:

0159 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0241 – noise complaint, Estrada Dr.
0954 – suicidal person, Annaheim, Belle Villa
1446 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1502 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1539 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1545 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1617 – misc. complaints, Belle Villa Blvd.
1701 – misc. complaints, Belle Villa Blvd.
1821 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2028 – assist fire dept., Annaheim St.

Monday, April 10:

0630 – vehicle lock out, South St.

0736 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1516 – threat, S. Edgemont Ave.
1608 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
2121 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
2345 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, April 11:
0037 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0944 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1007 – missing person, Loza Ln.
1016 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
2032 – welfare check, Church St.

Wednesday, April 12:

0650 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0946 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1139 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1348 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
2314 – animal complaint, Light Tower Ct.
2315 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, April 13:

0054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa
1258 – vehicle lock out, Carmell St.
1346 – animal complaint, Estrada Dr.
1519 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
2245 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
Friday, April 14:
0322 – intrusion alarm, Bedell St.
1053 – found property/child, Victorian Ln. / Savage Rd.

1148 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1303 – private property/property damage accident, Main St./Fifth St.
1557 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
1846 – domestic, Carmell St.
2116 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
2241 – ordinance violation, Bedell St.

Saturday, April 15:

0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St./Main
0049 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
0219 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1042 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1206 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1327 – neighbor trouble, N. Liberty St.
1919 – larceny, Carmell St.
2214 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2334 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Also on this week's log are 42 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 9:

0327 – suspicious vehicle, Knollwood
0612 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0943 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2146 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter / Victoria

Monday, April 10:

0206 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0406 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
0652 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0725 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Willis
0746 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd
1057 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1143 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1221 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1402 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1616 – assist other agency, out of township
1658 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1706 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

Tuesday, April 11:

0039 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0551 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0643 – breaking & entering, 17000 bl. Sumpter
0805 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0938 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1153 – fire dept. assist, Colorado
1217 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1620 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1622 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1724 – civil dispute, Wayside
1829 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2122 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2255 – juvenile complaint, Third St.

Wednesday, April 12:

1124 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1243 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1610 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1625 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1819 – suspicious person, Judd/Sumpter
1820 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willis
1902 – juvenile complaint, Third St.

Thursday, April 13:

0249 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1024 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1031 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1135 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1246 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1500 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1701 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1725 – alarm, 44000 lb. Willow Rd.
1748 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1901 – 911 hang up, Judd/Prince
1935 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis /

Martinsville

2040 – well-being check, Elwell/Willis

Friday, April 14:

0102 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0226 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0425 – property damage accident, Rawsonville /

Willow

0811 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1128 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1414 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1532 – death investigation, 45000 lb. Harris Rd.
1913 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2041 – larceny, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2122 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2219 – suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2234 – suspicious vehicle, Clark/Judd

2337 – suspicious person, Bemis/Elwell

Saturday, April 15:

0103 – operating while intoxicated, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
0905 – property damage accident, 23000 lb.

Haggerty Rd.

0943 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1030 – property damage accident, 23000 bl.

Haggerty Rd.

1048 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

1111 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1351 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1548 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

1835 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1913 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

2328 – suspicious vehicle, 39000 lb. Willow Rd.

2330 – ORV complaint, 8300 bl. Oakville Waltz

Also on this week's log are 15 follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 110 patrol checks, and 55 traffic stops.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak
Superintendent,
Van Buren Public Schools



The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education is launching a new initiative to guide us through a 3-5 year Strategic Planning Process. The purpose of this initiative is to help the district develop new goals and strategies for continuing to offer an excellent education for our students, while utilizing the scarce public education resources in the most effective and efficient way.

As I have mentioned in previous columns, we need to change how we teach and how students learn as the job market is changing at a never before seen speed. We cannot even imagine the jobs that our current kindergarteners will have throughout their 30+ year career.

This Strategic Planning Process will help guide us down this path toward a more student-centered, product-based learning system that will be flexible enough to change, as needed.

Stakeholder feedback is an important part of the planning process. Community members, parents, teachers, administrators, students, teachers and other district staff members will be asked questions regarding strengths, areas to improve, and vision for the district. This information will be shared at a planning retreat as well as other

data regarding student performance and comparisons to other districts.

The school board is interested in your input to this process and intends to use data and stakeholder input to make decisions and to set priorities for the district. Dr. Rod Green, consultant from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), will facilitate the planning retreat.

The online survey for the process is found on the district website and at the following URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017VanBurenSP>

Please follow the link and fill out the survey. We are excited about this process and are confident that it will ultimately assist us to be more successful in our mission of educating students.



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