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VBТ hires new fire chief Amy Brow

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Amy Brow, current assistant fire chief for the city of Ann Arbor, has been selected to be the new fire chief for Van Buren Township.

At Monday's work/study session, Brow was introduced to the trustees and the public and at Tuesday's regular meeting she was hired. She plans to be on the job on April 24.

Brow, 50, started her fire fighting career as a paid-per-call fire fighter at the Van Buren Township Fire Department. Then, she went on in her 25-year career to get experience and lots of education credentials, including a bachelor and master's degree, mostly online.

VBТ received 10 applications for the fire chief's position, vacated by Dan Besson at the end of February. That was narrowed down to five and Brow was the unanimous choice of the selection committee.

The selection committee was made up of Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Clerk Leon Wright, Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, Police Chief Jason Wright, former Fire Chief Besson, and Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter.

On Monday, Trustee Reggie Miller said there was some concern at first that the trustees were not involved in the selection process, but she is fine with the committee's selection.

Trustee Sherry Frazier pointed out Brow will be the first woman fire chief in VBТ history. Frazier and Brow listed other

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Girl Scouts from Troop 76032 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren Township pause from their cleanup efforts for a picture at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit. From left, in back, are Troop Leader Tammy Mayrend, Rachel Gowell, and Sarah Helm. In front, from left, are Natallia Bent, Gabriella Mayrend, and Patricia Reyes.

Trinity Episcopal Girl Scouts help clean up Historic Fort Wayne

On Saturday, April 1, Girl Scout Troop 76032 from Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren Township participated in a clean-up day at Historic Fort Wayne during the Civil War Trust Park Day.

Civil War Trust Park Day is a yearly event with thousands of participants across 38 states. In Michigan two sites participated: Historic Fort Wayne and the River Raisin National Battlefield.

The day was spent cleaning fallen branches and debris from the recent storms, picking up trash, and preparing the fort for the many upcoming summer events.

The troop cooperated with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition to restore part of the site and was the first Girl Scout Troop that has ever participated in clean-up day.

Troop 76032 is a small, multi-age scout troop for girls in grades five and up. The

troop focuses on traditional and outdoor skills such as camping and hiking, as well as service to the community.

During the week end and on the day of service, the troop worked with Boy Scout Troop 446 of Saline.

Historic Fort Wayne is located at 6325 W Jefferson Ave, Detroit.

Van Buren Township fire fighter charged with larceny, false pretenses

Van Buren Township Police investigated VBТ Fire Fighter Michael Shores for alleged fraudulent activity at the Van Buren Urgent Care on Belleville Road.

Employees allege that they paid Shores for CPR training that they never received.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office issued an eight-count misdemeanor warrant that includes four counts of larceny by conversion less than \$200 and four counts of false pretenses less than \$200. Each

Court Watching:

Joshua Morris to face charge of reckless driving causing death

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Joshua Lee Morris, whose testimony shows he was driving his 1997 Chevy Malibu at 80 to 90 mph on a bumpy, gravel-covered Morton Taylor Road when it hit a tree and killed his passenger, has been bound over to circuit court to face a charge of reckless driving causing death.

Morris, 25, had a preliminary exam on March 29 before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley with three witnesses testifying.

First witness was Canton Fire Fighter Frank Rehling, who was first on the scene at the July 6, 2014 accident ¼ mile north of Van Born Road on Morton Taylor, where he found "a messed up vehicle in the trees."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor John Cayce entered into evidence 12 pages of pictures, with four pictures on each page, showing the accident scene.

Rehling said there were fresh gouges in the trees in the heavily wooded area and the car had gone off the road over a small ditch and the car had straddled the ditch.

Rehling said fire fighters were trying to get the people out and had to cut the car up. He said he was standing on the hood, cutting the roof to get the driver out. The steering wheel had to be pushed up to free the driver. He said both occupants were in

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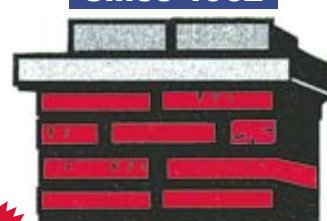
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT DDA discusses land required by county for Speedway station

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Although plans for a new Speedway station at the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads have yet to come to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission the project was discussed in public at the March 28 regular meeting of the VBT Downtown Development Authority.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland explained that Speedway needed the DDA's help to proceed with its plans.

Eric Carter, engineer for the project, said the 4,600 square foot building on 2.08 acres will have an eight-dispenser canopy. He said they have been working with Wayne County and the township and have aligned their Tyler Road driveway with the Meijer driveway across the street.

Carter said they will be providing landscaping, seating, and a decorative wall at the corner that says Welcome to Van Buren Charter Township. They will put in sidewalks along Tyler.

Wayne County wants to make sure the sidewalks work along Belleville Road, Carter said.

He said the county showed them what they want for a Belleville Road entry drive area, "It's on DDA private property."

Carter said they asked the county if they could get an easement and the county said no, it's got to be Wayne County property.

He said the county wanted Speedway to meet with the DDA to talk about it.

"If we can't work it out, the county would give us an alternate sketch," Carter said. "Or, we would have to redesign the whole Belleville Road frontage. We're stuck."

When asked about the size, a Speedway representative said it is a 4,600-square-foot building and they are not building the former 3,900 square foot building any more. He said a good example of the new plan is the recently constructed Speedway at West and Allen roads in Woodhaven.

He said they already spent \$4 million on this project, without the property. He said the land has been on the market for ten years.

DDA member Ron Blank asked if there will be more curb cuts along Belleville Road as the area develops and Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development said, "We try to limit curb cuts and encourage cross-access easements."

Akers said there were 13 acres of land for sale and this is just 2.08 acres right at the corner.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson asked if the DDA should give it to the county or sell it to the developer?

Ireland explained that the DDA owns a 27' strip of property all the way from the corner of Tyler north to Armstrong Funland, where a French drain is at the end.

Ireland said the county allowed the DDA to put the sidewalk in at grade, "doing us a favor." If the sidewalk was done according to county specifications the sidewalk would be 6" above the center line of the road.

The DDA installed the sidewalk for pedestrian safety, knowing any future widening of Belleville Road by the county would make the sidewalk temporary.

Blank said the property is zoned for Speedway and they are asking the DDA for the property to comply with Wayne County requirements.

"You have a drainage issue," Blank pointed out, referring to the north end of the sidewalk where the French drain is located.

"What impact is there on the rest of the property they didn't buy?" asked DDA member Helen Foster.

Blank, an owner of mobile home parks, said he has filled a room with people when he wants to build and, "I kept my mouth shut." He said Speedway probably should keep its mouth shut, too.

"Those that buy the next piece will be back here," Blank said.

"Should we sell it off?" chairman Atchinson asked.

DDA member Chris Brown said when Speedway gets it, it will go to the county.

The attorney present for the DDA's closed-door session on another issue after the business meeting was asked for his opinion.

He was surprised and replied, "Here? In open session?" When he was told yes, he said the easiest thing probably is to sell it.

"This is being done to accommodate the county, not the developer," Blank pointed out.

"We'll be getting our money back and not making a profit," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara. He said they need to negotiate the terms of the sale. The DDA paid \$122 per linear foot and that's what the price would be. Also, the developer should assist with the drainage adjacent to their parcel.

Blank said the worst-case scenario would be that Speedway wouldn't build but the property would be controlled by Speedway and kept so another service station can't build. He suggested the ownership of the strip could revert to the DDA if the project didn't move forward.

"Speedway won't buy the property until we get approval from the planning commission," Carter said. "The agreement could be conditioned on approval."

A Speedway representative said they are on the right track, but they would have to talk to their directors about an agreement.

"We make our decision first," Atchinson stated.

Blank asked if the DDA is asking them

to fix the drainage just north of their property?

Clark said the plans call for underground storm water retention.

He said the township has asked Speedway to look at evaluation of grades and possible reconstruction of the sidewalk in the 27' adjacent to the 33' county right of way.

Brown suggested the DDA engineer and Speedway engineer get together.

Ireland said she drives by the flooded sidewalk site every day and doesn't want it to continue to be in that state.

"We know our objectives and they know their objectives," said Foster. "We need it in writing so the board of directors is satisfied."

Supervisor McNamara said, "It sounds like we'll sell, but need the details."

The DDA owns 334' of the 27' wide strip and Speedway needs just short of 200', so the cost, at \$122 per lineal foot, was figured at about \$25,000.

Blank made a motion that the DDA agrees to sell Speedway LLC land at \$122 per lineal foot for their frontage on Belleville Road subject to a mutual agreement. Mark Laginess seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

In other business at the March 28 meeting, the DDA:

- Reelected Atchinson as chairman and Carol Bird as vice chairman and elected Chris Brown as secretary, to replace Sophia

Zoller who served for many years in that position and recently resigned;

- Heard Ireland report that she is waiting for some additional color samples before final selection is made on the exterior of the house at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road. She said at the February meeting the DDA approved the counter offer submitted by the owners of 10065 and 10085 Belleville Road. As soon as the appropriate documents are prepared, the DDA has the final dollar amounts for closing, and proof that the parcels are unoccupied, they will be able to close on these two additional properties;

- Heard Ireland announce that a meeting with MDOT had been scheduled for March 31 to discuss aesthetics of the proposed pedestrian overpass on Belleville Road;

- Heard Ireland give an update on the Qualification Based Selection for general planning services. She said proposals for planning and engineering services have been received and the committee has narrowed the field down. Interviews are being scheduled for the committee in order to present the best candidates to the township board;

- Heard Ireland report that the DDA is continuing work on Belleville Road rights-of-way acquisition and she believes they will be closing on another one soon; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider purchase of real property.

Library seeking authors for upcoming 'Local Author Fair'

The Belleville Area District Library is organizing its first-ever local author fair for 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, and it's looking for local authors.

The event is a chance for selected authors to get to know the local community of readers, and sell and sign their books.

To be eligible to participate, the author should be local to Southeast Michigan and have professionally bound, print copies of a book to sell during the fair. Books can be traditional or self-published, and writers for all audiences and genres are welcome.

All writers interested in participating must complete and return an Author Participant Application, available at the library and on the library's website. It needs to be returned by no later than April 14. Applications may be returned in person at the library or scanned and emailed to agreschaw@belleville.lib.mi.us.

Amy Greschaw, adult services librarian, said although they will accept as many authors as they can, due to limited space they cannot guarantee acceptance. Authors

who submit an application will be notified by email of their final selection status on Friday, April 21.

Community invited to join volunteers at BHS for Comcast Cares Day

Comcast invites Michiganders to join several thousand local employees, family members, friends, and community partners in volunteering for one of more than 25 service opportunities during the 16th Comcast Cares Day.

Projects begin Saturday, April 15 and culminate on Comcast Cares Day, Saturday, April 22.

On April 22, the Belleville High School Marching Band volunteers will meet at 7:30 a.m. at BHS to do community cleanup projects. BHS is at 501 West Columbia Ave., Belleville.

For more information on the projects, visit: www.comcast.com/community.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT change in ordinances could help lost sheep

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, five changes to the General Code of Ordinances had their first readings.

The second readings and adoptions are expected at the April 18 VBT meeting.

Police Lt. Charles Bazy and VBT Prosecutor Angela Mannerino went through the changes at Monday's work/study session and Tuesday's regular meeting. The changes will allow some cases to be handled at 34th District Court instead of going downtown, which will save time and money. Mannerino is at 34th District Court for VBT every Tuesday.

The township is decriminalizing dog at large and grass cutting, so no criminal penalties hang over the heads of those with infractions.

Lt. Bazy said they are adding to the definition of dog at large to include cats, mammals, birds, and livestock. He said there's a sheep in the south end of the township that is not being taken care of and this will give VBT a way to help.

The method to contact violators is changing. Soon VBT will be able to post the property and send a notice by first-class mail, rather than certified mail, which can be refused.

Tickets can be paid at the VBT treasurer's office within 14 days and the township gets 100%. Then it goes to district court where the township gets one-third. The goal is compliance, not revenue, said Supervisor McNamara.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The special approval for the Davenport office project on Main Street in the City of Belleville has been put back on the agenda for the April 13 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m.

As you may recall, at the March planning commission meeting, the commission tied 4-4 to approve and the motion failed. Commissioner Kelly Bates, who was in Florida at the time, is back and will be at the meeting to make a tie vote impossible – as long as everybody else shows up.

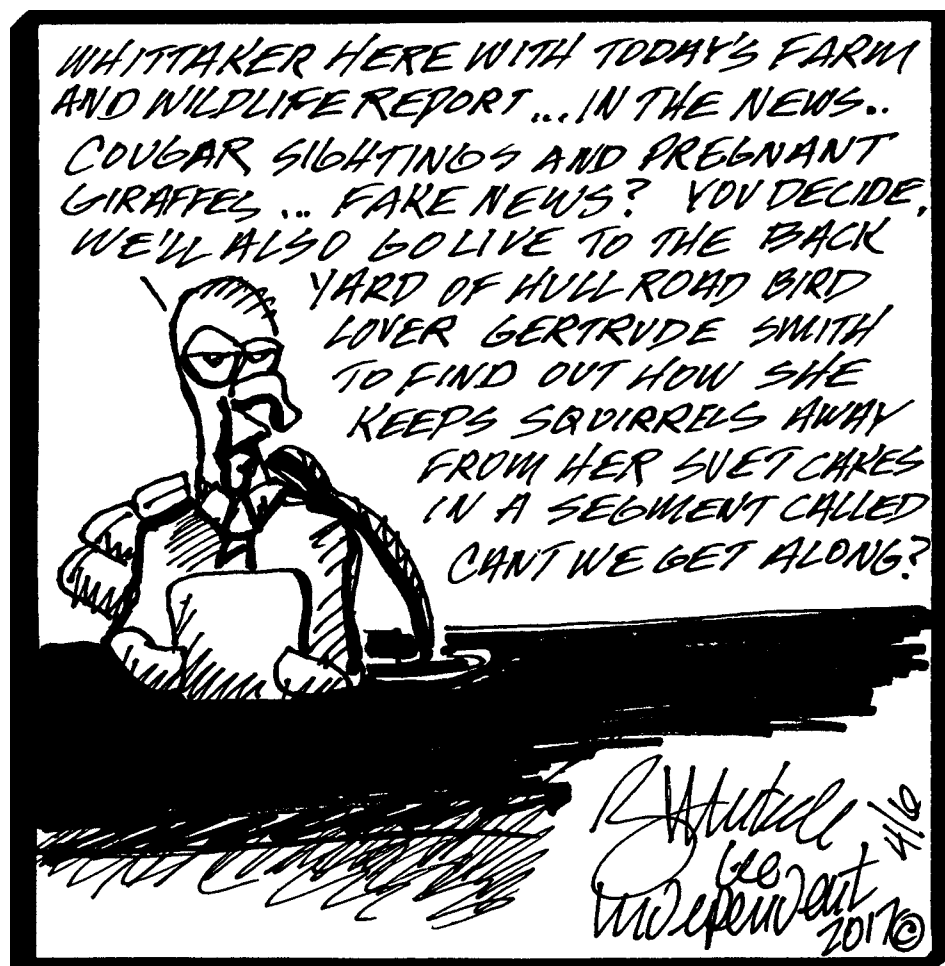
City Manager Diana Kollmeyer had asked for the commission to wait until she came back to reconsider the project. After the last meeting, Diana went to Florida to bring her husband back for the summer. She's back and she said now it's on the agenda.

After all the blowback in the community, we expect Davenport to get their approval for having more offices downtown.

Last Thursday at about 3:15 p.m. I heard a call on the fire scanner for a place on Savage Road in Van Buren Township. A three-year-old child had his head stuck in a table. The child was not injured, but they needed some help getting him unstuck. First Responders do get interesting calls sometimes.

Last Thursday, School Supt. Pete Kudlak emailed me a comment on the wind tunnel: "I have been persistent on getting it working since I got here. We have it up and running (maybe a month ago)."

When I asked the district's Curriculum



Director Jeff Moore about the \$46,230 wind tunnel last week, he said it still wasn't working. We had been informed it was broken and Moore confirmed that report.

We are glad to hear it is finally working. Supt. Kudlak was hired by the district last June, so the wind tunnel has been down at least that long.

Contrary to reports in the *Detroit Free Press*, Van Buren Township was alerted that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved using the US Ecology landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive to bury soil considered low-level radioactive.

As we reported on the March 15 meeting of the VBT Environmental Commission, printed in the March 23 *Independent*:

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

Best is deputy director of VBT planning and economic development department. With his training in environmental matters, he is also VBT's environmental person.

At Tuesday's regular meeting the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees were informed of the death of former clerk Delphine Dudek Gatowski in Florida. Treasurer Sharry Budd said she didn't know much, except that the family made arrangements to claim the life insurance the township carried on her.

Delphine was hired in 1976, became deputy clerk to Clerk Doreen Craven, and was voted into the office of clerk in 1982 and 1984, retiring in 1988.

Also at Tuesday's VBT meeting, Trustee Paul White questioned a payment for \$57.48 to Supervisor McNamara for lunch. McNamara said he already told the board about that.

He said he was meeting with the Mental Health Board and it was time for lunch and they wanted to break. He said he got carry out lunch for them and they kept meeting.

At the end, he got \$47,800 for VBT for summer jobs for youth. Everyone agreed lunch was a good investment. Even Trustee White said he approved of that purchase.



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Letters

My friend Darlene Wagner died April 3

To the Editor:

My friend Darlene Wagner died last night, April 3. She had been having complications from diabetes and had previously lost her leg, and had been going through intensive dialysis.

She had lost her husband Harry some years prior. They both served in our Church at the time -- Belleville Christian Community -- a Church I pastored some years back in Belleville. They had also been active in Clowning Ministry and Bible School activities bringing smiles and God's love to many -- especially kids.

If you didn't have a place to go for Thanksgiving, theirs was the place. Darlene and Harry both talked very little about their early lives. But it was evident they both felt a little sidelined and maybe unloved a bit, and maybe that's why they had a heart for others the same.

They could both be a little gruff at times, as well as be very loving. I believe it's hard to shake the insecurity of being young and not sure you're wanted, and those wounds show up sometimes.

Yet they knew deep in their heart of hearts their Heavenly father loved them deeply.

I am writing this as a tribute to my friend who would often call me and carry on about whatever for what seemed like hours. She just needed a listening ear, and now, now she has the most loving of Fathers to climb into His arms and tell Him whatever she wants -- knowing He can solve all problems.

I'm glad you are pain-free now, Darlene. My friend.

I'm going to try and post this in the *Belleville Independent*. And if someone wants to help, I pray the family or Pastor Bernie or my friend Jan will make it known how help can be given; as of now I have no other details.

Pastor Bernie Travis and wife Agnes were Darlene's pastors and friends at Liberty Gospel Church. For more information & details contact <http://libertygospelchurch.org/>

I ask you to say a prayer for Darlene's family, friends, and Church. That all needs would be met, and that we would celebrate knowing Darlene and Harry and celebrating each other while we still have time.

God Bless,
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Belleville FD raises \$3,437 for autism

To the Editor:

On Saturday April 1, the Belleville Fire Department Association held its fourth-annual Fill the Boot for Autism Drive. Belleville Fire Fighters and other supporters worked the intersection of Main and High Streets from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Our goal this year this was \$2,300. To our surprise, we raised \$3,437 for Autism Awareness.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause. We would also like to thank our hard-working volunteers who helped make this a success this year: Jackie Kuclio; Alyssa Kuclio; Phil Smith; Lieutenant Christopher Zweng, Belleville Fire Dept.; Fire Fighter Edward Smith, Belleville Fire Dept.; Fire Fighter David McNally, Belleville Fire Dept. & VBTFD; Fire Fighter Justin Reed, Belleville Fire Dept.; Lieutenant Brian Blackburn, Belleville Fire Dept.; Fire Fighter Crystal Marginean, Belleville Fire Dept.; EMT Alex Marginean, Detroit Fire Dept.; and Fire Fighter Kalee Widener, Belleville Fire Dept.

Also, Egan's Pub for providing lunch for our volunteers and Citgo gas station (Sloan Oil) for restrooms and water.

Lt. Christopher Zweng
 Belleville Fire Department

September Days not a group of babies!

To the Editor:

Please, no Baby Boomers! We are not a group of babies.

We are mature -- embracing life with love, grace, friendship, and adventure.

We are Seniors! Getting older is a wonderful and beautiful experience and it is priceless!

Enjoy every moment and all its perks.

Vera Z. Howell, Southfield
 Former resident of City of Belleville and the September Days

Editor's Note: This appears to be in answer to the proposal to change the September Days senior citizens' name to something that would appeal to younger seniors, such as Baby Boomers.

Morgan Galindez completes basic airman training in Texas

U.S. Air Force Airman Morgan S. Galindez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Galindez is the daughter of Miguel A. and Marni L. Galindez of Belleville and a 2015 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School, Ypsilanti.




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Obituaries



Mark Gary Wilms

MARK GARY WILMS
(March 10, 1953 – March 30, 2017)

Mark Gary Wilms, age 64, of Ypsilanti, died peacefully with his family at his side at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor. Mark is the loving husband of Penny Wilms for forty-five wonderful years; loving father of Jonathan (Katherine) Wilms of Ypsilanti and James (Kelly) Wilms of Indiana; dear son of Ronald (the late Marjorie) Wilms of Lake City; proud grandfather of Samantha and Rebecca. Mark is also survived by his siblings, Cheryl (Bill) Wellday of Florida and Laurie (Ramon) Gonzales of Alabama and many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his sister, the late Nancy Kongeal, and brother Richard Wilms. Born on March 10, 1953 in Detroit MI, the Wilms family moved to the Ypsilanti/Belleville area in the late 1950s. A Belleville High School class of 1971 graduate, Mark went on to work at the Ford Motor Co. Rawsonville Road Plant. He enjoyed gardening and landscaping but mostly loved times with his granddaughters. He will be missed. In keeping with Mark's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. A private family visitation will take place in the near future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be used for an education fund for Mark's granddaughters, Samantha and Rebecca.

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Marjorie A. Erickson

MARJORIE A. ERICKSON
(January 20, 1931 – March 28, 2017)

Marjorie A. Erickson, age 86, of Belleville, MI, and formerly of Iron River, MI, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at UK Hospital in Lexington, KY, surrounded by family. She was born January 20, 1931, in Iron River, MI, and was the daughter of William A. and Lena (Turoski) Lahti, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother, William A. Lahti, Jr., in 1951, killed in the Korean War. Marjorie married Clarence Erickson of Iron River on January 20, 1951. Clarence and Marjorie were married 65 years before he preceded her in death on April 12, 2016. She is survived by daughter, Christine (Robert) Horn of Canton, MI, daughter, Billie Smiroldo of London, KY and son Robert Erickson of Iron Mountain, MI. Marjorie is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at Rest Haven Cemetery at a later date.

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Alice Elaine Bird-Vitteck

ALICE ELAINE BIRD-VITTEK
(March 4, 1935 – February 20, 2017)

Alice Elaine Bird-Vitteck, age 81 years, passed peacefully on February 20, 2017. Alice was born in Pikeville, Kentucky, on March 4, 1935, the daughter of Lena and Isaac Earl Brooks. Raised with 3 brothers and 1 sister primarily in Belleville, MI, she attended Belleville High School where she was President of the Student Council in her senior year, had the lead female role in the senior class play "Our Town" and was captain of the cheerleading squad. After graduating from high school, she married her high school sweetheart, Alan Moore Bird. To this union were born 1 son and 2 daughters, Alan Jeffery Bird, Karen Michelle Walshe and Laura Bird Long. Alice took great pride in being a homemaker, always making the best of what she had and creating a warm and inviting home for her family. Culinary delights were one of her special skills. Family Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were always an event to be treasured by all who ate at her table. At various times, Alice worked while raising her family, becoming a very successful business woman. She was office manager at Barrcrest Manor Apartments in Rohrerstown, PA, vice president of Al Bird & Associates and founded, managed and sold five candy stores, known as The Fudge Factory, located in Ocean City, MD, and Bethany Beach, DE. Her fudge stores were her pride and joy providing summer employment for many college students and family members over the years and helping each learn about operating a small business. Alice was a determined and gutsy woman who seized life's opportunities as they came her way, never dwelled on the past, had a very strong work ethic and usually seemed to be in constant motion. Grass never grew under her feet! She traveled the world with friends and family and especially enjoyed a trip around the world with Vice President Spiro and Judy Agnew and to the holy land with her husband, Alan, and pastor, Father Larry. Her last trip abroad was with her son Jeff aboard a cruise ship that accommodated a limited number of dialysis patients and traveled the Mediterranean Sea. The sound of Italian opera blasting over the ship's airways upon the approach to Venice, Italy, on a sunny afternoon was especially exhilarating and memorable. In 2004, she married Commander Albert Vittek and became a snow bird migrating from Annapolis, MD, to Surprise, AZ. Always a very social person, Alice made many friends and acquaintances in Surprise as well as doing volunteer work at Banner Del Webb Hospital operating a cash register in the food lines at the hospital cafeteria. Always the trooper, she continued her volunteer work until 2 weeks before her passing, never letting the fact that she was on dialysis for the previous 6 years, slow her down. She is survived by her brother Charles Raymond Frigard and wife Janet; her children Jeffery, Karen and Laura; son-in-law Kenny; 4 grandchildren, Alan and Lena Walshe, Harrison Bird, and Garrett Long; step-grandchildren, Justin and Kevin Long, along with many dear nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Berlin, MD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Obituaries



Howard Charles Nugent

HOWARD CHARLES NUGENT

(May 12, 1929 – February 24, 2017)

Howard Charles Nugent 87, of Belleville Michigan passed away peacefully Friday February 24, 2017 at St. Joseph Hospital with his family by his side.

Howard was born in Detroit on May 12, 1929. He then moved to Belleville as a teenager and graduated from Belleville High School in 1947. After serving in the United States Army Howard returned "home" to Belleville, married the love of his life, and there they raised their family and remained life-long residents.

Howard was a Licensed Master Plumber by trade, retiring from Ford Motor Company in 1991. He was an avid outdoorsman and could often be found hunting, beekeeping, birdwatching or dabbling in recreational horticulture -- right in his own back yard! Playing high school football himself, his love and enthusiasm for sports continued to grow to include cheering for his kids and grandkids in little league baseball, cheerleading, wrestling, softball and soccer. He adored his family and was so proud of all of them.

Howard is survived by his wife Jacquelyn (Crossett) of 62 years; his three children, Dale Nugent of MI, Kathy (Wally) Steuck of Raleigh, Cindy (Gregg) Brozo of Charlotte; 7 grandchildren, Erik and Chad Steuck, Brian and Heather (Miller) Nugent, Jacob, Noah and Luke Brozo; 6 great-grandchildren Aiden, Alissa, Derek, Lainey, Kinley and Hudson; his brother Jon (Karen) Nugent of Lapeer; and nieces and nephews Michelle, Dennis, Paul and Lesa. Howard was preceded in death by his mother Helen (Dubisky), father Jonathon Nugent, and brother Thomas Nugent.

A memorial service was held March 2, 2017 at Bethany Bible Church in Belleville with the Rev. John Losen, Sr. officiating.

Our family would like to thank J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home and VFW Post 5968 for your assistance in bringing honor and dignity to our loved one.

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- 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 meeting has been cancelled for lack of agenda. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



Helen Sophia Bies

HELEN SOPHIA BIES

(January 8, 1924 – March 28, 2017)

Helen Sophia Bies, age 93, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born January 8, 1924 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Joseph & Sophia (Merta) Gabrys. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She enjoyed volunteering with the ladies of the church. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and being a mother and grandmother. Helen is survived by five children Susan M. (Darrell) Featheringill of Dexter, MI, James (Margie) Bies of Gregory, MI, Barbara Bies of Sumpter Township, MI, William (Lisa) Bies of Ypsilanti, MI and Jerry (Patti) Bies of Belleville, MI; 7 grandchildren Nikki, Amanda, Jessica, Valerie, Tiffany, Kristin and Jason; 4 great-grandchildren Olivia, Owen, Kaylee and Emma; a sister-in-law Jenny Bies of Willis, MI; also numerous extended family & friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Henry Jerome Bies on July 20, 2005, brother in childhood Eddy Gabrys, two sisters Anna Kotlarcyck and Stella Plonka, also two brothers Joseph Gabrys and John Gabrys.

Visitation was Sunday, April 2, 2017, noon until 6 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2017 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as Celebrant. The family greeted guests at church an hour prior to Mass. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association and would be greatly appreciated.

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Joan Alice DePriest

JOAN ALICE DePRIEST

(January 19, 1944 – March 27, 2017)

Joan Alice DePriest, age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, March 27, 2017 at Waltonwood Cherry Hill, Canton, MI. She was born January 19, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Francis "Frank" and Mattie Mary Henrietta (French) Sedlacek.

Joan enjoyed bowling, sewing, traveling and playing Bunco. Most of all, she loved her family. She babysat many children in her home over the years and will be missed by all who knew her.

Joan is survived by three children, Tammy (Robert) Wall of Belleville, MI, Tracy Westcott of Belleville, MI and Tim (Sarah) DePriest of Willis, MI; seven grandchildren Tiffany (Chris) Westcott, Forrest Westcott, Sierra Westcott, Tyler Wall, Sydney Wall, Mattie DePriest and Jonah DePriest; a sister Penny Farrell of Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Vernon Edward DePriest on October 20, 1994, brother George Sedlacek, also a sister Louise Stalnaker.

Visitation was Friday 12-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Saturday, April 1, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Thomas Schroeder officiated. Interment was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Silver Club Memory Center, Ann Arbor, MI and would be appreciated.

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Virginia Jewell

VIRGINIA JEWELL

(January 26, 1937 - March 28, 2017)

Virginia Jewell, age 80, of Whittaker, MI, died Tuesday March 28, 2017 at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor with her loving family by her side. She was born January 26, 1937 in Creal Springs, IL, to Louie and Georgia (Henson) Willard. On October 17, 1953 she married William Earl Jewell in Whittaker, MI, and he survives.

Virginia's love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was evident in the way that she spoiled them. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed both gardening and crocheting. Virginia was a long-standing breast cancer survivor. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Daniel Hayes at U of M Hospital.

Survivors include her daughter, Wanda (John) Monks; grandchildren, Erin (Robert) Bush and Sarah Monks (Kiley Deason); great-grandchildren, Michael and Samantha Bush; sister, Shelba (James) Armstrong; brother, Jackie (Sharon) Willard; and great grand-dogs, Isabel and Cooper.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Dewey Willard.

Visitation was held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan on Friday, March 31, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Marble Park Cemetery in Milan. Contributions may be made to University of Michigan Breast Cancer Center, (<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/304917>), Lincoln Consolidated Bands, and Plymouth Community Bands.

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Michea Hufford

MICHEA HUFFORD

(November 4, 1975 – April 2, 2017)
 Michea Hufford, age 41, of Robert, LA, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017. He was born November 4, 1975 in Ann Arbor, MI, son of James Jeffery & Pamela Ellen (Guy) Carter. He was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1994. Michea attended Alpena Community College and loved the outdoors. He enjoyed dirt bikes, Motocross, four wheelers, and cars. Most of all, he loved music and playing and collecting guitars. He is survived by two children Taylor L. Kraft of Bushnell, FL and Melina Hufford of Texas; father James Carter of Michigan; grandmother ViAnn Banotai of Belleville, MI; two sisters Justice J. Carter of Redford, MI and Lacie (Sean) Thornton of Traverse City, MI; and brother Joey Carter of Alabama. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Michea was preceded in death by brother Jason Carter in 2002, grandfather Marvin Banotai in 2004, and his mother Pam Carter in 2008.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family is planning a gathering and Memorial Service, which will be announced soon.

Memorial contributions may be made to NAMI-National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.nami.org or to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at afsp.org/take-action/give-a-gift/ and would be greatly appreciated by his family.

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March 30 transformer malfunction starts fire at National RV in VBT

At about 10:06 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, Van Buren Township fire fighters were called to the scene of a fire at National RV, 44700 North I-94 Service Drive. Fire fighters arrived at 10:13 p.m.

VBT Fire Department Fire Marshal Dave McNally said a transformer malfunction started a fire that ignited the roof, but fire fighters were able to put out the fire before it spread.

He said fire fighters had to wait for DTE, but DTE had a team on the ground that was ready and by morning the old transformer had been replaced.

On Friday afternoon, National RV had a fire sale advertised on its website.

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Fire Chief

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"I was here when Amy started," said Treasurer Sharry Budd. "I'm glad she came back."

"I didn't see her as a woman," said Supervisor McNamara. He said he wants to have a premiere fire department and Amy fit all of the requirements for that "to a T."

Clerk Wright said he sat on the selection panel and, "All her credential stood out."

Trustee White questioned Brow about her background and her degrees. She is Blue Card certified, which means she can teach Blue Card Command Training. She said she taught 13 of VBT's fire fighters the Blue Card training system.

"I believe in a well-equipped and well-staffed fire department," said Trustee Kevin Martin.

Trustee Miller asked if Brow had taken a grant-writing class and she said she hadn't but she's always interested in education. She said others on the department should go with her for the training because you always have to be planning for the future.

"I know the area. I'm not ready to retire," Brow said.

Trustee Frazier said she realizes Brow received higher pay as an assistant chief in Ann Arbor than she will get at VBT as chief, so it shows that "money is not the driving force."

When White asked her what she saw as her biggest challenge at VBT, Brow said it would be the same for any fire chief on a paid-on-call department – keeping volunteers coming in and wanting to stay longer. She said there are some on the department who are older and will be leaving and she knows they will have to be replaced.

Brow was the first female in the State of Michigan to earn the Executive Fire Officer certification. She has a MBA in Public Administration and a bachelor of science in biochemistry/toxicology.

In addition, she has several professional certifications and achievements. She has experience in labor management from both sides of negotiations, having served as union president in Ann Arbor. She also has served as a probationary officer, lieutenant, training officer, battalion chief, and assistant fire chief.

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Belleville council discusses store closing downtown

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"Belleville used to be a hopping town," said Mary Talaga during Monday's 45-minute Belleville City Council meeting. "What happened?"

The council and audience were discussing how the Sugar Plum Candy Shop would be closing the day before Easter.

And, Mammoth Video just over the bridge is closing.

Jeff Vernon, who ran Sugar Plum at the Our Father's Child Daycare building on South Street, said a candy shop should have worked in Belleville, since they did well in ten other cities.

He said Belles Shop is hurting and so Sugar Plum will be putting some of their coffee in there to sell to try to help.

Vernon said a lot of people have been coming to his shop since they heard it was closing – almost enough to keep it open, but they won't.

He said he was told his shop failed because he was too political.

"What are we going to do?" he said of the store closings. "I've tried it for three years and I'm not done."

"I'm going to miss your shop," Talaga said. "I liked going in there."

Councilman Tom Fielder said the city needs the public to participate in the master plan meetings this summer. And, Davenport is back on the planning commission agenda for April 13 and members of the community should come out and participate in the decisions.

Vernon said the community is divided down the middle just like the planning commission voted 4-4 for the Davenport project that would have no retail.

In his case he said closing down the retail was needed to save the service.

Planning Commissioner Kelly Bates said the city should set up some Shop and Dine projects to bring people to town. She suggested a motto of "Come Across the Bridge."

Councilman Jesse Marcotte said some

events in Belleville bring people who say they have never been here before. Many times the shops are closed then and there are hopes the people who discovered Belleville will come back.

"We need retail downtown," said Mayor Kerreen Conley, noting that's why the decision was made for the zoning to require 50% retail. "The library will be a huge asset," she said, referring to the building to be constructed on Fourth Street.

Vernon said people have lots of opinions on Facebook, but, "How do you get them off Facebook and here" in the council meeting room?

"Face-to-face contact is important," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

Vernon said a promotion of Belleville is going on this week. WCSX radio was at the beauty shop next to city hall earlier Monday and will be at Sugar Plum on Tuesday, Mediterranean Kabob on Wednesday, and Pro Hardware on Thursday.

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

- Approved the request of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 to sell Buddy Poppies from 5 a.m. to 7

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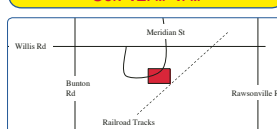


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• **Saturday, April 8** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different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

• **Saturday, April 8** – Roast Beef Dinner at the Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, 5-7 p.m. Donations: \$10 per adult, \$4 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. For carry outs, call (734) 941-0736 after 5 p.m. www.romcomumc.org

• **Sunday, April 9** – Jay F 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 12** – Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carryouts start at 4:30 p.m. Cost \$10 per person; children

12 and under, \$5. Menu: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

• **Thursday, April 13** – Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road.

• **Thursday, April 13** – "Community Supported Agriculture" is the subject of the 7 p.m. Homegrown Knowledge presentation at the Belleville Area District Library. Alex Ball of Old City Acres in Romulus will talk about community supported agriculture. Free.

• **Thursday, April 13** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-MI-12, will hold a town hall meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Belleville High School to discuss the federal healthcare proposal, in addition to proposed budget cuts including the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Meals on Wheels and after-school programs. Questions will be taken. RSVP to kristypagan@house.mi.gov.

• **Friday, April 14** – At 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills county park in Westland, a helicopter will drop more than 20,000 marshmallows to the children below. Children will gather as many as possible and turn them in for a prize. A special colored egg will be among what is dropped, which can earn another prize. For more information call Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

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The Belleville Central Business Community will present Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 12:15 with candy hunts for toddlers to 3 years old, 12:30 p.m. for 4 to 5 year-olds, 12:45 p.m. for 6-7 year-olds, and 1 p.m. for kids 8 to 10 years old. Free framed pictures with Flop E Bunny will be provided by April Warner photography, from noon to 2 p.m., and hot dogs and drinks will be for sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by CAF-5. Special thanks to the Genisys Credit Union, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, and Tucker Insurance for sponsorships. See the CBC's ad in today's paper.

Our Father's Child Care and Sugar Plum Candy Shop is inviting everyone to its Earth Day Community Celebration on Friday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 111 South Street. There will be giveaways, light snacks, beverages, and information and items for sale from Garden Fantasy, Moore Infrared, Belleville Chamber, 7th Day Adventist Church, Belleville Police, Belles Resale, Belleville Area District Library, Raindrop Therapy, US Ecology, and Wayne County Community College. Call (734) 325-6353 for more info. Earth Day is April 22.

Congratulations to everyone at the David C. Brown Funeral Home as they celebrate their 35th anniversary of serving the tri-community and to Martin & Son Auto Repair on Sumpter Road for celebrating 60 years of business. That is amazing.

Life-Line health screening for stroke pre-

vention will be coming to the September Days Senior Center at Van Buren Township Hall tomorrow, April 7. The package of tests costs \$149 and includes five screenings: carotid artery, heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis risk assessment. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-364-0457. Priority code is FDSC-019.

I learned this week that the new Outlets of Michigan mall that was supposed to be built and opening this year in Romulus off I-94 is no longer coming. Tanger Outlets, the owners of the proposed 80-unit retail center, couldn't get enough tenants on board and didn't meet the project's timeline requirements. The 35 acres will go back on the market.

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.

More Letters

Solar Farms would be great in Sumpter Twp.

To the Editor:

I recently submitted this letter to the Sumpter Township board. They have requested feedback on the possibility of having solar farms in Sumpter Township. I thought you might like to publish the letter in your newspaper for others to read and think about. Thanks!

Here is the letter:

As our community progresses into the 21st century and the world changes rapidly around us and our families, we need to take a close look at decisions that affect that world and our children and grandchildren.

One important aspect to look at is how energy is generated. Old forms of energy generation such as coal burning, garbage

incineration, and nuclear energy are fading into the past with the damage they cause to the environment and high costs.

New forms such as the large wind farms up north and solar are stepping in to fill the gap and provide clean energy to everyone. I think that supporting this change should be a priority for our community and that the Board should promptly pass an ordinance allowing solar farms as well as making permitting for them streamlined and straightforward.

Solar energy is good because it creates

jobs and gives the community a local source of energy. One solar farm will not directly create many jobs, but if we do our part like other communities are (large solar arrays are in Monroe, and planned in Augusta Township, among many others) then jobs will come and stay.

I personally work in the solar industry supporting my family doing repairs and installations and have for over seven years. Having energy available right in our township will help with power outages in

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Give it up for **Bella B** who just when we thought we had her figured out pulled a 360 and turned herself into a totally nice cat! To our delight, **Bella B** surprised us with a dramatic personality change we never saw coming. After being returned to the shelter, **Bella B** did not settle in well and only seemed to feel rotten. She refused to let us love on her and hid behind a mask of fear with a growl, hiss or swipe ready if you got near. We had just resigned ourselves to the fact that she would be with us for good when changing her environment produced a miracle to our cheer. **Bella B** now resides in the Senior Cat room which is a calmer, low traffic room that makes her feel safe enough to be her true lap-loving, affectionate self. She now enjoys attention and will even climb up on a lap to cuddle and get some gentle pets when people pay her a visit. **Bella B** will probably need some time to adjust to new home and definitely needs a tranquil environment to maintain her pleasant side but with some patience and understanding we have no doubt this special kitty will make a very rewarding furry friend. She's spayed, vaccinated, tested neg. for FeLuk/FIV and micro-chipped. Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** at **734-461-9458** or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.



Winner of the Belleville SOUP competition on March 29 was the New Tech team made up of Belleville High School sophomores presenting a plan for Blessing Bags. Team members were presented with a \$500 check from the Belleville Downtown Development Authority to get their project going. From left are Belleville Mayor

Kerreen Conley, Trinity Campbell, Corbin Fields, Nia Smith, Katelynn Tripp, DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria, and New Tech director Scott Wilsey. Blessing Bags were inspired by the information that 63% of children in Wayne County qualify for free and reduced lunches at school. The bags will contain personal necessities,

including toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc., and will be distributed with help of churches just before Christmas. Other teams presented Belleville Ball-Out, Tiger Wash, and Live Entertainment. Each team presented its project and then those attending the dinner voted for their favorites.

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Solar farms look nice, much nicer than some properties around that are strewn with broken rusting vehicles and dilapidated buildings and trash. Their simple lines and elegance show passersby that we are on-board with the future, and that our township is the place to be. There are already at least seven solar installations in the community (one on my roof just north of the township hall) and we all love the free energy we get from the systems as well as the reduced environmental impact they create, both for my children as well as everyone around.

Please pass an ordinance that allows solar farms as well as streamlines the permitting process for them. Feel free to reach out to me for any information or help I can offer. I could assist with technical advice or other information. Sumpter Township is a great community with strong leadership. It's time to lead us into the future.

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City Council

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p.m. May 11-13 at several locations along Main Street, mainly at Five Points, to earn funds for worthy causes in the community. Representative Rick Dawson said VFW members are helping to cook food for the food truck Pete Cornell is taking downtown to disseminate to people in need;

- Discussed a suggestion by Ruth Kessell and Kelly Bates to start a community garden in the bare space at Village Park next to Victoria Commons. Kessell said she would help. Bates described straw bale gardening which is becoming popular. Bates also spoke of her experience with community gardens and that she was master of ceremonies when the community garden opened in Westland seven years ago. Vernon suggested the soil be tested. Councilman Jack Loria suggested the park committee – Fielder and Vernon – look into the project. Fielder said that area was a cornfield before Victoria Commons was built;

- Heard Dawson comment on how much the veterans enjoyed having Belleville Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones attend the Bugles Across America at the Veterans' Monument on High Street last Sunday;

- Heard City Manager Kollmeyer say two new police officers and the new person in the treasurer's office will be present at the next meeting to be introduced;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say that the quilt show at the museum during the month

of March had the largest turnout ever, despite the fact it was closed four days due to the power outage;

- Heard Mayor Conley report she talked to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara about the CDBG grant for all three communities for rehabilitation for low income housing. More work is needed in VBT and Sumpter Township and the city is not able to meet some of the guidelines. The grant will be shared as needed, she said;

- Heard Mayor Conley report DTE will be doing tree trimming in the city over the next three weeks;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger report the Boot Drive for Autism Awareness over the week end raised \$3,437; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$113,848.30 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to TNT Tree Service, \$3,300, and Upright Fence Inc., \$1,031, both to repair storm damage at the cemetery (insurance check has arrived to reimburse the city); to Wise Technologies, \$753.75 and \$675 for computer services; to Alpha Psych Services, \$695 for new police hire evaluation; to CMP Distributors, \$630.75 for bullet-proof vest for police; and to Comfort Inn Conference Center and others \$586.40 for travel expenses for MAMC training for the clerk, who has completed her first year of training as municipal clerk, with two more years left to go.

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April 13 - Dina Millard Dunt, Heather McArthur
April 22, Elliot Sala, Sarah Atwood

Do you have a birthday in April? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

More Letters

VBt trustees need to let full-time officers work

To the Editor:

I am sharing the letter I wrote to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara:

Supervisor McNamara,

At the work/study today [April 3] it was apparent that several trustees may not have

yet grasped the role of the three elected officials who are charged with managing the day to day business of the township -- and this would apply to Mr. Delany, also.

Though the entire board must approve the final selection of the Township Fire Chief it seems absurd that anyone else would interject themselves into this process. The three elected officers must follow the mandated selection process and the four trustees then provide oversight and each have a final vote in the hiring decision. Mr. Delaney is not in any way part of this important procedure.

As for Trustee White, he somehow felt obligated to ask seemingly obvious questions of the applicant, most of which had already been asked and answered in the fact sheets that were disseminated to the board members for their consideration. The only points he didn't inquire about was what elementary school the applicant had attended and who was her first grade teacher!

Following that shallow example, Trustee Frazier tried to make it seem pertinent that the applicant was the first female to be considered for the leadership position of the Van Buren Township Fire Department. Since this is now the 21st Century, and for decades women have held major roles in both government and the private sector, it's time that people stop referring to gender, race, age, or religious preferences when the emphasis should be strictly confined to the person's qualifications.

I have four daughters of my own and I certainly wouldn't want them to receive any accolades simply for being females; how condescending would that be? Surely that couldn't have been a factor in the final decision to consider hiring this candidate?

Thank you for your time and I hope you'll have a meaningful influence on the few individuals who seem to want to be in the spotlight continuously. You might remind Mr. Delaney, "One has to be on the stage in order to be in the play."

CeJay Marshall
Van Buren Township

Protect health coverage for cancer patients

To the Editor:

As Congress considers the future of the Affordable Care Act, it is critically important that cancer patients, survivors, and those at risk of the disease do not face any gap in coverage of prevention and treatment.

American Cancer Society research has shown that the uninsured and underinsured are more likely than those with insurance to be diagnosed with cancer at its more advanced stages when treatment is more expensive and patients are more likely to die from the disease.

More than 30 million people including

many cancer patients and survivors now have insurance thanks to the current law. Any changes to the law should stabilize and hopefully increase the number of insured Americans.

Representative Debbie Dingell, Senator Gary Peters and Senator Debbie Stabenow, thank you for taking cancer patients, survivors, and their families into account as you consider proposals to change the current health care law and for working to ensure men and women affected by cancer have continuous access to meaningful health insurance.

In the coming days and weeks, I hope the three of you will urge your colleagues in Congress to do the same.

Sue Wade, Van Buren Township
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

That's no way to treat an animal

To the Editor:

As an animal lover, I tend to notice every animal on the side of the road that has been hit. Last week I noticed what looked like a guinea pig on the side of the I-94 freeway (not alive). I thought that was rather odd at the time and saw it again a few days later when driving to work. Now a week later I saw another (dead) one on the shoulder of US23.

What kind of person tosses any animal from a moving vehicle because they no longer want to take care of it? What kind of example is that for children? When you are tired of taking care of something or have no use for it to discard it in such a cruel way instead of taking it to a humane society or attempting to find a better home for it?

What a pathetic person to treat an animal like that. I can't be the only person who noticed these guinea pigs. I would have gladly taken them. They did not deserve to be discarded on a freeway or any road like that.

It was not funny. It was a cruel thing to do to an innocent pet. I believe it is also a felony now to abuse an animal.

Susan Morgan

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Sumpter Twp. Board OKs lower insurance premium of \$131,440

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Burnham Flowers Insurance Group presented a premium of \$131,440 to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for township insurance coverage for its new fiscal year that begins April 1.

At its regular meeting March 28, Larry Clever said over the last couple of years Burnham Flowers has returned a dividend of over \$10,000 and provided a grant of \$10,000 to the township.

Clever said in 2007, Burnham Flower's first year with the township, the insurance premium was \$222,497.

He said the reduction in premium comes from the township's efforts on losses, what they own, and management of the community.

"Obviously you are doing something right," Clever said. "This is very unusual."

"We have policy and procedures help and you've taken advantage of it. It's down \$80,000, or whatever it is."

Township attorney Rob Young said Burnham Flowers has been great with the policies and procedures assistance. Young said they have put the township in touch with people involved in things the township is dealing with to get a better and cleaner service.

"The coverage never leaves," Clever said. "I'm planning on riding off into the sunset this spring."

He said over the last ten years he has spent 100 hours with Clerk Clarence Hoffman and an hour and a half was spent discussing insurance.

The township board accepted the premium unanimously.

In other business at the March 28 meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2017-18 township budget, following a public hearing at 6 p.m.;
- Approved a motion by Treasurer Peggy Morgan, seconded by Trustee Esther Hurst, to move \$150,000 from the general fund to the fire fund in the 2017-18 budget;
- Approved three employment contracts for: Finance Director Jim Glahn, Water/Sewer Director Ken Kunka, and Police Department Operations Coordinator Melissa Paquette. Attorney Young said

the contracts for Fire Chief Joe Januszyk and Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham need changes and will be brought to the next meeting for approval;

• Heard Trustee Don Swinson report that the Parks & Recreation annual Easter Egg Hunt for children will be at noon, Saturday, April 8, at Graham Park. Rain date is Sunday, April 9;

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy report the planning commission is working with its third planner on the Master Plan. He said he has asked for some workshops to be set up since it will take more time than once-a-month planning commission meetings;

• Heard Clerk Hoffman report that someone is shooting in the Oakville Waltz Road area of the township and the previous Sunday it sounded like automatic rifles. He asked if there was anything they could do to stop the shooting. Police Chief Eric Luke said people have blamed it on the police department because of the gun range on Willow Road, but it wasn't coming from there. He said Sgt. Jim Cayce followed the firing to Monroe County. There is a Carleton Sportsman Club in Exeter Township and the shooting was coming from south of Oakville Waltz at Elwell. Sgt. Cayce said it was not coming from the Sumpter Township area;

• Heard deputy supervisor/treasurer Karen Armatis announce that the emergency generator is operational at the community center. She said it cost \$4,600 to increase the size of the gas line and meters to get it going;

• Heard Jay Bardell ask why he has to file a Freedom of Information Act request to get answers to his questions. He said he had to FOIA, and pay, to find out how much land the township owns, when they could have said, "We'll get back to you." Trustee Oddy said Armatis is doing an analysis on buildable lots and those that are landlocked and it will be ready for the first or second meeting in April. He said they are considering having sealed bids or auction or to offer to property owners whose land touches the parcel. Bardell said there were a lot of small parcels of less than ¼ acre in size;

• Heard Bardell tell Supervisor John

Morgan that he remembers the League of Women Voters candidate forum last June when Supervisor Morgan said he did not

State Rep. Joe Bellino reads to students at Keystone Academy

State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, visited schools throughout Monroe and Wayne counties last month in celebration of March is Reading Month.

Rep. Bellino read to students in several school districts, including Airport Community Schools, Flat Rock Community Schools, Jefferson Schools and Monroe Public Schools, as well as Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township, and St. John Catholic School.

support payment in lieu of insurance for board members, but he and the other board members are taking the payments. Bardell asked when they voted on providing this payment and Supervisor Morgan said, "We don't intend to vote on it. Someone determined it with a legitimate reason."



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City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL
Council Member Fielder Present
Council Member Marcotte Present
Council Member Smith Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present
Mayor Conley Present
3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.
4. AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of February 21, 2017 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
2017 CDBG Fund
Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to open the Public Hearing on proposed use of 2017 CDBG Funds at 7:37 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Seeing there were no public comments on the proposed \$57,000 funding project plan, Mayor Conley called for a motion to close the public hearing.
Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to close the Public Hearing on proposed use of 2017 CDBG Funds at 7:38 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
None
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
A. FY 2015/2016 Audit Results
James Wilde, Alan C. Young Associates, gave a presentation on the FYE 2016 audit noting that the

- City received an unmodified opinion, considered the highest level of assurance from an auditing firm.
- B. Belleville Firefighters' Association (Autism Boot Drive)
Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-014 granting the Belleville Firefighters' Association permission to hold its annual autism fundraiser On October 21st from 12 to 2 p.m. at Main, 4th and High Streets.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - C. CBC – Flop E. Bunny Candy Hunt (Victory Park)
Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-015 granting the CBC use of Victory Park for its annual Flop E. Bunny candy hunt on April 15th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - D. CBC – Farmers' Market (Fourth Street Square)
Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 17-016 allowing the CBC use of Fourth Street Square for a farmers' market on the second and fourth Mondays from 3 to 8 p.m. from June 12th through September 25th.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - E. CBC – Taste of Belleville (High Street/Horizon

- Park)
Motion by Loria, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-017 allowing the CBC to hold the Taste of Belleville on August 17th from 2 to 9 p.m. (August 24th rain date).
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- F. CBC – Booville Monster Mutt Walk
Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-018 to approve the CBC's request for the Booville Monster Mutt Walk on October 21st from 12 to 2 p.m. starting and ending at Fourth Street Square.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - G. Annual Bridgework
Motion by Loria, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-019 to schedule the 22nd annual Belleville Bridgework on August 17th at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the CBC's Taste of Belleville with one revision (August 24th rain date).
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - H. 2017 CDBG Funds
Mayor Conley stated that the public hearing for the CDBG funds had been held and she called for a motion to approve the proposed goals and projects.
Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-020 to approve the proposed 2017 CDBG Projects with funding estimate of \$57,000 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - I. Street Evaluation
Mayor Conley proposed special meetings with citizens subject to confirmation from the Manager Kollmeyer who will speak with the City's representatives from PFM and Miller Canfield.
9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-021 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$128,292.08.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 10. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
Approved: March 20, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Amendment to Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate 2017-012 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. Following is the described parcel:

Parcel # 83-017-99-0014-712

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE S87°37'34"W (S88°23'26"W RECORD) 61.08 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 5, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE THE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SCHOONER DRIVE (60 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES: (1) SOUTHERLY 27.29 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°13'31" AND HAVING A CHORD BEARING S07°20'55"E (S06°37'03"E RECORD) 27.28 FEET AND (2) S05°14'10"E (S04°28'18"E RECORD) 750.68 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SCHOONER DRIVE THE FOLLOWING FIVE COURSES: (1) S05°14'10"E (S04°28'18"E RECORD) 290.35 FEET, (2) SOUTHWESTERLY 595.15 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 92°09'38" AND HAVING A CHORD BEARING S40°50'39"W (S41°36'31"W RECORD) 533.03 FEET, (3) S86°55'28"W (S87°41'20"W RECORD) 588.23 FEET, (4) NORTHWESTERLY 69.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 45.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88°15'14" AND HAVING A CHORD BEARING N48°56'55"W (N48°11'03"W RECORD) 62.66 FEET AND (5) N04°49'18"W (N04°03'26"W RECORD) 600.00 FEET; THENCE N85°10'54"E 1010.75 FEET (N85°56'45"E 1010.65 FEET RECORD) TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 5, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. CONTAINING 14.58 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING TITLE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES.

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Court watching

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their seats.

Rehling said the driver was verbal at times, but the passenger was pushed back almost into the back seat and was non-communicative. He identified Morris as the driver.

He said they could not extricate the passenger. Firefighters worked on him, but they were not successful.

Next witness was Van Buren Township Officer David Champagne who was called to the scene about 2 a.m. in a patrol vehicle.



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL
- Council Member Fielder Present
- Council Member Marcotte Present
- Council Member Smith Absent
- Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present
- Mayor Conley Present
3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
- None
4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of March 6, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None
8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Knights of Columbus – Solicitation at Five Points

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-022 granting the Knights of Columbus permission to hold its fundraiser in Five Points April 7-9 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Street Evaluation

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-023 to hold informational meetings to discuss the proposed Special Assessment District for road repairs in the Harbour Pointe Subdivision on April 25 and April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Belleville High School Commons. Meetings will be advertised as required and a detailed letter will be distributed to the Harbour Pointe residents in early April.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-024 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$313,645.43 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: April 3, 2017

Published: April 6, 2017

He testified Canton Township police and fire fighters were there working to get the men out of the car.

He said he grabbed a camera from a fire department rig and took pictures of everything he could. He said he placed orange traffic cones to mark the yaw, which he explained were the marks the vehicle made as it left the road.

As he described the scene, defendant Morris sat with his head down and his eyes shut.

Rehling said there was heavy damage to the passenger side and this encroached to the driver's side. He said there was interaction with the driver, who was removed from the car and loaded into the ambulance. The driver responded to him, but the passenger was not responsive.

He said the passenger, Marcus McIntosh,

had been pronounced deceased.

Officer Champagne said the tree the vehicle hit was 7-8 inches round and missing bark. He said he is 6'2" tall and the missing bark was over his head.

Third witness was VBT Officer Mark Buxton, who was a detective at the time. He was on call and was called to the scene between 2 and 2:30 a.m. He was the first one from the accident investigation team to arrive.

He said Marcus McIntosh was still in the vehicle. The back of his seat had crushed back and he was lying there.

Officer Buxton testified that Morton

Taylor dead ends at the railroad tracks beyond the point of the accident, but there is a drive at the end to a junkyard to the east.

He testified Morton Taylor is paved south of Van Born and a dirt road north of Van Born. Prosecutor Cayce introduced as evidence Google maps showing the area, including the stop sign where Morton Taylor meets Van Born heading north.

He also introduced a field sketch done by Officer Sweet that records the tire marks, tree lines, road names and reference points.

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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.

Part-Time

Hourly Pay: \$10.00

Go to <http://vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted/>

For full details

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

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

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

Spring cleaning will begin

April 10, 2017 and run through April 13, 2017

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

New items may be displayed beginning April 14, 2017

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

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

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

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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Court watching

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Officer Buxton testified that he stayed out of the way until the other accident investigation team members arrived and started measuring.

He said the yaw mark (side skid) is initiated by steering, sliding sideways while going forward. He described the technical way they calculated the movement and how they came up with an estimate of traveling 80-90 mph prior to leaving the roadway. He said 55 mph is the speed limit on that road.

"Based on the evidence, the vehicle had to come from Morton Taylor and did not make the turn [from Van Born]. There were no signs on Van Born," Buxton said. He added the evidence was not consistent with a stop at the stop sign.

Defense attorney Murray Duncan cross-examined Buxton and suggested the 1997 Chevy Malibu could have stopped at the

stop sign and then accelerated to the 80-90 mph speed within the 150' north of Van Born, when it hit the tree.

Buxton said the accident hasn't been reconstructed yet, but will be if this case goes to trial. Duncan had Buxton explain his education and certifications in accident investigations.

Buxton said he calculated the speed in one other accident than this one. Buxton testified Morton Taylor was in very bad condition with potholes 3-4" deep. He explained that a set of power lines marks the VBT border in that area and although Canton was called to the scene first, it turned out to be VBT territory.

Prosecutor Cayce entered more evidence including the medical examiner's report and drawing of the injuries. McIntosh died of multiple injuries in an accident, according to the medical examiner.

Cayce asked Judge Oakley to bind Morris over to circuit court on the charges.

Defense attorney Duncan questioned

testimony on the speed. He said it was dark, the road was in bad shape and 55 mph was the speed limit and they were speeding. He said it was reckless driving, but there was no intent to put a person in jeopardy.

Cayce replied "reckless" is absence of intent. He said it was reckless to go so fast, well in excess of the speed limit, and blowing through a stop sign. If he stopped, he zipped it up to speed, Cayce said.

"I agree. You have met the burden for probable cause," Judge Oakley said, binding Morris over for a 9 a.m., April 12, arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Morris is the defendant who, according to previous testimony, allegedly become mute after being charged in the accident. His mother held his arm and assisted him out of the courtroom. He is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. Morris is labeled a habitual offender.

Also present in the courtroom audience was the mother of the young man killed in the accident, Camille Woods of Van Buren Township.

Wisam Louis Mansour

The preliminary exam for Wisam Louis Mansour, 47, was adjourned until 8 a.m. April 13 before Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green when two sign language interpreters will be present to interpret for both the defendant and the complainant, who are both deaf.

Mansour is charged with criminal sexual conduct first degree, home invasion first degree, CSC second degree, CSC assault, and stalking in Van Buren Township on Jan. 6. Officer in charge of the case is VB Detective Ken Toney.

Stephen Peter Kovach

The preliminary exam of Stephen Peter Kovach, 63, was adjourned for two weeks until 10 a.m. April 12, at the request of his defense attorney Murray Duncan.

Kovach is charged with operating while intoxicated-third, driving while license suspended, and failure to have vehicle insurance in the City of Belleville on Dec. 14, 2015. Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Officer Jeff Wickham. Kovach is free after posting bond of \$15,000/10%.

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



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Excused absence: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 16 residents.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to have Treasurer P. Morgan chair the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve Agenda with the addition of Closed Session: Update on AFSCME Negotiations and Report from Defense Attorney on Po Case. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to accept Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of October 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve Warrants totaling \$1,023,683.84. Roll call vote: Yes: P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absent: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report -- Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report -- C. Hoffman: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report -- Januszyk: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report -- P. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report -- J. Morgan:

A. Update on DTE outages

B. Belleville High School used as warming center

C. Phone service lost at Town hall from power outage

D. Community Center Generator

E. Senior Citizens taken care of during electrical outage

Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the

Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney's Report -- Young:

A. Moving along Negotiations POAM and AFSCME

B. Ordinance Officer

C. MDEQ Litigation

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response:

A. Newsletter

B. Properties

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the grievance Procedure policy in regard to ADA. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements:

17. Open Floor:

A. Ronald Barrington Robinson

• Thanks to Police and Fire Departments going beyond the call of duty

• Warming Centers

B. Deb Callison

• Community Center Generator

18. Closed Session: Update on AFSCME Negotiations and Report from Defense Attorney on Po Cases

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to go into Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Hurst to go back into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte for Attorney Young carry out AFSCME Contract changes that Board requested in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 8:00 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 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: April 6, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 586 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 26:

0005 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0149 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0647 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
0916 – mental subject, Rawsonville Rd.
0931 – private property impound, Village Green Ln.
1020 – private property impound, Lake Villa Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maude Ct.
1922 – family trouble, Christina Ln.
2034 – disorderly, Westlake Cir.
2158 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2243 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2251 – sexual assault, Willis Rd.

Monday, March 27:

0505 – family trouble, E. Archwood Dr.
0624 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.
0721 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Rolan Meadows
0834 – larceny, Martz Rd.
0852 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0907 – civil matter, Robson Rd.
1311 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
1354 – mental subject, Ecorse Rd.
1455 – larceny, Ayres Ave.
1610 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1613 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1643 – noise complaint, Van Buren St.
1827 – fight, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1839 – narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.
2102 – motorist assist, Bemis/Martinsville

Tuesday, March 28:

0845 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr./VB Park
1111 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1258 – malicious destruction of property, Freeport Ct.
1352 – ordinance violation, Edison Lake Rd.
1452 – ordinance violation, Harbor Ln./Lilac Ln.
1530 – domestic, Martz Rd.
1532 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
1702 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1707 – trespassing, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2032 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2056 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2100 – missing person, Oak Blvd.
2215 – shooting, Wabash Rd./Hannan Rd.

Wednesday, March 29:

0111 – domestic, Sheldon Rd.
0812 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0818 – larceny, Liberty Ln.
0830 – property damage accident, Meadows Cir.
0947 – neighbor trouble, Hamilton Ct.
1241 – noise complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
1316 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1544 – sexual assault, Jackson Ln.
1550 – assist citizen, Ecorse/I-275
1633 – breaking & entering, Cobblestone Creek
1648 – indecent exposure, French Landing Dam
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1930 – assist citizen, Belleville/Ecorse Rd.
2991 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse Rd.
2009 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
2050 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2212 – suicidal person, McKinley St.

Thursday, March 30:

0021 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis / Martinsville Rd.
0610 – suspicious person/vehicle, Capitol Dr.
0841 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
0948 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Jackson
1044 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1150 – fraud, Tyler Rd.

1305 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1336 – ordinance violation, Cobblestone Ct.
1608 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1737 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sheldon
1835 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1843 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Jeremy
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1947 – fraud, Van Buren St.
2104 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
2342 – suicidal person, Jackson St.

Friday, March 31:

0013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
0132 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0549 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0746 – noise complaint, Zachary St.
0900 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1134 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1203 – ordinance violation, Hayes St./Jackson St.
1216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1324 – mental subject, Van Buren St.
1552 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1739 – threat, E. Archwood Dr.
1906 – fraud, Marina Dr.
2105 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Jackson St.
2258 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2329 – disorderly, Maple Dr.

Saturday, April 1:

0119 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
0129 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0155 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
0226 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
0248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0615 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0811 – assist other dept., Carmell
1051 – property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1124 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1157 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Landmark
1347 – assist other dept., Rogers Ave.
1346 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave./west of Canton sign
1420 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
1514 – weapons violation, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
1521 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1554 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
1736 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
1808 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.
1825 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1904 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1935 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1940 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2018 – suicidal person, Jackson St.
2102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.
2247 – missing person, Oak Blvd.
2344 – property damage accident, Jackson St.

Also on this week’s log are 256 traffic stops, 56 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 26:

0233 – motorist assist, Savage/Sheldon Rd.
1110 – assist fire dept., Greylock St.
1443 – parking complaint, Fifth St./Main
2313 – misc. complaint, Henry St.

Monday, March 27:

0039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
0217 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
0904 – malicious destruction of property, Tuscan Manor
1450 – larceny, Menlo Park Dr.
1541 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1608 – animal complaint, Santa Clara St.
1804 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1915 – fraud, Main St.
2237 – assist fire dept., South St./Wabash Ave.

Tuesday, March 28:

0833 – threat, Church St.
1127 – assault & battery, Church St.
1139 – property damage accident, Main/Benito’s
1203 – 911 welfare check, Third St.

1728 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.
1809 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1852 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1902 – welfare check, Biggs Ave.
Wednesday, March 29:
0025 – traffic offense, Main St./Columbia Ave.
0124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
0128 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
0214 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Dept.

1420 – sexual assault, Carmell St.
1602 – property damage accident, South/Main St.
1611 – disorderly, Henry St.
1625 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1752 – animal complaint, W. Wabash Ave.
1829 – abandoned auto, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2004 – follow up by officer, W. Wabash Ave.
2045 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2128 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.

Thursday, March 30:

0617 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.
1043 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
1255 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1428 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1518 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
1548 – property damage accident, South St. / Wabash Ave.
1753 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1804 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1901 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1931 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1931 – traffic offense, Main St.

Friday, March 31:

0101 – suspicious person/vehicle, Citizens Bank
0425 – intrusion alarm, Fifth St.
1112 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.
1317 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1407 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1451 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.
1456 – traffic offense, Biggs Ave.
1612 – bank detail – VB only, Main St.
1835 – domestic, Carmell St.
2105 – assist citizen, Church St.
2154 – mental subject, Belle Villa Blvd.
2238 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
2313 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2333 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.

Saturday, April 1:

0239 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0323 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
0421 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0810 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0810 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
1211 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1253 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1326 – welfare check, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
1622 – assist other dept., Denton Rd./Main St.
2154 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 35 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 26:

0330 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Crandell / Willis
1237 – shots fired, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1325 – mental health commitment, Brookview
1344 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1438 – assist other agency, Mulberry
1453 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1526 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1850 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2231 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2340 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, March 27:

0728 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0826 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Fenster
0843 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Reed
1245 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1327 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1424 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1449 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1454 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1608 – animal complaint, 6900 bl. Oakville Waltz
1705 – animal complaint, 6900 bl. Oakville Waltz

1730 – warrant arrest pick up, Oakville Waltz / Clark
1757 – animal complaint, 6900 bl. Oakville Waltz
2106 – citizen assist, Bemis/Martinsville
2142 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2259 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2331 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Tuesday, March 28:
0118 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0304 – assist other agency, out of township
0804 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
0851 – attempt warrant pick up, 28000 bl. Sumpter
0859 – attempt warrant pick up, California
0917 – attempt warrant pick up, out of township
0930 – attempt warrant pick up, 46000 bl. Reed
0944 – attempt warrant pick up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1001 – attempt warrant pick up, Arizona
1215 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1247 – civil dispute, Colorado
1351 – identity theft, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1544 – fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1552 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1657 – breaking & entering, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1811 – assist other agency, out of township
1948 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2134 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2320 – breaking & entering, Magnolia

Wednesday, March 29:

0943 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1042 – missing person, Texas
1618 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1647 – fire dept. assist, Wayside
1714 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1725 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Davenport

Dr.

1734 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1900 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1912 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
2122 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2134 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, March 30:

0046 – curfew violation, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0804 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Fenster
0950 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1046 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1226 – larceny, Arizona
1410 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
1432 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1632 – reckless driver, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

1712 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, March 31:

0835 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0915 – traffic hazard, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0933 – alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1249 – animal bite, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1340 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1508 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1631 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1925 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2243 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 1:

0020 – felonious assault, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0832 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1133 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1237 – larceny, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1401 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1434 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1644 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1725 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1738 – fight, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1908 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1932 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2122 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe

Also on this week’s log are 20 follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 125 patrol checks, and 53 traffic stops.

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DOG PACKAGES

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Parvo
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough)

\$47
(#4)

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

\$69
(#2)

Expires 4/30/17.

DOG PACKAGES

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

\$99
(#5)

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

\$149
(#3)

Expires 4/30/17.

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DOG DENTAL
\$209

\$189
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- Fecal
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.
- Leukemia
- Feline AIDS/Leukemia Combo

\$179
(#3)

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

\$109
(#4)

Expires 4/30/17.

CAT PACKAGES

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