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F R E E

Court Watching:

Judge Parrott accepts plea deal for Michael Shores' eight charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge David Parrott accepted a plea agreement for Michael Ray Shores, the Van Buren Township fire fighter who was facing eight misdemeanor charges for taking money to teach CPR to four employees of Van Buren Urgent Care and not teaching them.

On May 24, Shores pled no contest to one count of larceny by conversion and the other seven charges were dismissed. Shores originally had four charges for larceny by conversion under \$200 and four charges of false pretenses under \$200.

Retained defense attorney Michael Vincent said his client was pleading no contest to the charge, instead of guilty, for fear of civil liability.

Shores agreed to pay a total of \$200 in restitution, which was the \$50 each he took from the four complainants. Attorney Vincent said his client would write the checks that day. The total fees in the case totalled \$845, which included the \$200 restitution.

The case will be taken under advisement by the court for 12 months and if Shores stays out of trouble, the charge will be removed from his record.

The May 24 session before the court was labeled a hearing, since Vincent had said he was trying to work out a plea deal, but had been unsuccessful. On May 24, he indicated he was ready to go to trial and was seeking a court date for that.

But, behind closed doors, Judge Parrott told Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Akaraz and defense attorney Vincent that he wanted the case settled that day and did not want to go to trial. There were two brief meetings in the judge's chambers before Shores stood in front of Judge Parrott with his plea. Judge Parrott read the

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The top-10 student graduates in the Belleville High School class of 2017 are, from left, Jacob Hill (10), Jonathan Acuna (5), Kevin Hogan (8), Lauren Rainey (7), Zack Buhro (4), Sarah Jeng (1), Jennifer Schmidt (2), Sara Stoelton (3), Tori Perez (6), and Nigel Zion Beaton (9). Commencement was held May 26 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.



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Belleville Rotary scholarship recipients for 2017 were, from left, Kayla Browning, Sara Stoelton, Victoria Perez, Kameron Owen, Gavin Schultz, Jared Bellingham, Leah Hardy, Angie Peralta, and Jennifer Schmidt. Brandon Bond was absent because he is studying abroad.

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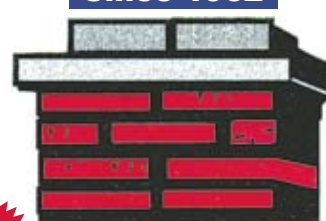
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Planners OK special use for BYC to construct Tiki Bar

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting May 24, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a public hearing and then voted unanimously to recommend special use approval to the township board for the Belleville Yacht Club's request to build a Tiki Bar behind its building at 831 E. Huron River Drive.

But, the commission sent the BYC's request for site plan approval back to the drawing board for minor modifications. It is expected to be back for consideration at the June 14 commission meeting.

BYC Commodore Scott Jones said the 1,665-square-foot building will have a lounge area, bar area, a kitchen, and restrooms. The BYC property is approximately 4 acres in size.

Jones said when the BYC is rented out to another group, the BYC members can go to the Tiki Bar for privacy.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said this is an expansion of Country Club use, which is in the new zoning ordinance.

He said the BYC membership is capped and just members will use this facility.

No permits will be issued before the site plan is approved, Akers said. No member of the public spoke for or against the plan.

Rezoning at Michigan/Denton

The commission also held a public hearing on a rezoning request by SCH, Inc. of Dearborn Heights, for the northwest corner of Denton Road and Michigan Avenue to bring all the 2.25 acres from C and C-2 into C-1 zoning so a gas station, food mart, and drive-through snack service can be constructed.

A gas station, drive-through restaurant, and food mart is now under construction at the northeast corner of that intersection. The representatives of the developers said they want to give the other gas station some competition.

The rezoning of 49412 Michigan Avenue was approved unanimously by the planning commission and sent on to the township board for final consideration.

No one spoke for or against this proposal during the public hearing.

Proposed changes to ordinances

Akers said as the new zoning ordinance was getting ready for approval, members of the township board in a work/study session suggested the planning commission

might look at additional zoning ordinance changes for the future.

Proposed were:

- Open Storage of Trailers and RVs. Ordinances now allow for storage of these in the back yards out of sight. Should there be a limit on the numbers? There are none now. Can they be stored on property without a house or residence? A group of residents jointly own a property and all park their recreational vehicles there, which is allowed under the current ordinance. Akers was advised to look into changes and he said he will bring a recommendation back to the June 14 meeting.

- "Tiny Houses" Accessory Structures. Akers said these are not in the ordinances. "I won't lie," Akers said. "I have my concerns about accessory buildings on trailers." Commission chairman Carol Thompson asked Akers to look into what is acceptable and enforceable. Akers will come back with information.

- Air BnB. Akers said with the airport nearby it was suggested short-term vacation rentals on the lake might be a good alternative to a hotel for some. He said there have been issues, since people on vacation are louder and stay up later.

There have been neighbor conflicts in other communities. He said the State of Michigan is looking at requiring short-term rentals in residential areas. Akers said he went on the websites for Air BnB and Home Away and found no listings for VBT and he was glad. "Sometimes things get out of hand with raging parties 'til 4 in the morning and people outside with bonfires," Akers said. He said the township does not have a property rental ordinance, but it does have drunk and disorderly, blight, and property maintenance ordinances. Akers will look into the subject and bring back a recommendation.

- Medical Marijuana Update. Akers said the township was waiting to see what other communities were going to do about letting marijuana businesses into their neighborhoods and most seem to be opting out of this new law. He said the township is getting the medical marijuana committee together again to look into the issue and Donald Boynton said he would serve again and they would also ask Bryon Kelley if he is interested to serve again. Kelley was absent from the meeting. Medina Atchinson volunteered to serve as well and was welcomed to the group.

VBT board discusses proposed dog park at Riggs Heritage Park

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller asked that the dog park she heard about be put on the agenda of the May 1 board work/study session.

"We talked about putting in a dog park and we thought Riggs Park made sense with the parking lot and rest room," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara in beginning the discussion.

Trustee Miller said she got an email about a Facebook page that was started saying development services employees went out in the community looking for support on this project.

"We are the township board," Miller stated. "Putting it out prematurely is not good ... There was no feasibility study ... Don't know if it's affordable... I asked it be put on the agenda."

Supervisor McNamara said that's the only reason it's out in public.

"We've discussed it and our parks and rec master plan has it. This is off kilter. We're rallying for a cause," McNamara said. "This was done by a private citizen and we don't have control over a private citizen," he said of the Facebook page.

Miller read the post to the board and then said, "It looked like it was coming from the township ... before the board knew about

it... I didn't make it public... It has to come to the board. You set us up for a situation we're not ready for... asking for support."

Trustee Paul White said he called McNamara and asked about the posting and McNamara referred to Matt Best, deputy director of planning and economic development. White said Lisa Martin posted the call for support on Facebook.

Trustee White said he read about dog parks in six to eight different townships, cities, and municipalities and it is not easy to run a dog park.

"You can't have a Chihuahua and Mastiff together," White said as an example.

"I gave Canton \$80,000 and they built a dog park," McNamara said, referring to his time as county commissioner.

"I'm against putting stuff out there before we discuss it," White said, adding a long list of things that have to be considered.

McNamara said he was directed to bring this issue forward to the board of trustees.

"If anybody who works for the township put it on Facebook, no... I don't even know where it came from," said Clerk Leon Wright. "It should have been given to Parks and Rec to consider before the township board... We're not mandated to act on anything put on Facebook."

"My wife did post that on Facebook to see if there was interest in a dog park,"

said Trustee Kevin Martin. He said in 2011 there was a master plan survey that said people were interested in a dog park. In a 2016 survey a dog park was one of the facilities wanted, he said.

"That was just to see if there was interest and if we need to move forward," Trustee Martin said.

Miller said the wording was, "On behalf of the township department of developmental services, we're looking for support."

She said support was sought by an employee in developmental services and a park was selected and he was seeking support for it. Miller said residents living around the park could get upset because they don't want it.

Miller said people are asking questions board members are not ready for, such as when this will happen and where will the township get the money. "There's a lot of work to be completed," Miller said.

"Do you want to form a work group?" McNamara asked.

"I'm all for a dog park," Miller said. "We can't do anything about what people post. That's their God-given right."

Trustee White said the group on Facebook is Friends of the Ruff. He said he will fight it if they try to put a dog park at Riggs Heritage Park which is an environmental and nature park.

"I was forced to put this on the agenda," McNamara said, referring to the requests by Miller and Trustee Sherry Frazier. "Do you want me to move forward? What do you want me to do?"

"I knew absolutely nothing about this dog park," White said.

Miller asked McNamara to talk to the employees about seeking support.

Miller said McNamara told her how this got started. She said McNamara said Lisa Martin asked Matt Best what was happening in the township and Best replied, "What would you like to see?" Martin replied she would like a dog park and Best said unless a group is attached, the idea wouldn't go anywhere and Martin put it on Facebook.

"You said he encouraged people to rally support," Miller said to McNamara and McNamara said, "No, I didn't."

"You want me to form work groups for the dog park?" McNamara said and then named Best, Ron Akers, Jennifer Wright, and Dan Selman. He said they will identify what is a park and what to do.

"It will take about a month, at least," McNamara said, adding it will be three months before they come up with beginning details.

"No pun intended: I have no dog in this race," McNamara said.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

City Council considers public safety assessment

On Tuesday, the Belleville City Council held its second special meeting to consider the 2017-18 budget. This time the meeting was led off with information presented by Brian Camiller of Plante Moran who explained Public Act 33, a special assessment.

He said the law allows cities or townships to levy up to 10 mills for capital purchases for police and 10 mills for fire -- and unlimited mills for police and fire operation.

Camiller said quite a few municipalities use this law. He said townships and smaller cities run out of options, since the state shared revenue has decreased.

“This Act 33 is a viable option,” Camilleri told them.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the police budget takes every bit of the city's tax revenue and the rest of the city budget has been cut to make up for it over the years.

Under Act 33, the DDA can't capture the funds and, perhaps, the churches and schools will have to pay the levy, as well. More information is coming on that.

It was suggested the city go for the 1.9 mills cut by the Headlee Amendment rollback to put the city back at the 20 mills allowed by law. Or, it could be more.

Act 33 only requires a public hearing and council action each year it is in effect. It appears the new budget will go forward while the details of Act 33 are worked on.

Hold onto your wallets.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell walked in the Sumpter Fest Parade on Saturday and this time she wore shoes with only 2" heels. The first time she walked in the parade a few years ago she wore very high heels and I took a picture of her and ran it on the front page.

I bet her feet hurt after the mile-long walk on Sumpter Road from Judd to the fairgrounds that year.

There were no members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Polish League of American Veterans in any of the Sumpter Fest activities this year because of Sumpter's flying of the Honor and Remember Flag and naming May as Honor and Remember Month in Sumpter.

Van Buren Township also participated in Honor and Remember events.

The VFW and PLAV have publicly declared that the American flag, under which they fought and their comrades died, is the official flag of this country. The city of Belleville did not participate in Honor and Remember events and does not fly the flag.

There was just the American flag and the MIA/POW flag at the Memorial Day service in Belleville on Monday.

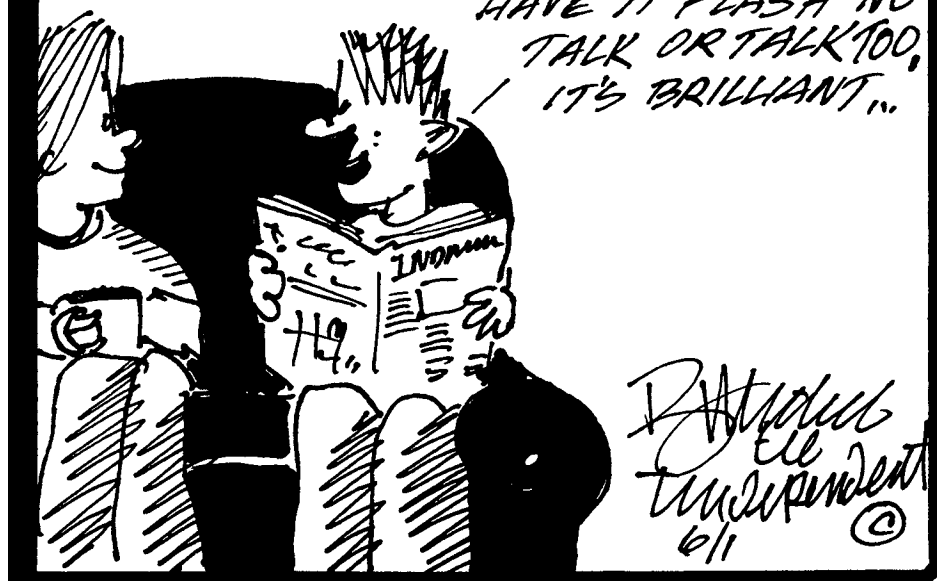
We believe Sumpter supports Honor and Remember because the Michigan leader of the group is Vietnam Vet LeRoy Paige who lives in Sumpter.

In the letter from Paige we published last week he noted Sumpter and Van Buren Townships joined the City of Perry, MI, as being the only ones in the state participating in the Honor and Remember campaign.

We were sorry, again, to not see the VFW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

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and PLAV in Sumpter's parade this year. I believe this is the second year of their absence.

Bob Mytych brought out his special camera to take pictures of the Sumpter parade on Saturday and I took the day off, just sitting back and enjoying the parade and walking around the festival.

We are sorry to report that something went very wrong with that special camera and we have no pictures of this year's Sumpter Fest.

When I asked about the pets he personally has in his home, Pete LaFramboise of Michigan Animals Rescue told me a list of dogs and cats. He said that he and Marcie bring animals into their home for rehab and, “The rehab door only swings one way.” The animals stay forever.

He told me about one dog, found in a ditch by Sumpter police, who is blind, deaf, and toothless who came for rehab and now lives with them.

What big hearts they have.

At Monday's Memorial Day service in Belleville, City Councilman Tom Fielder told about the 19 Civil War soldiers from the Belleville area who died in that war. Their names are going to be engraved on the back of the Veterans' Monument in Horizon Park, but from \$3,600 to \$4,000 has to be raised to pay for that project. A

container was put out for donations.

He said this is the work of Ginger and Keith Bruder who have been pursuing the histories of our local boys who went off to serve in the Civil War. The project is called "Bring Our Boys Home."

Also, at Monday's Memorial Day service in Belleville, when I arrived VFW member and World War II veteran Primitivo "Primo" Gutierrez



was handing out long-stemmed roses to all the women present. These were gorgeous, big roses. He had two young people working with him to pull off the thorns so nobody would get hurt.

Primo said his daughter Elizabeth works for a flower shop in Ann Arbor. I believe someone in the shop owner's family died and they had the roses. They donated 80 of the long-stemmed beauties to give to the women who attended the special service in Belleville.

It was beautiful to see all those deep red roses throughout the crowd during the service.

VFW Bugler Ross Medos played “Taps” at the end of the service. He plays “Taps” at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month at that very Veterans’ Monument. See you there this Sunday.



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Letters

Special thank you to some very special people

To the Editor:

Thank you to the many in our community who helped to support the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), better known as your mail person, during the 26th "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. So many of our neighbors put out non-expired, non-perishable foods to help feed those in need in Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

The community's efforts increased donations over 500 pounds above 2016. A total of 9,600 pounds of food was collected. The federal government equates its worth at \$17,472. The food collected was donated exclusively to the Belleville First United Methodist Church Food Closet, the organization that serves our community.

Thank you to the local Belleville Post Office for the use of the facility. To the workers and community businesses who supplied lunch, the staff and family members that worked all day to help weigh and handle the food collected, and those who coordinated the drive.

Thank you to the many volunteers from First United Methodist Church and the community who spent many hours checking, sorting, and packaging the food for storage.

Thank you to the volunteers who gathered Monday at First United Methodist Church to re-sort, package and store the food, making ready for distribution at the food closet.

Most of all, thank you to those who donated food, too. It shows that there are caring people in this community who are willing to share. This is a community of truly wonderful people and we are blessed.

Thank you each and every one who shared in this demonstration of the charitable nature of our neighbors.

Janette K. Renton, Director
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To the Editor:

Re: The St. Jude's Novena.

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School Board bullied Frazier out of office

To the Editor:

It's amazing to me that Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, who are adamantly against bullying in our classrooms, bullied a fellow board member Sherry Frazier out of office. The board likes to get rid of people who question or disagree with them and succeeded here.

As one of my favorite people in history Albert Einstein said, "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." I guess that applies here.

Also, thank you, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara for attending the School Board meeting and giving your support to Sherry Frazier, who is still a Van Buren Township Trustee. That's a class act, Mr. Supervisor.

James Otzman
 Van Buren Township resident

McBride issue settled, put Frazier back in

To the Editor:

Now that the McBride Road paving issue has been settled, I respectfully nominate Mrs. Sherry Frazier of Van Buren Township to fill the vacant Van Buren School Board seat.

Mike Ebach
 Sumpter Township

What to build instead of a Lake House

To the Editor:

Please pass this idea/suggestion on to the supervisor of Van Buren Township for consideration; and, to the public.

In place of a Lake House, why not build a monument or a memorial to commemorate the founding of Belleville / VBT?

Possibly:

• A windmill (for power) to light up the area.

• An obelisk, inscribed with names of mayors / supervisors.

• Two pillars – one for Belleville, one for VBT

• Statues of a small family
 Etc.!

It would make a nice balance to each corner of the bridge. As Monument Bridge - Holiday Tree.

Add a fence around it with a welcome gate, some grass, flowers, benches, and a plaque.

Folks may even come to photograph it.

Other creative ideas should be submitted for consideration.

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Obituaries



Connie Elaine Prouty

CONNIE ELAINE PROUTY

(March 17, 1960 - May 22, 2017)

Connie Elaine Prouty, age 57, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Monday, May 22, 2017 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born March 17, 1960 in Bluefield, WV, daughter of the late Barnes Edward and Margie Della (Dunford) Gilbert.

Connie graduated from Belleville High School in 1978. She married her high school sweetheart and best friend, Monte A. Prouty. She loved family and friends. She was always worried about them, more than herself.

Connie is survived by her husband of over 37 years Monte Prouty; two children Jason (Elizabeth) Prouty of Howell, MI and Katie (Derrick) Brooks of Belleville; one grandson Jasper James Prouty, who was the sparkle in her eyes. Also survived by two sisters Garnet (Edward) Prentice and Betty Pugh-Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Barnes, John Lee, Roy, and Donald; and sister Sevilah.

Visitation was 1-8 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2017 and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017 with an 11 a.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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WILLARD ARTHUR MASSIE

(August 27, 1930 - May 4, 2017)

Willard Arthur Massie, age 86, passed away May 4, 2017 at his Ypsilanti Township home. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances and grandson Christopher.

Mr. Massie is survived by his son John (Mary) Massie of Springfield, Ohio, and three grandchildren: Laura, Joshua and Amanda Massie.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

DAISY HONEYCUTT

(June 30, 1925 - May 22, 2017)

Daisy Honeycutt, 91, formerly of Belleville, died peacefully. She is survived by Mark (Susan) Honeycutt, 4 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Andrew Honeycutt and two sons Thomas Michael Honeycutt and Allen Coker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Daisy's tribute with the National Parkinson's Foundation. Donations can be made by calling 1-800-473-4636, or by visiting the website www.parkinson.org/tribute or mailed to 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800 Miami, FL 33131 ATTN: Donations. Please put Daisy Honeycutt in the memo line of your check. Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich, IL.



Bruce Henry Saffron

BRUCE HENRY SAFFRON

(August 27, 1950 - May 16, 2017)

Bruce Henry Saffron, age 66, of Belleville, passed away Tuesday evening, May 16, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor.

Bruce is the beloved husband of Roberta for twenty wonderful years; loving father of David (Kathy) Saffron of Cleveland, OH., Charles (Melissa) LaMotte of Dandridge, TN., and Jennifer (Max) Kuhl of Jackson, MI.; dear son of Joelle (the late George) Saffron; cherished grandfather of Tristan Saffron-Cottrell, Ethan Saffron-Cottrell, Samantha LaMotte, Christopher LaMotte and Laith Elayyan and Jordyn Elayyan; and great-grandchild, Jayce Cooper.

Mr. Saffron is also survived by his siblings, Denny (Maxine) Saffron, Dawn (the late Al) Cawley, Blaise Saffron, Scott (Kathi) Saffron and Terry Saffron, along with many loving family and friends.

Bruce was born on August 27, 1950 in Pontiac, Michigan. Following graduation from high school, he was employed with General Motors for many years. He was very active in the community. He held memberships with the Van Buren Eagles #3996, Belleville Moose #934, and the Huron Valley Conservation Club. An avid motorcyclist, he also enjoyed playing board games and spending time with his grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2017 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Interment followed privately at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.

The Saffron family received guests from 2 until 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

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Man fights off two mastiffs at Van Buren Park to protect his dog

On May 23, Charles Clarey, Jr. took his dog to Van Buren Park on the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township, like he does almost every day.

This time, as he let his dog out of the back seat, two, off-leash mastiffs were upon her, according to VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy.

Clarey told Channel 4 TV News that he fought off the two to protect his pet. He showed the reporter all the bandages on both his forearms and his chest, explaining he had eight puncture wounds and lacerations in both arms and one in his head. Clarey drove himself to the hospital because he didn't want to go in an ambulance and leave his dog and car at the park.

The mastiff owner was issued a ticket and a warning by VBT Police.

Obituaries



Louis Lloyd Hancotte

LOUIS LLOYD HANCOTTE

(March 27, 1942 - May 22, 2017)

Louis Lloyd Hancotte, age 75, life-long resident of Belleville, passed away at his home on Monday, May 22, 2017.

Born on Friday March 27, 1942 in Detroit to Desire Louis (d.1976) and Phyllis Maurine (McMullan) Hancotte.

Louie is the beloved companion to Daisy Hernandez; father of Jon (Kendra) Hancotte of Battle Creek, Amanda Anderson of White Lake, Andrea (Mike Weiss) Binert of Grayling; their mother Gayle Pitzen of Belleville; and proud grandfather of Nikolas, Danielle, Dustin, Krista, Benjamin, Mollie, Zora, and Phoebe. Louie also is survived by his mother, Phyllis Hancotte, age 99, of Belleville; sister Phyllis (Manuel) Alvarez of Wills Point, TX; and numerous cousins. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father, Desire Hancotte (d.1976) and brother, Richard Hancotte. Louie was an entrepreneur. He owned and operated Olds Plating in the 1980s and retired from Ajax metal processing of Detroit. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed gardening, reading, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren. Visitation was Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 5 until 7 p.m., followed by a time of sharing memories from 7 until 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Belleville High School Seniors presented with awards

Belleville High School Seniors who graduated May 26 were honored with an awards ceremony on May 12 with the following awards being presented.

- Art – Gabin Schultz and Briana Powe
- Belleville New Tech Award – Lela Smith
- Business Education – David Date
- BHS Productions Theatre Award – Alyssa Schubert
- English – Jennifer Schmidt
- French – Aaron Davenport
- German – Alex Fairfield
- Interact Club – Pauline Paulo
- Mathematics – Sarah Jeng
- Media Center – Taylor Clement
- Music (Instrumental) – Kamali Clora
- Music (Vocal) – Natalie Tar
- Physical Education – Bradley Higgins
- Science – Jennifer Schmidt
- Social Studies – Nigel (Zion) Beaton
- Spanish – David Date
- Leigh Tallman Excellence Award – Austin Raine & Jamilah Hendricks
- Female Senior Athlete – Victoria Perez
- Male Senior Athlete – Zachary Buhro
- Senior Class President -- Demeatry Brooks
- Student Activities – Lauren Clark
- National Honor Society Exemplary Service – Lauren Rainey
- U.S. Army Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence – Noah Borgdorff & Lauren Rainey
- Marine Corps Award for Athletics – Cole Rupnow & Alexis Kilpatrick
- Marine Corps Award for Academics – Bradley Higgins & Kayla Browning
- Marine Corps Award for Music – Jeffrey

Boykin & Alyssa Schubert

- Perfect Attendance – Kelvin Hunter
- Belleville High School Principal Stacey

Buhro said, so far, 61 students from the Belleville High School Class of 2017 have earned over \$1.75 million in scholarships.

Van Buren Public Schools seek applicants for school board seat

Due to the May 22 resignation of a board member before the expiration of her term (which is Dec. 31, 2018), Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education needs to fill her seat for the remainder of the term. The board has just 30 days to fill her seat.

If you are a resident of the school district interested in filling this vacancy, fill out the information on an application form and submit to the superintendent's office no later than 4 p.m. Friday, June 2.

The applications will be reviewed by the school board at a 7 p.m., June 5 special

meeting and interviews held at 7 p.m. June 6 at a special meeting. The previously announced June 7 will not be held.

If there is just a small number of applicants, the interviews will be set at the June 5 meeting and the June 6 meeting also will not be held.

A decision will be made at the June 12 regular board meeting.

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VBT DDA looks at changing street lights to LED to cut costs

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

While considering lighting for the planned pedestrian freeway overpass on Belleville Road, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority also is looking at the possibility of changing all its existing street lighting to LED.

At its 15-minute regular meeting on May 23, DDA Director Susan Ireland said she has met with DTE's Community Lighting people on the overpass and DTE will contact MDOT to begin working on a photometric for the pathway and the pedestrian bridge area.

Ireland said DTE told her by changing

the existing lighting to LED it will save the DDA on the monthly billing and should have a short payback period. DTE will put the information together for future consideration by the DDA, Ireland said.

Ireland said currently power for the street lights cost \$57,994 per year and it would be \$30,000 with LED. The cost to switch is \$61,300, minus a rebate, and the payback period is estimated at 1.77 years, she said.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said he changed all his lights to LED at his Ford dealership.

Ireland said it is easy to change now because the units just slip in place.

Belleville Road Property

Ireland said after closings on the properties at 10065 and 10085 Belleville Road, a pre-demolition asbestos survey was conducted by TEK Environmental Consulting Service at a total cost of \$1,494. While not a large amount of asbestos was discovered, there was some found in the attic space insulation and in the caulk and/or glaze on the interior and exterior windows.

Ireland said although there is only a small amount of asbestos present, there are regulations and procedures for removal and disposal prior to demolition.

She also said when the Phase I Environmental study was done prior to the purchase of 10051 Belleville Road, it did not include an asbestos material assessment and this must be done before demolition of that building.

TEK Environmental Consulting will do this study, as well, and it took samples on May 18, she said.

TEK will work with Axiom to ensure the asbestos is removed appropriately, Ireland said. Even though this is part of the contract with Axiom, TEK will provide three price quotes to the DDA so there will be price comparisons, she said.

Axiom and Wakely met with the township staff recently to review concept drawings for the PlaceMaking Initiative, Ireland said.

The REAL t-shirts

The use of some \$40,000 in grant funding for The REAL summer work program for township youth left no money for t-shirts for participants. Ireland said the DDA was

asked to provide the t-shirts for the students at a cost of about \$270.

DDA member Ron Blank made the motion and Victor Delibera seconded and the motion to provide the t-shirts passed unanimously.

The 35 students hired will work for six weeks in the township this summer and will learn job skills.

Assistant DDA Director Lisa Lothringer reported on her E-Blasts on local businesses and ads purchased in the Strawberry Festival booklet and the A-Source Relocation Guide. The DDA also is working with VBT's Public Safety Department on plans for the annual Public Safety Day.

Lothringer said they also are redesigning a few of the DDA promotional folder inserts to make them current and working at processing the data from the 2017-18 Marketing Strategy surveys that have been completed.

Belleville DDA special meeting lacks a quorum

Four members of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority waited about 20 minutes for a fifth member so they could vote on their 2017-18 proposed budget at a special 5 p.m. meeting on May 24.

But, they waited in vain and disbursed. Five members have to approve the budget for it to pass.

"We don't have to meet," said DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson.

"It's a temporary budget," agreed City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, saying the city put last year's DDA numbers in the budget it is working on. "If the numbers change, we'll make a budget amendment."

Thompson said they may try to have another special meeting on June 1. She said by law the DDA needs a budget for the state by July 1.

Kollmeyer said the city needs its budget by the first meeting in June.

Present for the special meeting were chairwoman Rosemary Loria, vice chairwoman Denise Baker, secretary Jim Higgerson, and Jim Chudzinski. Absent were treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams, Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Alicia McGovern.

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John Douglas Peters

Rotary Club awards ten \$2,000 scholarships at annual awards night

On Tuesday, May 23, the Rotary Club of Belleville held its 72nd-annual scholarship program. Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to Belleville High School graduates.

The club recognized six recipients of first-time scholarships and four recipients of second-year renewal scholarships.

First-year scholarship recipients from the class of 2017 are Kayla Browning, Angie Peralta, Victoria Perez, Jennifer Schmidt, Gavin Schultz, and Sara Stoelton.

Renewal scholarships went to: Jared L. Bellingham, Brandon Bond, Leah Hardy, and Kameron Owen.

Belleville Rotary Club President Mary Jo Suchy offered welcoming remarks and an overview of Rotary's scope and purpose. Rotarian, Debra Juchartz provided the history of the club scholarship program, outlined the proceedings of the evening, and offered greetings to the numerous local dignitaries in attendance.

Juchartz, the chairwoman of the club's

Scholarship Committee, then introduced the featured speaker, John Douglas Peters, J.D., lawyer, university professor, author or co-author of 12 books, and artist.

Dr. Peters' presentation, directed primarily at the student awardees, stressed the importance of using their post high school studies and experiences to continue to search and explore opportunities to find the work areas they love.

He tied the success of their efforts to the application of four key attributes he feels are very important: Organization, Discipline, Balance, and Perseverance. Through his talk he provided examples of how those traits helped him through some of his academic development years, but are still vital today.

After Dr. Peter's engaging, yet challenging, talk, each of the scholarship recipients present spoke briefly about their plans and hopes for the future. Brandon Bond, a renewal student studying overseas, sent a thank you letter, read by his father.

Since the scholarship program's inception, Belleville Rotary has awarded \$490,000 to Belleville High School students.

This year, as in recent years, the primary

funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding or partial funding of many of its projects.

Sumpter Country Fest Parade winners

The following won trophies in Saturday's Sumpter Country Fest Parade:

- **Best Float** – Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club
- **Best Children's Group**
 - 1st place -- Boy Scout Troop #793, St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 2nd place – Cub Scouts, St. Anthony Catholic Church
- **Best Community Organization**
 - 1st place – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

- 2nd place – Belleville Area District Library
- **Best Antique Vehicle**
 - 1st place – Don Renton and his homemade replica of a 1905 Reo
 - 2nd place – Andrew Nagy with his 1939 Allis Chalmers tractor
- **Best Equine Entry** – Dogs & Suds
- **Best Specialty Group** – Greca Choi Kwang-Do
- **Best in Show** – Greca Choi Kwang-Do
- **Best in Theme** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

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District Library approves contract with architectural firm

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The formal agreement with Daniels and Zermack Architects, LLC, of Ann Arbor was approved by the Belleville Area District Library Board at its regular meeting May 9.

The agreement goes back to Sept. 15, 2015 and the architect's representative is identified as Daniel E. Whisler, AIA.

The stipulated sum of \$804,250 is based on the project scope in the library's preliminary budget dated May 30, 2016. This does not include the Sumpter project, which will have a different contract.

Additional services beyond those prescribed in the agreement are available at hourly rates and, if the library wants to hire the firm for design services, for Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Design Services the price is \$103,675.

The 25-page agreement says the architect will use his reasonable professional efforts to interpret applicable ADA requirements and other federal, state, and local laws and to conform the construction documents to the requirements of such laws. But, he will not warrant or guarantee that the project will comply with interpretations of ADA requirements and other codes.

When asked about that, Whisler said, "The ADA is civil rights legislation and anybody can sue the library."

The board also approved Environmental Testing and Consulting (ETC), with an office in Romulus, for phase 1 Environmental Assessments at the present library site and 360 Charles Street at the low bid of \$5,500. Lead testing was not specifically noted on the bid, so if the total is more than \$7,000, the library will choose the next highest bid.

Board members did not want to delay the selection because they wanted to move forward as quickly as possible.

Library board member John Juriga lobbied for ETC, pointing out it is a local business that did work for Juriga on his house. It is owned by a woman and she served on the

Boys and Girls Club board in Romulus, he said.

ETC was the low bidder and so they gave the job to it and will find out about the lead. The credentials were impressive.

The board then voted to hire G2 Consulting Group, LLC of Troy for the rest of the geotechnical work at a cost of \$5,525.

Matthew Ratzow of O'Neal Construction, the senior project manager for the library project, said all of the bidders were good and the prices were similar, but if he had a vote he would vote for G2.

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting, the board:

- Heard board president Sharon Peters report on the meeting she attended at the DTE facility concerning relocating of wires that would have been going across the front of the new library building. The proposal is to bury lines in front of the library and relocate two poles in the new parking lot. The wires will go down the alley, if they had one, behind houses on Charles Street;

- Heard Peters tell of the library's meeting with the city and they seem to be OK with what DTE was proposing. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the city's Building Official Rick Rutherford met with the library representatives about rerouting the sewer, water, gas to keep service to the old building while it is still being used. Ratzow said it was a very productive meeting and discussed traffic patterns, street closing, and staging. More information is needed before finalizing the site plan for approval and the legal contract with the city; and

- Heard Peters give a report on marketing since the chairwoman of that committee, Alma Hughes-Grubbs was ill. The committee met May 4 and the library is working on a blog to notify neighbors and businesses around the library about what's going in. Carol Thompson suggested a letter to be sent to neighbors. Also, an arts and amenities committee will be set up as a citizens' committee and others will be invited to volunteer on this.



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VBT Environmental Commission learns of algae testing on lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

David Brownlee told the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission at its regular meeting May 17 that a group of university professors is planning to test for blue green (toxic) algae in 30 lakes in Michigan and he has offered his dock on Belleville Lake as a testing site.

Commission chairman Brownlee said Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, put him in touch with the consortium that includes professors from Oakland University, Wayne State University, Lake Superior State University, and the University of Kentucky.

Brownlee said his dock is at his home on Ryzner Drive and away from the fast-flowing Huron River that goes through the lake. He said he was told that was exactly what they wanted.

Best said the consortium has no name and won't have anything to report until after the studies are done.

Brownlee said they may look for another place on the lake to monitor and he suggested maybe Commissioner Jeff Jahr, Jr., could offer his dock.

"Last summer the whole lake bloomed," Best said of the algae present.

"It looked like paint," Commissioner Jahr agreed.

The commission's May 17 meeting had no pressing business to consider, so Jahr sent a list of seven topics he would like to discuss with the group.

Jahr stressed he is the newest member and doesn't have the background of the others and needed information to understand the topics.

Solar Farms

Jahr said he read of questions on solar farms in Sumpter Township and a letter in the paper on solar farms and it got him wondering about VBT's stance on solar farms.

Best said it falls under the new zoning ordinance that goes into effect June 2. He said ground-mounted solar panels are allowed in AG, MI, and MT zoning and a permit is needed. Solar panels on houses are allowed and wind energy systems are now allowed.

Commissioner Norm DeBuck said solar panels are on roofs and look like roof tiles.

John Delaney said from the audience that there is spinning wind equipment at the entry to Metro airport that looks like artwork. He said they are at the first traffic light, in the road medium.

Environmental Fund

Jahr said the host community landfill agreement with Waste Management has environmental funding and Best agreed WM grants \$50,000 to the general fund for environmental projects.

Best said it is used for grant match money. He said the township has applied for a grant for Van Buren Park and if they get it they will use the matching money.

Best said the building and planning

department is an enterprise fund and he gets paid through building and planning fees.

"We had paid Huron River Watershed Council fees out of it, which was a stretch," said Brownlee, who said he was part of the negotiating team, with former Trustee Phil Hart, that negotiated the \$50,000. He said the Environmental Committee never had a report of how that money is being spent.

He said they just need an awareness.

Also, he said there is money the township gets from US Ecology and the commission has never had a report on that money, either.

VBT Trustee Paul White, the board's liaison to the commission, said the township received \$326,000 from US Ecology last year.

White, who was supervisor when the US Ecology agreement was negotiated, said the WM money had been put into the planning and economic development department to pay salaries.

Best read the US Ecology contract on his computer tablet and said the township gets a certain amount of money based on cubic yards of waste and there is a surcharge on public safety and the environment. He said it is called a royalty fee, but it's actually a tipping fee.

"Are we actually using it every year for environmental uses?" Jahr asked.

Best said his office spends \$60,000 to \$70,000 on environmental efforts.

Delaney said there was a \$25,000 grant from US Ecology that was used for the Little League diamonds and the parking, used like a CDBG fund. He said that was put together by the treasurer's office.

"I'd like to see a little more transparency," said Brownlee. "... It's not that we are necessarily the gatekeepers ... But I haven't a clue what it's being used for ... Isn't it appropriate to have a report on what this is being used for?" He said from this point forward he would like reports.

Best replied, "Your role is to advise and consent on environmental matters."

"Can this commission be shown a report on what the money is used for?" Brownlee asked.

"I can ask," Best said.

"I'd like to know," Trustee White said.

"We can at least look at it and say you guys are doing a good job," Jahr said, pointing out he is new on the commission and this is only his third meeting.

Environmental Commission Recommendations

Jahr said recently the commission discussed environmental aspects of new ordinances. He asked if the township board got their conversation and if the commission did a good job.

Brownlee said the commission had a list of recommendations on the lake ordinance that was considered. The commission is either on the cutting edge or supplementing

the projects.

Spill Response

Jahr said the incident at Sandy's Marina was shown on television and he saw a rainbow, showing an oil slick, which led to his question: Do we have first responder teams with booms to contain the oil?

Best said police officers carry booms for small spills in their response kit. He said Sandy's would have needed a large boom. He said he set up a meeting with Police Chief Jason Wright and they are thinking of adding one on the fire truck.

"I will continue my effort to work with Mr. Wright," Best said.

Delaney said there is a Western Wayne County Hazmat team that should have been toned out. He said because of the Huron River in the lake and the nearby dam, the water was gone in six hours.

"It's a shame they weren't toned,"

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Delaney said.

Belleville Road Bridge

Jahr said it is boating season and it's raining under the bridge. He said he has seen boats veer away from the leaks and this is dangerous to boaters.

White said it comes from the conduit that carries cables.

Best said it was from a row of conduit and now it's drainage pipes. He said they are owned by the city of Belleville, Wayne County or a utility company.

"It's not ours," Best said. "They all were notified." He said it could be storm water. "I hope it's not contamination," Jahr said. "It's been leaking there for over a year."

"We got the same information last year and notified the same people," Best said.

"Now it's leaking on all three sections of the bridge and boaters are dodging under the bridge to keep water off passengers," Jahr said, noting he has a rain slicker so he doesn't get wet. "It's potentially hazardous. All three sections are leaking. It's pretty constant."

"We should really, really, really put effort into this," Jahr said.

"I'll see what the township can do on this," Best said.

UM Rowing Buoy System

Commissioner DeBuck said the University of Michigan rowing team takes their buoys out of the lake in November.

"They're like softballs and a lot of them," Jahr said, noting they have a 2K race course with three lanes with permanent buoys.

Jahr asked if there is something the

township can do to make it safer. "It's potentially hazardous," he said.

Best said there will be some reevaluation following the accident earlier that day. He read a report from Chief Wright about a yellow speed boat hitting a UM craft with nine passengers knocked into the water.

He said maybe they could do something for safety.

Jahr said maybe they could put a notice to mariners at the boat launches concerning the rowing crafts practicing in the lake. Delaney suggested the notice could be printed on boat launch tickets.

French Landing Dam Fishing

Jahr said French Landing Park is very a nice park, but more people are fishing behind the dam in the river because of the trout there. He asked if there was something they could do to enhance the property below the dam.

Delaney said there are no-trespassing signs there and VBT police issue tickets.

Best said if they put anything up it would interfere with the emergency spillway for the dam that would obstruct the overflow. He said fishing is better downstream.

"But, safety comes before the big trophy fish," Best said. He said they are looking at different canoe portage options for that area, but the railroad track is a limiting

factor.

He said the Metropark owns the property on both sides of Haggerty north of the park.

In comments from the audience, Delaney told the commission about how two days earlier he reported two driveways being sealed with blacktop on Ecorse Road by a truck with no placards or MDOT number on it.

He said he called Best and Lt. Charles Bazy sent someone over. He said no ticket was written to this contractor for violating the township's coal tar ordinance. The man was only made to come in and register. Delaney said the lady on Ecorse doesn't know what he used on her drive.

Brownlee said there is a simple test that can be done that can tell if PAH is in there. If it is, there is no good solution other than to cover it up with a reseal.

"We knew when we went into it we'd have problems like this," Brownlee said, noting there was no penalty at first and wanted to just educate the public. Now there are penalties.

The brochure that was to explain this to the public still hasn't arrived, he said.

"We are in constant communication with public safety," Best said, adding Lt. Bazy calls him at home. "Nobody has contacted us on what follow up was done."

Best said enforcement of this law becomes difficult and could lead to the ordinance officer going out and writing tickets to homeowners.

"Education will solve the problem," Best said. "Legally, the property owner is responsible if he is duped." He said in the District of Columbia, they go out and paint driveways pink or orange and the contractor has to cover it up.

Best said there are 10-12 contractors registered with the township, but this case is something he can follow up on.

He said the Huron River Watershed Council is printing the brochures and they are still not ready.

"I think what John Delaney did ... was what the public should do," Best said.

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VBT approves contract with Zambelli fireworks for June 24 show

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Zambelli Fireworks, which has been awarded the contract for fireworks in Van Buren Township for the past four years, has again been chosen to put on the \$10,000 show.

It will be at dark on June 24 at the Beck Ball Fields with a rain date of June 25.

At its regular meeting on May 16, the township board unanimously approved Zambelli as recommended by the VBT Recreation Committee and Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Wright.

There were two bidders.

The \$10,000 cost of the show is from the Waste Management funds.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he was seeking donations from corporate businesses for any overtime wages that occur with police and fire personnel for the event.

Supervisor McNamara told the board at its work/study session on May 15 that he had raised \$5,000 and is reaching for \$8,000.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said that seems like a lot of money for four to five hours of work.

Police Chief Jason Wright said they usually have a couple of field fires from the fireworks.

Trustee Frazier asked that the fireworks agenda item be removed from the Consent Agenda for the May 16 regular meeting, where it had been placed, and put under New Business, where it could be discussed. It was moved.

"Any time we spend \$10,000 and raise that much money, the public needs to know," Frazier said.

Director Wright said this year they will be having a disc jockey for the event instead of the live band they had last year.

In other business at the May 16 meeting the board:

- Approved on a 6-1 vote an agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Iron Belle Trail and also approved, 6-1, using the \$30,000

grant to pay PEA, Inc. for engineering and landscape architectural services for the initial 2.5 mile segment of the trail planned for VBT. Trustee Frazier voted no on both motions, saying she needed more information;

- Unanimously approved another six-month moratorium pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities, running from May 20 to Dec. 20;

- Approved the \$47,497 grant award from the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority for the Summer Youth Employment Program. The title of the program is "The REAL," which stands for Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders. Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said on June 27, the township will hire 35 at-risk youth, ages 14-24, to work through Aug. 10 (with a vacation week granted the week of July 3). She said "at-risk" meant "any kid you want to keep out of trouble for the summer." There were 63 applicants, with 58% of them African-Americans, 37% Caucasians, 3% Multi-Racial, and 2% Other;

- Approved the second and final reading of the completely overhauled Zoning Ordinance;

- Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance to rezoning 40631 Alden Drive from C-1 (general commercial) to R-1C (single family residential) so the family can enlarge their home;

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances on Waterways, to adopt the state ordinance that can be enforced by the township and 34th District Court;

- Was advised there is free tire disposal at the VBT Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 3; and

- Learned the VBT offices will be closed for Memorial Day.

Closed-door session

After the May 15 work/study session, the VBT board went into a closed-door session to discuss an attorney-client privileged written opinion letter regarding township property.



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A Veterans' Memorial Day Commemoration was held under sunny skies Monday at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville, with Tom Fielder and Cornell Anton (above) telling the life stories of two of the local World War II veterans on the wall – Joseph Szoke and Aubrey “Red” Mills. The names of the 46 local veterans who had died over the past year were read by Jacqueline Dalzell and Shelly Brown-Chudzinski of David C. Brown Funeral Home, and Pam Pepper tolled a bell for each name. Representatives of the tri community and Brown Funeral Home and Family Center laid wreaths at the memorial and the riflemen of VFW #4434 and PLAV #167 gave a 21-gun salute. Those present stood in an act of national unity to mark the 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day established by Congress for the National Moment of Remembrance. Steve Jones lurks in the background to attend to the sound system.

James Chapman's dog allegedly bites man, leads to traffic citation

At 11:02 a.m., May 16 a dog owned by James Chapman allegedly bit Chapman's roommate and the injured man called Van Buren Township Police.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said after his roommate called police, Chapman put his dog in his pickup and took off on E. Huron River Drive.

He was stopped by Sumpter Township Police, who ticketed him for driving with a suspended license and impounded his pickup.

Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke said Sumpter police stopped Chapman on Savage Road, south of Bemis, based on a be-on-the-lookout broadcast from Van Buren police who were responding to, or had just arrived, at the scene of the alleged dog bite incident.

There was also an issue with the registration of the vehicle plate that was found by the Sumpter officer prior to making the stop, Chief Luke said.

The unlicensed dog was put into quarantine, Lt. Bazzy said, noting the dog is being considered vicious.



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Court watching

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VBT police report silently to himself before accepting the plea.

Shores did not have to publicly admit to elements of the charge, but only to what was in the police report.

Each of the original charges is a 93-day misdemeanor. Shores had turned himself in, was arrested, processed, and arraigned by Judge Parrott. A not-guilty plea was entered and Shores was released on \$5,000 personal bond.

Officer in charge of the case was VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzzy.

Shores was suspended from fire fighter duty without pay pending an internal investigation and he is expected to be terminated following the no-contest plea in court.

Kenneth Orlando Davis

Kenneth Orlando Davis, 25, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on May 24 on a charge of child abuse 3rd degree. The offense is alleged to have occurred on Aug. 2, 2015 in VBT. He is out on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond. Officer Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

On May 24, he told Judge Parrott he

doesn't want court-appointed attorney David Lankford as his attorney and Lankford's motion to withdraw from the case was approved by Judge Parrott.

Davis said he wants to represent himself, without an attorney, and so Judge Parrott set the preliminary exam for May 31 before Judge Oakley.

Alexander Carson Wynder

Alexander Carson Wynder, 23, waived his preliminary exam by video from the Wayne County Jail where he was lodged on \$10,000/10% bond. Judge Parrott bound him over for his arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on May 31.

Wynder is charged with larceny in a building at Benito's Pizza in Belleville on May 6 and possession of a stun gun. Belleville Officer Sarah Dzagulones is officer in charge of the case.

Belleville Police were seeking additional charges against Wynder for 18 or 19 larceny from auto incidents in the city of Belleville.

Timothy Eugene Winston

Timothy Eugene Winston, 60, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 7.

He faces charges of operating while intoxicated-third, driving while license suspended-second, and unlawful use of a license plate on May 11 in VBT. Officer in charge of the case is Jeff Stanton. Winston is free on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

William Raymond Pitt

William Raymond Pitt, 32, waived his preliminary exam on May 24 and Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for a June 7 arraignment on the information for a charge of operating while intoxicated-third on April 17. He is free on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Officer in charge

of the case is Michael Long.

Jameel Johnathon Belton Armani Lavel Chivas Karo Deantwan Rayshawn Woods

Jameel Johnathon Belton, 18; Armani Lavel Chivas Karo, 18; and Deantwan Rayshawn Woods, 20, who are charged with entering a home without permission in the 27000 block of Sumpter Road in Sumpter Township on April 29, were set for their preliminary exams on May 17 before Judge Green.

The three are charged with home invasion 1st degree. Woods is also charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to harm, assault, weapon in a vehicle, and five counts of felony firearm.

All three are lodged in the Wayne County Jail and were brought to the court lockup but not into the courtroom because the preliminary exam was being adjourned.

Attorney Cliff Woodard said his client Karo didn't have a record at all and could be let out on personal bond instead of staying in jail on a high bond.

Woodard said the attorneys were asking for an adjournment so that they would have time to study other videos they just got that day from Sumpter as evidence.

Bond reviews had been authorized for all three by Judge Brian Oakley on May 10. Karo is being held on \$25,000/10% bond, Belton on \$20,000/10% bond, and Woods on \$100,000 cash bond.

Sumpter Detective John Toth is the officer in charge of the cases and he told Judge Green that he believed the charge against Karo will be amended to assault with intent to murder.

Belton's court-appointed attorney Shawn Godwin asked for a reduction of bond for his client, but a woman in the audience informed the judge that Belton has a current open warrant in Wayne County. Godwin backed off of his request.

Judge Green asked what the story was here and Detective Toth said there was a group of four, including one juvenile who is being handled by juvenile court. A home invasion escalated. They kicked in the front door. The lady came home and tried to get their license number and their car came from the back toward her and a gun was put out the back window and Wood shoots at her.

"My client didn't go in the house," Woodard said of Karo.

Judge Green said she would not change the bond because she would not be hearing the case. She made sure "pretrial services" was put on the file so bond could be looked at.

She set the preliminary exams on the three for 10 a.m., May 31, before Judge Oakley.

Gary Louis Udovich

Gary Louis Udovich, 56, was due to be in court May 17 for his arraignment and probable cause conference on a charge of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree on a person under 13 on Feb. 28 in VBT.

But Udovich did not show up and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued by Judge Green. The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor asked for a high bond to be set.

Udovich's attorney William Maze said he spoke to his client earlier that morning and he said he would be late to court. After that when he called, he found his client's cell phone was turned off and he hadn't come to court.

Maze told Judge Green he wanted to withdraw from representing this client and the judge allowed it. VBT Det. Mike Long is the officer in charge of the case.

Dariusz Grzegorz Jaworski

On May 3, before Judge Parrott, Dariusz Grzegorz Jaworski, 47, had his probable cause conference adjourned until May 31. He is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd in the city of Belleville on April 23. Jaworski is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. Court-appointed attorney is Jeff Schwartz and officer in charge of the case is Kendra Rose.

Chester Herman Hill

Chester Herman Hill was facing his pretrial exam on two charges of domestic violence when his attorney Michael Vincent worked out a plea bargain on May 3 before Judge Parrott. Hill pled no contest to one count and the other count was dismissed with prejudice. The charge against him will be dismissed after nine months if he stays out of trouble. No battery counseling is required, but he was fined \$795 and ordered to serve four days on the work program.

"A good person got caught up in an incident with his daughter and soon-to-be ex-wife," Vincent told Judge Parrott.

The no-contact order against the daughter was lifted and the no-contact order against the soon-to-be ex-wife was kept in place.

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Sen. Hopgood invites public to Environmental Town Hall at BHS

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will host an Environmental Town Hall at 6 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

All residents in the 6th Senate District are invited to attend and discuss environmental issues in the state of Michigan. Among other municipalities, Sen. Hopgood represents Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township.

Several state- and local-level environmental groups — including the Michigan Environmental Council, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club—MI Chapter — will present information on priority issues and ways in which residents can actively work to make a difference in our communities.

For additional information or to RSVP for this event, contact Sen. Hopgood's office at (517) 373-7800 or email senhopgood@senate.michigan.gov.

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— Albert Einstein

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Registration to begin for library's Summer Reading Program

Registration will begin on Monday, June 5, for the Belleville Area District Library's Summer Reading Program.

Teens, Mondays, 7 p.m.

June 19 -- Ring of Steel Action Troupe
 June 26 -- Duct Tape Workshop
 July 3 -- Baffling Bill Levitation and Magic Show
 July 10 -- Board Game and Pizza Night
 July 17 -- Sara Johnson and her Didgeridoos
 July 24 -- History of Rock and Roll

Elementary Schoolers, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

June 20 -- Gordon Russ Magic Show
 June 27 -- Joel Tacey Magic Comedy Show
 July 4 -- Library Closed
 July 11 -- Baffling Bill and Gus the Bunny Magic Show
 July 18 -- Sara Johnson and her Didgeridoos
 July 25 -- Gratitude Steel Band

Preschoolers, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

June 21 -- The Music Lady
 June 28 -- Gemini Traditional Music for Families
 July 5 -- Drummunity Drum Circle
 July 12 -- Joe Reilly and his Guitar
 July 19 -- History of Rock and Roll
 July 26 -- Made in Michigan Farm Animals

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Youth/Teen Services Librarian
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Rep. Bellino discusses overcoming addiction at Michigan rally

State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, spoke to people from across Michigan attending the second-annual Unite to Face Addiction rally at the Capitol in Lansing on May 18. Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township, among other communities.

He accepted the invitation to speak from Unite to Face Addiction – Michigan to share his personal journey overcoming addiction. The freshman state representative has had over 32 years of sobriety recovering from alcohol and drug addictions.

"You never think, 'I will become a drug addict, get sober sometime after, and then life will go on' when you're 25 years old," Rep. Bellino said. "However, that's exactly what happened to me. I was just fortunate enough to get sober and then started making some dramatic changes in my life."

Rep. Bellino spent six years working for the Catholic charity at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, owned his own small business in Monroe for nearly 20 years, served over 15 years on the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees, and most recently, was elected to represent the 17th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2017

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

3. Agenda
 - A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to declare the month of May as Honorary Remembrance Month in Sumpter Township. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:
5. Minutes:
 - A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve Warrants totaling \$171,751.85. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absent: Clerk C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Water & Sewer Report- P. Morgan: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 8. Police Report-Luke:
 - A. Announcement: Medication Drop Box in Police Station Lobby during normal business hours.
 - B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Building/Ordinance Report - C. Hoffman: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to Receive and File Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 10. Fire Report – Januszyk: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 11. Treasurer’s Report -P.Morgan: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 12. Supervisor’s Report-J. Morgan:
 - A. State Representative Joe Bellino will be at Sumpter Senior Center Monday, May 22, 2017 at 10:30 am for a meet and greet
 - B. Appointment of Esther Hurst as Senior Liaison
 - C. Huron Valley Conservation Association annual flower sale May 13, 2017 from 8 to 4 pm at Chase bank parking lot
 - D. Happy Mother’s Day

- E. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Supervisor’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Attorney’s Report - Young:
 - A. Closed session for final AFSCME Union Agreement, opinion letter Township Expenditures, opinion letter modification Fast Track Agreement
 - B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve Michelle Bellingham’s Contract. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the Attorney’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Board Response:
15. New Business:
 - A. Honor and Remember Presentation
16. Announcements:
 - A. Scrap Tire Collection May 13, 2017
 - B. Sumpter Country festival starts May 26, 2017
17. Open Floor:
 - A. Virginia Belinski:
 - Baby Contest
 - Paige’s honor of family member
 - B. Jay Bardell:
 - Union Contract- lunch schedules
 - New Truck for DPW?
 - C. Mary Ban:
 - Thanks to Oddy for Checking with Commissioner Haidous
 - Carleton Farms
 - Veterans Poppy Sale
 - D. Ronald Barrington Robinson:
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Written confirmation to letter received
 - \$5,000 reward for poisoning of horses
 - E. Tim Riser:
 - Amending of Burn Ordinance
18. Closed Session: AFSCME Contract
 - A. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to go into Closed Session at 7:32 pm for AFSCME and two opinion letters. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to go back into Open Session at 8:07 pm. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the AFSCME Contract as of May 9, 2017. Roll Call vote: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excuse absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 8:09 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 May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of all structures and debris at **1053 Savage Road (Parcel Number V125-83-105-99-0036-000)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk’s Office by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. Interested contractors may contact Ron Akers, Director of Planning & Economic Development at (734) 699-8913 to schedule a Pre-Bid Meeting. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Belleville City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 for public input regarding:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 74-162: “SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS” IN CHAPTER 74 “MAXIMUM NUMBER OF INSTALLMENTS; MINIMUM NUMBER OF INSTALLMENTS” IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, FOR PROVIDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF INSTALLMENTS.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Comments may be given in person at the hearing, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. If you have any comments, please call Belleville City Hall at (734) 697-9323 ext. 7010.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk Treasurer

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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:30 pm in the program room of the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111, to consider the proposed 2017-2018 Library Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The library is supported by an operating millage of 0.7 mill (approved by the voters in 2010) and 0.75 mill (approved by the voters in 2016). The proposed millage (approved by the voters in 2016) for the repayment of the bonds for the new library is estimated to be 0.75 mill in 2017.

A copy of the proposed budget (operating and debt retirement budget) is available on the library’s website (www.belleville.lib.mi.us) and at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm).

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Sumpter Twp. board approves 3rd amendment to landfill agreement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Republic Services landfill wants to reclaim metal from the ash already in its Carleton Farms landfill cells and needed an amendment to its Fast Track Agreement so it could get approval from the state.

At its regular meeting on May 23, the

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agreement's Amendment #3.

Township attorney Rob Young had been meeting with landfill officials and he explained the agreement he recommended.

He said the agreement requires the landfill to come before the planning commission before it starts construction and to follow reasonable township ordinances and hours of operation.

Young said the township will get paid 25 cents a ton for the existing ash being reclaimed. There will be township oversight for noise, hours of operation, and litter, he said.

Republic said it thinks the metal reclamation project will help it get back the contract with Detroit for ash that it lost recently after many years.

"If they get the bid on the new contract, the township will get the \$1.25 per ton plus the 25 cents per ton," Young said.

Young said the township currently gets \$50,000 to \$60,000 from the ash.

The board also approved Resolution #2017-06 endorsing Republic Services Metal Reclamation Processing Facility. This will be sent to the state showing local support for the project.

In other business at the May 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved accepting \$11,000 in park

grant funds from Wayne County for use to upgrade the outside of the Recreation Building at Graham Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission holds all its meetings there and stores its equipment. They will put up new siding, windows, and gutters. The inside of the building has already been spruced up. Sharon Pokorwinski is grant administrator for Parks & Rec;

- Approved a resolution adopting the Wayne County Park Grant Funding Agreement for the above grant;

- Approved awarding demolition bids to Busch & Son for demolitions of 24053 Bohn Rd., 29200 Martinsville Rd., and 24101 Sumpter Rd.;

- Tabled the item to consider the hiring of Laura Bratby as a fire fighter with the condition she passes her physical;

- Approved purchasing two new 2017 Ford F-350 crew cab 4x4 pickups for the fire department to use as brush trucks at a cost of \$63,822.24. The trucks will need additional lights and lettering and one will have a winch put on it. The current trucks are 1990 and 1997 models and have rusted bodies and mechanical issues. Trustee Don Swinson abstained from the vote because of his job at Atchinson Ford and his work on the bid;

- Approved police having keys to the township hall and offices, but not the door code, for emergencies only. Treasurer Peggy Morgan said there are times police have to enter in an emergency when alarms are going off. This way they won't have to damage a door;

- Approved Deputy Treasurer / Supervisor Karen Armatis' request to send letters to adjoining property owners with offers to sell small properties next door owned by the township. Armatis had put together a booklet of township-owned properties to prepare for selling some. She said the township board will look at the responses;

- Heard Treasurer Morgan say that 1,077 tires were turned in at the recent tire collection and she is glad those tires are out of the Sumpter community;

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte say the Wayne County Mental Health Board is encouraging police to be trained in the use of naloxone, a fast-acting medication that reverses opioid overdose. Sumpter's fire department started using naloxone in November 2015. Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, recently named to the mental health board, asked

Sumpter to join VBT and Belleville to be trained together in June under a grant to get training and kits for police cars. It will cost the township nothing except the salaries of the police officers;

- Heard Virginia Belinski report that Ace Hardware provided items for the new cardio drumming class at the senior center, starting June 1, 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. She said the sessions are senior friendly and there is no charge to senior citizen members;

- Heard Jay Bardell note that the treasurer's office is open during board meetings. He asked if people who work there during meeting time get paid. Supervisor John Morgan said yes, they do get paid. Bardell said Supervisor Morgan had said they wouldn't get paid in a published document last year and Morgan said he didn't and that Bardell's time was up. Bardell replied he gets as much time as Supervisor Morgan allows speaker Mary Ban, which is unlimited. Morgan started slamming his gavel on the board table and shouting, "Your time is up";

- Heard Gina Stewart, chairwoman of Western Wayne County NAACP, invite residents to join them at meetings the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christian Faith Ministry Church in Garden City;

- Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson ask who fills an opening on the board and Supervisor Morgan said the board fills such vacancies. Robinson said he is continuing his offer of a \$5,000 reward for the person who poisoned his horses during the 2016 election. He also asked about the policy for inappropriate alcohol use for elected or appointed officials and Supervisor Morgan said elected officials are elected by the public and the public has the power over them; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss police negotiations and "seniority matters."

Correction: It should have said *Robert Krouse*

In the May 25 edition of the Independent there was an error on page 11. It should have read that Marie and Robert Krouse were tending to the wandering sheep. We inadvertently misidentified Robert. Our apologies.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VBT Board of Trustees to meet at 7 p.m., June 6 at museum in Belleville

The Van Buren Board of Trustees will return to its roots to hold its June 6 board meeting at the historic Van Buren Township Hall, currently home to the Belleville-Area Museum.

The 405 Main Street location in downtown Belleville, is listed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1875, it served as the grand meeting hall for 90 years.

The historic site will host the Van Buren board for the first time in half a century at 7 p.m. June 6.

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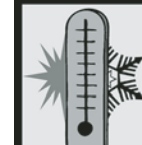
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 480 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 21:
0134 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0312 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0356 – domestic, E. Adams
0401 – property damage accident, Michigan / Ecorse
0551 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1311 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1312 – runaway, Maple Dr.
1342 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1400 – harassment call, Holly Ln.
1500 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1552 – larceny, Tyler Rd.
1616 – road hazard, Hoeft Rd./Hull Rd.
1647 – disorderly, Ecorse Service B Dr.
1920 – suspicious person/vehicle, WCCC
1939 – property damage accident, N. Cumberland
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
1941 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2055 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St. / Haggerty Rd.
2152 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2240 – disorderly, America
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

Monday, May 22:
0131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
1030 – PPO violation, Fairbanks St.
1047 – follow up by officer, Fret Rd.
1109 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1142 – breaking & entering, Tyler Rd.
1148 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1239 – suicidal person, Van Born
1439 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1529 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1552 – fraud, Locust Dr.
1620 – PPO violation, Liberty Ln.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1727 – mental subject, Rogers Ave.
1825 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan/Dellor
1934 – hospice death, Morton Taylor Rd.
1946 – lake emergency, DNR/Huron River Dr.
2009 – suicidal person, S. Bellridge Dr.
2024 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2048 – disorderly, Belleville
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
2150 – family trouble, Lake Point Blvd.
2215 – disorderly, Village Green Ln.
2220 – larceny, Heatherfield Blvd.
2341 – neighbor trouble, Meadows Circ.

Tuesday, May 23:
0004 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
0422 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0721 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1013 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1112 – malicious destruction of property, Park Estates Dr.
1227 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1249 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1333 – mental subject, Van Buren St.
1518 – mental subject, Oak Ln.
1624 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1627 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1902 – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1910 – abandoned auto, Paloma Dr.
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.
2006 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, May 24:
0457 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
0742 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
0819 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0835 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0945 – domestic, Ash Dr.
1339 – property damage accident, Hannan / Van Born
1341 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1346 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1629 – larceny from auto, Village Green
1807 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1836 – disorderly, Park Estates Dr.
1849 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stoneybrook
1915 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.
2026 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2109 – follow up by officer, Meadows Cir.
2352 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2356 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, May 25:
0153 – family trouble, Ecorse Rd.
0721 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
0738 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1053 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1124 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1240 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1250 – domestic, Van Buren St.
1257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
1334 – mental subject, Van Buren St.
1443 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1552 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1624 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1807 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1841 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1848 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2005 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
2128 – domestic, Water’s Edge Ln.
2208 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
2355 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.

Friday, May 26:
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0322 – abandoned auto, Celestine Dr.
0420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0516 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1036 – follow up by officer, Christina Ln.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
1246 – breaking & entering, Lake point Blvd.
1345 – fraud, Haggerty
1612 – assault & battery, Dellor St.
1710 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1827 – suspicious activity report, Dellor Rd.
2000 – property damage accident, Bak Rd./Hull
2009 – threat, Patty Ln.
2028 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2119 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2123 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
2147 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2150 – juvenile complaint, Elwell/Timberland Dr.
2211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2251 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, May 27:
0000 – road hazard, Belleville/Westlake Cir.
0001 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0048 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0309 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Riggs
0422 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Ecorse
0516 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daniel/Bradley
0608 – malicious destruction of property, Andover
0909 – malicious destruction of property, Bradley Dr. / Daniel Dr.
0916 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
00927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0928 – malicious destruction of property, Hull Rd.
1053 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1102 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Robson
1143 – suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1155 – lake complaint, Denton/bridge
1312 – threat, boat launch/Rawsonville
1451 – suspicious person/vehicle, Prairiegrass Ct. / Sage Cir.
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1641 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lakeview Ct.
1728 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1733 – juvenile complaint, Beck Ball Field
1921 – noise complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
2124 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
2332 – private property/property damage accident, Beck Rd.
2356 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week’s log were 153 traffic stops, including 38 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 21:
0043 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0135 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1657 – property damage accident, South/Sumpter
1831 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1837 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1849 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2130 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, May 22:
0011 – welfare check, Bell Cove Ct.
0918 – hospice death, N. Liberty St.
0934 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1209 – assist other dept., J&T Cova
1241 – civil matter, South St.
1438 – fraud, Main St.
1516 – property damage accident, Main/South
1722 – motorist assist, Main/South
2003 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.
2012 – narcotics crime, South St.
2109 – juvenile complaint, Wabash Ave.
2234 – animal complaint, Main St./Liberty St.
Tuesday, May 23:
0128 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0134 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0159 – property check, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
1617 – found property/child, High St.
2011 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
2306 – property check, Main St.

Wednesday, May 24:
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oxford Ct.
1524 – larceny, Main St.
1542 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
1717 – assist other dept., Victorian Ln.
1721 – narcotics crime, Estrada Dr.

Thursday, May 25:
0903 – noise complaint, Estrada Dr.
1832 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
Friday, May 26:
0228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Johnny’s
0607 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
0724 – larceny from auto, Robbe St.
1157 – follow up by officer, Martinsville
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows
1951 – neighbor trouble, Estrada Dr.
2102 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
2121 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd./Dos Rios St.

Saturday, May 27:
0050 – misc. complaints, Goddard/Vining
0913 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
0934 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1246 – ordinance violation, Doane’s Landing
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry/South
1541 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Main St.
1745 – assist citizen, S. Liberty St.
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2237 – domestic, Henry St.
2300 – fireworks, Henry St./South St.

This week’s log also includes 61 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 21:
0031 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Willow
0452 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0508 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Savage
0949 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1018 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1258 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
1302 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1351 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1756 – subpoena service, out of township
1904 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1906 – assist other agency, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1929 – disorderly person, Redwood Ct.
2150 – personal injury accident, 47000 bl. Willow

Monday, May 22:
0835 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
0907 – animal bite, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1550 – animal complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1845 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

2044 – fire dept. assist, California
2229 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
Tuesday, May 23:
0218 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0634 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0732 – breaking & entering, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0909 – civil dispute, Colorado
1011 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1126 – civil dispute, Redwood Ct.
1441 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1552 – warrant arrest pickup, out of township
1610 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1655 – fire dept. assist, Clark/Judd
1720 – animal bite, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1758 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz/

Sumpter
1914 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2004 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2007 – larceny, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2232 – suspicious incident, Hampshire
Wednesday, May 24:
0456 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0530 – property damage accident, Karr/Judd
0743 – 911 hang up, Virginia
1512 – citizen assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1630 – suspicious incident, 29000 bl. Sumpter
1701 – reckless driver, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1805 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1809 – subpoena service, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1955 – warrant arrest pick up, Stonecrest

Thursday, May 25:
0048 – warrant arrest pick up, 44000 bl. Willis
0214 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0525 – fire dept. assist, Kozma/Wilmot
0713 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0855 – subpoena service, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
0938 – recovered property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1024 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1329 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1339 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1814 – assist other agency, out of township
1840 – subpoena service, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1921 – subpoena service, out of township
2019 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
2052 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2339 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, May 26:
0115 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0324 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0347 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0646 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0758 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0950 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1233 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1347 – fraud complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1354 – mental health commitment, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1517 – property damage accident, Judd/Sumpter
1541 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1600 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1711 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1804 – larceny, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2118 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2148 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2158 – fire dept. assist, California
2201 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, May 27:
0313 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0701 – mental health commitment, California
0752 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0852 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1004 – fire dept. assist, California
1249 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1644 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1832 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1956 – well-being check, Washington
2024 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2338 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2344 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 41 miscellaneous details, 108 patrol checks, and 33 traffic stops.

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Dog Park

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"Personally, a dog park is a good idea," said Trustee Frazier. "But we're starting on the budget and there are more important priorities. It's unfortunate the information got out."

"I've never heard a dog park brought up," Frazier said, adding she is a dog lover.

Frazier said Trustee Martin should recommend that his better half apologize for the township part of her post.

"You're getting all worked up over basically nothing," said Trustee Martin. "If anything was misconstrued, I apologize for that ... We can look at it in the future ... It's in the master plan again."

Miller said people are coming to her and, "It's nothing to do with who posted what ... This was posted prematurely ... Until we've done our due diligence nothing should be announced."

"It wasn't a township board activity and won't be done soon," Martin said.

Frazier said there is misinformation out there and the VBT board didn't do anything. She said the poster should have wording using the township name removed.

"Mistakes have been made," Clerk Wright said. "Trustee Martin apologized."

John Delaney said from the audience that BAARC (Belleville Area Animal Rescue Center) was formed to work on a dog park in 2008. Former Trustee Al Ostrowski and Ron Tinsley were working on the dog park and rescue center, but in 2011, he said, the VBT board ran BAARC out of the township.

He said Tinsley gave BAARC 10 acres just 310' from Riggs Park. [Editor's Note: It was 5 acres.] Delaney said the township ordinance officer put a new padlock on the dog park fence and then destroyed the fence.

BAARC had to dissolve and give the property back to Tinsley, who sold the acreage and went Up North, Delaney said.

He also said the township ran Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) out of Van Buren and now they are operating in Sumpter.

As part of the packet for the work/study session, board members were given a list of properties owned by the township and locations of five different sites that might be suitable for dog parks.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, June 4** - To Be Announced musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free.

• **Sunday, June 4** - Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Monday, June 5** - Classic Car show resumes for every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. through September on Belleville's Main Street, sponsored by Bayou Grill. Main Street is closed from Third to Fifth streets for the event.

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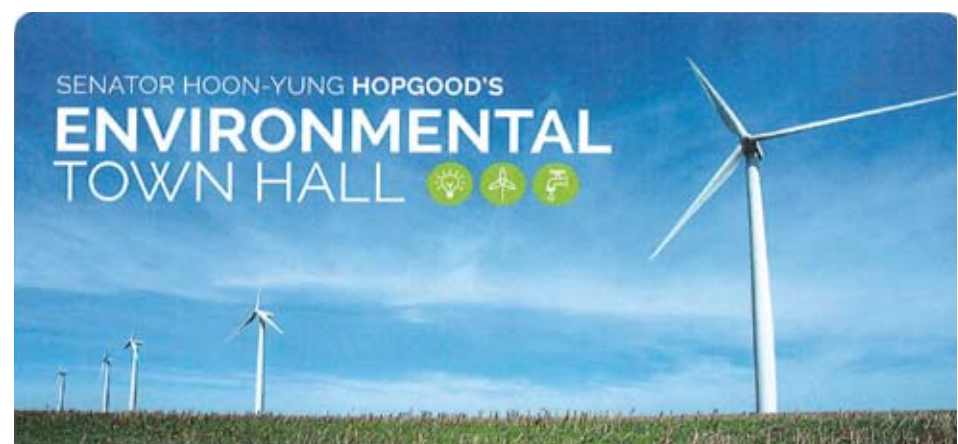
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